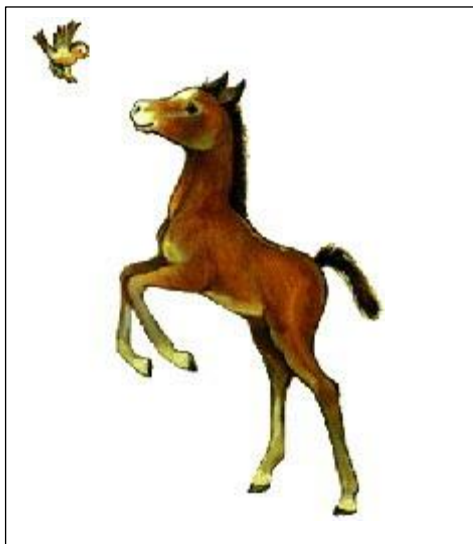




SUMMER
JULY/AUGUST 2013



Dear Friends

I can't believe it's the 4th of July already. This dreary, hot, sticky weather has me down.

That, and we had to put Gracie down last week. She was 12 plus, which is old for a big dog like her, but they never live long enough. She was the best dog I've ever had and I miss her terribly. That's three animals in three months for me; things have to pick up soon.



Mother's Day, May 12, MOR ride from Baldwin Stables. *Report from Chuck:* We left at 10 am and there were a total of four riders Peg Metcalf, Joe Secondino, Carl Lombard, and myself. Total distance traveled was 10 miles in scenic rockaponsett. Ride lasted 2 hours and everyone was given a tour of Baldwin stable after. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ride as it was a bit challenging and encompassed part of the Quinimay Trail.

The May 19 work party at Dave Beaudette and Julie Berman's place was very productive. Twelve people with two tractors, a couple chainsaws and a bunch of loppers and handsaws made short work of a new half-mile trail connecting their property to the Weber Woods trail system. Called Nicki's Trail in memory of Dave's late wife (and LCRVHC past treasurer) this new connection will allow us to hold our hunter pace from their property and avoid the hazards involved with all those riders crossing Route 145. Whew! We had planned at least a couple more workdays to get this done but many hands made light work and we were done by noon (except for some fine-tuning). Julie and Dave invited the workers to a late breakfast at Wade's. Thank you to everyone who helped out.



Workers: (L to R) - *Rebecca Russell, Julie Berman, Emily Berman, Melissa Evarts, Mark Leas, Ben Wilke, and Dave Beaudette*. Missing from photo are *Genie and Lloyd Dethloff, Sue Davenport and her friend Barry McDermott*. Also *Kristin Elliott Leas* was behind the camera.

After the work party *Sue Davenport, Lynda Perry, and I* did a ride in the Clinton Land Trust Kenilworth Forest. We got wet but didn't melt and warmed up with potluck and wine after our ride. Sue made delicious Mexican lasagna and Lynda provided spinach salad fresh from Ed's garden.



On May 23, Equine Photographer Judy Bosco entertained us at our general meeting with a program on photographing horses. She started out by telling us she wasn't good at speaking to a group--she lied. She was entertaining, informative, and fun. She brought lots of samples and told us how she got into it. She also provided us with tips on getting good pictures of our horses even with our point and shoot or smart phone cameras. After the meeting she took a picture of our group.

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National Trails Day came early this year, the first Saturday in June was June 1! It was hot and humid but not too terrible in the woods. We had one of our best NTDs ever--27 participants worked on what I would call 4 linked projects on the Quinimay Trail. **Rob Butterworth** and a group worked on a steep hill creating some water diversion. Another group cut a short reroute to avoid the beaver flooded area. We hardened both approaches to a stream crossing and another area just north of the crossing installing geotextile and geogrid and filling with stone and gravel. Meanwhile three riders led by Lynda Perry did a clip and ride from Westbrook to meet up with us for lunch while a fourth rider worked on the entire length of the Quinimay. Thanks to everyone who helped out--special thanks to:

Trish Panico and Marlisa Simonson for getting the word out (we had folks who came from as far as Stratford and Stonington!), **Genie Dethloff** for all the signage, our tractor operators—**Chuck Sharples and Kristin Elliott Leas (and Tom Elliott** for letting her use your tractor!), **Mark Leas** for chain sawing and rigging, **Rob Butterworth** for co-leadership and the “tool talk”, and especially **Bill and Kathy Schuyler** for feeding the hungry hoard when we were done. Great job everybody! See photos by Marlisa Simonson at: <http://bit.ly/15sgyUu>

****UPDATE:** 10+ inches of rain the following week did not help, our reroute was flooded, the stream widened out and some of the geogrid is showing. We will need to get some more stone in there this summer.**

The **BPC** and **LCRVHC** will be getting support from the Connecticut Forest and Parks to help with future Trail Projects. We are creating a master list to discuss with the CFPA and look forward to being able to move a little faster on the trail improvements with this help from the state.

