



September/October 2014



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful summer we had weather-wise but now fall is in the air. Homes has been hive-free for over 6 weeks (knock wood) so I just signed up to do the Lord Creek Hunter Pace for the first time in 2 years. I am so looking forward to it! It is so awesome to finally be able to ride my horse!

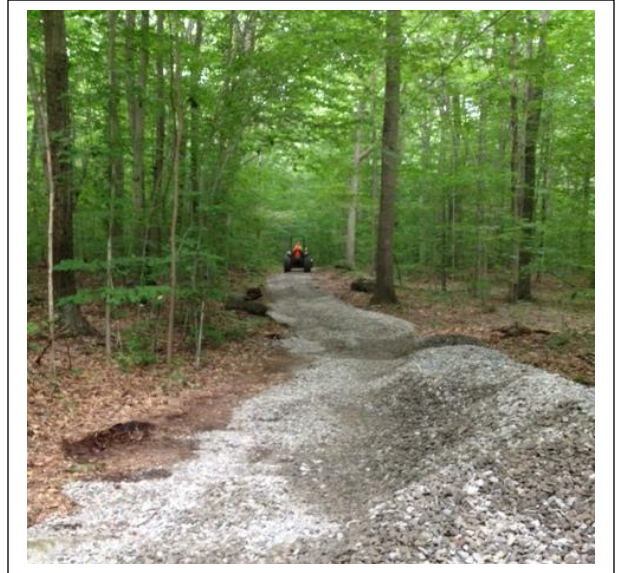
Some general news:

Unfortunately Trish Panico has resigned as president of the Bridle Path Conservancy— Trish did terrific work bringing the BPC back from near stagnation, getting the 501c3 status reinstated, and working with the state on getting 100 yards of stone for repairing trail erosion in Weber Woods. We will sorely miss her but she has a lot going on, including building a new house, and she was concerned that she would not be able to give it enough attention. We begged and pleaded but...all good things must end. (Wait? Does that mean I am not really LCRVHC president for life? Kristin, did you lie to me?) We also have two inactive board members so we are actively seeking 3 candidates to serve. We welcome any trail users, they don't have to be horse people, in fact, we'd love some diversity--hikers and mountain bikers are encouraged. It's not a huge time commitment but it does require enthusiasm and rudimentary computer skills. If you are interested or have an idea of someone who might be, please let any board member of either organization know.

The July MO ride was cancelled due to lack of RSVPs. If you have ideas of where we should ride or feedback on MO Rides, please let us know. If you plan to attend a ride please try and let Lynda Perry know at least a few days ahead. It's very hard to plan when she doesn't hear from anybody until the night before the ride.

The summer picnic at Sue Davenport's was a good time, as always. The potluck dishes were yummy and of good assortment. No rain--we grilled without umbrellas! The weather was spectacular--cool and dry and comfortable enough to enjoy Sue's extensive patios and gardens. The silent auction raised over \$450 for the BPC. Thank you to Sue for hosting, Lynda Perry for shopping, Kristin Elliott Leas for organizing the silent auction, and all who brought and bought or participated in any form.

On July 27 Kristin and Chuck Sharples brought their tractors and I brought my rake and we spread 50 yards of stone on the white trail in Weber Woods, filling in one of the worst eroded sections. We will cover it with smaller stone later.



There were 3 rides in August: The MO ride was at Pachaug. From Lynda: There were seven riders on the Pachaug ride. The forest is beautiful with lots of dirt roads and many trails to explore. We parked at the Frog Hollow Horse Camp, which has solar outhouses as well as running water.

Then on August 23 the BPC held a barbecue ride and hike to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the founding of the BPC and one of our biggest accomplishments to date: The Quinimay Trail. About 15 horseback riders, several hikers, and one mountain biker enjoyed the trails (except for the yellow jackets who were NOT invited!) followed by a chicken barbecue lunch catered by Hog Wild Smokin' Cue. Thank you to hosts Dave Beaudette and Julie Berman (Julie is the penultimate hostess, I have tablecloth envy!), organizers Chuck Sharples, Marlisa Simonson, Trish Panico, Nancy Palermo-Lee (who jumped in to pick up and serve the food when we failed to meet the caterer's minimum of 50 guests) and all the board members who helped make this event a reality. Will we do it again? Maybe.

