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Take Note:

CIRT's Annual Fundraiser
 "Polo on the Green"
 August 17, 2013

• **Polo Invitations**

Watch for an invitation in the mail. Or use the reservation form on pg 3.

• **Raffle Tickets**

Winner's choice of iPad or \$400. Details on page 3.

• **Auction Preview**

Luxury condo at the Sarasota Surf & Racquet Club in Sarasota, Florida

And more...see page 3!



**2nd Chance
 Gun Raffle**

Details on page 2.



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CIRT NEWS

SUMMER 2013

You are invited.....

to the "Polo on the Green and Blue Jean Ball"

Bring your family
 for a fun filled extravaganza!

Festival of Horses, Charity Polo Match,
 Silent Auction, Dinner, Live Auction,
 DJ, Dancing, Raffle and More!

Weaver Farm
 5806 West Route 150, Peoria, IL
 Saturday, August 17, 2013
 3:00 p.m. to Midnight



**Gate Entry for Polo Match and Demonstrations—\$5
 (\$20 per family maximum)**

Parking at Bosch Tools (Shuttle service provided)

Box Seating Available for \$10 per person or bring your own lawn chairs

- 3:00 p.m. Gates Open & Silent Auction Begins**
- 3:15 p.m. CIRT Demonstrations**
- 3:30 p.m. Parade of Breeds**
- 4:15 p.m. Opening Ceremonies**
Presentation of Colors & National Anthem
Polo Demonstration
- 4:30 p.m. Polo Match**
- 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction Winners Announced**
Happy Hour Begins
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner/Raffle Winner Announced**
- 7:30 p.m. Live Auction**
- 8:00 p.m. Music and Dancing**

A benefit for Central Illinois Riding Therapy

2nd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot



Mackinaw, MI – On Saturday, June 22, the Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club hosted a sporting clay shoot to benefit CIRT. Twenty four shooters made their way thru ten stations of ten clays each. Thanks to all of our shooters who came out to support CIRT and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the shotgun. Over \$3,500 was raised for CIRT!

Congratulations to the winners.....

- 1st Place— Steve Schmidgall
- 2nd Place— Chris Phelps
- 3rd Place— Ken McKeever, Jr.
- 4th Place—Mike Herring
- 5th Place—Ken McKeever, Sr.

A big THANK YOU to the Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club for hosting this event, to Steve Risinger for donating the Russian Baikal 12 GA shotgun for the raffle, to Sue Walker and Kay Ruschau for their work at the entry table, and to all the volunteers and staff who helped make this event possible.



Just a reminder..... Classes are cancelled if the heat index reaches **91 degrees**. If there are high winds or storms we also cancel. The office will call the contact numbers given on the rider and volunteer registration form. If you are not sure class will be held, call first! 699-3710



 ★ **A Bull's Eye Thanks to all**
 ★ **of our supporters....**
 ★
 ★ Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club
 ★ Steve Risinger
 ★ The Burt Coyote Company
 ★ Midwestern Firearms Company
 ★ Presley's Outdoors
 ★ Prairie Inn—Northside
 ★ Stop 24 Mart 2
 ★ Rohlf's Implement
 ★ S.A. Moreland Landscapes, Inc.
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 ★*****

Volunteers are the *heart* of our program



Due to the raffle winner taking the cash option the Baikal 12 GA shotgun will be raffled again. Only 30 chances will be sold at \$25 per chance. Winner will be drawn 8/20 or sooner if all 30 chances have been sold. Call CIRT today for your chance! 699-3710

Congratulations to our Raffle winner.....
Kevin Birmingham
 Kevin chose the \$500 cash

Honey Passes

CIRT has lost not only a valuable part of the program but a family member. Honey passed away in March.

Honey was donated by Allison Stage.



Welcome Daphne



We welcome Daphne to the CIRT Barn. She is a 13 year old 1/2 Quarter Horse 1/2 Andalusion white horse. Her history includes 3 day eventing-dressage, jumping and cross country.

Daphne is on free lease from Gitza Peterson of Gray Horse Farms.



