

July/August 2016

LCRVHC

Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club

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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The longest day of the year has, sadly, come and gone. The older I get the faster time flies. The horses are so sleek and shiny now, I love it, but I know soon enough their coats will be thickening up with autumn around the corner. This newsletter includes the Hunter Pace flyer and entry. Please share them. Print an extra one or two for your local feed store or barn. We get most of our new riders by word of mouth and the HP is our only annual fundraiser. Thank you.

Some Recent Programs and Activities

On May 14 LCRVHC/BPC held a jump building party at Kristin and Mark's house (photo below) to make some new cross-country jumps for the hunter pace. We were able to



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UPCOMING EVENTS

BPC/LCRVHC TRAIL WORK PARTY

Saturday, July 9, 9 am-noonish. Repair truck and ATV damage to trail off Tower Hill. DEEP has blocked their access by placing large rocks but now we need to fill in some stone and repair the ruts. Park at the Mann's house, 48 Kelseytown Road, Killingworth for truck shuttle to work site. Bring work gloves, rake. Dress for working in the woods. RSVP or questions lcrvhc.org@gmail.com.

SUMMER PICNIC

Thursday, July 28, 6 pm, Karen Gallo's house, 51 Thornhill Road, Guilford. Club provides hotdogs and burgers and iced tea/lemonade. BYO beer or wine and a dish to share. Karen has a heated pool so bring your swimsuit and towel! Hope for a warm night! Family and guests welcome. Please RSVP to lcrvhc.org@gmail.com so we have a head count for food. If you let us know what you plan to bring we can head off too many of the same thing.

MEMBER-ONLY RIDES

Sunday, June 10. Hurd Park.
Saturday, August 27. Machimoodus
 RSVP to cymaronfarm@snet.net or on the lcrvhc facebook page.

MOUNTED GAMES DAY

August 13 or 14, Saturday afternoon or Sunday, depending on when more folks can come. Remember summer camp? Egg and Spoon Race? Sit-a-Buck at the Guilford Fair Horse Show? Come play with us! E-mail lcrvhc.org@gmail.com with choice of day if you would participate.

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 November 1. 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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repurpose some chimneys from the movie slave cabins to make 3 brick walls, we cut down and rebuilt an old finger pier to make a dock jump to put out by the pond. A bench jump was also created. Another crew worked on painting the stadium jumps. A delicious lunch was enjoyed after the work. Thanks to everyone who helped out. More photos on page 3.

On May 15 Lynda Perry led one group and yours truly led another group on a Clip & Ride of Weber Woods and the south third of the Quinimay Trail. Eight mounted members and two members on foot clipped and sawed our way up the Quinimay to Tower Hill and around Weber Woods covering most of the red, orange, blue, and green trails. Several of us went back out on May 19 from 5-6:30 pm with chainsaws and made short work of 3 areas that were too much for the smaller saws we carry on horseback. Sorry, we were too engrossed to remember to take pictures. Thanks to all who helped with our Spring cleanup!

On May 25 our general meeting was a demo of mini horses held at Carrie Wind's farm in Killingworth. Carrie spoke about their care and feeding and then hooked Scarlet (Timber Hills Scarlet's Destiny) and Inky (Katelands Ink Spot) to their tiny carriages for a demonstration. Several who were interested had the opportunity to try driving the girls. Thanks to Carrie and Sam Stewart. See pictures on page 4.

National Trails Day June 4, 2016 marked our 10th annual Combined Arms Work Party with members of the BPC and LCRVHC joining folks from the Connecticut Forest & Parks Association (CFPA), and the Central Connecticut chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) to work at the Pataconk reservoir area of Cockaponsett State Forest. It was a perfect day, cool enough to work and no rain this year! We worked on the yellow and yellow/blue trails blazing, clipping, brushing and rerouting a couple sections of the trail. This trail will need more work and be an ongoing project for CFPA and their volunteers. Thanks to Bill and Kathy Schuyler who acted as hosts for the picnic following the work party and protected the food from the gypsy worms! See full report by Marlisa Simonson on page 5.

The June 11 Member Only ride at Rough Draft Farm finished up just as the skies opened with a downpour. We sat on my porch and enjoyed dogs and burgers cooked by Karen Gallo. Dessert was birthday cake brought by Alyce Mallek.

Rescuing/Adopting/Retraining a Standardbred On Thursday, June 23, at the Fire Museum, Charlotte Gelston (Equine Matchmaker) promoted her favorite breed's versatility, good mind, and trainability in a friendly, conversational format. If anyone is looking to adopt a nice horse, contact Charlotte. She has many available. Email: cgelston1@comcast.net, phone: 860-873-8221 or 860-262-1305

Please see the Upcoming Events box on the first page and the Calendar on the last page for more activities. Remember we are always looking for ideas to fill out our calendar!

