



Sept/Oct 2013

Horse Portrait by Jenna Wilke (club member)

Dear Friends

September: Cool nights, warm days, my favorite time of year. This weekend's weather was absolutely perfect in my book. I am looking forward to fall.

It seemed like a quiet summer for the club. Maybe because Homes had Lyme disease again so I didn't get out much. We had so much really hot, humid weather, it was hard to get motivated. My air conditioning got a workout. Lynda Perry was kept hopping rescheduling MO Rides to try and keep everybody happy and safe. Some highlights: The Hurd Park ride, rescheduled from July 7 to 14, was well attended, trailer parking was in the shade and we gathered under the pavilion afterward for pizza, snacks, and pastries, while our horses munched their hay. Thank you Alyce Mallek for letting me use Doolin and Joe Secondino for picking us up.

The summer picnic at Trish Panico's house was a lot of fun despite being moved indoors by thunderstorms. The food was terrific, as always, and the silent auction saw some very competitive (friendly) bidding. Thank you Trish for grilling in the rain and hosting the event and Kristin Elliott Leas for the silent auction idea and organization. We made over \$600 for the Bridle Path Conservancy for trail work. The hats and shirts you ordered should be ready for delivery at the September 26 meeting.

In August Lynda hosted another MO Ride at Hurd Park because it was so cool and not too buggy in July. There were 4 riders.



*"Great ride on Jackson at Hurd Park on August 25 with Karen/Sultin, Nancy/Rome and Bob/Kibbles. The trails took us through woodlands, meadows and under some huge power lines. We then headed back to the trailers for health food; apples, melon and popcorn. Our next ride is September 29 at Escoheag. See you there!" Lynda*



The August general meeting was held at Kristin and Mark's house in Westbrook. DEEP officer Todd Chemacki and Mark Leas provided an informative program on being safe in the woods during hunting season. Mark had set up excellent visual aids using the deck as a "tree stand" and putting a deer decoy at bow hunting distance. He had Corrie Harreys ride her horse over and showed the size contrast between a horse and a deer from the same distance. It was dusk and they also demonstrated what a huge difference wearing safety orange makes to visibility. When Correy took off the orange shirt she blended right into the foliage. Thanks to Mark and Corrie (and Pancho, who had to leave his barn at dinner time to be the demo horse!)

## Upcoming Events:

### September 15

#### LCRVHC/BPC work party, 9 am

Since this is our first year holding our Annual Fall Hunter Pace Fundraiser at this new venue we need to do some work to get it ready. On Sunday we will be meeting at Dave Beaudette's house (98 Stevenstown Road, Deep River) to scout out where to set up the tent, registration, and food areas, as well as planning, clearing and marking of trailer parking areas and start/finish. If you can help please RSVP to Dave ([avbdvb@msn.com](mailto:avbdvb@msn.com)). Bring saws, weed whackers, loppers. If you are not available on that day but have other time, there is other HP prep work that needs to be done as well.

### September 26

#### General Meeting 7 P.M. in the Fire Museum

Roland Ouelette, former CT State Trooper, will give a workshop on **A Safe Approach to Managing Aggressive Behavior** (human, not equine) and staying alert to our environment.

Roland provided a web site that you can checkout.

<http://www.samprograms.com/programs/empower.php>

### October 20

Clip & Ride & Marking for Hunter Pace route. Weber Woods, contact Kristin Elliott Leas ([equineinsight@gmail.com](mailto:equineinsight@gmail.com)). This is not a trail ride. Bring saws and clippers for clearing, heavy-duty staplers for marking. Unmounted help is also welcome/needed.

