

Show facility boasts 2 acres under 1 roof

by SCOTT NEWTON

The Mt. Hood Equestrian Center, near the intersection of Highways 26 and 212, offers horse exhibitors over two acres, or 100,000 square feet, of working space under one roof.

"There is not a nicer working facility for an exhibitor in all of Oregon," said Dick Dorrough, who along with his wife Linda, own and operate the Center.

One thing that means to people in the area, "almost without exception," is free entertainment. The arena seats 500, and another 100 can watch from a cafeteria that overlooks the arena.

The shows vary. A hunter-jumper show recently included a fence-jumping competition. A quarterhorse show included a "working cow" competition.

The Dorroughs opened the Center in July of 1982. Shows are generally scheduled a year in advance, and the Center has a full schedule of activities set from now through September.

Although they definitely are interested in having local people involved, drawing people, especially from Washington, will be important for the business to be a success.

"There's a wave of cash, a windfall to this community, that very few people are aware of," Dick

Dorrough said.

For instance, two weekends ago all the campers had to get gas before heading home. Dorrough said, "Just to fill the campers in this facility was a \$20,000 bill. There was that much gasoline purchased."

"Not only that, those people stayed in motels, they ate in restaurants, they bought clothes, and Gresham wasn't even aware of it. It just showed up in the Gresham-Sandy area as slightly larger receipts."

"And really, very few people were aware that that was going on, unless they drove by the facility. But that is happening here in this community."

Dorrough said the facility represents to Portland the "Coliseum" of horse shows. "There is not another facility in the Portland area that would compare to this from an exhibitor's point of view," he said.

"The facility here in the Gresham-Boring-Sandy area is a plus because it has things that no other facility in the whole state of Oregon has."

"It represents a windfall of cash to this area. What we're in the process of doing now is trying to awaken the area to that. The process is taking time."

"It's all incidental to us. Over the course of this summer there'll

be in excess of \$1 million spent in this area, minimum, outside of this facility."

Dorrough would like the community's level of awareness to increase.

"People drive by this facility and wonder what goes on here. We'd like 'em to know," he said.

The Dorroughs, who have two sons, ages 3 and 5, moved here from Half-Moon Bay, Calif., which is about 20 miles south of San Francisco on the coast. He was in the wholesale electronics business, and they were also involved in a stable operation. "Nothing this size," he said, "but it got our interest."

Construction of the facility began around 1972. It was open from 1974 through 1976, and then was closed for six years.

Damage done by vandals to the empty facility was repaired, construction was completed and it was brought up to code with the Dorrough's purchase.

Replacement value would be about \$2 million, Dorrough said.

"It's something I've always wanted to do, and I've certainly enjoyed the participation," he said, "but it is very large in scope."

"The building is large, the commitment is large, and it just means that it is a process of dedication."

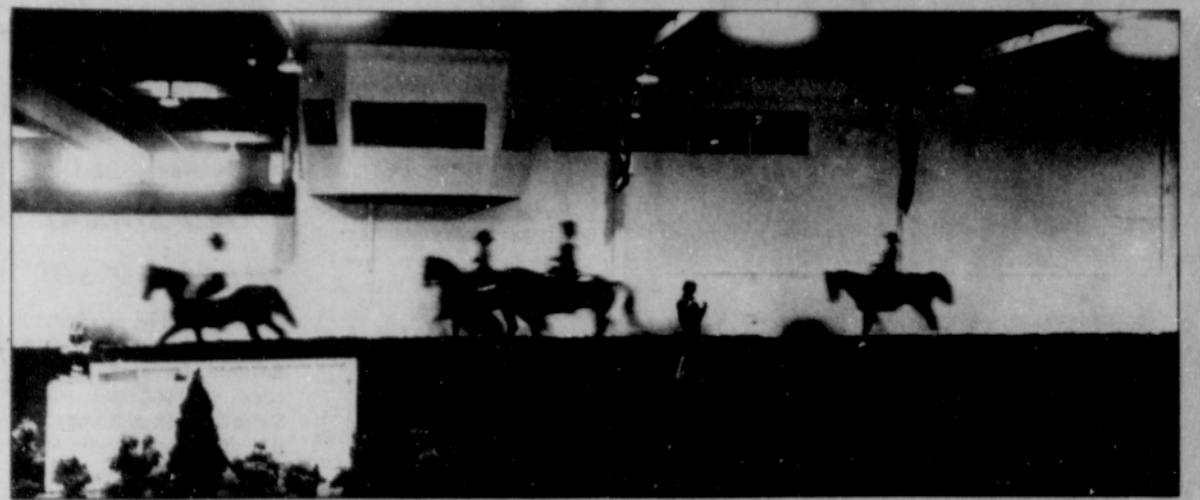
Though some of the work is contracted, Dorrough estimated that "in excess of 10 people" are employed on weekends.

