



Lower Connecticut  
River Valley Horseman's Club

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eNote

January 2011

### *From The President*

Dear Friends

Happy New Year! I hope everybody had an awesome holiday season. We took advantage of the recent snow to get the Suffolks out with the sleighs. I have included a photo. That's Kevin with Wedge and me and Lexy with Max. Greg was the photographer.

The beginning of the new year means it's membership renewal time. Genie has updated the membership form on the web site and a form is included in this newsletter. LCRVHC promotes safety and being good ambassadors as horsemen. Please always keep safety in mind, and do wear your helmet to club sanctioned rides (Even better—wear it every ride, every time).

Please come to the January meeting and bring your calendar ideas. The board has worked to get some activities planned but we still need hosts for member-only rides and your ideas for programs, rides, and clinics. We could also use some leaders for work parties. A calendar outline is included in this newsletter.

We did finally receive the executed contract from the DEP for the BPC grant. We will be ordering the Muck Truck and purchasing the brush cutter and helmets soon. Our matching share of the grant is our labor. We need to log 288 hours. Please see message from Trish and report any hours you spend working in Weber Woods or Cockaponsett to her. Horse patrol folks: you can either send her your maintenance logs quarterly or report whenever you actually work out there. We will be organizing some work parties to try out the new machine when it gets here and we hope to use it and get some publicity on National Trails Day. Here is a report on some recent activities:

The Christmas Progressive ride was cold! I didn't ride but I did go to the breakfast and lunch stops. Julie and Emily Berman and Dave Beaudette hosted the breakfast of quiche, muffins, fruit, and pastries. A pretty good-sized (and full) crew rode out at about 10:30 or 11:00. They broke into 2 groups—one did a faster-paced, longer route and the other did a

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*Editor's Note:*

*We have made a change in our newsletter schedule and format. The full newsletter with photos, stories and reports will be published quarterly, one for each season.*

*To keep you informed of events and provided with materials that are of a time sensitive nature, you will receive a monthly short eNote. This is the first monthly eNote; please let me know what you think.*

*Look for your Winter 2011 Newsletter within the next month.*

*Genie Dethloff*

**IT IS MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL TIME.**

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shorter, slower-paced route. All arrived at Kristin and Mark's house at about noon where they were served chili, soup, and hot open-faced sandwiches and admired the almost completed house and very large Christmas tree. The counter-tops were literally being installed while we were eating. Then back in the saddle and off to the Hayes Farm where Jane Samuels provided desserts and hot drinks. Peg Lupone organized this event and I believe she took some photos, which will be included here.

The Annual Freeze-Your-Butt ride at Hammonasset State Park failed to live up to its frigid reputation. Six of us rode out to Meigs Point and back and did a big loop around the campgrounds. A balmy 50°F plus with lovely sunshine made for a busy park and no frozen butts. The constant cheerful cry of Happy New Year greeted our progress. Homes was very happy to be petted and admired, as were many of the other mounts.

The annual holiday party was postponed a week due to excessive snow—it's not too late to RSVP to Trish if that weekend is better for you. I hope to see you At Shirley's on the 22nd or at the meeting on the 27th.

Melissa

***Please note our new helmet policy that is included in our membership form waiver and release:***

"LCRVHC is committed to safety. It is a membership requirement that all participants wear a riding helmet meeting ASTM/SEI standards when attending mounted meetings and events."



## ***Upcoming Events:***

**Saturday, January 22- Annual Holiday Party**  
6:00 p.m. till whenever. Hosted by Shirley Tirrell, 56 Titus Coan Road, Killingworth. Club will provide a spiral ham and punch. BYOB and a dish to share. Please RSVP to Trish Panico (trishpanico@aol.com) so we have a head count. If you want to let Trish know what you plan to bring she can try to make sure we don't have too much of any good thing. *Renew your membership at the party -bring your check book!*

### **January 27—General Meeting**

**Activities calendar.** Bring your calendars and your ideas. This is your opportunity to make sure the club does what you want to do this year. Plan to host a ride, organize a clinic, or arrange a program. Your participation is vital to making this club active. Cider and cookies will be served at the Fire Museum.

### **January 30--BPC work party**

Scouting hike with Rob Butterworth to look at some bridges that need to be braced/reinforced/ or something(?) to make them safe for horses. This could be our project for National Trails Day. Meet at 8:30 AM at the west parking lot at Pataconk Reservoir.

### **February 20 (storm date 27)--MO Ride**

**Clinton Land Trust Kenilworth Forest Ride.**  
9:30 AM. Parking and Breakfast at Melissa and Kevin's Rough Draft Farm. Ride out about 10:00. RSVP to roughdraftfarm@gmail.com. Valet trailer parking available!

### **February 24—General Meeting**

Program on Rider and Horse Safety presented by the Horsemasters of the Connecticut Valley Pony Club

### **February 26—BPC Work Party**

Location and plan TBA—depending on weather, conditions. RSVP to Peggy at hazageym@yahoo.com.



