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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I apologize for this newsletter being short and late. To be honest, I am struggling. A year into this pandemic I still feel like we are doing the best we can just having a trail ride every month. I miss our meetings, potlucks, and parties. February was awful, I didn't ride for the whole month, we had so much ice. Kevin plowed the ring to try and make it melt faster but then it rained and froze so we had more ice. If anyone has any ideas of a place you would like to ride as a group, please let us know. Meanwhile, we are trying to keep it fairly local and mostly doing what we did last year. We will be having an outdoor meeting in April (see Upcoming Events) to set some calendar dates and catch up on club business now that folks are starting to get vaccinated and the weather is getting better.

One of the major business concerns we need to concentrate on is finding a replacement for long-time LCRVHC treasurer (and my right hand), Lynda Perry. Lynda is retiring May 1 and is already in the process of moving to New Hampshire. Lynda did/does a lot more than just take care of the club's money. She is also the one responsible for the e-mails you get from the club. She has managed our monthly MO Rides for years (until Liz Kennedy took over in 2020), she has co-managed the hunter pace for many years, she is my sounding board and voice of reason. Chuck Sharples used to call us both Melynda saying were like sisters. I will miss her desperately. So . . . who is up for filling this position and helping out the club?

Membership renewals—wow—last March we said "this will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed." And then the world came to a screeching halt. So . . . we did not drop anyone from the list in 2020 and you have continued

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBER-ONLY RIDES

Ride dates and locations subject to change depending on weather and conflicts. Depending on how many riders we get, we may break into smaller groups. Please RSVP to lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or call or text LCRVHC ride manager Liz Kennedy at 860-227-9814 for details. Let us know if Saturday or Sunday is better for rides.

March 28, Bluff Point, 10 am ride out.

April 10 or 11, Chatfield Hollow, 10 am ride out. Parking at North Chestnut Hill Road cul-de-sac.

May 1 or 2, Machimoodus, 10 am ride out. Liz has planned a game of Capture the Flag on horse-back. Details to come.

June 12, Hurd Park, 10 am ride out.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

April 16. Friday, 6 pm. Annual calendar planning and business meeting at Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Rd, Clinton. First raindate, Sunday, April 18, 4 pm, second raindate, Friday, April 23, 6 pm. Bring your own chair and drink, if desired.

Indoor meetings and activities are suspended for the time being due to Covid. At this time we are hoping it will be feasible to hold our annual summer picnic. We will continue to have monthly group trail rides, weather permitting, and as always welcome your ideas for destinations, activities and programs. Email lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or talk to any board member!

See calendar on last page for more!

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Please remember when riding at Bluff Point, Hammonasset, Chatfield Hollow, and other State Parks: These parks are busy and get a lot of non-horse-friendly use. Be considerate. Pass walkers and other trail users slowly and respectfully. Do not 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 are allowed on the beach at Hammonasset from April 1 to Columbus Day. Horses are never allowed on the beach or in the picnic area at Chatfield Pond. PLEASE remove any 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!

Remove all manure from parking areas and trail heads!

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to get emails, but now it's 2021, so please renew and support our club. We mean it this time. You will stop receiving club e-mail in April if you do not renew. A 2021 membership form is included in this newsletter and always available on our website. Our awesome membership secretary, Alyce, says *please* write clearly—especially your email address, since that is how we communicate with you and we hate it when they get bounced back. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. And welcome to new members!

Recent Activities

I included the January Freeze Your Butt ride in the January/February newsletter. We attempted a Chatfield Hollow ride on January 31 but Liz and I ended up being the only ones. It was so cold even Liz couldn't take her gloves off to get pictures. Abner Lane and the roads in the park were black ice. Thankfully Homes and Clover were sensible and kept their feet. At one point Homes had had enough and jumped off the road into the woods to bushwhack through the deeper snow with me lying on his neck! We moved the February ride twice and finally went to Hammonasset on March 6. The wind was incredible. It literally brought tears to my eyes. We only managed one pass on the beach. Happy to see Hannah Gossett back in the saddle five months after her broken leg. Judy Bosco braved the wind to get a few pictures. See page 3.

