



July/August 2015

## Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club

### President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The summer is flying by. I am sorry this newsletter is late but Homes has been hive-free since late April so I have been riding instead of sitting in front of the computer!

#### A Recap of Some Recent LCRVHC Activities

The May Meeting/Horse Agility Demonstration at Rough Draft Farm was a lot of fun! Kristin told us about the origins of the sport and how competitions work and set up a course with several obstacles. Spectators were asked to judge at each obstacle. We were able to use some of our Natural Horsemanship and well as other techniques to entice our equines into and through them. Funny how Homes will follow me almost anywhere but walk beside me? Not so much. Pictures on page 3.

#### National Trails Day

For the 9th consecutive year, LCRVHC and BPC partnered with CFPA and NEMBA to conduct a trail maintenance project as part of Connecticut Trails Day Weekend. On Saturday, June 6, over 25 people participated by trimming brush, cutting hanging tree limbs, and painting blazes on seven different trails including the Quinimay Trail and Cowgirl Way. We worked for about three hours and finished with a pot luck picnic lunch. LCRVHC provided hot dogs. Thank you to BPC super-couple Marlisa Simonson and Chuck Sharples for handling publicity, registration, and getting everything together. Thanks to Tom Elliott for making the paint jars. Thanks to Bill and Kathy Schuyler for once again hosting the picnic and feeding everybody as they staggered out of the woods. A very productive and satisfying day! In all, over 130 hours of service were donated for the betterment of these multi-purpose, passive-use trails.

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### Contact Us

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SUMMER PICNIC

Thursday, July 23, beginning at 6 pm, LCRVHC Annual Summer Picnic will be held at Sue Davenport's house, 5 Owl Hollow, Killingworth. LCRVHC will provide hot dogs, burgers, and soft drinks. Bring your own beer or wine and a dish to share. If you can let Sue know what you plan to bring she can try to avoid 10 batches of potato salad. RSVP to Sue ([s1davenport@comcast.net](mailto:s1davenport@comcast.net)). No silent auction this year. Maybe we'll do it at the Christmas Party for something different.

#### MEET THE DONKEYS!

August General Meeting, **Thursday, August 20** (Note: This is not a typo--it's really the 3rd Thursday!!!) at 7 pm at Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Road, Clinton. Long Ears, An Introduction and Demo: Kimberly Brockett of Triple Dale Farm will bring her 3 mammoth donkeys and talk about the differences and similarities of these equines. She says we can ride them!

#### AUGUST 30 MEMBER-ONLY RIDE

Great opportunity to learn these trails the club maintains! Weber Woods, park and ride from Kristin and Mark's, contact Lynda Perry ([cymaronfarm@snet.net](mailto:cymaronfarm@snet.net))

**See calendar on last page for more!**

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**If there is a topic you would like to learn about, if you have a skill to share, or if you have any other ideas or thoughts about what activities the club can do e-mail your ideas to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com). This club is what you make it so please participate!**



Congratulations!

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**Please remember when riding at Hammonasset, Bluff Point, Chatfield Hollow, and other State Parks: These parks are busy and get a lot of non-horse-friendly use. Be considerate. Pass walkers slowly and respectfully. Don't ride where you see no animals or no horses signs posted. The boardwalks on the Shoreline Greenway Trail in Hammonasset, for example, are not horse safe. No horses on the beaches from April 1 to November 1. Horses are not allowed on the beach or in the picnic area at Chatfield Pond. PLEASE remove your manure from roads, trails, and beaches in State Parks. We want to keep these areas open to equestrians! On high-use trails in the state forest, please dismount and kick/scatter manure off the trail so the kids don't walk in it and track it into Mom's SUV!**

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*(President's Letter continued)*

LCRVHC also hosted a trail ride in conjunction with National Trails Day. Three riders led by Pam Cameron rode out from Kristin and Mark's house and joined the work party for lunch.

Here is a link to the photos Marlisa took at NTD.

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On June 13 Equine Photographer Judy Bosco gave a Photographing Horses clinic at the Elliott's Half House Farm, 274 Chittenden Hill Road, Westbrook. Kristin's horse, Capall, and Rebecca Ziobron's horse, Obie, performed well as equine models and Pam Cameron's granddaughters, Hannah and Haley Williams, were the human models. The dogs jumped into some shots and became the focus of many as well. Some samples of Beverly Torell's work are on page 4. Some of Judy's are on page 5. To see more of Judy's photos go to [www.judybosco.smugmug.com](http://www.judybosco.smugmug.com).

The Trapper Memorial Ride (in memory of Lynda Perry's horse, Trapper, who was struck by a car driven by a distracted driver and had to be euthanized) was held on June 14 from Rough Draft Farm. Thirteen riders in 2 groups left the farm for a trail ride through the Clinton Land Trusts' Kenilworth Forest. After the ride we had a picnic lunch on the porch followed by a gigantic almond joy ice cream cake from Ashley's for my birthday. Thanks to Lynda for organizing this ride.

