Hoof Beats...

2012 GLDRA Banquet

The GLDRA banquet held on February 4th at the Doherty Hotel in Claire, Michigan had a surprisingly low attendance this year. Hopefully, this is not a reflection on what the upcoming 2012 ride season will be and that you all are saving those dollars for ride entry fees. We may have lacked in numbers, but not in enthusiasm as those who attended made it a very fun and successful weekend

Friday night brought an impromptu pizza party held in the pool room at the Doherty. We had interesting discussions, lots of laughs and really great pizza. For those who know me, food is an important part of any gathering so next year we will order A LOT MORE PIZZA. It was such a good time we are going to make it an annual event!

Saturday night's silent auction was again successful bringing in a total of $1,231.00. I cannot thank our ride managers enough for donating ride entries. Your generous contributions are a large part of our success. A big thank you also goes out to Kurt Meinders for the lovely horseshoe coffee table. Hopefully, next year we will see more of your creative designs. Leslie Bennett was another large contributor to the silent auction. A big thank you to you and your lambs for donating a pelt and the beautiful basket of yarn. I want to thank the rest of the GLDRA members for bringing us so many nice items this year. We may have been few in numbers but your support and generosity towards GLDRA was enormous. Everyone was also very generous with the 50/50 raffle and it was really nice to see a first-time banquet goer win the 50/50. Congratulations Rodney LeCouteur (who generously spent some of his winnings on the silent auction).

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GLDRA 2012 Ride Schedule

April 21-22 …………………Brighton ride

May 5-6 ……………………..White River Spring

May 26-27……………………..Grand Island

June 9-10……………………White River Summer

June 23-23…………………..Hopkins Creek

July 7-8…………………………AHAM

July 21-22………………………Grand Island North

Aug 5-11………………………...Shore to Shore

Sept 1-3………………………..White River Labor Day

Sept 8-9……………………….Keweenaw Dollar Bay

Sept 15-16………………………Tin Cup Springs

Sept 29-30………………………..Pine Marten Run

Oct 13-14…………………………Oak Leaf Run

More information available at www.gldrami.org

Ted and Myra at AHAM 2011

Ride Recipes

Apple s'mores
Recipe by Nicole
Midland, Michigan

Ingredients:
1 whole apple for each person
Chocolate bar divided into squares
Large marshmallows

Directions:
1. Leave your apples whole. Core them with a knife or melon baller, but leave the bottom solid.
2. Drop two squares of chocolate into the hole and seal it off with a large marshmallow.
3. Wrap each apple in aluminum foil and cook in warming campfire coals or in an oven preheated to 350 degrees, about 15-20 minutes.

Citrus-Coconut Sport Drink

Juice of 1/2 lemon
Juice of 1/2 lime
2 dates, pre-soaked
2 cups water
1 cup coconut water
1 tbsp agave nectar (Kev's Note: Replace with the same amount of honey, or your favorite sweetener)
1 tsp coconut oil
Pinch of sea salt

Blend!

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___ Individual $20 ___ Family $30 ___ Junior (not 16 on January 1) $10 ___ Lifetime Individual $200

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