Please see the Upcoming Events box on the first page and the Calendar on the last page for more activities. We always need ideas for the calendar—this year more than ever! Any ride ideas you would have brought to the Pizza and Planning Meeting are extremely welcome. And if you want to share the calendars from other local horse groups we will try not to schedule on conflicting dates. I really want everyone to be safe but I hope we can resume more normal activities soon. I miss Games Day and our social events so much! Liz is organizing a Capture the Flag on Horseback game. I really miss hugging my friends!

I hope to see you soon!
Melissa

PS LCRVHC membership is really a bargain at only \$15 annually for individual, \$25 for family. If you have friends you ride with or know people who are interested in trail riding with small groups or working on local trails, spread the word. And please, I can't say it often enough, tell us what you want to do as a club!

LCRVHC Board

President: Melissa Evarts
Vice-president: Mary Wozniak
Treasurer: Lynda Perry
Membership secretary: Alyce Mallek
At-large: Gina McManus
At-large: Lynnette Burns

BPC Board

President: Beverly Torell
Vice-president: Kristin Elliott Leas
Treasurer: Nancy Palermo-Lee
Secretary: Liz Kennedy
At-large: Tom Elliott
At-large: Open

February MO Ride at Hammonasset



Thanks to Judy Bosco for the beach photos. If you wish to order prints or digital images contact Judy at jequiphoto@yahoo.com or visit her smugmug page judybosco.smugmug.com. Parking lot pics by Alyce.

Progress Report on Dozer

As many of you know my dad lost Pepper in early February. He was very old and we had been having trouble keeping weight on him for quite some time. He was just tired. Anyway, I was really concerned that Dozer would take it hard, being alone, so I have been spending a lot of time with him. He has actually blossomed. I think without Pepperoni Pony as an emotional support animal he has turned to me! He is not as friendly as Able was but he is proving to be very reliable and safe and fun to work with now that he is getting over his fear. That's my dad on the lines top right! And Julie driving the surrey bottom left. Thanks to Julie and Dave for their help.



Bridle Path Conservancy News

The BPC is always recruiting board members and trailworkers. If you are able and willing to serve the riding community in this way please contact president Beverly Torell (bdtct@sbcglobal.net). Thank You

BPC President's Letter

Hi All,

Happy St. Patricks day as I write this.

Spring arrives this weekend and I am so psyched.

I finally received the Grant money from The Westbrook Foundation (TWF). It has been deposited to the BPC checking and savings accounts. Any expenses for building two bridges and other trail related items need to be copied, saved and submitted to me for proof of expenditures for TWF. I sure hope we can have an LCRVHC/BPC meeting soon to get things rolling on this long awaited venture.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you soon!

Safe and Happy Trails to all ~

Cheers,

Bev

A Friendly Reminder

The BPC is a non-member organization dependent on LCRVHC for manpower and inspiration! It is basically still LCRVHC's trails committee! We maintain the trails in Weber Woods and the Quinimay Trail. The hunter pace which LCRVHC holds in Weber Woods each year pays the club's annual operating expenses. If you can't make it to an official work party maybe you can take a walk and toss some branches and rocks off the trail. Hours spent in Weber Woods or on the Quinimay trail can and should be logged as Adopt-a-Park time. Wear your badges. Please report your time to Beverly Torell, bdtct@sbcglobal.net. (See report on next page.) We would all rather be out riding but please bear in mind that it takes a lot of hours of political action with the state and towns to prioritize open space and the work to maintain the trails is never ending. Please join us in our efforts. Thank you!



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SUPPORT THE BPC WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE!

The Bridle Path Conservancy is a receiving charity of Amazon Smile, Goodsearch, Goodshop and iGive. For every purchase you make through one of these sites with a participating online retailer, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the BPC.

Here's how it works:



If you shop at Amazon.com:

- Instead of logging into the regular Amazon.com site, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1894760>
- Click the "Start Shopping" button and log in with your Amazon username and password.
- Shop and purchase as you would normally. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the BPC as long as you log in through the URL above (note: you can increase the donation to 1.5% by shopping Amazon via Goodshop or iGive – see below).



