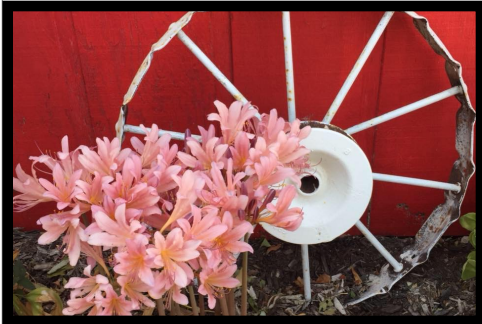


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2023 Board Members

Larry Bartz - Chairman

Kelley Hamersky

Joan Elder

Lakyn Roehrich

Wendy Koerner

Debbie Rollins

2023 Officers

President - Lyric Bartz

VP - Shawna Roehrich

Treas. - Dana Sorenson

Corr. Sec.- Deb Tice

Rec. Sec.-Johni Budenbender

Next Meetings

Membership -Friday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m. dinner/ 7 p.m. mtg.

Board- Thursday Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m dinner / 7 p.m. mtg.



COMMITTEES

(AND MEMBERS)

ACTIVITIES / PARTIES (special events painting parties to speakers)

Chair: Shawna Members: Kelley, Julie, Lyric

PARADES (Horse decorations, Costumes, Selection of Events)

Chair: Johni

CLINICS (types, clinicians, dates)

Chair: Kelley Members: Lyric, Shawna

CONCESSIONS/FOOD SCHEDULE (Planning monthly dinners, donations assignments, Special Events, Inventory)

Chair Julie S Members: Shawna

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR (organize staffing for events)

Chair: none yet

MAINTENANCE (Board Chair, Building, grounds, new improvements, repairs)

Chair: Larry Members: Wendy

BYLAWS

Chair: Shawna Members: Lyric, Larry, Crystal

HORSE SHOW (Date TBD) show bill, judges, registration

Chair: Shawna Members: Lakyn

TRAIL RIDES (Day rides, Overnight)

Chair: Lyric, Members: Erica

MEMBERSHIP (maintenance of, new membership drive)

Co-Chairs: Wendy & Johni

SCHOLARSHIP (bylaws, recruitment, publish, administer)

Chair: Shawna Members: Crystal, Megan

FUND RAISING/RAFFLES (organizing & new ideas)

Co-Chair: Johni & Joan

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Facebook & website)

Chair: Deb Members: John, Lakyn, Julie

BUDGET

Chair: none Members: Shawna, Lyric, Dana

Letter from the Chairman

Larry Bartz (2021-2022, 2022-2023)

Things our club accomplished in 2022

Cut and cleared out brush, vines, poison ivy, junk trees and debris on south tree line.

Hauled and Spread millings on drive surrounding the arena.

Painted & caulked clubhouse, installed new trim. (thank you, Rob)

Got grounds and arena back into appropriate condition. Cleaned up overgrown areas around obstacles.

Bucket Truck loaned to us by Randy Farley enabled us to trim large trees by crows-nest, dead tree limb overhanging entrance sign and paint our Douglas County Trail Rider's sign at the main entrance. (thank you, Randy)

Hauled and installed barricade blocks by southeast entrance and Installed signage at exterior gates and arena gates.

Keeping the grounds mowed, arena disked and free of weeds and grass, and flower gardens cleaned up is a project that must be maintained consistently and requires the entire club members involvement.

Major Donations (thank you, to all)

Field Arena cultivator donated by Jimmy and Julie Springer.

New upright freezer donated by Amber Alvarez and Johni Budenbender.

Cables to maintain perimeter and limit access of non-members donated by Larry & Lyric Bartz.

Solar lite flagpole dedicated to Peggy and Leo Wingert, donated & installed by Larry & Lyric Bartz.

Projects for 2023

Paint old concession stand currently used for storage.

Cut down tree at the entrance and dead tree on Southwest tree line.

Use tract hoe to clean up existing trails and build new trails on undeveloped 5 acres.

Clean up large debris on burn pile.

Install new obstacles.

Replace glass front double doors.

Possibly Replace current tractor with slightly larger HP tractor.

Letter from the President

Dear DCTR Members,

I am excited to have earned your support to lead DCTR this year. The Board and Officers are working hard to get the calendar for 2023 published. We have our committee chairs set and ready to fill out with volunteers.

While we still have plenty of room on our Volunteer Committees, don't wait too long. Let us know what your preferences are, and the Committee chairs will let you know when their meetings are. Meetings can be at the Clubhouse, someone's house, or even a local eatery/watering hole, committees' choice. (margaritas optional) We only ask you enjoy yourself and bring your notes back to the board and membership.

Our goal for this year is simple, enjoy time with your horse and DCTR friends, ie more rides on our ponies. We want to spend some time at the DG CO Indoor Arena to get our horses in shape while the weather prevents us from being outside. We want to spend some time at the clubhouse and try to get our bodies in shape, too. We thought some toning, stretching, moving, and dancing might help with that. (we try to avoid the nasty word, exercise)

Besides working on getting everyone fit for riding, we want to have some fun, too. We are going to do some painting with an instructor, play some games, eat and drink a little, hear some guest speakers, and enjoy ourselves.

After the Kansas weather decides to cooperate, we will do some trail riding, both local day rides and overnights on familiar trails and some new ones. We are going to do some play days and fun shows, de-spooking, parades, and clinics.

With a very full year of events, we hope to bring people back to the club besides adding new members. Bringing in more members makes our club stronger. It makes our volunteer base bigger, adds variety of people, horse breeds, and riding styles. All of which, makes our club better. If everyone can recruit one new member, one more family, peak one child's interest, we will have a successful membership drive. The future of a club depends on the next generation.