On **June 9, Lynda** led a MO Ride at **Escoheag in Rhode Island**. There were about 10 riders in 2 groups. It was our first outing since Alyce bought a trailer. We rode with the slower group and Homes was very slow, obviously not himself. He came up lame behind and I walked him back. And, no surprise, he has Lyme disease again. So he's back on minocycline, and who knows when I'll be able to trail ride again. Bummer. Guess I'll have time to clean my house.





On **June 20**, a partial BPC board and some extras met to discuss future projects for the BPC and possible funding. Stay tuned for more information.

The **June 27 meeting at my Rough Draft Farm** featured a program on trailering your horse by **Joe Secondino and Kristin Elliott Leas**. Joe is another member who doesn't think he's any good at speaking to a group. Wrong. He did a great job. Thank you Joe and Kristin. And thanks also to Gina McManus who brought a cake to say "Happy Trails" to **Ken DeWitt** who is moving to Tennessee.

Looking forward to the **summer picnic at Trish Panico's house. 6 pm on Thursday, July 25**. The club will supply hot dogs, burgers, and soft drinks. We will be holding a **silent auction** to benefit the **Bridle Path Conservancy for trail work**. Donations are tax deductible. Be creative. If there is something you are good at you might consider donating a service. We suggested Joe could donate a horse trailer backing lesson, for example. Don't forget both **shirts** (see flyer) and **hats** (\$20) will be for sale at picnic!! FINAL ORDERS TAKEN AT PICNIC!!!! BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK, PLEASE!!

Hope to see you there! *Melissa*

LCRVHC/BPC 2013 Calendar

Note: Calendar entries may not be confirmed at this time, especially for fall. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride please contact Lynda.

July

No BOD Meeting unless needed

7: MO Ride Hurd Park contact Lynda Perry – **re-scheduled to the 14th**

16: 6 pm BPC meeting with DEEP

No General Meeting

25: Summer picnic, Trish Panico's house

August

1: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBA

18: MO Ride Hurd Park, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)

18: Lord Creek Horse Trials

__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

22: General Meeting, program Being Safe in the Woods in Hunting Season, Mark Leas

September

5: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBA

22: Lord Creek Hunter Pace (Bittner Park will be re-scheduled).

__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

26: General Meeting, program Lameness-Dave Anderson (Genie or Sue?) or Equine Liability Law Ruth Beardsley (Kristin?)

29: MO Ride Eschoheag (tentative), contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)

October

3: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBA

13: MO Ride Weber Woods, Clip & Ride for Hunter Pace route, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)

__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

24: General Meeting, program _____

27: Hunter Pace

November

No BOD Meeting and No General Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

7-10: Equine Affair

__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

10: MO Ride, Chatfield Hollow, Chili Ride, hosts Sue Davenport and Emmy Pavelka (RSVP s1davenport@comcast.net) (raindate 17th)

December

No BOD Meeting

No General Meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

8: Christmas Progressive Ride, Beaudette, Leas, ? (bad weather date 15th)

January

__: LCRVHC Holiday Party, ____



We are ordering Polo Shirts for the LCRVHC and the BPC with the LOGO

If you are interested we have two styles to choose from:

The cotton Polo shirt in Blue for the LCRVHC is offered in both

men's and women's sizes ~ S-XL \$25.00

The Sport Wicking fabric is also offered in both men's and women's

sizes ~ S-XL \$30.00

BPC is offering the cotton Khaki color in both men's and women's sizes

S-XL \$25.00

The Sport Wicking fabric is offered in men's sizes only (women still order just adjust your size)

S-XL MEN \$30.00



PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK OR CASH TO PRE PAY at
the picnic!!!! Make Check out to the LCRVHC for blue
or the BPC for khaki

DONATIONS NEEDED, PLEASE!

Silent Auction to benefit BPC Trails Committee

Donations are needed. And please E-mail trishpanico@gmail.com

if you are donating so Trish can have the right set up available to display the items.

THREE RULES FOR SHARING THE TRAILS

ONE – **Participate** – Sharing the trails begins long before you set foot on the trails. It begins in public meetings and planning sessions. We horse owners must participate if we want to be part of the plan for use and allocation of recreational lands.

TWO – **Educate** – Education and communication are the keys to shared usage. Arriving at a common understanding about what keeps other users safe and provide trails that are enjoyable for all users is essential, but it takes time, effort, and engagement to build that understanding.

THREE – **Volunteer** – Volunteerism is essential to any successful shared use of trails. Plan to put in your time, and ask fellow trail riders to do the same. As users, we need to be prepared to do our part.

On June 26 I took 3 of my barn kids to Fox Ledge Farm to see **BPC president Trish Panico ride her new horse, Hampton**, in a schooling dressage show. It was fun to see so many of our club members participating. In addition to Trish we saw LCRVHC board members **Shirley Tirrell and Genie Dethloff (Shirley was riding Chase, Genie was grooming), Rebecca Russell (riding), Lisa and Olivia Reneson (helping and working the in gate), and BPC VP Kristin Elliott Leas and Patricia Norcia (coaching their students)**. I'm sure there were others, we only stayed a couple hours. If you are competing or doing something fun and horsey this summer (or anytime) please let us know. This newsletter is a lot more fun with more people in it!