



MAY
2008



Dear Friends,

I can't believe it's May already! I am enjoying the long, cool, spring evenings to get out and ride before the summer bugs show up.

On Sunday, April 20, Beverly Torell hosted a member-only ride at Pattaconk/Turkey Hill in Chester. It was an absolutely perfect spring day. We rode a segment of the "Epic" trail (new name to come). There were ten riders. We started out in one group and eventually broke up into two smaller groups (slower and faster walkers). Afterward we shared potluck and leftovers from the bake sale in the parking area. Thanks, Bev, for trailering Homes and me, and for organizing the ride.

The April 24 general meeting was a lot of fun. Maggie Sullivan gave a talk about her sport of combined driving and demonstrated walking and driving a hazard with her lovely Fjord mare, Riena. This remarkably poised 16 year old is a pony club member and is also competing for the American Driving Society young driver championship. See her photo on next page. Jeanne DETLOW? offered to co-manage the fall hunter pace with Siobhan if Siobhan is still willing.

Also see my report on the May 3 Beach Pace with photos next to it.

On Sunday, May 18, the BPC will have a workday to pre-mark sections of the Epic Trail in preparation for National Trails Day. Roger has sent a couple of blasts. More info on that is in this newsletter too.

Our May 22 our general meeting will feature Meg Sauter of the Connecticut Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol. There will be a demonstration on desensitizing your horse. On Saturday, May 24, Pat Martin will do VHP horse evaluations--by appointment only. You must be CPR certified to be a VHP rider.

The May Member-Only Ride will actually be held June 1 at Half House Farm in Westbrook. It will be a 10 A.M. ride out, potluck lunch to follow. Please RSVP to Gloria Elliott at 860-399-6359.

Don't forget Saturday June 7 is National Trails Day. Get out and celebrate. Participate in the ride. Help us mark the Epic Trail. Or help with the CFPA work on the orange trail. Whichever you choose, join us afterward for potluck at the old sandpit. Hotdogs provided by LCRVHC!

The June Member-Only Ride will be June 22nd at Tyler Mill in Wallingford. This annual ride is led by Peg Lupone and Joanne Minion in memory of their friend, Lisa Toman, a member and trail rider who died too young. Ride out is 10 A.M. RSVP to Peggy, hazageym@yahoo.com.

The June 26 general meeting program will be a talk by Cindy Guardino of H.E.A.P. (Horse Environmental Awareness Program). Cindy will be explaining how you can minimize any damage to the environment that keeping horses on your property might cause.

Pam and Bob Cameron have offered to host the annual summer picnic on July 24 at their house on Beaver Meadow Road in Higganum. Details to come.

Hope to see you on the trail.

Melissa

NEMBA AWARDS GRANT TO BPC

The BPC applied for a grant from The New England Mountain Biking Association. Last month we found out NEMBA has granted the BPC a \$426.90 grant for tools. There are some unusual tools that are needed to follow the rules set forth by DEP to work in the state forest. Roger is going to put together the order and send it in. NEMBA wanted a photo of the tools in use on a trail project. We are very excited that they supported our group with this money as it shows that we all want the trails to be cared for so we can share them between many different user groups. Alex Sokolow wrote a great letter of support that helped us win this grant. Thanks to NEMBA for their support! Trish Panico



Our very own Maggie Sullivan and Riena burn up Elk Creek w/Andy Marcoux. Maggie won her Prelim Pony Division, earned a dressage score of 40.61, and was awarded Best PrelimMarathon score overall! Way to go Maggie and Andy. We're all proud of you, and Team Sullivan.



Left: Susan Ballek & Rebecca Russell

Bottom: Lynn Burns and daughters Jenna and Carissa.

Next page left: Shirley Tirrell does safety check for Susan Ballek while Rebecca Russell waits for the start.

Next page right: Jane Samuels with her Arabs.