### October 24

General Meeting/Election of officers and board members

**We are going to try something different this year.** Usually in election years we hold a special meeting in November just for elections. Last time it was very poorly attended. Our more social meetings seem to get a better turnout so to get more club representation we have decided to try having the election at our October meeting. If you would like to be considered as an officer or for a seat on the board please contact me ([Melissa.evarts@globepequot.com](mailto:Melissa.evarts@globepequot.com)) or Chuck Sharples ([charlesssharples@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charlesssharples@sbcglobal.net)). Nominations can also be accepted from the floor. The meeting/party will be held at Kristin and Mark's house, Pritchett Drive in Westbrook. Rebecca Russell will lead a hands-on activity to make healthy horse treats. Meanwhile we will be doing some brainstorming on program ideas for 2014.

### October 27

#### Annual Fall Hunter Pace Fundraiser

Lynda Perry and Genie Dethloff, our very capable managers, will be contacting the usual volunteers. If you haven't helped before and can this year, please contact Lynda. Everyone please spread the word by placing the posters and entry forms included in this newsletter where potential riders will see them. Electronic versions are available on our website so you can link to them from your favorite social media areas. Sadly Genie has told us this is her last year co-chairing this ride and Lynda doesn't want to do it alone. If you are interested in taking over Genie's role as ride secretary she would be happy to have you shadow her. This ride pays our bills. It is vital to the future success of this club.

See the calendar for member-only rides and more activities. I hope to see you soon.

*Melissa*

# Meet the Members

## Jenna Wilke

Jenna Wilke began drawing horses at the age of 3.

“I have boxes and books of horse drawings from when I was that age,” says Jenna. “It’s all I ever wanted to do.”

And since then, Jenna has perfected her skill to produce beautiful equine works of art. She has been known to capture the true spirit and personality of horses through her custom horse portraits. “Horses are such beautiful creatures - like art in motion,” she says. “I could spend my lifetime perfecting my skill and still not capture the incredible spirit they exude.”

Jenna attended Paier College of Art in Hamden and received a Bachelor Degree in Fine Art in 2012. Since graduating, she has focused on growing her business, Imagine Art. She offers not only portraits, but also murals and custom painted gifts for her clients.

“I can paint on anything, so lots of people ask me to make custom gifts, etc.”

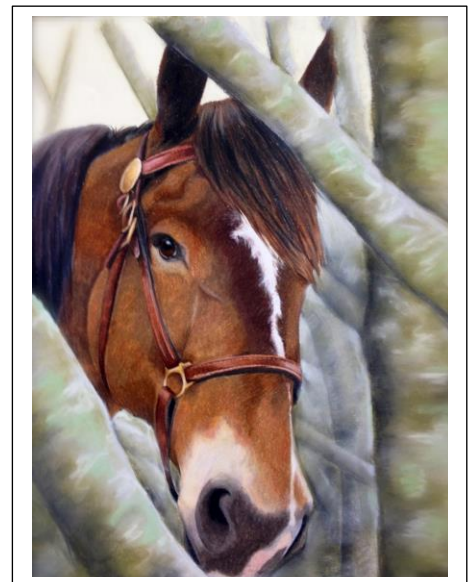
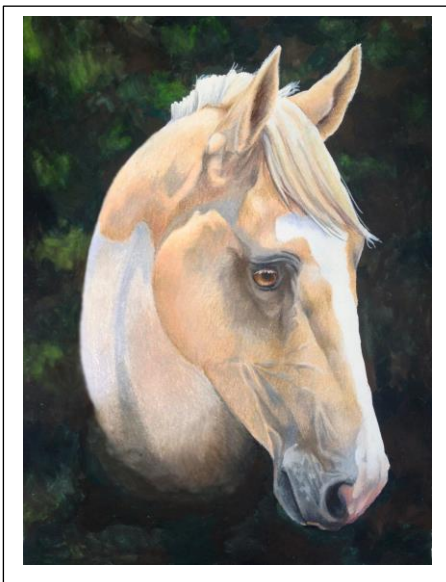
And her work doesn’t stop at horses either. Jenna has a growing portfolio of dog and cat portraits. All of her work is based on photographs provided by her clients, although she does offer photography sessions if needed.