On June 25 there was a huge turnout for the Geoff Goodson Natural Horsemanship Demo at Emmy Pavelka's house. Geoff was very generous with his time, going well after dark, and showing that once you start something with a horse you have to take as long as it takes. Thanks to Emmy and Geoff for an entertaining and informative evening. Chuck took a few pictures on page 4.

On June 27 and 28 Lexy and Val and I attended the 2-day Don Schramm Eventing Clinic at High Hopes and Lord Creek Farm. This young Aussie trainer (as Judy Bosco said, "That voice, I could listen to him read the phone book.") had so much energy and such a positive way of teaching. Lexy and Val had a blast and learned a lot too. If you ever get an opportunity to participate in one of his clinics I'd highly recommend it. Photos page 6 more on Judy's Smug Mug site.

On July 5 nine riders attended the member-only ride at Parmelee Farm led by Chuck Sharples. Tuesday was under the weather so Chuck rode Homes! Once they worked out who was in charge (not saying who that was, everybody is entitled to their own opinion, and we all know Morgans do have opinions!) it sounds like a good time was had by all. Marlisa and I hung out with Bruce Dodson while the rest of the group rode. Marlisa made delicious salads and cookies for after the ride.

I hope to see you soon.

Melissa



Agility Demonstration. Photos by Lexy's Mom, Sandy DelVecchio



A couple of Beverly Torell's photos from the Judy Bosco Photographing Horses Clinic.

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Geoff Goodson with Picasso.  
Photos thanks to Chuck Sharples.





From Judy: These three are my favorites. Here is the link [http://judybosco.smugmug.com/Equine-Events/LCRVhc-61315/49928374\\_mzTsRZ#!i=4132456100&k=GwDBG4Q](http://judybosco.smugmug.com/Equine-Events/LCRVhc-61315/49928374_mzTsRZ#!i=4132456100&k=GwDBG4Q)



Come Celebrate the permanent protection of The Preserve, the 1,000 Acre Coastal Forest!

Thursday, August 13, 2015  
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Optional hikes at The Preserve  
at 6:00 pm

The Trust for Public Land sent out the following notice:

Join us for a reception and ribbon cutting ceremony with Governor Dannel Malloy; Senator Richard Blumenthal; Connecticut DEEP Commissioner, Rob Klee; Old Saybrook First Selectman, Carl Fortuna; The Trust for Public Land President and CEO, Will Rogers; The Trust for Public Land Connecticut State Director, Alicia Sullivan; and other state and local leaders.

The event is open to the public, please note the parking/shuttle information below!

Great Cedars (West) Conservation Area

155 Ingham Hill Road, Old Saybrook

Limited street parking. Park at M&J Bus Lot and take shuttle.

RSVP requested but not required to June Sgobbo by August 6 [june.sgobbo@tpl.org](mailto:june.sgobbo@tpl.org), 203-777-7367, ext. 2



A couple shots from the Dom Schramm Clinic



# Meet Our New Web Mistress, Sarah Asbury



Hi! My name is Sarah, and I'm the to-be person that updates/edits the club's website. Here is a little bit about myself. For a start, I'm a very tech savvy person, and I also have prior experience with websites. In school, my english teacher thought that we should create our own websites to put our writing on. I don't use that site anymore, but I was able to experiment with the interface whenever I wanted to. Enough with the tech side of me though. I should probably tell everyone more about my horsey side. Horses are something I've had an interest in for a really long time, but I only just started taking riding seriously when I started to lease a horse (Parker). When I started leasing Parker we didn't really know each other too well, and we didn't have that "click" that you have with horses you've known for a while. We only just developed this "click" early this year and riding him is so much more enjoyable now because we trust each other a whole lot more. A few weeks ago, I took him to horse camp. It only lasted a week, but it was amazing. I had a week alone with him and my friends; it was so much fun. All of the horse campers organized a show for the last day of camp and I came home with two blue ribbons, a yellow, and a pink. (That's 2 firsts, a third, and a fifth.) I was ecstatic. This fall, I hope to go to some shows, or maybe even try out some hunter paces; I can't wait!

You can contact Sarah at [parkerpony62@gmail.com](mailto:parkerpony62@gmail.com)



# Fall Festival Hunter Pace

## Sunday, October 25, 2015



Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest

Starts from 98 Stevenstown Road

Deep River, CT 06417

Ride starts at 9:00 am

Entry forms & info at [www.lcrvhc.org](http://www.lcrvhc.org)

For additional info

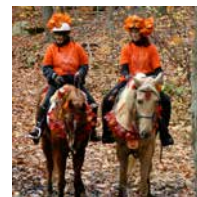
860-664-0142 or [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com)



*Prizes for Best Costumes!*

## FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

Sunday, October 25, 2015



**TIME & PLACE:** *NOTE: All trailers park in one location. No road crossings!*

**98 Stevenstown Rd., Deep River, CT 06417. Ride starts at 9:00 am**

*Check in starts 8:30 am. Must be checked in and on trail before 10:30 am to be included in placings.*

**COURSE:** Trails through Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest. ~9 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 riders) and Hackers (timed, leisurely riders).

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. Places first through sixth get ribbons. A prize will be given for the best costume.

