



July/August 2017

## Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club

### President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Summer is in full swing. I hope everyone is getting lots of riding time. I just got back from vacation and am enjoying the beautiful weather. Able got a new (used) wagonette and enjoyed lots of attention in the Madison 4th of July parade! See photo on page 3.

We are desperately seeking a president for the Bridle Path Conservancy, and the BPC could use other help as well—maybe someone to do web site and Facebook updates, get involved with planning, etc. If you are interested in helping out with trail preservation and maintenance please consider joining the board. Contact BPC Vice President (acting president) Kristin Elliott Leas ([equineinsight@gmail.com](mailto:equineinsight@gmail.com)).

#### Some Recent Programs and Activities

On Sunday, May 21, 2 groups with chainsaws and 4-5 riders held a Clip & Ride and Spring clean-up in Weber Woods and the Quinimay Trail. Kristin and Mark tackled a huge tree that had fallen in the trail on canter hill, while Rob Butterworth, Dave Beaudette and I worked on several others that were across the trail. Lynda Perry led the riders and found more work for us! See pictures on page 4.

The May 25 Yoga for Riders meeting/program was a lot of fun for a very small group. 4 members got a lot of personal attention from instructor Wendy Cartier. Alyce took a few pictures, see page 3. Wendy left some extra handouts so if anyone was not able to attend but is interested in some stretches for riders, let me know, I will try and remember to bring them to the picnic.

On June 3, members of the LCRVHC, BPC, CFPA, and CT-NEMBA joined forces for our 11th annual combined arms work party. We worked on the approaches to a bridge

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### Contact Us

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web site: [lcrvhc.org](http://lcrvhc.org)

[facebook.com/lcrvhc](https://facebook.com/lcrvhc)

BPC: e-mail: [contactus@BPConservancy.com](mailto:contactus@BPConservancy.com)

web site: [BPConservancy.org](http://BPConservancy.org)

[facebook.com/BridlePathConservancy](https://facebook.com/BridlePathConservancy)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MEMBER ONLY RIDES

Sunday, July 16, Ayer Mountain Farm,  
ready to ride at 10:30 am.

Bring a snack to share if you like. Must RSVP  
to [pat.ivansheck@snet.net](mailto:pat.ivansheck@snet.net).

August 20-Hurd Park, [cymaronfarm@snet.net](mailto:cymaronfarm@snet.net)

September 17-Bluff Point

#### SUMMER PICNIC

By popular request we are going to try having our picnic on a weekend this year! We hope this allows more of our members to attend.  
Saturday, July 22, 3 pm, raindate Sunday, July 23.  
If the entire weekend is a washout potential to move it to the following weekend, July 29 and 30. Karen Gallo's house, 51 Thornhill Road, Guilford. LCRVHC will provide 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! Family and guests welcome. Please RSVP to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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Please see the calendar on the last page of this newsletter for more upcoming dates. If you are able to host a member only ride, contact Lynda Perry ([cymaronfarm@snet.net](mailto:cymaronfarm@snet.net)), if you have an idea for a meeting program, clinic, or other event e-mail [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com), if you can help out with BPC trails preservation and maintenance contact Kristin Elliott Leas ([equineinsight@gmail.com](mailto:equineinsight@gmail.com)).

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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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that was previously built by an eagle scout. The turnout was smaller than previous years but we still finished our project and squeezed in a quick picnic lunch before the rain came. Thanks to everyone who helped out. See photos page 5.

The Games Day on June 25 was a lot of fun. It made me wonder why we hadn't done it for like 10 years! We kept it very casual with riders switching teams for different relay races. When Lynda posted pictures on Facebook some members expressed disappointment that they had missed it. If enough people want us to do another one, I'd be up for it. Please e-mail [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com). See photos page 6.

The Fall Festival Hunter Pace is right around the corner. I have included a Poster and Entry form in this newsletter. Please print and post or share! Thank you!

Please see the UPCOMING EVENTS box on the first page and the CALENDAR on the last page for more activities. We REALLY need your ideas for rest of 2017!

I hope to see you soon.

Melissa

## Cares & Concerns

Long-distance member Judith Hunter has asked to be included in our prayers as she battles some health issues.

Our thoughts are also with Bill Schuyler, undergoing radiation treatment.

If you have cares and concerns to share with the club you may e-mail them to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).

### LCRVHC Board

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

### BPC Board

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



# Yoga for Riders



Instructor Wendy Cartier (left) leads a small group of LCRVHC members in the loft at Rough Draft Farm. Photos by Alyce Mallek.

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Able the Amish draft horse shows off his new vehicle in the Madison Fourth of July parade. Greg Dowler on the lines.



