



Lower Connecticut
River Valley Horseman's Club

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Newsletter

Nov. & Dec. 2010

From The President

Dear Friends

Hard to believe 2010 is winding to an end. Personally, I'm happy to see it go. Not a good one for me with my arm. I'm looking forward to a healthier and much more active 2011.

The October 28 General Meeting at Rough Draft Farm was well attended. Kevin's Suffolk, Max, seemed to enjoy his Reiki/acupressure adjustments. Jennifer McDermott did a nice presentation and explained her evaluation and touching. If anyone is interested in a half-day, hands-on, bring your horse clinic to learn some of these stretches (when it gets warmer is fine) Jennifer would be willing to do it. We would need 5 or 6 people to commit. I would be happy to host it. Please let me know at the January meeting or before.

The Halloween theme hunter pace was awesome. Genie and her crew were totally organized and someone obviously ordered up perfect weather. Over 90 riders signed up. The parking and road crossing crews did an amazing job. It was great to see so many riders and horses in really brilliant costumes. See results, reports, and photos elsewhere in newsletter and on web site. Thank you to everyone who helped out. I believe we cleared in the neighborhood of \$2000.

The November 14 Annual Chatfield Hollow member-only ride was also blessed with perfect weather--for the 8th consecutive year! It was my first group trail ride since breaking my arm--I've only been able to ride for about 2 weeks--so I was happy to ride with the large slow group and mostly walk, talk, and generally catch up with everybody. Emmy Pavelka rode her young horse and it was exciting to see how he has progressed. See Emmy's report elsewhere in the newsletter.

Remember: No general meetings in November or December but there are rides, see Upcoming Events section. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Hope to see you soon.

Melissa

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Donations Needed for Horse Care

my name is Leiah and I have been a club member for about 3 years. I board my thoroughbred at Joanne Minion's place. We have an elderly horse there named "Nikki". Nikki's former owner gave him up do to financial problems. Nikki is 38 years old and still going strong. Nikki faced euthanasia last month because no one could care for him. I couldn't let this jolly guy be put down just because he wasn't wanted anymore.

I have been paying an extra \$100 toward his care, on top of my other horse's board. Due to my own income, I just can't afford him by myself. Nikki can not eat hay due to his old teeth, so he eats a pelleted hay called hay stretcher. His best friend is my horse, "Whisper" and they are pastured together.

I am taking donations at my work for Nikki and people have been wonderful. I am putting the money strictly towards Nikki's care and food. I am looking for more donations to help me keep this guy around. If you can make a donation please contact me at luvit1982@yahoo.com. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Leiah Nuzzo

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joy Girardi who was recently diagnosed with cancer

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 5. - Annual Christmas Progressive Ride--Join us for a winter ride.

Arrival : 9:30 a.m. at Julie and Dave Beaudette's Farm, Stevenstown Road, Rte. 145, Westbrook, CT. Plenty of trailer parking! Breakfast @ 10:00 Ride out @ 10:30 ish. Lunch will be hosted at Mark & Kristin Elliott-Leas' Farm on the trail. Dessert will be hosted at Jane Samuels' Barn at the Hayes' Farm on the trail.

In the event of inclement weather, driving directions will be emailed to those who R.S.V.P by Friday, Dec. 3rd

Please R.S.V.P. to Peg Lupone 860-669-2359 or email: hazageym@yahoo.com

9:30 am at Kristin and Mark Leas new house. Tentative plan is for approximately two plus hours riding time, lunch to be hosted by Jane Samuels at the Hayes' Farm, dessert at Peg Lupone's. Length of ride and other food stops may be adjusted depending on how cold it is. Parking will be at the cul-de-sac on Pritchett Lane, Westbrook; overflow parking at the Elliott's Half House Farm, Chittenden Hill Road, Westbrook. Please RSVP to Peg (hazageym@yahoo.com). A \$5 donation to cover costs of food is recommended. If trails are unsafe for riding we can get together by car.

Saturday, January 1 - Annual New Years Day Freeze-Your-Butt Ride at Hammonassett State Park. Meet at West Parking lot at noon. Be brave. Dress warm. Don't make Roger and Linda Ferraro do it alone again this year! RSVP to Melissa (roughdraftfarm@gmail.com)

Saturday, January 15 - 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.

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Results:

HACKERS - IDEAL 1:42

Team Name	Team Number & Riders	Time	Deviation From Ideal	Place
Arruda	40-Katie Arruda, Victoria Arruda	1:43:52	0:01:52	1
Two Old Men	38-Sue Cadrain, Ginny Sutherland	1:38:47	0:03:13	2
	28-Cathy Chase, Doro Fuller, Betsy Johanns	1:46:30	0:04:30	3
CHQH	10-Dawne Wilson, Amy Zimmer, Alyssa Woronik	1:50:20	0:08:20	4
Stonehedge	32-Colleen Smith, Brianna Morris	1:50:48	0:08:48	5
	36-Roger Ferraro, Linda Ferraro	1:30:56	0:11:04	6
Coco	41-Courtney Becher, Ashley Arruda	1:30:40	0:11:20	7
	21-Peggy Metcalf, Anne Penniman	1:57:18	0:15:18	8