**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 refunded (less \$12).

**DIRECTIONS:** **From I-95** Take exit 64, Rt. 145/Horsehill Rd. exit. Go north onto 145. Go 4.0 miles and turn **LEFT** (other side from past years) into driveway. Look for signs and drive to parking areas.

**From Rt. 80** Head South onto Rt. 145/ Stevenstown Rd. Go 0.4 miles and turn **RIGHT** (other side from past years) into driveway. Look for signs and drive to parking area.

**ENTRY INFO:** Deadline for entry is **Oct. 20, 2014**. Entry fee is **\$45** (\$40.00 for LCRVHC members).

**Entries will be accepted from Oct. 20 - 24 if space is available at \$55** (\$50.00 for LCRVHC members).

Checks (made out to LCRVHC) must accompany the entry form.

*\$12.00 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.

**For more info call 860 664-0142 or email [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com)**

*Entry forms are also available at [www.lcrvhc.org](http://www.lcrvhc.org).*

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

**FOOD:** Lunch is included in entry fee.

Indicate choice of sandwich on entry form.



*Please send in the entry form on the next page*

# 2015 LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace Team Members Entry Form

**Team #**

Send this entry form, check (made out to LCRVHC), rabies certificate, and negative coggins to:

**Melissa Evarts, 24 River Road, Clinton CT 06413**

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:
Sandwich Choice: ___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Veggie	Sandwich Choice: ___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Veggie	Sandwich Choice: ___ Turkey ___ Roast Beef ___ Veggie

**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 at- tending/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 it's 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ Minor [ ☐ ]

**Signature 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ Minor [ ☐ ]

**Signature 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ Minor [ ☐ ]

## ***Internal Club Use Only***

Number of Riders: [ ☐ ] 1 [ ☐ ] 2 [ ☐ ] 3

	Name 1:	Name 2:	Name 3:
Payment: Total \$	\$ _____ Check #	\$ _____ Check #	\$ _____ Check #
Entry Form Release (s) Signed:	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Current Coggins Form	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Current Rabies Form	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]

## LCRVHC/BPC 2015 Calendar

There are still blanks to be filled in. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride please contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net). If you have an idea for a program or activity please e-mail lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or contact any board member. Meetings are at the Fire Museum behind 21 Copse Road, Madison, unless otherwise specified. Actually it looks like most of them are elsewhere so far! Fun to go other places. LCRVHC has a Facebook page for member-only rides now. <https://www.facebook.com/lcrvhc>. Check it out!

### July

23: Summer picnic, 6 pm, Sue Davenport's house, 5 Owl Hollow, Killingworth

### August

6: BOD Meeting, if needed, location TBD

23: Lyme Horse Trials at Lord Creek Farm

\_\_\_: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

20: General Meeting, program, Long Ears, Introduction and Demo at Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Road, Clinton. Kimberly Brockett of Triple Dale Farm will bring her 3 mammoth donkeys and talk about the differences and similarities of these equines. She says we can ride them!

30: MO Ride Weber Woods, park at Kristin's, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net) Great opportunity to learn these trails that we maintain!

### September

3: BOD Meeting, if needed

13: Lord Creek Hunter Pace

24: General Meeting, Open House at Fire Museum. Many of you have said your spouse, father, friend, etc. would be interested in seeing the collection. Here's your chance.

27: MO Ride, tentative Pachaug?

### October

1: BOD meeting, if needed

18: MO Ride in Weber Woods, Clip & Ride and mark course for Hunter Pace. Park at Dave Beaudette's

22: General meeting, horse travel slide show at Sue's

25: **LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace-spread the word!**

**Posters and entry form in newsletter!**

### November

No BOD Meeting

\_\_\_: Equine Affair

\_\_\_: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

19: Special Meeting, Election year

\_\_\_: MO Ride, Chatfield Hollow, Chili Ride, hosts Sue Davenport and Emmy Pavelka (RSVP S1Davenport@comcast.net)

### December

No BOD or General Meeting

\_\_\_: Christmas Progressive Ride,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### January

\_\_\_: LCRVHC Holiday Party, Tom and Gloria Elliott have offered to host again this year!

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Note: 2015 is an election year for LCRVHC. If you would be interested in serving on the board to help determine the direction and activities of either organization please e-mail or talk to any current board member.

#### LCRVHC Board

Melissa Evarts, President

Chuck Sharples, Vice President

Alyce Mallek, Membership Secretary

Lynda Perry, Treasurer

Joe Secondino, At Large

Shirley Tirrell, At Large

Emma Saunders, At Large (filling Sue Davenport's term)

#### BPC Board

Chuck Sharples, President

Kristin Elliott Leas, Vice President

Marlisa Simonson, Secretary

David V. Beaudette, Treasurer

Tom Elliott, At Large

Rebecca Ziobron, At Large

## Content wanted for Newsletter

Let us know what you are doing with your horse. Write a Meet the Member Bio of yourself or a friend. Send pictures of your horse, your adventures or show results, links to articles, tack picks, barn tips, whatever you want to share. E-mail [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com)