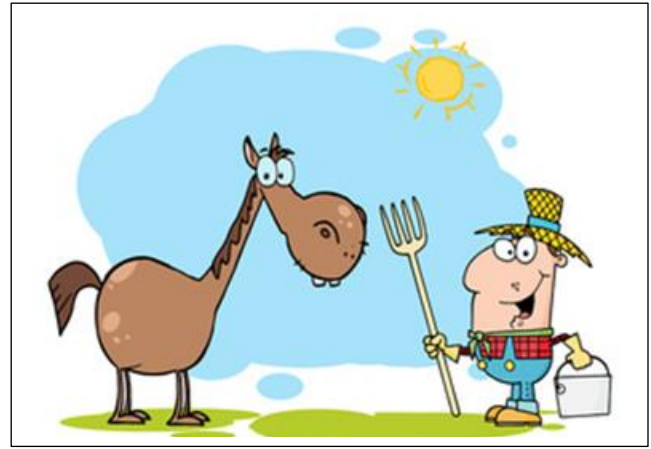




March/April 2013



Dear Friends

Wow, I can't wait for this snow and ice to be gone! At least the time changes this weekend and we'll be able to play outside after work. I am looking forward to it. The horses are shedding. Spring is coming!

January seems like such a long time ago. The Annual Freeze Your Butt Ride on New Year's Day was fun and not too cold. Joe Secondino's daughter, Tracy, took a lot of pictures. I haven't seen them yet. He sent Sue some to share here.



The holiday party was well attended--I would say 40ish people? And, as always, there was plenty of good food and laughter. Sue, thank you for sharing your lovely home with us again.

The February MO Ride and Work Party were cancelled due to snow. As most of you have heard Lynda and I went out for a ride in the land trust on February 3, with Karen Gallo on Tanner, and Jack fell with Lynda, crushing some bones in her foot. She had to have surgery, is hobbling around on crutches now, and can't ride until at least May. She will continue to organize the MO Rides and recruit ride leaders until she can get back in the saddle herself. I dragged her to the February movie night at Genie

Dethloff's house where Genie set her up like a queen with a throne and footstool. We all enjoyed the movie, Wild Horse, Wild Ride, about the Extreme Mustang Challenge. Thanks, Genie, for the hospitality.

The new BPC board is up and running. We are planning some work parties and we hope you will all come and help. Trish Panico will be reporting on BPC updates and news in this and future newsletters. We'll try not to duplicate each other too much.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17: BPC/LCRVHC work party in Weber Woods. There is a lot of winter storm damage to the trail system: Trees and branches down, etc. Meet at WW parking lot at 9 AM. Bring saws, clippers, work gloves, etc. If some of you wanted to make this a Clip & Ride of the hunter pace loop it would probably be a good idea.

*****If anyone wants to organize and lead a couple of Spring Clean-up Clip & Rides of the Weber Woods and Quinimay Trails while Lynda is laid up it would sure be helpful. Contact me, Lynda, or Kristin.***

March 28: General Meeting. Holistic Veterinarian Lara Gardner will return with a program about Equine Acupuncture at the Fire Museum. Thanks to Chuck Sharples for arranging this program.

April 21: BPC/LCRVHC work party. Meet at 9:00 AM at Dave Beaudette and Julie Berman's place, 78 Stevenstown Road, Deep River. Bring saws, clippers, work gloves, etc. As we all know Vanessa Weber sold her property last summer. The new owner, Scott Papoosha, allowed us to hold our hunter pace there last fall but we don't know what his future plans are for the property and if we will still be able to run our fundraiser ride from there. After parking at Dave Beaudette's place for the Christmas Progressive Ride Lynda suggested his place for a possible Hunter pace venue. He agreed but the access from his property to Weber Woods needs some work. Please come help!

April 25: Maryanne Daniel will do a program on Equine Massage at Sue Davenport's house, 5 Owl Hollow, Killingworth.

Check out the calendar for MOR Rides and more activities, I hope to see you all soon.

Melissa

TACK TALK (KIND OF....)

So, my mini, Dove, is insulin resistant....I say her ribs are sprung from so much breeding in her former life. But inevitably Shirley Tirrell says, "What ribs, Sue?" OK – she's a tad overweight. But she was always crippled for 2 weeks after her trim. So after many, many discussions with my farrier, I switched trimmers. Sarah Block had a different take on her trimming. She trimmed her and Dove trotted – TROTTED – up and down the driveway.

Among the suggestions that Sarah made, one was www.equinechia.com. It has essential oils, Omega 3&6, helps IR, sand clearing and ulcers, has antioxidants, is a complete protein with 9 amino acids and is organically grown and pesticide free....and more. So check it out...Sue

THE BPC REPORT

The Bridle Path Conservancy has lots of good things happening this spring. We have gotten our own mailing address. It is **P.O. Box 835, Killingworth, CT 06419**. Changes will now be sent in to the State of CT with our new Board Members and address. We had a couple of nice walks in Cockaponset State Forest in January to plan for **National Trails Day on June 1st**. We will be working just north of Rt 80, once the spring comes and the ground dries out, to help reclaim part of the Quinimay Trail that the beavers flooded. Thanks to Chuck Sharples and Melissa Evarts for your efforts along with our wonderful DEEP Area Supervisor Alex Sokolow for all of his help and support.

On **Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Join us in Cockaponset State Forest for a work party for National Trails Day. Projects will include; brushing, blazing, stream bank armoring, and trail hardening along a 1/2-mile stretch of the Quinimay Trail. **Please** wear long pants and suitable shoes and bring along gloves, rakes, and clippers if you have them. Meet leaders Melissa Evarts and Robert Butterworth at the APC Recycling parking lot, 8 Route 80, Killingworth, CT 06419. A pot-luck cookout will follow, commencing at 12:30 p.m. (to whenever) with hotdogs provided by the LCRVHC. Bring a friend or make a new one!

We will be logging hours worked for this event and any other trail maintenance you do out in the woods. Please let us know if you are clipping and working out there!!!

Look for details about our upcoming work parties on March 17 and April 21st.

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March

7: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, Melissa's house
10: MO Ride Hammonasset, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)
17: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party, 9:00 AM Weber Woods parking lot
28: General Meeting, Equine Acupuncture, Lara Gardner, Fire Museum

April

4: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBD
14: MO Ride Eschoheag, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net) (rain date 28)
21: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party, 9:00 AM Dave Beaudette's, HP access to Weber Woods
25: General Meeting, Equine Massage, Maryanne Daniel, Sue Davenport's house

May

2: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBD
12: MO Ride Baldwin Stables, contact Chuck Sharples-charlesssharples@sbcglobal.net
19: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party, 9:00 AM Dave Beaudette's, HP access to Weber Woods
23: General Meeting, program Photographing Horses, Judy Bosco, Fire Museum
24: Deer Lake Campout

June

1: National Trails Day, Quinimay Trail, ride host: Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net); picnic hosts: Bill and Kathy Schuyler; Work party contact: Melissa Evarts (Melissa.evarts@globepequot.com)
6: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBA
9: MO Ride Breakfast at Rough Draft Farm, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)
27: General Meeting, program Trailer Driving and Safety, Joe Secondino and Kristin?

July

No BOD Meeting unless needed
7: MO Ride Machimoodus contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)
__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party
No General Meeting
25: Summer picnic, Trish Panico's house

