

DIXON SADDLE CLUB

ORGANIZED IN 1950

Dixon area resident, Tommy Withers, has the distinction of having attended all 69 horse shows sponsored by the Dixon Saddle Club, since it was organized in August of 1950. Mr. Withers was one of the original members of the club, and the only one of that group still remaining. The club is preparing for their 70th annual horse show on July 26 and 27, 2019.

At one time, the club had close to 100 members involved. The Dixon Saddle Club is one of the oldest clubs of its kind in this area, and they have hosted a regular Horse Show the last weekend of July each of the years of its existence. On that Friday night, the Stock Horse is featured, while on Saturday evening of the show, the Gaited Horse is presented. The \$100 prize in most classes is split five ways—between the five top winners. Mr. Withers recalled the club's glorious beginnings and said, "At the time {1950-era}, there were ten classes, with \$30 for each class as the prize money!"

Prior to the annual horse show in July, Dixon Saddle Club hosts an annual All Mule Show in June. In addition, the saddle club hosts a Rodeo during the first weekend of August.

Located one-and-one-half miles west of Dixon on Highway 133, Dixon Saddle Club has a meeting the second Tuesday of each month, with supper and a Fun Show at each gathering. Cost to join the club is very small, and any of the board members

may be contacted for those wishing to join. The 2019 saddle club officers include Brad Slone - President, Brent Bassett - Vice-President, Karen Martin - Secretary, and Lorie Deschu - Treasurer. Bryan West, Lori Nelson, and Charlie Glasscock are also on the board.

The Fun Show at each monthly meeting includes a lot of kids' events. Withers stated, "We try to keep it as family-oriented as we can." For more information about the Dixon Saddle Club and/or the horse show and rodeo, you may contact Mr. Withers at 573-619-6301, Brad Slone at 573-308-7144, or Brent Bassett at 573-528-7102. The club's Facebook page, Dixon Saddle Club, also has photos of past events, and more detailed facts about upcoming shows.



A vision of Country Life;
See the works of God, the
works of farmers, the works
of a family; See the
satisfaction of small
town living.
- Connie Erisman



DIXON BAKERY OWNERS FRANK & BESSIE HAUCK



Frank X. and Bessie Hauck standing in front of their Dixon Bakery.
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