In addition to the shows, which is the primary function for the building, some horses are boarded at the Center.

In addition there is a farrier shop. It's operated by R. Kim Burnett, who has 10 years of experience in the business.

Burnett, who is from Molalla, also has a mobile horse-shoeing business. He opens at the Center on Saturdays, and as many other days of the week as he is able to get in. He's also taking animal science classes at Clackamas Community College.

The facility is "fantastic," he said. About the present operation, he added, "I think it's just the tip of the iceberg."



The arena during a horse show over the weekend.

After 5 years, clinic a reality

Dr. Gary Dillon had been keeping his eye on the Mt. Hood Equestrian Center since 1977.

The Cascade Equine Clinic, which occupies about 3,000 square feet there and includes the only surgical facility in the immediate area, is now a reality.

Taking surgery out of the field and into a "controlled and super clean environment" can "change the level of your practice," he said.

The surgical area includes a table that can be raised and lowered like a service station hoist.

Instead of being anesthetized intravenously as would occur in the field (or as the case may be, a barn), horses are given gas (one surgery has already been performed in the new facility).

When anesthetized intravenously "horses wake up rough, we say." With gas, the effects wear off more rapidly.

Other features include a heart monitor, an X-ray machine that is among the most powerful in the Portland area, and two sturdy recovery stalls.

A host of supplies are also readily available, a luxury not permitted by the limitations of working in the field.

Much of the floor is covered with

stall mat, which is a material made of ground, recycled tires.

Replacement value of the facility is estimated at \$40,000.

Dr. Dillon and Dr. Scott Hansen are the veterinarians on call at the Cascade Equine Clinic. They are

associated with the Burnside Animal Hospital, where his wife, Dr. Renee Laborde, and Dr. John Yost, take most of the calls.

Dr. Dillon said Dick Dorrough, owner of the Center, is a "capable individual. I really like him. I've enjoyed our association."



Dr. Gary Dillon



Linda and Dick Dorrough

Martin finishes third at NJCAA tourney

Dan Martin, a freshman at Clackamas Community College, finished sixth in the NJCAA national tournament this weekend in Worthington, Minn.

He won his first three matches, and then lost in the semifinals 3-1 to the eventual national champion.

In the consolation semifinals, to determine which wrestler would go for third and which for fifth, Martin lost 2-1.

He was ahead 2-0 but was called for stalling, which cut his lead to one point. The referee reportedly told the wrestlers that if one of them took a step back, that wrestler would be called for stalling. "That kind of made me nervous," Martin said. Seven seconds remained on the clock.

Martin said he stepped forward at the whistle, and his opponent got his leg and they "scrambled" for a few seconds.

His opponent got the two-point takedown just as the buzzer sounded. "That's just the way it goes," Mar-

tin said. "There's nothing you can do about it. It makes me mad."

His opponent went on to take third.

In the match for fifth, Martin lost to a wrestler he'd beaten in an earlier round. He said he didn't wrestle well after losing his consolation semifinal match.

Martin, a 1982 SUHS graduate, is a former AAA state champion.

He wrestled in the 158-pound weight division for CCC, and said he "hasn't quit eating" since the tournament and is "pushing 180."

Bowling

Early Birds
March 7

Eagle Foundry	22½	13½
Zig Zag Inn	22½	13½
Brightwood Store	22	14
West Coast Bending	16	20
Toni's	15	21
Raggedy Ann's & Andy Too	10	26

Individual games and series: Irene Blount, 181 and 509. Team game and series: Eagle Foundry, 705 and 2031.



John Buting puts up a shot for one of the merchant teams during the FFA's donkey basketball fund raiser last week.

FFA fund raiser proves most successful to date

The SUHS chapter of the Future Farmers of America raised three times more money than ever before with their donkey basketball fund raiser last week.

According to Les Geren, FFA advisor, they sold a little over 1,800 tickets to the tournament, which was held the evening of March 2 in the SUHS gym.

"We've never had this kind of success before," he said.

The money will be used to support judging teams and to send members to the state FFA convention, among other things, Geren said.

About 47 merchants comprised five teams. There was one FFA team, which won the tournament, winning the final game 6-3.

Although not all 1,800 ticket holders showed up, the bleachers on both sides of the court were filled to over three-quarters capacity.

Adult softball meeting set

The 1983 Sandy Area (Adult) Softball Association will be holding its general organizational meeting on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandy Community Center. All sponsors, managers and players are invited to

attend. Due to the lack of playing fields, the number of teams allowed to play will be limited.

For more information, call Will at 668-5151.

Additional swims are set

The Sandy Aquatics Center will be holding additional recreational swims during Sandy Elementary's

spring break, March 14-18. The swims will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. throughout the week.

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