You can learn more about Jenna and see her portfolio at [www.imaginealltheheart.com](http://www.imaginealltheheart.com) or find her page on Facebook (and give it a LIKE while you’re there!) at [www.facebook.com/imaginealltheheart](http://www.facebook.com/imaginealltheheart). She is also reachable by email at [imaginealltheheart@gmail.com](mailto:imaginealltheheart@gmail.com)

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# Fall Festival Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 27, 2013

*New Parking Location, Same Great Ride!* (Raindate 11-3)

Weber Woods section of  
Cockaponset State Forest  
(Start at 98 Stevenstown Rd.  
Deep River, CT 06417)  
Ride starts 9:00 am

Entry forms & info at  
[www.lervhc.org](http://www.lervhc.org)  
For additional info  
860 664-0142 or  
[lervhc-hp@comcast.net](mailto:lervhc-hp@comcast.net)

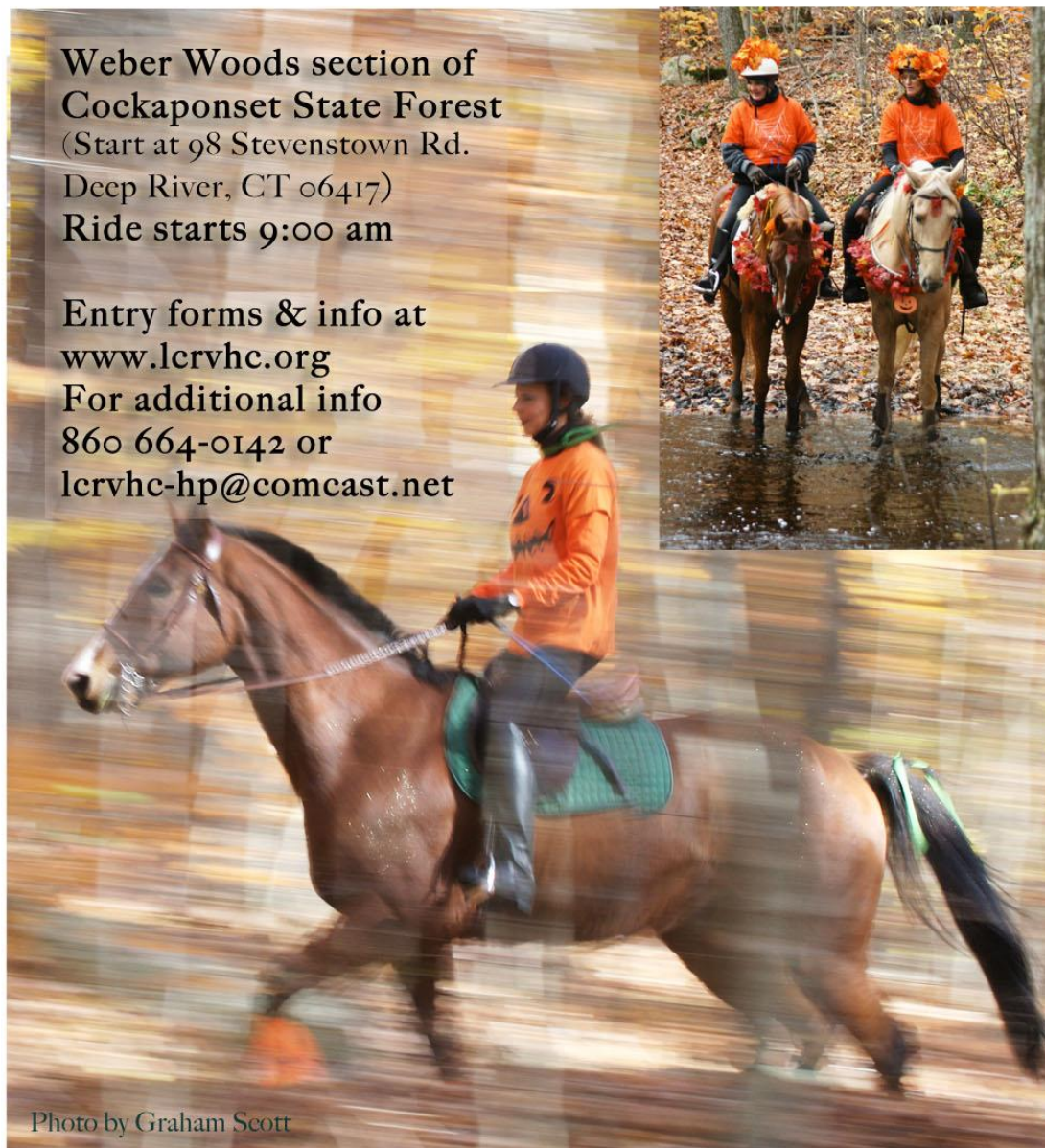


Photo by Graham Scott



*Prizes for Best Costumes!*

## FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

*New starting point for parking – same ride!*

**Sunday, October 27, 2013**

(Raindate: November 3, 2013)

**TIME & PLACE:** *NOTE: Parking further north on same road – all trailers park in one location. No road crossings!*  
**98 Stevenstown Rd., Deep River, CT 06417. Ride starts at 9:00 am**  
*Checkin starts 8:30 am. Must be checked in and on trail before 10:30 am to be included.*

**COURSE:** Trails through Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest. ~ 7.5 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 rides) and Hackers (timed, leisurely rides).  
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. 17, 2013. Entry fee is \$45** (\$40.00 for LCRVHC members).

**Entries will be accepted from Oct. 18 - 24 if space is available and 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-hp@comcast.net](mailto:lcrvhc-hp@comcast.net).**

*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.



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

# LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace Team Members Entry Form

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

**Genie Dethloff, 31 Overlook Farms Rd, Killingworth CT 06419**

<b>TEAM NAME:</b>	___ 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:

**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 attending/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 re- lease'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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***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:	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Current Coggins Form	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Current Rabies Form	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

# CALENDAR

Calendar entries may not be confirmed at this time. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride please contact Lynda.

## September

**15: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party**, Hunter Pace Site planning, clearing/preparing trailer parking area, etc. 98 Stevenstown Rd. (Rt 145), Deep River, contact Dave Beaudette ([avbdvb@msn.com](mailto:avbdvb@msn.com))

**22: Lord Creek Hunter Pace**

**26: General Meeting, program: A Safe Approach to Managing Aggressive Behavior**,  
Roland Ouellette, former state trooper

website. <http://www.samprograms.com/programs/empower.php>

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

## October

**3: BOD Meeting**, 7 pm, location TBA

**20: MO Ride Weber Woods**, Clip & Ride & Marking for Hunter Pace route, contact Kristin Elliott Leas ([equineinsight@gmail.com](mailto:equineinsight@gmail.com)). This is not a trail ride. Bring saws and clippers for clearing, and staplers for marking.

**TBD: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party**, need to mow/weedwhack Gingers Field and Lower Gun Club Field before HP, also some tree removal needed. Contact Dave Beaudette ([avbdvb@msn.com](mailto:avbdvb@msn.com)) or Trish Panico ([TrishPanico@gmail.com](mailto:TrishPanico@gmail.com)) if you can help

**24: General Meeting**, Social meeting, Making Healthy Horse Treats, Rebecca Russell at Kristin and Mark Leas house, Pritchett, Westbrook, also elections, final meeting before hunter pace

**27: Hunter Pace**

## November

No BOD Meeting

No General Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

**7-10: Equine Affair**

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

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

## December

No BOD Meeting

No General Meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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

## January

**11 or 18: LCRVHC Holiday Party**, Sue Davenport's house, 5 Owl Hollow, Killingworth

## BPC REPORT

by Trish Panico

"Thank you to all who supported the BPC with the silent auction. We had a fun night and hope everyone enjoyed it too! We are working with Connecticut DEEP to continue to shore up the trails in Weber Woods. Hope our LCRVHC members can come out and help on some of our work days! See you on the trails!"