

Dear Friends,

Well it's officially spring but it doesn't feel like it. The horses are shedding but I've had frost every night lately. The buds on my magnolia which were starting to open have now turned brown.

The March meeting was well-attended and Tiffany Wymann from Nutrena did an excellent presentation on nutrition. She was down to earth and really made sense of the digestive system and why, how, and what we feed our horses. Thank you Pati for setting this up and thanks to Gloria for providing the delicious food. The drawing for early renewals was won by Beth Jennings, she will choose a Lyons Press horse book to add to her library.

The March 24 BPC work day was cold and muddy, with remnants of dirty snow on the ground. Pati, Barbara, Greg, and I worked on the purple section of the Epic Trail from Jericho to County Road. Greg especially enjoyed the 4-wheel drive trip in and out getting lots of mud on my truck.

The April board meeting was moved to Jodie's house so she could show us some of the recent updates to the web site. She will be issuing passwords shortly. The membership list, newsletters, and other members only information will be on a password protected side of the web site. We will be able to use that area to set up small member-only rides or post sale items or co-op deals so we will all have to get in the habit of checking in more often.

Saturday's Tag Sale was fun with lots of socializing and swapping and many bargains to be had. It could have been warmer but there seemed to be a fairly steady stream of folks throughout the morning. I was working the bake sale table with Greg and we did a pretty good business, thanks to everybody who donated (and bought) baked goods! I felt bad for the massage vendors but it was just too cold to take off your coat to be massaged. Thanks to Brad for once again allowing us to use his facility and thanks to all who worked on this event.

The April 26 meeting will again have a speaker. Kristin has arranged for Ruth Beardsley to come and speak about Equine Liability law in Connecticut.

Remember the Beach Pace is May 5 at Bluff Point. Entry forms are included in this newsletter, please post them at your barn or local tack and feed shops. Doro is still looking for a few volunteers to help out the day of the pace so if you are available please e-mail her at [dorothee\\_fuller@comcast.net](mailto:dorothee_fuller@comcast.net). I hope to see you soon.

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*Melissa*

## Next Meeting

When: April 26, 2007

Where: Brad Turley's 7/8ths Farm

What: Ruth Beardsley: Equine Liability

### DIRECTIONS:

From Rts 80 & 81 Circle –  
Follow Rt 80 East, for 1.9 Miles  
Driveway is on right  
(.2 miles past Titus Coan Road)

From Rts 145 & 80 Blinker –  
Go 1.5 miles on Rt. 80  
Driveway is on Left  
(.3 miles past Tower Hill Rd.)

There is more parking past the  
white house near the barn.



# LCRVHC MARCH MEETING MINUTES

**March 22, 2007 – 7:00 PM, 7/8<sup>th</sup> Farm**

*Speaker – Tiffany Wyman-Stanton –Equine Nutrition*

1. Secretary's report – passed around the new sign in list (2007 membership list as of this date)
2. Treasurer's report – web-site \$500 paid out. Insurance \$500
3. No BoD meeting was held in Mar.
4. Tag Sale Sat. April 7– Peg L. - thanked Jodi, ad has gone in Steed Read.  
Vendors = Massage chair clinicians, horse treat company, Sew & Sew embroidery, Stone Arbor Tack truck. Don't forget to sign up for a table spot – club member is \$10 per table, \$25 for non-members. Club members are asked to bake finger foods, bag and label them please. Come and help set-up and/or clean up. There will also be a consignment table, please give your bottom line price – the club gets 10% of the sale of each item. Set-up will be on Friday night, April 6 6:00 – 8:00. Newsletter contains a flyer for posting in the area. Peg thanks all those who helped with this project.
5. Spring Hunter Pace – Bluff Point, May 5 rain date is Sunday, May 6 caterer - Perfect Thyme. Need people to contact local tack shops, The Paddock will be asked. Greg & Melissa will do timing, need trail markers. A volunteer sign-up list was past around.
6. Trails Day – June 2 Pati will be leading a ride, Melissa is also leading a work group. BBQ after the work day.
7. July Picnic – will be tabled, Sue Davenport has been injured and may not be able to host. Melissa asked for alternative hosts/sites.
8. Hospitality – Sherry not present. Thanks to Gloria for providing tonight's snacks.
9. Member Only Ride – Bev will not be available in April. Possible April ride at Lord Creek – need to wait until the ground dries.
10. Vol. Horse Patrol – Jim met with a park manager at Bluff Point and two other parks – every trail is open to horses – don't ride on the dunes use caution crossing the bridge as there is train traffic. Barn Island will not be used as part of the trail system. Manure issue – the only complaints that were reported were about bicyclist. The lagoon is okay for horse use but not near the shell fish beds. He requested that volunteers make signs for the trails. DEP has in the past turned down our offer. We will try again. Ct. Horse Patrol can put pamphlets in the maps box at the trail head. This ranger encourages horse patrol traffic for eyes and ears. Jim will e-mail a report that was sent to the Horse Patrol to Melissa.
11. New web-site is up. E-mail Jodi with any problems. Some things need to be re-loaded. A members only area will be password protected, all members to have their own password.
12. Trails/BPC – work day was scheduled for this Sat. but it is too wet. Melissa proposed that we log from Filley Rd. to Jericho Rd. Park at regular parking lot then car pool over to the new proposed horse camp site. Meet at 9:00 at Pataconk Reservoir parking lot.
13. Please let Melissa know if you have ideas for speakers or member only rides.
14. CPR training this Sunday from 9-1:00
15. May 6 – flyer was past around for a hunter pace in Voluntown
16. April 11 DEP hearing about the Madison Landing subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Wind