Blue Ribbon Package

**\$75
BEST VALUE!**

Includes:

- Admission to Polo Match & Blue Jean Ball**
- A Box Seat for the Polo Match**
- 1 Dinner ticket**
- (includes Live Auction and Dance)**
- 6 Raffle tickets for iPad or \$400**

Winner's Choice of



**iPad 16G Wi-Fi
or \$400 Cash**

Tickets are \$5 or 6 for \$25

Live Auction Preview

- ☆ 1 week luxury condo at the Sarasota Surf & Racquet Club in Sarasota, Florida
- ☆ Lottery Tree
- ☆ 8 x 10 Custom Pet Portrait by Susan Palmer
- ☆ Four Awesome Homemade Cheesecakes prepared by CIRT Board Member Joan Stanisic

**Check out the Silent Auction Preview
On page 7!**

Polo on the Green and Blue Jean Ball Reservation (Please Print)

Name _____
 Address _____
 Business _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: Home (____) _____
 Work (____) _____
 Email _____

SATURDAY, August 17, 2013

\$50	Dinner* Tickets	(#)	\$ _____
\$75	Blue Ribbon Package	(#)	\$ _____
\$400	Table for 8	(#)	\$ _____
\$10	Box Seating	(#)	\$ _____
\$5	1 Raffle Ticket	(#)	\$ _____
\$25	6 Raffle Tickets	(#)	\$ _____

I will be unable to attend but
 please accept my donation of \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15, 2013

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
 CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIDING THERAPY
 MAIL PAYMENT & REGISTRATION
 IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.**

TICKETS WILL BE AT WILL CALL TABLE

*Hog Roast dinner by Hickory River Smokehouse.
 Ticket includes gate entry fee.

Thank you to our many Spur Sponsors.
 They will be acknowledged in the event
 program and the next newsletter.

CIRT HORSE SHOWS & EVENTS

CIRT 25th Annual Benefit Horse Show

This year's horse show was held on Saturday, May 11th, at the Heart of Illinois Arena in Peoria, Illinois. It was a beautiful day and a good turnout!

Enjoy the pics. This is what CIRT is all about!



Thanks to our Show Sponsors...

- Bernez Farm Feed & Supply
- Fort's Toyota of Pekin
- J.A. Fritch & Sons
- Knotta Farm
- Midwest Horseshoeing School, Inc
- Williams Brothers Construction. Inc.



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Like us on
Facebook
today!



Thanks to...
our judge
Morgan Gadd
and to our
announcer
Ben Dotson.
Both did a
great job!





Thanks to our Class Sponsors...

- Denise Cardot
- Diann Franklin
- Christina Gensler
- Lynda Gustafson
- Paul & Karen Kieser
- Ron & Judy Kruse
- Karen Marsh & Andy
- Shirley & Stephen Moore
- Dorothy Oliver
- Michael & Katie Powers
- Jim & Kay Ruschau
- Linda Seaton
- Crystal Soderstrom
- Carlene & Joe Venovich



Thanks to ...
the ladies at the
entry table... Sue
Walker and Kay
Ruschau.



***And Thank You to the many volunteers
who helped make this show possible!***

2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 26—**State 4-H Show CIRT Classes**
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield
- July 29 - **Tazewell County 4-H Horse Show**
Livestock Review Bldg, Pekin
- August 17 - **Polo on the Green & Blue Jean Ball**
Weaver Farm, Peoria
- September 21—**CIRT Open House**
Celebrating 30 Years!, CIRT Barn
- October 11, 12, 13 - **Youth Charity Horse Show**
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield
CIRT Riders on Saturday, 10/12
- December 6 - **CIRT Christmas Party**

2013 UPCOMING RIDER SESSIONS

- 4th Session: JUL 1—AUG 2**
No classes 7/4, 7/26, 7/29
- 5th Session: AUG 5—AUG 30**
No classes 8/12-16
- 6th Session: SEP 2-SEP 27**
No classes 9/2
- 7th Session: SEP 30-NOV 1**
No classes 10/11
- 8th Session: NOV 4—NOV 29**
No classes 11/28-29
- 9th Session: DEC 2—DEC 20**
No classes 12/6

THANKS A BUNCH ...FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO CIRT

CIRT's doors are open because of the many generous individuals, organizations, corporations, bequests, and gifts in kind. We cannot thank you enough!

Thank you for your donations

Paul & Crystal Benes
 John Braun
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Thank you to all who have brought cookies, brownies, & snacks to CIRT this summer!

CIRT Benefits from Casual Days
 Thank you to **Star Transport** for their donation from Casual Fridays. And to the **Fondulac District Library** for their donation from May's Denim Days (and thanks to Genna Buhr, Susan Elder, Tamera Geier, and Amy Peterson).