I hope to see you soon.

Melissa

Building Jumps for the Hunter Pace



Driving Fun with Mini Horses



Thank you to Carrie Wind for hosting our May meeting along with the delightful Inky and Scarlet!
I was running out of daylight and my camera phone was not up to the job. Good thing Lynda Perry reminded me to take any pictures at all!

National Trails Day

LCRVHC and the BPC once again joined forces with several other groups to celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 4, 2016. This year marked the 10th anniversary of our “combined arms” efforts in partnership with CFPA and NEMBA. Led by Rob Butterworth and Melissa Evarts, this year’s project list was ambitious but as we somehow always do, we pulled it off! Four groups of volunteers totaling over 25 people spread out around the Pattaconk Reservoir to blaze, clip, armor and just generally clean up the Blue and Yellow trails in that area. All four main groups were represented this year, along with our friends Laurie Giannotti and Ranger Alex Sokolow from Connecticut DEEP who joined in the fun as well. As is our custom, we gathered afterward for dogs and beans prepared by the Schuylers, accompanied by delicious sides from attendees. We closed out the day by celebrating our decade of partnership with cake!

Many thanks to Rob and Melissa for leading this year’s efforts and to all the volunteers who participated in improving our local trails that day. Hope you’ll join us next year!



L to R, top to bottom: The cake, the group at Rob’s annual tool safety talk, Greg gets a high branch while Lynda gets a low one, Leaders of all 4 groups, Rob, Jane, and Howard look at the map, benching and tamping, two obviously serious discussions, Laurie painting a blaze. Nice office for the day! Thanks to BPC secretary Marlisa Simonson for the photography and report!

LCRVHC Board

President: Melissa Evarts
Vice-president: Chuck Sharples
Treasurer: Lynda Perry
Membership secretary: Alyce Mallek
At-large: Emma Saunders
At-large: Lynette Burns

BPC Board

President: Chuck Sharples
Vice-president: Kristin Elliott Leas
Treasurer: Dave Beaudette
Secretary: Marlisa Simonson
At-large: Tom Elliott
At-large: Nancy Palermo-Lee

Bridle Path Conservancy News

The BPC continues its work to maintain and enhance the Quinimay Trail through volunteer efforts at both the southern and northern ends of the existing trail. If you would like to volunteer a little time to test walk/ride the proposed trail extensions and do some light clipping along your way, please contact Kristin Elliott (southern section, Westbrook) or Chuck Sharples (northern section, Higganum).

The BPC extends its thanks to Rebecca Ziobron for her service to the board. Rebecca stepped down from her role at the June meeting of the BPC and LCRVHC boards of directors.

At that same meeting, the BPC elected new at-large board member Nancy Palermo-Lee. Welcome, Nancy and thank you, Rebecca.

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 riding 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. You may report your time to Chuck Sharples. 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. See the calendar for upcoming opportunities! I've highlighted some in red. Thank you!

Note: We recently heard that Wanda Torres has been reassigned at DEEP due to the budget crisis. The BPC will continue to keep track of hours and report them when we find out what is going on.



Lynn and daughter Jenna recently attended the A level CT River Arabian (CRAA) show in Springfield, MA and had a great show with Mother/Daughter Championships! Jenna (right) won the Arabian Sport Horse Division and Lynn (left) won the Half Arabian Sport Horse Division. What made it even more special was that it was on Jenna's birthday. A great way to celebrate. Lynns says "This was our one show for the year . . . and now we trail ride!"



Lynn Burns took me up on this offer (with a little arm twisting) that appears in every newsletter. Celebrate your horse events by sharing them with the club! Thanks Lynn! And congratulations!

