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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Spring! My wooly beasts are starting to shed. I can't wait for some of the mud to dry up so we can get out on the trails. We have been going to Hammonasset a lot because we can ride on the roads in the campground and on the beach and not deal with the mud. If you take advantage of this, remember to clean up after your horse.

Last Friday night I was interviewed by Sally Feuerberg of Connecticut Horse magazine for an article on the oldest riding clubs in Connecticut to appear in their May/June issue. LCRVHC will be featured along with several other clubs. Thank you to Peg Lupone for supplying images from our archives to share. It reminds me what a responsibility I feel to this club which has been around since before I was born. It makes me think about the future. If you have young friends who ride with you, bring them along to a ride or work party. The future of LCRVHC depends on it.

We are always looking for insight from you, our members, as to what you are looking for from your club. Please share your thoughts and ideas. Email lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or come to any meeting or event.

Some Recent Programs and Activities

The February 9 planning meeting at Alyce Mallek's house was well-attended. 15 members brought their input and we will be working to get their ideas into the calendar. We spent some time getting Beverly up to speed on the BPC. Overall it was a good meeting and a lot of fun too. Good pizza. If anyone wants to see year end financials for either organization contact the treasurer.

The rescheduled ride at Hammonasset on February 10 was low key. It was slightly rainy but four of us braved the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRE SAFETY FOR THE FARM

Thursday, March 22, 7 pm at the Fire Museum. Nick Wallick, chief of the Hebron fire department will speak on fire safety around the farm. This seems extra appropriate in light of the recent tragedy at Folly Farm. Bring a friend. If anyone would like a tour of the fire museum, come at 6:30. *Fire Museum is behind 21 Copse Road, in Madison.

CPR RECERTIFICATION

Thursday, March 29, 6 pm. Barbara White's house, 45 Iron Works Rd., Killingworth. LCRVHC will pay for our members who are also in the CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol. You MUST RSVP to lcrvhc.org@gmail.com as soon as possible.

MEMBER RIDES

March 17, St. Patrick's Day Ride. Tentatively Pat-taconk Reservoir. Contact Lynda Perry, cymaron farm@snet.net, if you are interested.

March 31. Tentatively Bluff Point. Contact Lynda Perry, cymaronfarm@snet.net, if interested.

April 7 or 8. Spring Clean Up, Clip & Ride on the Quinimay Trail south/Weber Woods. Contact Lynda Perry, cymaronfarm@snet.net, if you are interested.

JUMP BUILDING

April 14, raindate April 15. Have some fun and get creative making/fixing cross-country jumps and painting stadium jumps used for our hunter pace. Includes lunch! Kristin and Mark's house, 131 Pritchett Drive, Westbrook. Contact Kristin, equineinsight@gmail.com.

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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weather and enjoyed the efforts of the winter dredging on the newly widened beach. See photos on page 3.

On the 25th about a dozen showed up for a hay ride with the Seashore Belgians. Although there was slush and snow on the ground, the sun was shining and we had a pleasant ride around the beach. See photos below and on page 4.

Please see the Upcoming Events box on the first page and the Calendar on the last page for more activities. We still need your ideas for the 2018 calendar!

I hope to see you soon.

Melissa

PS 2018 membership renewals are now due. If you joined for the hunter pace or renewed at the Chili ride, or in November and December, you are good for 2018) Everyone else, there is a renewal form in this newsletter. It's a bargain. Only \$15 year for individual, \$25 for family. Don't make Alyce chase you. Send it today! Get yours in as soon as possible. You don't want to miss any of the fun. You will be dropped from the email list the end of April if you have not renewed.



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

Hammonasset Ride



Winter Hay Ride



Thanks to my boys! Driver, Greg Dowler, and header, Ben Wilke, with Able and Pepper, for making this happen for the club! Photos by Judy Bosco (more on her Facebook page) and Alyce Mallek.

Bridle Path Conservancy News

The BPC is recruiting board members and trailworkers, if you are able and willing to serve the riding community in this way please contact president Beverly Torell (bdtct@sbcglobal.net). See letter from Bev on the next page. Thank You

••••• A Possible Threat to Weber Woods Trail System •••••

This was just brought to our attention this week. The Town of Killingworth has proposed abandoning several town roads to save on maintenance and liability costs due to budget cuts by the state. The section we are concerned about is Kelseytown Road in Killingworth. This is part of the dirt road we use for our hunter pace loop. When the town discontinues a road it is “presumed” ownership goes to adjacent property owners. The east side is owned by the State of Connecticut, so this it may not affect our trail use at all. DEEP has proposed they continue the section to just south of where the green trail comes out. Tom Elliott has been to the town hall and Melissa has spoken to Alex Sokolow the Forest Supervisor. Tom is going to draft a letter and some of us are planning to attend the meeting. The next hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 12, at 7 pm. at the Killingworth Emergency Center at the Town Hall campus. We would appreciate your support.