Please fill in all information and sign and date the Release and Waiver of Liability.  
 Mail completed page along with your payment to:  
 LCRVHC, P.O. Box 657, Killingworth, CT 06417

**2011 Membership Categories**

- Family \$25     Individual \$15
- office use: Check amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is an additional amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for our ongoing work to maintain and preserve trails.
- Enclosed is a separate check to the Bridle Path Conservancy in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (tax deductible).
- Please contact me for volunteer help! (This is a working club and all members are encouraged to volunteer for committee chairs, trail maintenance, events organizing help and/or food donations.)
- I am NOT able to receive my newsletter via e-mail.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(For family memberships please include all names; use a separate sheet if necessary)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ New Member  Renewal

**Release and Waiver of Liability**

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, and landowners; for any injuries which I might sustain while horseback riding, driving, or attending/participating in any LCRVHC event or activity. I understand that I am indemnifying (holding harmless) any horse ridden, driven, loose, or handled by another and the owner or handler while so engaged in the event of an injury to myself, my property and/or others. It is my intent to give up all the rights provided by law and release the club, landowners, etc. (the releasees) from all claims for bodily injury, death, or property damage, including without limitation, claims arising in whole or in part from the releasees' own negligence. I do so knowingly and voluntarily. I further agree to pay all legal fees pertaining to this event, if any are incurred.

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**For Club Membership:**

Signature of primary member \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (If a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

Signature of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (for family membership, parent of minor child of divorced member, etc.)

**For Taking Part in an Event:**

Signature of primary member \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (If a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

**Everyone must complete:**

Emergency contact information

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(s) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Logging Hours for DEP Grant

Hello everyone,

We have finalized our grant with the State of Connecticut! Now we must keep track of our time working in the State Forest. Many of you fill out logs for your Horse Patrol time. I can get a copy of those at the end of each quarter to add to my spread sheet that I must submit to the state quarterly. For everything that is not horse patrol or any time ANYONE spends working in the forest I NEED those hours.

## Animal Science Classes

Time again for the Middletown Agricultural Science and Technology Center's Animal Science Continuing Education series. The Tuesday night classes include: 1-18 From the Horse's Mouth: How Safe is Your Feed?; 1-25 Equine Liability and Insurance; 2-1 Basic Dog Obedience; 2-8 Animal First Aid. Go to [LCRVHC.org](http://LCRVHC.org) for schedule and registration form.

## 2011 Calendar

*All General and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings will be held at Evarts Fire Museum at 7 pm unless specified otherwise.*

*CLCT work plans are made about a week ahead, see web site [www.clintonlandtrust.org](http://www.clintonlandtrust.org) for details.*

### January

1-Annual Freeze-your-butt ride at Hammonasset State Park  
6-BOD meeting  
8-CLCT work day  
18-Middletown Vo-Ag Class on Feed safety  
22-Annual Holiday party, 6 pm, Shirley Tirrell's house  
25-Middletown Vo-Ag Class on Equine Liability and Insurance  
27-General meeting, 2011 activities calendar  
30-BPC work party—scouting hike with Rob Butterworth. Meet at 8:30 AM at Pattaconk Reservoir. RSVP Melissa ([roughdraftfarm@gmail.com](mailto:roughdraftfarm@gmail.com))

### February

1- Middletown Vo-Ag Class Basic Dog Obedience  
3-BOD meeting  
8- Middletown Vo-Ag Class Animal First Aid  
12-CLCT work day  
12-ECTRA annual conference, Melissa will be on panel about trail preservation

Please E-Mail me, Trish Panico at [trishpanico@aol.com](mailto:trishpanico@aol.com) with the DATE, LOCATION, NUMBER of HOURS WORKED, and YOUR NAME.

I will then keep a log so that I can turn in our hours four times a year to the State of Connecticut. We must log 288 hours of service to fulfill our end of the bargain. The time logged is for Cockaponset only. Not Land trust land.

Thanks so much and I hope we have our muck truck soon!

Trish Panico

20 or 27-MO Ride, Breakfast at Rough Draft Farm, RSVP Melissa ([roughdraftfarm@gmail.com](mailto:roughdraftfarm@gmail.com))  
24-General meeting, Program: Rider and Horse Safety presented by the members of CVPC Horsemasters group  
26-BPC work party, location and plan TBA, RSVP Peggy ([hazageym@yahoo.com](mailto:hazageym@yahoo.com))

### March

3-BOD meeting  
12-CLCT work day  
24-General meeting  
27-MO Ride//BPC work party, Spring clean-up Clip & Ride on Quinimay Trail. Meet at Weber Woods ready to ride at noon. Plan to go to north as far as Route 80. RSVP Peggy ([hazageym@yahoo.com](mailto:hazageym@yahoo.com))

### April

7-BOD meeting  
9-CLCT work day  
28-General meeting, Program: An Introduction to lunging and ground work demonstration by Patricia Norcia at Idlenot Farm, Clinton. RSVP to Genie ([geniede@comcast.net](mailto:geniede@comcast.net))  
14-15-MO Ride/BPC work party, Spring clean-up Clip & Ride on Quinimay Trail, Meet at Pattaconk Reservoir, ready to ride at noon. Hope to break into 2 groups and cover Route 80 to Beaver Meadow Road. RSVP Peggy ([hazageym@yahoo.com](mailto:hazageym@yahoo.com))