

September
2009



Dear Friends

Fall is in the air. I love the cool nights but hate seeing it get dark earlier each evening. Oh well, there's still lots of good riding in the fall.

Last month Sue was having some computer problems so we're playing a bit of catch-up with photos. In this edition you'll find pictures from a June trail marking party and the August Games Day. I've got a disk with lots more photos of Games Day so maybe we can get them on the web site.

The August meeting with Jenifer Nadeau was very interesting. Her program on pasture and pasture management for horses was concise and informative. She answered our questions and what she didn't know off-the-cuff she followed up on with e-mails. Thanks to Lynda Perry for setting this up and Brad for allowing us to use his facility.

The September 24 meeting will be held at Cathy Chase's house on 57 Spencer Hill in Killingworth (remember we had the bow-hunter meeting there last fall?). Ellie Farnsworth from Connecticut Feed Co-op will be the speaker. I will be away but Peggy will be running the meeting.

National Public Lands Day and the official ribbon cutting/dedication for the Quinimay Trail will be September 26. See flyer in this newsletter. Please spread the word. Make extra copies and post them everywhere! Please turnout to support the Quinimay Trail!

The next big event is the Fall Hunter Pace on November 1 (raindate 8th). This ride is our only fundraiser this year. It pays for insurance and most of our activities. Flyers and entry forms are in this newsletter. Please spread the word. Print some extra flyers and put them in your local tack and feed store, barn, or wherever else horsey folks might see them. Doro Fuller has offered to put them on trucks at Lord Creek hunter pace and I'll do the Driving Club's pace. If you are going to a pace please bring some extra flyers and pass them out.

Jim wanted me to let you know about the Cowboy Rendezvous weekend in Rhode Island October 10-11. \$30 pays for a weekend of fun. All meals included. See www.steppingstoneranch for details.

See the calendar for more upcoming events including member-only rides.

See you in October.

Melissa



FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

*BE CREATIVE – Come in a COSTUME – Pilgrims,
Indians, Cats, Butterflies – and WIN A PRIZE!*

Sunday, November 1, 2009

(Storm raindate: November 8, 2009)

TIME & PLACE: 546 Stevenstown Rd., Westbrook, CT 06498. Ride starts at 9:00 am
Checkin starts 8:30 am. Must be checked in and on trail before 10:30 am to be included (turn clocks back).

COURSE: Trails through Weber Woods. ~ 7.5 miles. Terrain is varied - open fields, flat stretches through the woods and a few hills. Jump course is optional.

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

DIVISIONS: Hunters (timed, competitive rides) and Hackers (timed, leisurely rides). All riding disciplines welcome. Please indicate on the entry form which division you are entering.

The winning team in each division will be the team that completes the course closest to the perfect “fox-hunting” time as predetermined by officials.

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 re-funded (less \$10).

DIRECTIONS: **From I-95** Take exit 64, Rt. 145/Horsehill Rd. exit. Go north onto 145. Go 3.6 miles and turn RIGHT into driveway. Look for signs and drive to parking areas.

From Rt. 80 Head South onto Rt. 145/ Stevenstown Rd. Go 1.0 miles and turn LEFT into driveway. Look for signs and drive to parking area.

ENTRY INFO: Deadline for entry is **Oct. 28, 2009**.

Entry fee is \$40 prior to Oct. 28, and \$45 thereafter. (\$35.00/\$40.00 for LCRVHC members).

Checks (made out to LCRVHC) must accompany the entry form.
\$10.00 not refundable. We have a commitment to the caterers in advance of the event.
Rain date will only be used if severe storms are predicted a few days in advance.

Info and Entry forms are also available at www.lcrvhc.org.

For more information call Shirley at 860 663-3864 or email shirleytirrell@aim.com



A negative Coggins and Rabies certificate are required. Please include with your entry form.

FOOD: Lunch is included in entry fee.

Breakfast treats will be available for purchase.

LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace Team Members Entry Form

Send this entry form, check (made out to LCRVHC), rabies certificate, and negative coggins to:
Genie Dethloff, 31 Overlook Farms Rd, Killingworth CT 06419

TEAM NAME:	___ Hunter ___ Hack	Payment amount included: \$ _____
Rider 1 Name:	Rider 2 Name:	Rider 3 Name:
Horse Name:	Horse Name:	Horse Name:
Address:	Address:	Address:
City:	City:	City:
State: Zip:	State: Zip:	State: Zip:
Telephone:	Telephone:	Telephone:
Email:	Email:	Email:

Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement *Pursuant to the Connecticut House Bill No.6357 Public Act No. 93286, I acknowledge the inherent risks involved in riding, working around or being in close proximity to horses, which risks include bodily injury to either horse or person. By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up (waiving or releasing) any right I have to sue or make any claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club, Inc. (hereafter referred to as LCRVHC) including but not limited to the officers, members, participants, volunteers, and landowners for any injuries or damage which I or my family might sustain while horseback riding, or attending/participating in this LCRVHC event. I am also giving up (waiving or releasing) any right I have to sue or make any claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the LCRVHC including but not limited to the officers, members, participants and landowners for any injuries or damage which my property or property in my possession might sustain while I am horseback riding, or attending/participating in this LCRVHC event. It is my intent to give up the rights provided by law and release the LCRVHC including but not limited to its officers, members, participants, volunteers and landowners, (the release's) from all claims for bodily injury, death or property damage, including without limitation, claims arising in whole or in part from the release's own negligence. I do so knowingly and voluntarily. I further agree to pay all legal fees, if any are incurred. *I also understand that the landowners of the land on which we travel, park, cross or prepare or wait for any part of the event, receive no part of the fees charged for this event and that they are not paid by the LCRVHC for the use of their land. *This release and waiver of liability claim has been read carefully and clearly represents my intent by signing it. If rider is a minor (under 18 years of age) parent must sign

MUST be signed by Rider(s) or by Parent or legal Guardian if under 18.

*I have read and agree to the **Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement***

Signature 1: _____ **Signature 2:** _____
Signature 3: _____ **Date:** _____

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Team Name: _____ Number of Riders: [] 1 [] 2 [] 3
 Payment amount included: \$ _____ Check # _____

Entry Form [] Release (s) Signed: [] 1 [] 2 [] 3	Current Coggins Form (s) [] 1 [] 2 [] 3	Current Rabies Form(s) [] 1 [] 2 [] 3
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Quinimay Trail

Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Saturday, September 26, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

Pattaconk Area Sandpit in Cockaponset State Forest

Potluck Picnic and Free Prizes!

Sponsored by the Bridle Path Conservancy and L.C.R.V.H.C.

Come explore the **NEWEST** and **LONGEST** trail

in Cockaponset State Forest, Haddam, CT!

Rides and Hikes for Equestrians, Bikers and Hikers

(starting after the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Dogs and Dog Walkers welcome!)

- ▶ Directions from Rte. 81 from Clinton: Take Rte. 81 North to Beaver Meadow Road (after a gas station). Turn right onto Beaver Meadow Road and then your first sharp left to continue on Beaver Meadow Road (North Parker Hill Road will go to the right).

→ Follow out to the Commuter Parking Lot for Exit 8 off Rte. 9. Go straight under the highway bridge and take your first right onto Weiss Road. Go .4 miles to the end of Weiss Road and take a right at the stop sign. Go past Laurel Ledge Farm and back under another Rte. 9 Highway Bridge and the road will become a dirt road. This is the north end of where Filley Road goes through Cockaponset. Stay right at two different “Y” splits. After the second “Y” where there is a wooden bar gate in the middle of the split, you are on Jericho Road (Filley Road goes off to the left). After this right turn, you will see the sandpit through the trees on the left. Take the next left off Jericho Road into the sandpit to park. It is 1.6 miles from the Rte. 9 Commuter Lot off of Exit 8 to the sandpit.

- ▶ Directions from Rte. 81 from Middletown: Take Rte. 81 South to Beaver Meadow Road (after a pizza place). Turn left onto Beaver Meadow Road and then another sharp left to continue on Beaver Meadow Road (North Parker Hill Road will go to the right).

→ Follow the directions above from the arrow!

- ▶ Alternate Dirt Road Directions from Beaver Meadow Road (not recommended for Horse Trailers): 1 or 2 miles after you pass North Parker Hill Road while on Beaver Meadow Road, there is a dirt road access on the right to Jericho Road that takes you to the sandpit. It is a half a mile shorter in distance but slower going because of the road surface.

It is required that dogs are leashed and “riders” wear helmets for this event.

OCTOBER MEMBERS ONLY RIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH @ 10 A.M.

Gloria Elliott is hostess.

Ride through Weber Wood from the

Elliotts Half House Farm

274 Chittenden Hill Road, Westbrook.

Bring a dish for pot luck lunch afterwards.

RSVP by Friday, October 16th to Gloria at 860-399-6359.

SEPTEMBER MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Cathy Chase's house: 57 Spencer Hill Road, Killingworth, CT

7 P.M.

Speaker is Ellie Farnsworth

from

Connecticut Feed Co-op

QUINIMAY TRAIL MARKING



CALENDAR

September

24-General Meeting, Cathy Chase's house, 57 Spencer Hill Road, Killingworth, Ellie Farnsworth from CT Feed Co-op
26-National Public Lands Day, Quinimay Trail Ribbon Cutting, 10 A.M, Sand/Gravel Pit on Jordan Road in Cockaponset
__ - BPC work day, Weber Woods, hunter pace course

October

1-BOD-Evarts Fire Museum, 7:00
10-CLCT work day, 8-10 am
22-General Meeting, Gina McManus' house, Roy Rogers night!
18-MO ride, Weber Woods, Gloria Elliott host, R.S.V.P. by 16th to 399-6359.
__-BPC work party, _____

November

1 (raindate 8)-Fall Hunter Pace, Weber Woods, ride mangers, Genie Dethloff, Lynda Perry, Shirley Tirrell, Sue Davenport, Doro Fuller
5-BOD-_____, 7:00 (if needed)
14-CLCT work day, 8-10 am
12-15-Equine Affaire
19-Special meeting, elections
Happy Thanksgiving
__-MO ride, Chatfield Hollow, Andrea and Emmy?
__-BPC work day, _____

December

No BOD Meeting
12-CLCT work day, 8-10 am
__-MO-Christmas Progressive ride
__-BPC work day, _____
No general meeting

GAMES DAY – AUGUST 2009



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Permanent Home Wanted for Suzanna - a 3-year old spayed female dachshund mix with lots of energy and great personality. Currently in foster care with Jen DePrisco, Suzanna has adjusted well to living with 2 other dogs and 3 cats. Please call Jen if you would like more information about this sweet dog (home 860-669-4455 or cell 860-575-8021).

Jen is a volunteer with PAWS New England, a non-profit all breed dog rescue group. PAWS New England is comprised of a small group of volunteers from New England and Tennessee trying to reduce the euthanization rate (previously 90%) at the Tipton County Animal Control shelter in Brighton, Tennessee. This shelter is forced to euthanize thousands of animals each year due to irresponsible pet owners that do not spay or neuter their dogs.



Sue Davenport
5 Owl Hollow Lane
Killingworth, CT 06419