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 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 lcrvhc.org@gmail.com for now. 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!

Cares and Concerns

Jane Samuels wanted us to know that former LCRVHC member (definitely early and possibly a founding member), Peg Carlson, passed away a couple weeks ago at Middlesex Hospice.

Member Megan Ellis, who many of us know from High Hopes, is recovering from a badly broken leg which required surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Content Always 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.

Dear Friends and Company of LCRVHC and BPC,

I am proud to be appointed President of “The Bridle Path Conservancy”. Honored to hold such a position after many years of loving the Forests and land we as horse-people, or not, it has been a long journey to get where we are today. I am very pleased for the recognition of the BPC by the State of CT DEEP and other organizations. It proves the hard work to maintain the trail systems so many of us worked very diligently on for many years, came to fruition.

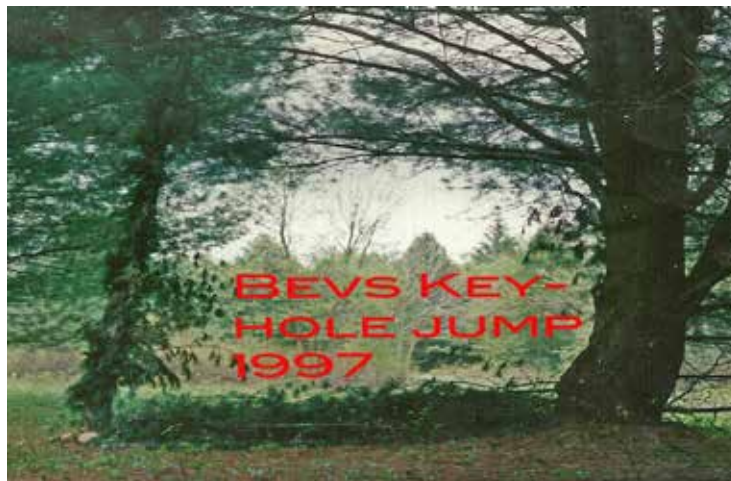


As many of you know, I have been out of the loop for some time with my own personal battles in addition to the hurdles to cross becoming a teacher for the past 18.5 years. Now that I am retired from The Technical High School System, I feel I can afford the time to help maintain and expand the BPC Quinimay Trail system.

Any and all information you as LCRVHC members can provide me with as to your efforts, concerns, accomplishments, and ideas moving forward are welcome.

You can contact me via e-mail @ BDTCT@sbcglobal.net or home #860-664-0459.

Happy Trails ~ Bev



FOR SALE



BURGERS: 10 year old Morgan X Belgian Gelding, rides and drives. 15-3 hands. Liver chestnut with blaze. Willing on trail rides, drives in traffic and more. Smooth trot. Was used for foxhunting and jumps. Asking \$8000. Carol Borsari (203) 909-1928

FREE TO GOOD HOME

GUS: 17 year old, 17.1 hand Percheron/Thoroughbred Gelding. Can be ridden but does not have the stamina to do the trail riding I would like to do. He was diagnosed with PSSM this past year, but it has been manageable with supplements and diet.

I am not looking to get anything for him but just want to find him a good home where he will be loved, well cared for, and perhaps I can visit with treats from time to time.

Caitlin Nuhn 860-861-1252





Please fill in all information and sign and date the Release and Waiver of Liability.
 Mail completed page along with your payment to:
 LCRVHC, P.O. Box 657, Killingworth, CT 06419

2018 Membership Categories

Family \$25 Individual \$15

office use: Check amt. \$ #

- Enclosed is an additional amount of \$ _____ for our ongoing work to maintain and preserve trails.
- Enclosed is a separate check to the Bridle Path Conservancy in the amount of \$ _____ (tax deductible).
- Please contact me for volunteer help! (This is a working club and all members are encouraged to volunteer for committee chairs, trail maintenance, events organizing help and/or food donations.)