I think we have a great year ahead of us.

Happy Riding,
Lyric Bartz

Monthly Membership Meetings with \$5 dollar donation dinner

We are continuing the age-old tradition of \$5 donation dinners before our monthly meetings. Our meals are provided by a few volunteers who work as a team to pull it all together. Sign up early to choose a date, menu, and pick your partners, or, just sign up and let Julie Springer, our Concessions Coordinator plan the menu and fill in with the volunteers. We try to spread it around, so all members have a chance to participate in the meal. With two to four people signing up per meal it doesn't over tax anyone. Don't forget when you are the meal boss, you get to skip the line and the donation can. Our first sign-up, Maggie Stout, for our February meeting, has chosen an Italian theme. Maggie is bringing spaghetti and a chocolate sheet cake and the Bartz's are also providing a dessert. Anyone who wants to sign up to help, call or text Julie Springer, at **785-979-1161**.

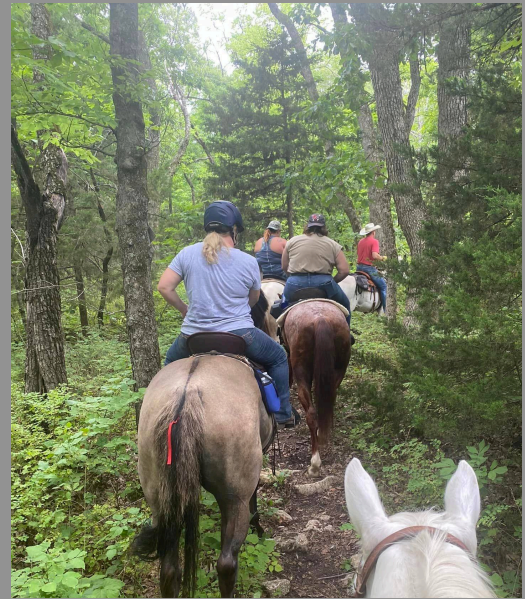
2023 Membership Fees

- **INDIVIDUAL** (*18 yrs. and older*)- \$45
 - A commitment of at least 8 volunteer hours, or 2 sessions of volunteerism.
 - One session of volunteerism is defined as 4 hours, or half a day in a volunteer role in an event on, or off of DCTR premises.
- **FAMILY** (*w/children under 18 yrs. old*) - \$60
 - A family membership is a volunteer commitment for TWO MEMBERS ONLY.
 - A total of 16 volunteer hours defined as four 4 hr. Sessions, or 2-8 hr. sessions in an event on, or off of DCTR premises.
- **BUY OUT** (*no commitment for volunteerism*)
 - \$45 for Individual Membership plus another \$45 for a total of \$90.
 - \$60 for a Family Membership plus another \$60 for a total of \$120.
- **MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS** (*as needed on individual basis*)
 - *No one will be turned away for inability to pay. Volunteering may be traded for the membership fee. (to be determined by Board) You must go through the Board to receive a scholarship for membership.*
 - *Applications coming...*

Volunteer Examples...*whether on, or off premises working at a listed volunteer position at horse show, clinics, fundraisers, or similar events. (Ring steward, gate attendant, trail boss, rec. info, meal prep, concession, etc...)*

Workdays Examples...*cleaning clubhouse, flower garden upkeep, mowing, arena upkeep, tree trimming, trash pick up, painting, repair on buildings, etc...*

DCTR 2023 EVENTS



(COMING SOON)

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February	2023		1	2	3 Monthly mtg & dinner	4
5	6	7 Tone Class	8	9 Board Mtg	10	11
12 Super Bowl	13	14	15	16 DCTR @ Open arena	17	18
19	20	21 Tone Class	22	23	24	25
26 Paint Class	27	28				

Douglas County Trail Rider Days at Douglas County Fairgrounds

We are excited to announce the opportunity to set aside time at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Indoor arena exclusively for DCTR members. *DCTR Days at DG CO* will start out unstructured. While not professional trainers we all can gain something from each other and peer-to-peer informational exchange. As we add more dates we will take suggestions for activities, such as roping instruction, games, beginning jumping, or poles.

Open Arena

On Thursdays, the Douglas County Fairgrounds offers an Open Indoor Arena from 9am to 9pm at a cost of \$15 per rider for the day. Open arena riding is for any kind of reasonable equine uses. It is not exclusive to DCTR, and barrel racers often utilize the arena. We are putting Thursday February 16 on our calendar to join in with the others there. We can add additional dates on our Facebook page after we see how popular it is.



De-Spooking and Parade Certification

To be part of our DCTR group in a parade you must be a current member and have passed our Parade Certification course. Every rider must certify on each and every horse they plan to ride in a parade. DCTR typically rides in several parades a year, including our yearly kick off, normally St Patrick's Day, always on March 17 and finish the year with the Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade, always the First Saturday in December, both in Downtown Lawrence. Traditionally we ride in the Maple Leaf Parade on the third Saturday of October in Downtown Baldwin. We welcome suggestions for other parades to ride in, as well as appropriate costumes to fit the parade theme.

We will doing a De-Spooking, Parade Certification before St Patrick's Day and before each major parade. Members are welcome to attend and utilize our outdoor course and obstacles set up for the certification as a continuous self-training. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updated information, dates, and location.

Always remember weather and other things beyond our control can affect the schedule and we need to be flexible on last minute changes. Check with our DCTR Facebook page for the most up to date information. We will try to keep Facebook updated as quickly as possible. Of course, DON'T FORGET TO CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL!