

T.H.R.I.L.



Therapeutic Horse Riding in Lindsay

Winter Newsletter -January 2020

A very **Happy New Year** to you all! Please read and enjoy our first quarterly newsletter!

2019 Round UP

Instructors

2019 was a good year for T.H.R.I.L, with near maximum enrolment in all 3 programs, Spring, Summer and Fall. And our congratulations goes out to Anne Marie Finn, our assistant instructor who passed her CanTRA Basic Instructor exam to become certified. Samantha Macdonald (now Walker !) is now also ready to take her final exam with the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association. Having quality, certified instructors is part of our mission to provide a superb therapy riding program.

Volunteers and Charitable Donation Status

THRIL sends out its thanks to ALL our volunteers, and those behind the scenes that don't always get the recognition for their involvement. Heather has been our volunteer treasurer since inception and deals with all of the financial paperwork with flair! This year was also special because T.H.R.I.L received charitable donation status from Revenue Canada. (It took a bit of paperwork!!!) With regret Heather can no longer assist us as a treasurer and we are searching for her replacement! Please let us know if you have book-keeping skills and can assist!

Website and E-mail

We also launched our new website www.thril.ca, in December, which may still have minor updates as we learn to update it. Please check it out! We would love your feedback! Also please note that T.H.R.I.L has a new email address info@thril.ca. The office phone number remains the same at (705) 324-2756 and of course we still have our active facebook group and now also a facebook page!

Fundraising and Acquisitions

We also have been fortunate to get some funding from 100 Men of Lindsay Who Care, that helped to pay for the development and first year hosting costs of the web site and as well the purchase of **new mats for the barn!!** By the spring time, the concrete floors will be covered up with level mats, eliminating the trip hazard concern in the barn!

New helmets were also purchased thanks to a huge discount provided by Tipperary Equestrian. The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary also provided a cheque in support of THRIL. We have much to be thankful for.

We hosted multiple community awareness/fundraising events with huge thanks to our fundraising chair, Joan, who also became a director for T.H.R.I.L in 2019 and to Anne Marie for bringing out the THRIL ambassador minis to so many events.



We had some repeat events; our Open House/BBQ/Raffle as well as St Patrick day minis at the Lindsay Square Mall, Charity Paint Night and Tradewind Toys Christmas Extravaganza (a portion of sales went to THRIL) Wrapping Day and Christmas Angel sales. We also added some new events with the TSC Tag Days and Euchre night at the Lindsay Curling Club. We also returned to the Lindsay Christmas Parade for the 3rd time (we did skip a few). All of these events generate needed funds required to keep our program fees as low as possible. If you are interested in receiving our year-end financial report, please ask us!

2020 Programs

Spring Registration

Watch for the spring registration opening on February 15th. All the forms are on the website! www.thril.ca. Please bring your registration, liability forms and payment as soon as possible. The medical forms must be submitted prior to the commencement of the program.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer orientation and spring program preparation will begin March 4th – every Wednesday morning. Pick up your THRIL T Shirt if you don't have one! THRIL hoodies and jackets can be ordered for a small cost. New and old volunteers required to attend to get the horses and tack ready!

Business Sign Advertising Program and Ongoing Fund-raising

Please reach out to your local business and ask them to contact Joan to advertise with THRIL. Our barn sign program is slowly growing and needs your help to spread the word. Sign sponsors also are recognized on the website! Last year the Lindsay Creative Quilters Guild chose us for their 2019-2020 charity. Donations collected at each meeting from fall 2019 to summer 2020 will be donated to THRIL! So please thank any quilting guild members you know! We are also launching our **FRIENDS OF THRIL** campaign, where an annual individual charitable donation of \$100 provides our supporter with a copy of our newsletter, a special invitation to the annual BBQ Fundraiser a THRIL T shirt!

Euchre Anyone!?

We have just confirmed a Spring Euchre Tournament Saturday evening March 14th– at the Lindsay Curling Club. Accessible comfortable room, great food and fun. Please plan to join us and spread the word!!

2020 Video Para Dressage Competition

In 2019 we were able to submit 2 videos of Michaela riding Bella in a para dressage (a called precision pattern) video competition, where she was very successful. This is an endeavour we would like to see more riders partake of in 2020. There is an additional cost as members do require provincial and national equine memberships, but it can be very rewarding for the riders. Talk to head instructor, Kelly Russell if you are interested in participating.

Full CanTRA accreditation

We are also working on our final reports to CanTRA to have a visit to the farm to become a fully accredited centre, so if you see some changes over the coming months, it is our preparation for the barn's examination!

See you all at the barn!