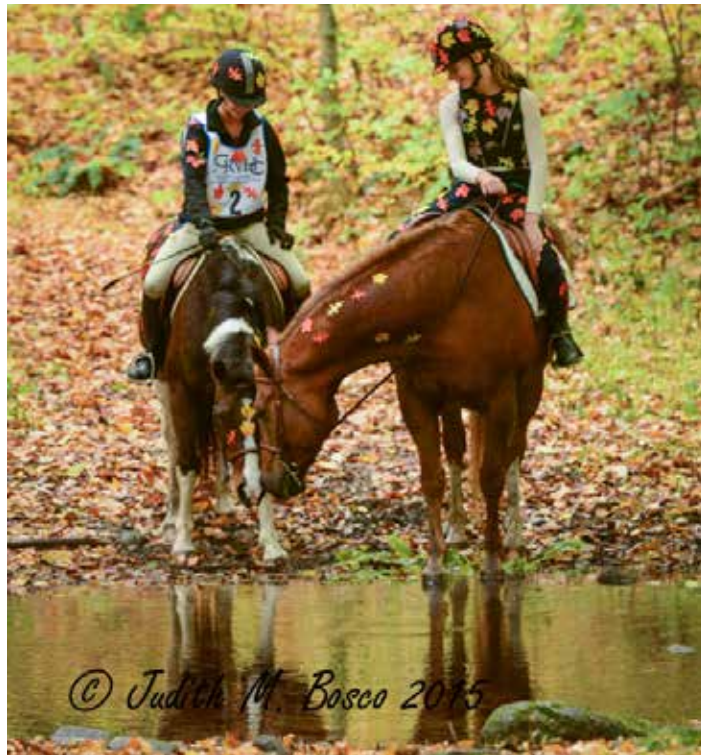
Content Wanted for Newsletter

Let us know what you are doing with your horse. Write a Meet the Member Bio of yourself or a friend. Send pictures of your horse, your adventures or show results, links to articles, tack picks, barn tips, whatever you want to share. E-mail lcrvhc.org@gmail.com.



Fall Festival Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 30, 2016



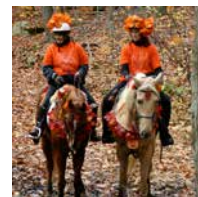
Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest
Starts from 98 Stevenstown Road
Deep River, CT 06417
Ride starts at 9:00 am
Entry forms & info at www.lcrvhc.org
For additional info
860-664-0142 or lcrvhc.org@gmail.com



Prizes for Best Costumes!

FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

Sunday, October 30, 2016



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. 26, 2014**. **Entry fee is \$45** (\$40.00 for LCRVHC members).

Entries will be accepted from Oct. 26 - 30 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.
Indicate choice of sandwich on entry form.



Please send in the entry form on the next page

2016 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:
Sandwich Choice: __ Turkey __ Roast Beef __ Veggie	Sandwich Choice: __ Turkey __ Roast Beef __ Veggie	Sandwich Choice: __ Turkey __ Roast Beef __ Veggie

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 at- tending/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: _____ **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	[]	[]	[]

LCRVHC/BPC 2016 Calendar

Please think about the 2016 calendar. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride please contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net). If you have an idea for a program or activity, a topic you would like to learn about or a skill to share, please e-mail lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or contact any board member. Meetings are at the Fire Museum behind 21 Copse Road, Madison, unless otherwise specified. It is always fun to go other places. LCRVHC has a Facebook page for member-only rides <https://www.facebook.com/lcrvhc>. Check it out! Note that Lynda has chosen a mix of Saturday and Sunday dates for rides this year to try and accomodate more schedules.

July

9: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party, 9 am-noonish. Repair truck and ATV damage to trail off Tower Hill. Alex has blocked their access by placing large rocks but now we need to fill in some stone and repair the ruts. Park at the Mann's house, 48 Kelseytown Road, Killingworth for truck shuttle to work site. Bring work gloves, rake. Dress for working in the woods. RSVP or questions email lcrvhc.org@gmail.com.

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

28: Summer picnic, 6 pm. Karen Gallo's house, 51 Thornhill Rd, Guilford. Club provides hotdogs and burgers and iced tea/lemonade. BYO beer or wine and a dish to share. Karen has a heated pool so bring your swimsuit and towel!

August

4: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, if needed, location TBA

13 or 14: We are planing a mounted Games Day on Saturday afternoon or Sunday, instead of a meeting on the usual Thursday night. Email lcrvhc.org@gmail.com if you would participate.

27: MO Ride, Machimoodus?, contact Lynda Perry
__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

September

1 or 8: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, if needed, location TBA

11: Lord Creek Hunter Pace

22: General Meeting, Mike Zulch, Equine Microbiome Research Project, to be confirmed

25: MO Ride, Pachaug?, contact Lynda Perry
__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

October

6: BOD Meeting, 7 pm, if needed, location TBA

23: MO Ride, Weber Woods, Clip & Ride and Mark Hunter Pace route, contact Lynda Perry

27: General Meeting, Making Your Own Rope Halter, led by Theresa Kennedy, location and details TBA

29: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party, Hunter Pace prep

30: Hunter Pace

November

No BOD Meeting

10-13: Equine Affair

13: MO Ride, Chatfield Hollow, Chili Ride, hosts Sue Davenport and Emmy Pavelka (RSVP S1Davenport@comcast.net)

No general meeting, Thanksgiving

__: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party

December

No BOD Meeting

No General Meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

__: Christmas Progressive Ride, need hosts and location. Email lcrvhc.org@gmail.com.

January

__: Holiday Party, need host and location



Congratulations to LCRVHC member Ben Wilke on his completion of boot camp. Ben is a member of the Connecticut Army National Guard

* Ben's dad supplied this photo



Congratulations to LCRVHC member and barn girl extraordinaire on her high school graduation. Lexy will be off to Centenary College in New Jersey in August. I'm afraid Rough Draft Farm will be a lonely place without her!