BEACH PACE REPORT

Saturday, May 3, Beach Pace at Bluff Point

We had 22 riders registered but the day started out kind of dreary. Although the weather channel promised only fog and maybe a patch of drizzle, 9 riders didn't show. The remaining 13 had a cool, cloudy ride with nary a drop of rain until everything was cleaned up and put away. Lunch was provided by Scottish Dave. Thanks to Doro Fuller (who really did everything prior to the ride), Lynda Perry, Shirley Tirrell, Alyce Mallek, and Bob and Pam Cameron for all their help.

Derby Contenders Division

1st place: Pam Cameron and granddaughter Haley **2nd place:** Linda and Roger Ferraro

Lead Ponies Division

1st place: Rebecca Russell and Susan Ballek **2nd place:** Jane Samuels and Stephanie Knoll **3rd place:** Lynn, Jenna, and Carissa Burns **4th place:** Francesca Edwards and Emma Lengle



BPC WORK DAY.....Contact Roger Ferraro – BPCTrailWork@snet.net – WE NEED YOU!!!!

Sunday, May 18th at 9:30 A.M. We need to pre-mark for National Trails Day on June 7th.

Bring scissors, paper and pen for notes, staplers, waterproof footwear, and if desired, sunscreen, bug repellent, hat and gloves.

Meet at the Weber Woods DEP parking lot to form car pools to work areas. ***Directions:*** One mile south on 145 from Rte. 80 in Killingworth (blinking light at 145/80 intersection). Entrance is on the right/west side of 145.

Since this is a “weather permitting” project, please let Roger know if you plan on coming.

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 P.M.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 22th at Brad Turley’s 7/8th Farm

Need Info? Sherry LaConte 860-345-8646 or jeffandsherry5@yahoo.com

Directions: From the Rtes. 80 and 81 circle – Follow Rte 80 east for 1.9 miles. The driveway is on the right, 2/10th mile past Titus Coan Road.

From Rtes. 148 and 80 blinker – Follow Rte. 80 west for 1.5 miles. Driveway is on the left, 3/10th mile past Tower Hill Road. Extra parking is past the white house near the barn.

CALENDAR

May

17-Silvermine Horse Camp Workday, Natchaug, e-mail greymist@comcast.net for details
17-WLCT Walk of Timberlane property, Kristin (equineinsight@gmail.com)
18-BPC work day, prep for National Trails Day, Roger BPCTrailWork@snet.net
22-General Meeting, 6:30, Meg Sauter on Volunteer Horse Patrol, desensitizing demo, Peggy snack
24-VHP Horse Evaluations, by appointment, Pat Martin, pjm6680@comcast.net

June

1-MO ride, Half House Farm, Gloria Elliott, 10:00 ride out, potluck lunch follows, RSVP to Gloria 860-399-6359
5-BOD-Evarts Fire Museum, 7:00
7-National Trails Day-3 Events BPC, LCRVHC, CHC-VHP
14-Mitchell Farm Poker Ride at Lord Creek www.mitchellfarm.org
21-22 CDCTA Leslie Law Clinic at 7/8ths
22-MO ride, 10:00, Tyler Mill, Lisa Toman Memorial, Peggy & Joanne contact Peggy hazageym@yahoo.com
26-General Meeting _____, Shirley snack

July

No BOD Meeting
13-MO ride, Bluff Point, Lynda
24-No General Meeting-(Potluck Picnic at Pam & Bob Cameron's)

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[LCRVHC Minutes 3/27/2008 General Meeting](#)

Membership: Members are encouraged to send in their 2008 membership renewals.

Tag Sale: \$192.45 profit.

Events: BPC: May 18th @ 9:30 A.M. at Weber Woods to pre-mark Epic Trail for National Trails Day. Email Roger to RSVP. BPCTrailWork@snet.net.

Members Only Rides: June 22nd: Lisa Toman Memorial Ride. 10:00 A.M. ride-out. Potluck lunch.

Fall Hunter Pace: Member Genie Dethloff has offered to co-manage the ride.

Other: CT Horse Council & NEATO will have a workday 5/17 at Silvermine Horse Camp in Natchaug State Forest. greymist@comcast.net for details.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry LaConte


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