HUNTERS - IDEAL 1:22

Team Name	Team Number & Riders	Time	Deviation From Ideal	Place
	1-Heidi Smith, MaryLou Millett, Gina McManus	1:22:06	0:00:06	1
	5-Alyx Mahler, Hailey Raudat	1:21:32	0:00:28	2
Tamm O Bie	8-Rebecca Russell, Kris Pierce	1:20:22	0:01:38	3
Royal Red	22-Lisa Donadio, Julie Sengstacken	1:18:25	0:03:35	4
	4-Barbara White	1:26:10	0:04:10	5
The Run Aways	19-Stephenie Teotilo, Samantha Schabel	1:27:26	0:05:26	6
Indians	18-Brittney Oboikovitz-Tasto, Kristy Latella	1:14:05	0:07:55	7
Golden Knights	42-Cat Wilder, Kaylynn Sherman	1:30:05	0:08:05	8

COSTUMES

Team Name	Team Number & Riders	Costume	Place
Dragonfly	34-Victor Matz & Brenda Davis Matz	Knight & a Princess	1st
The "Dons"	26-Don & Valerie Bergeron	Skeletons	2nd
	43-Rebecca Smith, Kayla Medlyn & Alexis Ravert	Caterpillar & Lady Bug	3rd
Golden Knights	42-Cat Wilder & Kaylynn Sherman	Golden Knights	4th







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MOR at Chatfield Hollow

Great weather, great people, a fun day! So we gathered on Sunday, November 14th, at the end of North Chestnut Hill Road in glorious Killingworth. Yep, we were goin' a-ridin' on our trusty steeds through Chatfield Hollow State Park. Have you noticed our club has just the nicest members? And the horses could not have been better, what special beasts we have!

So after we traveled through a beautiful park setting, we were happy (really, we were actually happy) to return to our cul-de-sac, sit in folding chairs, looking at our horses' behinds while we dined on gourmet chili and corn bread. Go explain that to the Fifth Avenue crowd. One thing about most horse clubs - we do love to eat, don't we? The food that was brought by everyone was incredible.

The pictures say it all! Till next time! Emmy and Sue



Jim & Yankee Visit Petco

Saturday, October 16th, Jim Griffin and Yankee from the LCRVHC, along with Bev Torell and Gina McManus from the club, plus Debbie McConnell and Joya, represented The Delta Society and the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol at the Clinton Petco's Animal Awareness and Adoption day. Jim's friend Nancy Cochran also helped with passing out brochures and keeping everyone supplied with coffee and doughnuts. Fred and Cheryl Mastele, along with their horse Jay and Devlin, had also planned on participating, but their truck refused to cooperate... luckily before they were on the road with a loaded horse trailer.

Plenty of information was given out that day, and lots of people learned about horses, therapy animals, and the Volunteer Horse Patrol. The highlight of the event was when Yankee and Joya were invited INSIDE the store... which they handled with aplomb.

The day was so successful we've been invited back again in the spring. As soon as a firm date is set, it will be announced.



Yankee with the store mascot, Blue Mews. A lot of, if not most, horses would have been spooked by this big blue cat. Not Yankee... he just wanted to know if that kitty had a carrot for him.



Yankee, Jim, Bev, Nancy, Debbie, and Joya



Yankee and Jim entering the Petco store

Classified Ads

Pony Free Lease

Special Needs Pony - Smart, Sweet & Sassy

10 year old Molly Sue has lost her herd (disbanded due to old age) and must find a place to rest her head. Molly is 12+ hands. She has worked as a pony party pony for the last 4 years. She has proven to be safe and quiet around children. She is a lovely caramel color with flowing flaxen mane and tail and 4 white socks. She is cute as a button. Molly has Cushings disease. She is not allowed to eat grain or sweets or treats. Very rich green grass or sometimes just too much grass can cause a reaction. Mostly - she is in very good health but when she does have a flare up, I treat her with banamine. Otherwise I do not treat the cushings. I have been able to manage her without daily medicine.

We are looking for a home with turnout and other equines for company. If you think that you might be able to provide a safe place for Molly Please call me for more information.

Maria Currea

203 561-0199

TRUCK FOR SALE

2004 Silverado 3500 Duramax Diesel Extended Cab 8 ft bed. Immaculate condition, the perfect towing vehicle. \$20,000.

Contact Lynda at cymaronfarm@snet.net



2010 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 for details.

November

- 4 BOD meeting to start on 2011 Calendar
- 7 Westbrook Land Conservation Trust Fall Clean-up, 1pm Mulvey Municipal Center.
- 11-14 Equine Affair, Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. <http://www.equineaffaire.com/massachusetts/>
- 13 CLCT work party, 8-10 am
- 14 MO ride, Chatfield Hollow, Emmy Pavelka and Sue Davenport host
- No General meeting, Happy Thanksgiving
- ___ BPC Trail work party

December

- No BOD meeting
- 11 CLCT work party, 8-10 am
- 5 Christmas Progressive Ride, Peggy, Jane Samuels, maybe Kristin and Mark Leas
- No General meeting, Merry Christmas

January

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