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### President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I can't believe how the year has flown. The hunter pace is over and the holidays are in sight. No more meetings this year. I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

The annual **Fall Festival Hunter Pace** was very successful, despite a persistent and annoying light drizzle, netting approximately \$1200, enough to pay for insurance and fund club activities for the coming year. Please see results and photos on pages 4-6. I would like to thank Dave Beaudette and Julie Berman for once again hosting this event. (Julie, I'm really sorry we didn't get to use your beautiful tablecloths.) Thanks also to Marlisa Simonson for all the early publicity, postcard mailings, and for handling the scoring on the day of the pace despite less than ideal conditions; to Tom and Gloria Elliott, Kristin Elliott Leas, and Mark Leas for allowing us to use your property, for setting out all the jumps, and Kristin for designing one of our best courses yet; to Lynda Perry for arranging all the volunteers, the portapotty, the ribbons, prizes, and food (including countless calls to Saldamarcos to add lunches, as we added riders, right up till the last minute); to everyone who helped with the Clip & Ride and course marking, and taking down the markings so efficiently the next day; and all who helped set things up and take them down at the farm; to Sue Davenport and Emmy Pavelka for managing the day of the ride so Lynda and I could ride it for the first time in 10 years; to Sigrun Marono for timing; to Ed Smith and Tom Lowell for parking; to Kathy Schuyler, Dottie Zeitelhack, and Debby Lowell for picking up food and generally being available to help with whatever was needed the

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ANNUAL CHILI RIDE

Sunday, November 15. Park at North Chestnut Hill cul de sac and ride through state forest and Chatfield Hollow followed by chili and potluck desserts. See page 7. Please RSVP to Sue Davenport ([s1davenport@comcast.net](mailto:s1davenport@comcast.net)).

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE RIDE

Saturday, December 12. Park and Breakfast at Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Road, Clinton. Ride through Clinton Land Trust's Kenilworth Forest. Soup and bread at Lexy Delvecchio's house on Spencer Hill, Clinton. Note: Lexy's dad is very allergic to horses so lunch will be alfresco! Dessert at Jen and Sarah Asbury's, Spencer Hill, Killingworth. Length of ride depends on weather and rider's desire. RSVP [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com). Donations welcome to cover food costs for this ride.

#### ANNUAL FREEZE YOUR BUTT RIDE

New Year's Day, Hammonasset State Park, park at West Beach lot, ready to ride at noon.

#### WINTER PARTY

Saturday, January 23, 6 pm, at Kristin and Mark's house, 131 Pritchett Drive, Westbrook. Club will provide spiral ham and non-alcoholic punch. BYOB and a dish to share. Silent Auction to benefit the Bridle Path Conservancy. Donations welcome. Good chance to move along unwanted Christmas gifts. Please let Kristin know what you plan to bring ([equineinsight@gmail.com](mailto:equineinsight@gmail.com)). RSVP to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com) for party.

**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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*(President's Letter continued)*

day of the ride; to Greg Dowler, Lexy Delvecchio, Alyce Mallek, and Mary Wozniak, for helping me out with whatever needed doing, leading up to the ride, and cleaning up afterward, with little, if any, complaining. And to all the other volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you. It takes a village.

**Elections**

Our October meeting was held at Sue Davenport's house. In addition to the slide show of her Chateau Ride in France we held a business meeting. A slate of Officers and Board Members for the 2016-2017 term was presented. With no nominations from the floor, it was unanimously passed. All four officers have agreed to serve another term. We have two new at-large board members. Results as follows:

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

We will be gearing up for the annual membership drive starting in January, but if you want to get your renewal in early Alyce has been starting to get a few.

See the upcoming events box on the first page and the calendar on the last page for more activities.

I hope to see you soon.  
Melissa

Subject: Toby Hill Acquisition—Town Meeting—See map on page 9.

A Town Meeting to vote on purchase of 84 acre Toby Hill Land Acquisition is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 7 PM at the Mulvey Center in Westbrook.

Purchase price is \$600,000.

Will use \$390,000 state grant and \$210,000 from town open space account. Will not require an appropriation.

Town has already received 84 acres of open space that was part of this approved subdivision.

If approved at town meeting closing on property will occur before end of year.

There are likely to be folks against more open space preservation because it means less taxable property so we need your support.

We need to pack this Westbrook Town Meeting.