If you do a lot of web searching:

- Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com> or visit their FAQ to set Goodsearch as your home page.
- The first time you visit Goodsearch, click the "Get Started" button, then search for "Bridle Path Conservancy." Click on the BPC listing and then create a login or login with Facebook.
- As long as you stay logged in, each time you search the web through Goodsearch a one-cent donation is made to the BPC.



If you stop online at individual retail sites (see over for examples):

- Before visiting your favorite online shopping site, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop> or <http://www.igive.com> (the sites are different but function the same).
- The first time you visit either site, you will be asked to create a login and select a cause (please search for "Bridle Path Conservancy") (note: if you have already created a login for Goodsearch, you do not need to create a separate one for Goodshop).
- Search for the name of the online merchant you want, and Goodshop or iGive will redirect you to continue your shopping session, donating a percentage of your total purchase to the BPC.

Note: these sites may have an app, browser button or other tool; please see their web sites for details.

SAMPLE ONLINE RETAILERS WHO PARTICIPATE VIA GOODSHOP AND/OR IGIVE:

 1% donation 68 coupons »	 4% donation 100 coupons »	 1% donation 46 coupons »	 Up to 2.5% donation 100 coupons »	 4% donation 83 coupons »
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Categories of sites available:

<p>Beauty, Health & Fitness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BeautySports & OutdoorsHealth & Fitness <p>Books & Magazines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Books & MediaMagazines & Newspapers <p>Clothing & Accessories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Women's ClothingMen's ClothingKids' ClothingShoesAccessoriesJewelry & WatchesDepartment StoresLuggageClothing - Athletic & SportswearClothing - IntimateClothing - Plus SizeClothing - Uniforms <p>Computers & Electronics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Computer Hardware & ElectronicsComputer SoftwareCell Phones, Mobile & BroadbandInk and TonerInternet Hosting, Domains & Services <p>Flowers, Gifts & Occasions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Valentine's DayFlowersGifts & Gift BasketsGift CardsFood & WineWeddingsParty SuppliesHalloween & CostumesMother's DayFather's DayEasterReligiousHolidayBack to SchoolGraduation	<p>Movies, Music & Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">DVD's & VideosMusicToys & GamesEntertainment <p>Office Supplies & Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Office SuppliesServicesPhotos & PrintsBanking, Finance & InsuranceInternet Hosting, Domains & Services <p>Toys, Baby & School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Toys & GamesBaby & MaternityEducation & School SuppliesBack to SchoolArt, Crafts & Hobbies <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Best Travel DealsAirfare & RailHotels & CruisesCar RentalsVacation PackagesLuggage <p>More Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HolidayFree ShippingMost Popular StoresBanking, Finance & InsuranceCars & MotorcyclesSports & OutdoorsBreast Cancer AwarenessCanadaCause FavoritesDating & MatchmakingDaily Deal SitesDepartment StoresReligious
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Horse and Pet sites available too!



Please fill in all information and sign and date the Release and Waiver of Liability.
 Mail completed page along with your payment to:
 LCRVHC, P.O. Box 657, Killingworth, CT 06419

2021 Membership Categories

Family \$25 Individual \$15

office use: Check amt. \$ _____ # _____

- Enclosed is an additional amount of \$ _____ for our ongoing work to maintain and preserve trails.
- Enclosed is a separate check to the Bridle Path Conservancy in the amount of \$ _____ (tax deductible).
- Please contact me for volunteer help! (This is a working club and all members are encouraged to volunteer for committee chairs, trail maintenance, events organizing help and/or food donations.)