In Honor of Barb Jansz *(For her love & care of all animals)*

Donald & Frances Cihak

In Honor of Judy Kruse's Retirement

Dustin Hanks



Thank you to **Morris Wildermuth, Betty Jones, and Karl & Velda Glueck** for their donations of hay!

For the many items

Blanket rack, bridle rack, lourage whip, saddle stand, lourage line, cross country safety vest, 2 hay bags, 5 English pants, feed pan, sweat scraper, sponge, manure rake & bucket
 Marie Dentino
 Laundry Room Faucet
 Jim & Kay Ruschau
 Trophies
 Bill Christison
 Gary Schaup
 Trophies, hats and ribbons
 Rickets Family
 Vinegar, wipes, ball
 Kay Bishop
 Lawn tractor
 Morton Mini Storage-Tom Stanesa

Volunteers are needed!!
 For **Classes and Bingo!**
 Help is needed for classes Monday thru Friday.
 If weekends are better for you we could really use your help on Sundays from 11-3 when Bingo is played at the Festival Center in East Peoria. Bingo brings in \$ for CIRT!
 If you can help please call Kathy at the barn, 699-3710. Thanks!

For the *much* needed repair on the Sawdust Trailer CIRT is very grateful to the following Tom Stanesa of Morton Mini Storage and George Young & Son, Inc. They teamed up to do the work and did an awesome job of sand blasting, welding, and painting. Additional work lining the box was done by Chuck & Jenna Walker.
 Thank you to all involved with this project!



CIRT is in need of an Electric LEAF BLOWER
 If you can help with this "wish list item" please contact Jenna at 309-699-3710

Make your reservation today!
August 17, 2013



Thank you once again to **Tom Keeley and Sharon Simmons** for turning in their volunteer hours to State Farm for the Good Neighbor Grant. CIRT received \$1000 for their dedicated service. Thank you Sharon and Tom!

And thank you State Farm!

Thank you to the East Peoria Fondulac Park District for their continued support!

Horse Clinic Held at CIRT



East Peoria, IL — CIRT hosted a Horse Clinic on April 13, 2013 presented by Dr. Michael J. Boero and Steve Sermersheim. Lectures and demonstrations were focused on lameness therapies and back problems in horses.

Thank you to both Dr. Boero and Steve for donating their day and mileage.

Thanks to those who worked to make this event possible including: Sue Walker for working the entry table, Nancy & Dave King Family for bringing in heaters and soup, Dave Sheets for providing tables & chairs, Jenna Walker for providing chili, and for all who attended.

Silent Auction Preview

The following is a partial list of some of the items we have already for the Silent Auction that will be held throughout the day of the Polo event.. Winners to be announced after the Polo match which is usually around 6:00.

- ☆ From the Field Cooking Schools-One "Couples Cooking Class"
- ☆ Jones Bros Jewelers-Gift Card
- ☆ Peoria Chiefs—Club Box Seat Voucher Pack for 2014-15 season
- ☆ Cat Fish Bend-Two Fun City Gift Cards
- ☆ Pedicure Gift Certificate from "The Shop" in Morton
- ☆ Six Flags—Two 1-day passes
- ☆ Dixon Fisheries—Two 1 1/2 lb Lobster Dinners
- ☆ Knight's Action Park-Two water park day passes
- ☆ Isle Casino—Hotel Overnight Package
- ☆ Texas Roadhouse-Dinner for Two
- ☆ Avanti's Gift Certificates..... and much, much more

There will also be some themed baskets put together by our Riders.....

- ** Cookie Time ** Doggie Basket ** Movie Night at Home **
- ** Garden Basket ** Outdoor Fun **

WISH LIST: **For the HORSES** Hay, salt & mineral blocks, Hoof Black, Show Sheen. **For the BARN** Electric leaf blower, disk drag for the arena, money for automatic waterers, new/used tool sets (complete), new/lightly used battery operated tools, canned cat food. **For the OFFICE** Both white & colored copy paper, 1-inch binders, pens, Sharpies, duck tape, paper shredder, post it notes, 5x8 index cards, stamps, printer ink (please ask staff). **For the KITCHEN & LAUNDRY** Sanitary wipes, paper plates/bowls, paper towels, napkins, kleenex, windex, bleach, bounce sheets, liquid laundry detergent, vinegar, Swifter refills, leather cleaner/conditioner.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Saturday, August 17, 2013

Make your reservation today!

Details Inside

The illustration depicts a polo player on a dark horse, swinging a mallet. Below the horse is a green bottle and a brown bag. The background features a red and white checkered pattern. The entire scene is set against a light green background.