Suggest a program, ride or activity you would attend if the club offered _____

Name(s) _____

 (For family memberships please include all names; use a separate sheet if necessary)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone (home) (____) _____ (cell) (____) _____ (work) (____) _____

E-mail _____ New Member Renewal

Release and Waiver of Liability

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, and landowners; for any injuries which I might sustain while horseback riding, driving, or attending/participating in any LCRVHC event or activity. I understand that I am indemnifying (holding harmless) any horse ridden, driven, loose, or handled by another and the owner or handler while so engaged in the event of an injury to myself, my property and/or others. It is my intent to give up all the rights provided by law and release the club, landowners, etc. (the releasees) from all claims for bodily injury, death, or property damage, including without limitation, claims arising in whole or in part from the releasees' own negligence. I do so knowingly and voluntarily. I further agree to pay all legal fees pertaining to this event, if any are incurred.

LCRVHC is committed to safety. It is a membership requirement that all participants wear a riding helmet meeting ASTM/SEI standards when attending mounted meetings and events.

For Club Membership:

Signature of primary member _____ date ____/____/____
 (If a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

Signature of Spouse _____ date ____/____/____
 (for family membership, parent of minor child of divorced member, etc.)

For Taking Part in an Event:

Signature of primary member _____ date ____/____/____
 (If a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)

Everyone must complete:

Emergency contact information

Name(s) _____ Telephone(s) (____) _____ (____) _____
 _____ (____) _____ (____) _____

LCRVHC/BPC 2018 Calendar

Please think about the 2018 calendar. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride please email 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. 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! We have included some local events from other organizations so we can work around them.

March

10: CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol annual meeting
17: St. Patrick's Day ride, tentively Pattaconk, contact Lynda Perry, email cymaronfarm@snet.net
22: Fire Safety in the barn, Chief Nick Wallick, Hebron Fire Department, 7 pm at the Fire Museum
29: CPR Recertification, CHC-VHP, 6 pm at Barbara White's house, 45 Ironworks Road, Killingworth
31: Member Ride, tentatively Bluff Point, contact Lynda Perry, email cymaronfarm@snet.net

April

7 or 8: Spring Clean-up Clip & Ride Quinimay South and Weber Woods, contact Lynda Perry cymaronfarm@snet.net
14, raindate 15: Jump Building. Make and fix jumps for Fall Hunter pace. Kristin and Mark's house, 131 Pritchett Drive, Westbrook. Includes lunch. Contact Kristin, equineinsight@gmail.com

May

12, raindate 13: Games Day at Rough Draft Farm, contact lcrvhc.org@gmail.com
13: CDCTA Dressage/2-phase at WHC
19: Treasure Hill Dressage and CT Schooling Show
20: Pomfret/Tyrone Farm Trail Ride

June

2: National Trails Day, work party and picnic, continue work on yellow trail at Pattaconk Reservoir

July

14: Baroque Equestrian Games at High Hopes, contact Patricia Norcia, pnorcia@mac.com
15: CDCTA Dressage/2-phase at Mystic
__: Summer picnic, need host and location
28: Treasure Hill Dressage and CT Schooling Show

September

8: Treasure Hill Dressage and CT Schooling Show
9 and/or 15: BPC work party, mow/weedwhack fields for hunter pace

October

7: CDCTA Dressage/2-phase at WHC
21: BPC Work Party, Clip & Ride & Mark Hunter Pace course
27: Treasure Hill Dressage and CT Schooling Show
28: Fall Festival Hunter Pace/Silent Auction/Raffle

Other ideas:

Poker Ride-Emma Saunders
Horse camping
Reschedule Pot Luck ride from Dave and Julie's
Touch a tractor Event-Liz Kennedy
Goddard Park Ride-Jane Samuels
Bell/Bead making and/or other similar craft night
Tack Tag Sale at Spring Valley Farm-if someone is interested in organizing this we have been offered the use of their indoor. No one at the planning meeting was up for it. If this is your dream job, let me know!

Also Jumping Derby at Horsepower Farm: May 5-6, July 6-7, Aug 10-11, Oct 12-13. www.horsepowerfarm.com

HOLIDAY POTLUCK RIDE

???? We had to cancel this due to the bitter cold. Dave says we can reschedule. What works for you all?

Potluck ride from Dave Beaudette and Julie Berman's place, 98 Stevenstown Rd., Deep River (where we do the hunter pace). Please bring a dish to share (we can warm it after the ride if needed—or crockpot?), ready to ride about 10 am. We will supply a map of the state forest. Riders can go out in pairs or small groups or whatever they like, ride as far and as fast as they like, and return for potluck about 12:30. Non riding members are welcome for lunch too. Please RSVP to lcrvhc.org@gmail.com, you might tell us what you plan to bring so we can head off duplicates. Dave and Julie also extend the invitation to riders who missed out on the hunter pace. Need to wait for field to dry up for parking.