# Spring Cleanup Clip & Ride Weber Woods and Quinimay Trail



Left: Kristin and Mark took care of this big beech that had pretty much filled up the trail on canter hill. Photos by Kristin Elliott Leas

Middle row and bottom left: Rob, Dave, and Melissa worked quite a while to clear up this tangled mess on the Quinimay Trail. Photos by Melissa Evarts

Bottom right: Obviously a posed shot! Kathy Griffin, Lynda Perry, Melissa Evarts, Rob Butterworth, Dave Beaudette. Photo by Julie Berman





# National Trails Day



Clockwise from top left: Bob Cameron collects rocks; Mary Wozniak, Dave Beaudette, Rob Butterworth (CFPA) and a couple NEMBA guys building retaining wall; Peter Finch (NEMBA) hauling stone; a kazoo serenade; some of the volunteers pose with finished project L to R: Bob Bandzes, Mary Wozniak, Rob Butterworth, Bob Cameron, Peter Finch, Dave Beaudette, Brian Louse (NEMBA), Melissa Evarts (missing from photo: Nancy Finch, Pat Bandzes, Alyce Mallek); picnic site with host Kathy Schuyler; Jane Samuels



# LCRVHC Games Day



A very fun time was had by all. Participants: Alyce Mallek, Lynda Perry, Kathy Gifford, Melissa Evarts, Cathy Clouse, Ed Levin, Lexy DelVecchio, Liz Kennedy, and Gina McManus. Huge thank you to our amazing ground crew: Mary Wozniak, it would have been impossible without you! Photos by Gina McManus, Cathy Clouse and Ed Levin.



# Bridle Path Conservancy News

The BPC is recruiting board members and/or officers, if you are able and willing to serve the riding community in this way please contact acting president Kristin Elliott Leas (equineinsight@gmail.com). Thank You

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## 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. If you are on your horse and see something across the trail, make the effort to get off and drag it clear. 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!

## BAROQUE EQUESTRIAN GAMES (BEGI) NE SHOW

**Saturday, July 15th, at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Center, Old Lyme, CT**



This 3 phase competition promotes harmony and lightness for a horse of any breed or discipline. The first phase is a dressage pattern, followed by the games-like mounted maneuvers, and a musical presentation.

Groundwork classes with work in-hand and lunging are also available.

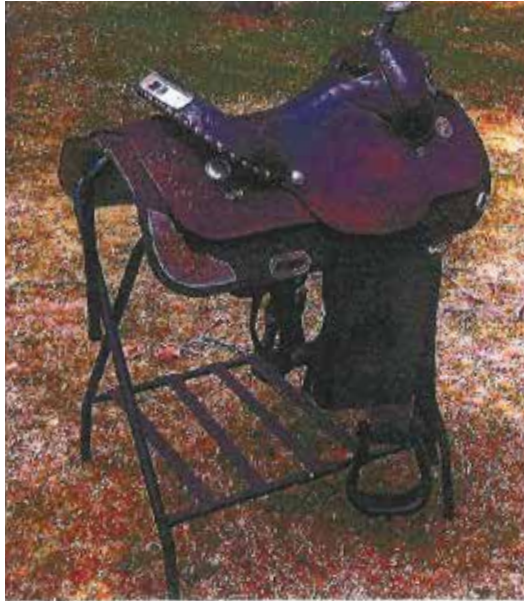
Show is preceded by a 2-day classical dressage clinic [July 13-14](#) with Bruno Gonzalez and Tina Veder.

Contact Patricia Norcia [860-391-2767](tel:860-391-2767), [pnorcia@mac.com](mailto:pnorcia@mac.com) or for more information about BEGI [www.baroquegames.com](http://www.baroquegames.com).

Photo of Lexy and Valiant from 2016 BEGI by Judy Bosco

# FOR SALE

## Circle Y Show Saddle



15" Suede Seat. Semi-quarter horse bars. Dark oiled leather. Beautiful tooled pattern with silver and gold conchos and trim and blue stone inserts. Very good condition. Gullet 7¼". Asking \$600. Call 860-664-0653 or e-mail [jjwoni2000@gmail.com](mailto:jjwoni2000@gmail.com). Saddle located in Clinton.

## Property in South Carolina

2594 Nesmith Rd. Nesmith, South Carolina  
Immaculate 50-acre farm is truly a country setting like no other. Main house features plenty of porches, a vaulted living room, dining room, 3 bedrooms, and 2½ baths. Guest house with second floor open bedroom area and downstairs open concept great room with full kitchen and laundry. Above the 3 car garage is yet another studio-style apartment with kitchenette, living area, full bath and laundry! Stable and tack room, ring and plenty of cleared fields. Many acres of riding trails! Listed at \$489,000.