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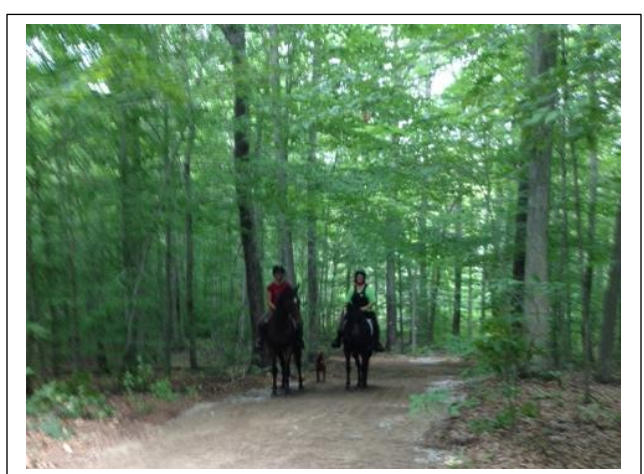




And on August 24 LCRVHC teamed up with CTRA (Connecticut Trail Riders Association) to hold a ride at Hurd Park led by Ruth Stronzer and Howard Tunic. Unfortunately the yellow jackets again made an appearance. Still sounded like people enjoyed the ride. From Lynda: Karen and I kind of missed the CTRA ride hosted by Ruth and Howard at Hurd due to bees.

The August 28 General meeting was held at Guilford Riding School. Jill Walker-Robinson gave an informal presentation on getting started in Eventing. Another lovely evening allowed us to sit outside enjoying cider and cookies and watch some of Jill's students show us the attire and equipment, and demonstrate each of the three phases, while Jill talked about the history and requirements of the sport. One of my favorite programs this year. Maybe next year Homes and I will try it!

On September 6 a BPC work party including Kristin, Chuck, Dave Beaudette, Rebecca Russell and I spread the rest of the stone on the white trail in Weber Woods. I wish I was better about documenting this work and kept clear before and after shots from the same location. We made this trail from a rocky, almost stream-bed trench into a perfect canter track.





On September 7 five LCRVHC members and their equines (Alyce Mallek with Doolin, Howard Tunic with Emma, Lynda Perry with Sparkle, Ben Wilke with Lynda's horse Tanner, and me with Homes) provided an equine program for a Scout Leadership Training weekend at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. We broke into small groups. Homes loved interacting with these adults who had mostly never even touched a horse. He allowed them to groom and lead him and help tack him up. Even gave some huge men short pony rides. It was fun hearing him referred to as in "I got to ride the big, black one!" I never think of him as big! He was extremely social and his manners were perfect. I was so proud of him.

Upcoming Events

September 25 general meeting will be at the fire museum. **Author Janet Barrett will be speaking about her book They Called Her Reckless.** The story is about a horse that carried ammo to the guns in the Korean War. Fascinating. One of my favorite reads this year. Books will be available for sale or bring your copy to be signed.

And most important: **The Fall Festival Hunter Pace** will be held on **Sunday, October 26.** Posters and entry forms are included in this newsletter. It is critical to spread the word.

*Print a few copies and put them in your local tack and feed store, barn, coffee shop, wherever it might get attention.

*If you go to another club's hunter pace:
print some copies and put them on windshields.
(Lord Creek is covered, thanks to Dave Beaudette).

This ride pays for most of the operating expenses for the club (insurance) so it is vital to our future to fill the ride! Forms and poster are included in this Newsletter!!! AND see Jenna's ad on the LAST page!!!

I hope to see you soon.