Tom Elliott

# Meet LCRVHC's New Board Members

## EMMA SAUNDERS

Hi everyone of LCRVHC! I would like to introduce myself in case our paths haven't crossed yet! I am Emma Saunders and I joined the club one year ago and now I have been elected onto the board which is very exciting! I have had the "horse bug" all my life and started riding camps when I was 8 and leased my first pony at 13! I enjoyed the hunter/jumper show ring as a teenager and young adult. I now enjoy riding Dottie Zeitelhack's paint pony named Jiggy! We just started our seventh year of partnership, Jiggy and I, and we have a great time together! Jiggy (Jigsaw) was originally from Massachusetts and had quite an extensive show career in MA, CT, NY, VT, and Wellington in the pony hunter division. His career changed and he then taught many little beginners to walk and trot and he loves little kids! When I started to ride Jiggy out on the trails he embraced his new niche in life and enjoyed being out of the ring and on the trails! Our first hunter pace together was at the LCRVHC hunter pace in October 2010! We were both hooked on being out in nature and have enjoyed so many good rides and adventures since then! We attended the hunter pace at Weber Woods a couple more times and it was always very enjoyable and a fun group of people who all enjoyed their horses! The club holds member only rides quite often and I thought it would be a great way to enjoy and learn some new trails for me and Jiggy and to meet and be with people who enjoy venturing out with their horses too! Hard to believe 2015 is coming to an end, but looking forward to 2016 and the rides ahead!

Happy Trails!!

Emma

## LYNN BURNS

I recently retired from "Corporate America" after 38 years of working long days and lots of travel . . . and am now looking forward to enjoying all of the things I never had time for, like riding!!! Joining LCRVHC means I can enjoy MORE RIDING TIME and getting to know more people to ride with! I grew up riding horses in Minnesota on an 800 acre farm. I love to trail ride, and I also discovered I like learning Dressage. My two daughters also ride so I am a very lucky mom as I can enjoy riding with them as well.

You won't find me at the front of the pack (at this point anyway!) but my horse "Dodge" is calm (most of the time) and will willingly trailer anywhere with me; so I am planning to try camping and riding in as many new places as I can during my retirement years! That's my plan and I'm sticking to it!!!! Can't wait to get to know everyone.

Happy Trails!!!

Lynn

## 2015 Fall Festival Hunter Pace



Clockwise from top left:  
Emma Saunders and  
Sarah Asbury,  
Caitlin Nuhn and  
Chuck Sharples;  
Lexy Delvecchio and  
Julie Sengstacken.

Thank you to Judith M. Bosco for these and other photos she took at the Pace:  
e-mail: [jequiphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:jequiphoto@yahoo.com) • [www.judybosco.smugmug.com](http://www.judybosco.smugmug.com) • Photography by Judith M. Bosco on Facebook.



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Top left: Best costume winners:  
KrisKestermont-Pierce and Annie Bolduc.  
Sorry, I don't recognize the other four  
riders in these photos from Judy Bosco



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# 2015 Fall Festival Hunter Pace

LCRVHC Hunter Pace - October 25, 2015 - FINAL PLACINGS

## HUNTER DIVISION

Bib #	Team Name	Rider #1 - First Name	Rider #1 - Last Name	Rider #2 - First Name	Rider #2 - Last Name	Start Time	Finish Time	Difference	Rel to Pace	PLACE	REV PLACE
									1:33:00		
23		Patricia	Ganey	Jonnie	Edwards	9:30:00 AM	11:02:50 AM	1:32:50	0:00:10	1	1
20		Joe	Secondino	Howard	Tunick	9:42:00 AM	11:15:40 AM	1:33:40	0:00:40	2	2
26		Sydni	Therrien	Rory	Dunn	9:11:00 AM	10:41:17 AM	1:30:17	0:02:43	7	3
9	Heaven And...	Kris	Kestermont-Pierce	Annie	Bolduc	10:22:00 AM	11:58:43 AM	1:36:43	0:03:43	3	4
6		Chuck	Sharples	Caitlin	Nuhn	9:50:00 AM	11:17:23 AM	1:27:23	0:05:37	8	5
10		Karen	Germini	Peggy	Metcalfe	9:03:00 AM	10:30:20 AM	1:27:20	0:05:40		6
7		Marilyn	Rogers	Carina	Rini	9:46:00 AM	11:28:41 AM	1:42:41	0:09:41	4	7
11	Fast & Furious	Lexy	Delvecchio	Julie	Sengstacken	9:07:00 AM	10:30:10 AM	1:23:10	0:09:50		8
2		Emma	Saunders	Jennifer	Asbury	9:26:00 AM	11:10:15 AM	1:44:15	0:11:15	5	
8		Anastasia	Blaisdell	Kayla	Hornick	9:58:00 AM	12:13:06 PM	2:15:06	0:42:06	6	