<http://www.peacesir.com/eng/sales/detail/553-l-82809-ffknlm/2594-nesmith-rd-nesmith-sc-29580>  
(submitted by Judith Hunter)

We are happy to place any ads or notices that might be of interest to our membership. The LCRVHC newsletter comes out bi-monthly. Deadline for materials is approximately the first of the month. I try to get the newsletter out near the 10th. So the deadline for July/August newsletter is July 1. Send materials to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).



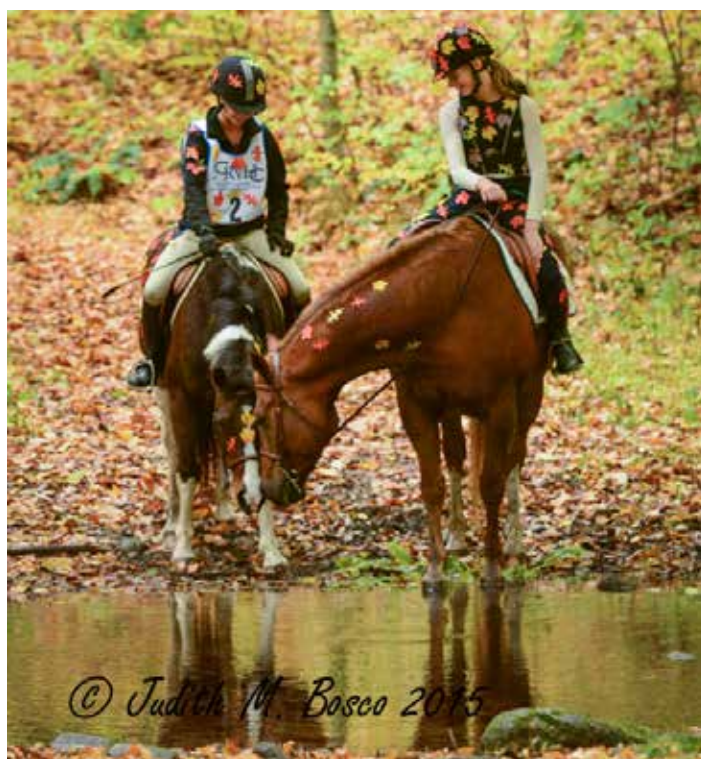
A couple more photos from Games Day





# Fall Festival Hunter Pace

## Sunday, October 29, 2017



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](http://www.lcrvhc.org)

For additonal info

860-664-0142 or [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com)

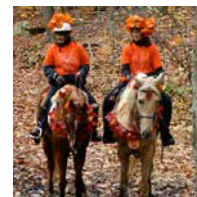




*Prizes for Best Costumes!*

## FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

Sunday, October 29, 2017



**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. 25, 2017. 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](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com)**

*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.

Indicate choice of sandwich on entry form.



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



# 2017 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 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	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]



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## LCRVHC/BPC 2017 Calendar

Please help us with the 2017 calendar. This club is for you, our members. The officers and board members try to come up with activities you will participate in and enjoy but it is frustrating when we get very low attendance. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride or have an idea where we might go, 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. Consider hosting a meeting or social event at your home or farm. LCRVHC has a Facebook page for member-only rides <https://www.facebook.com/lcrvhc>. Check it out!

### July

- 15: Baroque Equestrian Games at High Hopes,  
Contact Patricia Norcia (pnorcia@mac.com)  
Details page 7.
- 16: MO Ride, Ayer Mountain, details page 1.
- 22: Summer picnic pool party, Karen Gallo's house,  
51 Thornhill Road, Guilford. Details page 1.

### August

- 20: MO Ride, Hurd Park, rsvp cymaronfarm@snet.net
- 24: No General Meeting
- \_\_\_: BPC Work Party

### September

- \_\_\_: BOD Meeting, if needed, TBD
- 14: Lyme Trails Association Hunter Pace at Lord  
Creek Farm
- 17: MO Ride, Bluff Point, rsvp cymaronfarm@snet.net
- 28: General Meeting, need program and location
- \_\_\_: BPC Work Party, mow/weedwhack Ginger's field  
and Lower Gun Club field for hunter pace

### October

- \_\_\_: BOD Meeting, if needed, TBD
- 26: General Meeting, Elections
- 22: BPC Work Party/MO Ride, Clip & Ride and mark  
Hunter Pace course
- 28: Hunter Pace set up
- 29: LCRVHC Fall Festival Hunter Pace

### November

- \_\_\_: BOD Meeting, if needed, TBD
- No General Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving
- \_\_\_: BPC Work Party
- \_\_\_: MO Ride, TBD

### December

- No BOD Meeting
- No General Meeting, Merry Christmas
- \_\_\_: BPC Work Party
- \_\_\_: Christmas MO Ride, TBD

### January

- Winter Holiday Party-need host and location



One more before and after from the Weber Woods spring cleanup. Photos by Kristin and Melissa