## Spring Hunter Pace Bluff Point, Groton, CT

**Time & Place:** May 5, 2007 (Rain Date: May 6, 2007)

Bluff Point State Park, Groton, CT

Ride starts at 10.00 a.m.

**Course:** The distance is about 5-6 miles. There are no fences. Diverse footing includes wide roads, wooded trails with rocky patches, and a sandy beach.

**Teams:** 2 (max. 3) riders per team. If you are alone, we will try to match you up with another rider.

**Divisions:** Derby Contenders (timed, competitive rides) and Lead Ponies (timed, leisurely rides). All riding disciplines welcome. The winning team will be the team that completes the course closest to the perfect "fox-hunting" time as predetermined by officials. Please indicate on the entry form which division you are entering.

**Safety:** Safety helmets and footwear with heels are required! Chin strap required. Horses must be sound, and all equipment must be in good repair. A safety check will be made prior to the ride. If tack and mount are considered unsafe, the entry fee will be refunded.

**Directions:** I-95, exit 88 onto Rt. 117 towards Groton. Follow Rt. 117 to end and take right onto Rt. 1. At next traffic light turn left onto Depot Rd. Follow to end and bear right through underpass.

**Entry Info:** Deadline for entry is April 29, 2007. Entry fee is \$40 prior to April 29 and \$45 thereafter. Checks (made out to LCRVHC) must accompany the entry form. Entry forms are available at [www.lcrvhc.org](http://www.lcrvhc.org). A negative Coggins and Rabies certificate is required.

**Food:** Breakfast treats and lunch included

**PLEASE BRING WATER FOR YOUR HORSE**

For questions please contact:

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# 2007 CALENDAR of EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Anyone with knowledge of an equestrian event or clinic should e-mail Andrea VanderWiede (bosspaige@aol.com) so it can be included in our calendar. All LCRVHC monthly meetings are held on the fourth Thursday evening of the month at 7/8ths Farm & begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

### Abbreviations Used in Calendar:

**BOD**=Board of Directors Meeting    **BPC**=Bridle Path Conservancy    **CHC**=CT Horse Council    **VHP**=Volunteer Horse Patrol  
**MO**=Member Only ride or event    **L&L**=Lecture and Learn series    **TBA or TBD**=to be announced or determined

### April

- 25 - Lakeside Feed, North Guilford Horse Owners Workshop, 203-457-1461
- 26-General Meeting, 7pm, 7/8ths Farm  
Speaker: Ruth Beardsley, Equine Liability  
Snack & Cleanup – Doro Fuller
- 29-BPC work day, Meet at 9:00 Jodie's house, work Route 80 south to Weber Woods, Trail Boss, Melissa, bring gloves, clippers, saws, trash bags.

### May

- 3-BOD-Barb White's house, 7:00 pm
- 5-Spring Beach Pace, Bluffs Point (raindate 6th)
- 12-CLCT Work Day. Contact Melissa for Info
- 19-BPC work day, Epic Trail-Meet at 9:00 at 7/8ths.  
Work Tower Hill Area, move and spread stone, Trail boss, Kristin
- 20-MO ride, Celebrate the Epic Trail
- 24- General Meeting, 7pm, 7/8ths Farm  
Snack & Cleanup – Joy G & Marilyn K

### June

- 2-National Trails Day- Event, work party on section of Epic Trail; ride from Pattaconk, organized by Pati, potluck picnic to follow at sandpit off Jericho Rd.
- 7-BOD - 7:00 pm, Melissa's dad's barn, behind 21 Copse Road, northeast corner Madison green
- 9- High Hopes is having a Big Bad Voodoo Daddy concert, food, dancing, silent auction. For tickets, call Judie Driscoll 860-434-1974, ext.19.
- 24-MO ride, Tyler Mill, Wallingford, Peggy and Joanne
- 28- General Meeting, 7pm, 7/8ths Farm  
Snack & Cleanup – Bev Torell
- 30 or July 1-BPC work day

### Trailer For Sale

2004 Hawk Elite Bumper Pull 2 Horse - Like New White with Pewter. Ramp with Side unload. No dressing room, but plenty of in front side unload area. Well maintained. Easy to pull. Baby due in May, trailer for sale as I won't have time to use. Asking \$8,500. Contact Sherry @ jeffandsherry5@yahoo.com or 860-345-8646



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