Suggest a program, ride or activity you would attend if the club offered _____

Name(s) _____

(For family memberships please include all names; use a separate sheet if necessary)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone (home) (____) _____ (cell) (____) _____ (work) (____) _____

E-mail _____ New Member Renewal

Release and Waiver of Liability

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, and landowners; for any injuries which I might sustain while horseback riding, driving, or attending/participating in any LCRVHC event or activity. I understand that I am indemnifying (holding harmless) any horse ridden, driven, loose, or handled by another and the owner or handler while so engaged in the event of an injury to myself, my property and/or others. It is my intent to give up all the rights provided by law and release the club, landowners, etc. (the releasees) from all claims for bodily injury, death, or property damage, including without limitation, claims arising in whole or in part from the releasees' own negligence. I do so knowingly and voluntarily. I further agree to pay all legal fees pertaining to this event, if any are incurred.

LCRVHC is committed to safety. It is a membership requirement that all participants wear a riding helmet meeting ASTM/SEI standards when attending mounted meetings and events.

For Club Membership:

Signature of primary member _____ date ____/____/____
 (If a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

Signature of Spouse _____ date ____/____/____
 (for family membership, parent of minor child of divorced member, etc.)

For Taking Part in an Event:

Signature of primary member _____ date ____/____/____
 (If a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

Everyone must complete:

Emergency contact information

Name(s) _____ Telephone(s) (____) _____ (____) _____
 _____ (____) _____ (____) _____



Here is Pepper, all cozy in his blanket, the last few days of his life. He was loved. Thanks to Dr Emily Berman for the excellent care and making his last days comfortable.

REMINDER

Horses are allowed on the beach at Hammonasset between October 1 and March 31. Please be respectful.



Camp with your horse. Two horse Kingston gooseneck trailer, 8-foot living space. Electric hitch, awning, stove, refrigerator, sink. Screens all around with lots of storage space. Very good condition. \$9500. Pictures of interior and exterior are available. Contact Jane Samuels, 860-526-5466 for voice or text or email Jane24elm@Yahoo.com.

Cares and Concerns

Our thoughts are with our members going through extra tough times during this already rough patch.

Prayers for good friend Kathy Schuyler undergoing treatment for cancer.

Wishes for fast healing for Beverly Torell following repeat surgery on her rotator cuff.

And positive thoughts for all our members and their families and friends as we struggle through this pandemic.

Please stay safe and healthy.

If you have cares or concerns to share with the club send them to lcrvhc.org@gmail.com

I have cob size blankets, sheets, coolers, bridles, halters among other items for sale. 17" all purpose English saddle (German made) looks like a Steuben. I haven't taken any pictures yet as I have been procrastinating getting rid of Arizona's everything. Beverly Torell (bdctct@sbcglobal.net) or (203) 980-9672

Classifieds

If you have something to sell, give away, share, or barter; or are looking for something another member might have to exchange, place your ad here!

LCRVHC/BPC 2021 Calendar

Please be thinking about the 2021 calendar—depending on what happens with Covid—it would be good to have some plans. I would like to be able to schedule a games day and reschedule the photo safari ride we had planned for last summer. For the time-being we are just doing monthly member-only trail rides as we seem to be able to do that safely. Meetings and parties are on hold for now. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride, have an idea for a future program or activity, a topic you would like to learn about, a skill to share, or would like to host a (post-Covid) winter party or summer picnic, please email lcrvhc.org@gmail.com. LCRVHC has a Facebook page for member-only rides: <https://www.facebook.com/lcrvhc>. Check it out!

March

21: CTRA ride at Hammonasset

28: member-only ride at Bluff Point

April

10 or 11: member-only ride at Chatfield Hollow

16: Friday, 6 pm. Outdoor calendar and business meeting at Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Road, Clinton
First raindate, Sunday, April 18, 4 pm, second raindate, Friday, April 23, 6 pm. Bring your own chair and drink, if desired.

May

1 or 2: member-only ride at Machimoodus. Liz has planned a game of Capture the Flag on horseback.

June

5, raindate June 12: Cheshire Horse Council Blessing of the Mounts at the Barry's, open to all

12: member-only ride at Hurd Park

13: CTRA ride at Hurd Park

October

10: LCRVHC Fall Festival Hunter Pace

17: Cheshire Horse Council Turkey Trot at the Barry's, open to all

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Content Wanted for Newsletter

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