Melissa

CALENDAR

September

21: Lord Creek Hunter Pace

25: General Meeting, program Janet Barrett, author, They Called Her Reckless
See flyer for more info.

28: MO Ride, Pachaug, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)

October

2: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, location TBA

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

23: General Meeting, socializing and crafts at Kristin and Mark's house

26: Hunter Pace

November

6: BOD Meeting, only if needed

No General Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

6-9: Equine Affair

___: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

9: MO Ride, Chatfield Hollow, Chili Ride, hosts Sue Davenport and Emmy Pavelka (RSVP s1davenport@comcast.net) (I usually make the chili 2 days before).

December

7: Christmas Progressive Ride, Park at Dave Beaudette's, ride to breakfast at Kristin and Mark's, lunch back at Dave's, donation toward food

No BOD Meeting

No General Meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

January

___: LCRVHC Holiday Party, _____



Fall Festival Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 26, 2014



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

For additional info

860-664-0142 or lcrvhc.org@gmail.com



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FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

Sunday, October 26, 2014



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. 18, 2014**. Entry fee is **\$45** (\$40.00 for LCRVHC members).

Entries will be accepted from Oct. 19 - 25 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

Entry forms are also available at 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

2014 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:

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 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:	[]	[]	[]
Current Coggins Form	[]	[]	[]
Current Rabies Form	[]	[]	[]

THEY CALLED HER RECKLESS

A TRUE STORY OF WAR, LOVE AND
ONE EXTRAORDINARY HORSE

By Janet Barrett

When the U.S. Marine Fifth Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition up the steep hills to the front lines, what they got was a real-life hero, Reckless, the courageous and indomitable warhorse who stood with her buddies for two years during the Korean War, saving many lives, raising spirits, and winning the love and respect of all who knew her.

She came on base in October, 1952, disrupting a softball game and capturing the attention of everyone around. Immediately named for the "reckless" rifles she would supply, she began life with the Marines as Private First Class Reckless. In short order she was an integral member of the platoon, learning quickly to run into her bunker when incoming fire hit the camp, navigate the trails and hills on her own, and calmly accept the roar of the recoilless rifles at close range.

In skirmishes and firefights, and ultimately in the savage Battle for Outpost Vegas, Reckless showed her bravery and resilience. In that last bloody fight, surpassing all expectations, she hauled ammunition for three days and nights wherever it was needed. For wounds sustained, she was awarded two Purple Hearts. Ever the character, she also shared her buddies C-rations and mess hall chow, beers and an occasional whiskey, and on cold nights, their warm tents. She was promoted to sergeant by the Commander of the Marine First Division. Then, in late 1954, the men got their wish, and Sergeant Reckless sailed for San Francisco, a hero's welcome, and another new life.



Now, for the first time, read her whole story, made possible by the contributions of more than 60 Marines who shared their memories of Reckless in Korea and thereafter. By turns heart-warming, awe-inspiring, and downright funny, "They Called Her Reckless" tells of an incredible human-horse connection, and the power it unleashed.

From the moment she heard about Reckless, Janet Barrett knew she would write this book. Her experiences as a horsewoman gave her a particular appreciation of the tight bond that developed between Reckless and her fellow Marines, from which the story springs. The author's first book was *On The Fence: A Parent's Handbook of Horseback Riding*; as well, she has written for magazines, newspapers, and the public relations field.

Paperback, 200 pp. including 14 pp. of photos; \$15.95 retail.
Available from Amazon.com and the National Museum of the Marine Corps;
also Janet Barrett at 860-526-5431 or [About_Reckless@comcast.net](mailto>About_Reckless@comcast.net)

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BOW SEASON:

State Land Sept. 15- Nov. 18

Private Land : Sept 15- Dec 31

SHOTGUN SEASON:

State Land "A" Season Nov. 19-28

"B" Season Nov. 29-Dec. 9

Landowner: Nov. 1- Dec. 31

Private Land: Nov.19-Dec. 9

Muzzle Loader Private Land Dec. 10-31

State Land Dec. 10-23