

## Dusty Boots Riding Club – June

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It's June, it's June! It is officially summer, and officially show season! If you are like me, you are probably knee deep in project around the barn and getting ready for shows, so let's keep the news short and sweet so you can get back to work!

Get out your calendar and mark down the first NEOHA show of the year, coming up Sunday, June 14 at Blue Lakes Farm in Newbury, Ohio! Tom Snyder and his crew are putting together a great show for us, with a few added goodies such as Open Jackpot Walk-Trot and Contesting classes! Blue Lakes boasts indoor show and warm-up arenas, as well as box stalls and great food! It's a wonderful facility to show at and we hope to see you there. And as long as you have the calendar out, go ahead and mark down the rest of the 2009 Show Dates as well. We will be giving away over \$4,000 in added money in 2009 – don't miss out on your share!

June 14: Blue Lakes Farm, Newbury Ohio

June 20-21: Harlansburg Show Grounds, Harlansburg, PA (NEOHA Show 6-20, AQHA Novice Show 6-21)

June 27-28: Ashtabula Co. Fairgrounds, Jefferson, OH (Jumping & Contesting Show 6-27, NEOHA Show 6-28.) OPEN JACKPOT WALK-TROT AND \$1,000 ADDED MONEY ON JUNE 28!

July 4: Ashtabula County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, OH

July 19: Ashtabula County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, OH

August 1-2: Ashtabula County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, OH (Jumping & Contesting Show 8-1, NEOHA Show 8-2)

August 30: Spinning Wheel Farm, Geneva, OH

September 14: Dusty Boots Fall Classic, Grand Haven Stable, Jefferson, OH

Featuring OPEN JACKPOT WALK-TROT AND \$1,000 ADDED MONEY!

We have to thank all of our amazing sponsors that help us put these shows on every year. Don't forget that as Dusty Boots members, you can participate in the Bonus Bucks program at Big D's Saddlery in Streetsboro. Big D's helps to provide the Division High Point jackets at our banquet every year. When you shop there, be sure to mention Dusty Boots at checkout, and a portion of your purchase gets donated back to the club to buy banquet awards next year! Big D's has been a generous and loyal sponsor for our club for many many years. We appreciate the continued support of Big D's, Schneider's,

and all of our sponsors that help throughout the year. Coming soon to the newsletter will be a Sponsor Spotlight feature. We want everyone who helps us to get the credit they are due!

Tickets are on sale now for the 2009 Steak Fry, to be held on Saturday, June 20, in the evening after the Jumping/Contesting Show at the Ashtabula Fairgrounds. Ten dollars gets you a steak, potato, salad and bread. Come to the contesting show and place a friendly wager in the Open Barrels Calcutta, then kick back with us and have some dinner before the NEOHA point show the following day. This is a new event for us this year and we are looking forward to it being a great success!

As you know, this is your club, and your opinion matters. As the 2009 show season gets started, we are already looking ahead to 2010. Dusty Boots meets the first Thursday of every month at the Ashtabula County Vo-Ed School at 7:30 p.m. We are seeing a lot of new faces at the meetings and hearing some great ideas – we'd love to hear yours as well!

If you see JD Koffel out and about at the shows, be sure to tell him congratulations on his recent accomplishments in the pen. JD and his sister Dawn of DK Show Horses in Southington grew up showing on the NEOHA circuit. In 2008, JD and his horse Dynamic Preference racked up quite a resume, starting in the summer with Circuit Champ awards in Showmanship and Horsemanship at the 5-Day Circuits at both Harlansburg and Canfield and an eighth place finish at the AQHA Regional Show in Novice Amateur Showmanship; and continuing into the fall where JD and "Vegas" were finalists in Novice Amateur Showmanship at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. After Congress JD hung up his show clothes and went to work at Pineview Farms in North Lawrence, Ohio, home of AQHA World Champion stallion Lazy Loper, under the supervision of Roger Landis, Debbi Trubee, and Eric Anderson. Hats off to JD and his sister Dawn on all their accomplishments! We are so proud that they grew up in our association.

We love to hear about successes our members have in other show arenas. Please forward any PR-related info to [charlotte@dustybootsridingclub.com](mailto:charlotte@dustybootsridingclub.com), so that person can be mentioned, honored, remembered or congratulated in upcoming editions of the newsletter!

That's it for me – see you out and about on the circuit!