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Dear Friends

I love these cool mornings with the first hint of autumn in the air, even while I mourn the loss of the long light-filled evenings. Homes is being so good lately—maybe because the pesky flies are gone and he can actually concentrate. This is my favorite time of year to ride and Saturday I took him to his first Lord Creek Hunter Pace. He was very excited to see so many new potential friends. I did get bucked off, once again, but as Alyce says, I'm getting used to it. We still had a great time. And after the ride I put flyers for our fall pace on every truck.

The summer flew by, as usual. Some horsey highlights included working as a jump judge at the Lord Creek Horse Trials on August 10 (If you are at all interested in eventing, consider volunteering to help out next year, this is a very enjoyable way to spend a Sunday. Gorgeous scenery--who doesn't love Lord Creek, beautiful horses, easy work, and appreciative managers and competitors—what could be better? The thunderstorms rolling in the distance didn't deter anyone. We also did a clinic for Scout and Youth Group Leaders at Deer Lake Scout Reservation on August 24 (see Lynda's report elsewhere in this newsletter).

Brad gave a program on eventing at the August 28 meeting. He told us that of the many thousands of folks competing in this sport only a few hundred are competing above the novice level. Most of the competitors are just having fun with their horses at the lower levels of the sport (like Lord Creek Horse Trials). He explained about the recent injuries at the upper levels and how the officials are working to make the cross country safer. He spoke about the improvements in his own riding and horsemanship since he started training for this sport. Then he demonstrated the three phases of eventing: dressage, stadium, and cross country aboard the lovely Rotzi—what a nice horse. Thank you, Brad.

The September 25 general meeting will be a tour of the Evarts Fire Museum. The collection consists of primarily horse and hand drawn fire-fighting equipment from the 1800s. The museum is located behind 21 Cope Road in Madison, on the northwest corner of the green. Please park behind the barn/museum. Spouses and family are welcome but because there are a lot of fragile and potentially dangerous items, please no small children.

We have decided to try a new format for the September 27 trail workday. I have been hearing that people don't come to the work parties because they hardly have time to ride their horses so we are going to combine the work with a member-only ride and call it a "Ride and Clip". We will meet at Weber Woods with our horses and ride and trim the hunter pace route. Please bring your hand clippers and folding saws and be prepared to get off and drag branches, etc. This is all good training for your horse. Al Davenport has invited us all back to his place for hotdogs following the ride/work. Please e-mail me to RSVP so we can give Al a head count and arrange for extra trailer parking if needed Melissa.Evarts@globepequot.com. Peggy suggested you could also come and walk or work on foot and return to ride and admire our work the next day.

Speaking of the hunter pace route—the Fall hunter pace is scheduled for November 2. This is our biggest annual fundraiser. It pays for things like insurance, the summer picnic, and the holiday party. Siobhan Tietjen and Genie Dethloff are co-managing the ride and things are well in-hand but they need our help. Flyers and entry forms are included in this newsletter and on our web site. Please post them at your local tack and feed stores and spread the word. There will also be a list of jobs to sign up for at the September meeting. Please plan to help out.

See the calendar listing for more upcoming events. I hope to see you soon. Melissa

CALENDAR

October

2-BOD-Evarts Fire Museum, 7:00
11-CLCT work day, 8-10 am
11-Mitchell Farm Black Jack Ride, www.mitchellfarm.org
11 -(Raindate 12) MO Ride. RSVP Pam Cameron 860-345-4663.
23-General Meeting, final prep for fall pace, Cathy Chase's house, Spencer Hill Rd., Killingworth
25-BPC work day, Weber Woods, hunter pace course

November

2-Fall Hunter Pace, Siobhan Tietjen and Genie Dethloff
6-BOD-Evarts Fire Museum, 7:00 (if needed)
8-CLCT work day, 8-10 am
13-16-Equine Affaire No general meeting,
Happy Thanksgiving
__-MO ride, Chatfield Hollow, Andrea
__-BPC work day, _____

December

13-CLCT work day, 8-10 am
14 or 21?-MO-Christmas Progressive ride
__-BPC work day, _____



FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

*COSTUMES ENCOURAGED – PILGRIMS, INDIANS,
PUMPKINS – BE CREATIVE AND WIN A PRIZE!*

Sunday, November 2, 2008

TIME & PLACE: 546 Stevenstown Rd., Westbrook, CT 06498. Ride starts at 9:00 am (*turn clocks back*).

COURSE: Trails through Weber Woods. Terrain varied - open fields, flat stretches through the woods and a few hills.

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. 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 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. 30, 2008. Entry fee is \$40 prior to Oct. 30, 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). *Entry forms are also available at www.lcrvhc.org. For more information call 860-510-3408.*

A negative Coggins and Rabies certificate are required.

FOOD: Breakfast treats available for purchase. Lunch included

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LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace Team Members Entry Form

Send this entry form, check (made out to LCRVHC), rabies certificate, and negative coggins to:
Siobhan Tietjen, 3 Margo Lane, Clinton, CT 06413

TEAM NAME:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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 on the reverse side of this page

Signature 1: _____ Signature 2: _____

Signature 3: _____ Date: _____

VOLUNTEERING AT DEER LAKE CAMP

LCRVHC and CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol members volunteered and helped The Boy Scouts of America with their biennial Adventure Weekend. This is a program where Boy Scout leaders come to Deer Lake Scout Camp and spend the weekend learning about different high-adventure activities that the scouts would likely encounter. Along with horseback riding, some of the other activities included rock climbing, scuba diving and fly fishing.

Participants included Joy Girardi with Tennessee Walking Horse, Dillon; Donna Page with Paint/Quarter Horse, Salem; Jim Griffin with Paint/Quarter Horse, Yankee; Deb McConnell with Mustang, Joya; Shirley Tirrell with Standardbred, Hero; Melissa Evarts with Belgian Cross, Bud; and Lynda Perry with Morgan Horse, Trapper.

We began with a discussion of breeds, tack and safety around horses. Yankee and Joya entertained us all with a few horse tricks and everyone was offered a ride on their choice of horse. Bud seemed to be the crowd favorite due to his enormous size.

The Boy Scout leaders were truly gracious and impressed with the bonding they saw between the horses and their owners. They seemed to enjoy riding the best as most of them had never been on a horse!

Report written by Lynda Perry

FAMOUS BONNIE AND AL BAKED BEAN RECIPE

1 lb. Italian sausage hot and/or sweet
1 can lima beans drained (14oz.)
1 can kidney beans drained (16 oz.)
3 -28 oz. cans of Bush or B&M baked beans (any flavor) – drain liquid from top of cans.
1 cup ketchup
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 or 3 teaspoons Colman dry mustard
1/2 small onion chopped.

Cook sausage, breaking into small pieces. Then drain off fat.

Mix sausage and the rest of the ingredients and pour into a baking dish.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 - 1 1/2 hours.