## HACKER DIVISION

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											1:48:00	
21		Laurie	Plourde	Diane	Varrone			10:26:00 AM	12:13:36 PM	1:47:36	0:00:24	1
17	Team TNT	Jean	Lasser	Lisa	Reneson			10:06:00 AM	11:57:45 AM	1:51:45	0:03:45	2
12	Showtime 1	Amanda	Lindgren	Taylor	Bergquist	Alicia	Brindisi	9:22:00 AM	11:18:45 AM	1:56:45	0:08:45	3
4	M&M Melynda	Lynda	Perry	Melissa	Evarts			9:18:00 AM	11:15:56 AM	1:57:56	0:09:56	4
15	2 Bays-n-a-Black	Stephanie	Teofilo	Sam	Schabel	Kyle	Schieferdecker	10:10:00 AM	12:08:56 PM	1:58:56	0:10:56	5
19		Julie	Berman	Kristin	Williams			10:02:00 AM	12:02:16 PM	2:00:16	0:12:16	6
1	Sibling Rivalry	Jane	Samuels	Leah	Nenninger			9:14:00 AM	11:14:48 AM	2:00:48	0:12:48	7
5		Linda	Rogers	Megan	Ellis			10:14:00 AM	12:16:34 PM	2:02:34	0:14:34	8
3		Jean	Aronson	Logan	Aronson			9:38:00 AM	11:43:50 AM	2:05:50	0:17:50	
25		Rob	Hathaway	Carrie	Wind			10:38:00 AM	12:49:09 PM	2:11:09	0:23:09	
16	Durham Dollies	Mary	Cash	Sally	Carter	Nancy	Bovich	10:18:00 AM	12:30:04 PM	2:12:04	0:24:04	
13	Showtime 2	Josephine	Guillemin	Jason	Apinio			9:34:00 AM	11:47:05 AM	2:13:05	0:25:05	
14	Showtime 3	Kimberly	Guillemin	Suzette	Gaudet			9:54:00 AM	12:38:03 PM	2:44:03	0:56:03	

Prize for Best Costumes: Team 9, Heaven and...

Note from Marlisa on the Hunter Division placings: I'm so sorry - I made a mistake on two calculations in the Hunter division that changed several placings. I take full responsibility for this error as the two numbers were ones I needed to key in by hand instead of using the formula. I'm not sure what you want to do and I will leave that up to you whether you want to reissue ribbons or just leave things as they were.

Hey Marlisa, this stuff happens, you're only human, it was pretty chaotic with a loose horse out on Route 145, the drizzle causing everyone to hang out in the barn where you were trying to work, and this wasn't even supposed to be your job this year! I think everyone had a good time and nobody got hurt which makes it a big success in my book. We really really appreciate your help.

If anyone wants to contact me about getting replacement ribbons, please e-mail [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).

# MEMBERS ONLY RIDE

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Come to lovely Chatfield Hollow State Park for a fun ride.  
Afterwards, eat chili and corn muffins and more while the  
horses hang out.

### Details:

\*Ready to ride at 11 A.M.

\*Parking is on the cul-de-sac at the end of North Chestnut Hill Road. General formation is to pull into the cul-de-sac and go to your right so that you circle counter clockwise. Park one after the other at the road edge. First trailer to arrive should keep pulling ahead to be headed out. Remember to leave room for the back ramp of the trailer in front of you. We will make a 2nd ring if need be. Buddy-ing up in a trailer would help, if it's possible.

\*Bring some finger food desserts and your own beverage (we will have warm cider).

\*A folding chair is helpful.

\*Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Davenport at [s1davenport@comcast.net](mailto:s1davenport@comcast.net) We will need to know how much chili and we will need your email address to advise of any cancellations due to weather. If you want to tell me what you're bringing, I might be able to intercept too much of one thing.

Thanks,  
Sue Davenport & Em Pavelka

P.S. As usual there will be shooting from the nearby gun club so you need to take that into consideration.

## BRIDLE PATH CONSERVANCY NEWS

This is a report on progress on conservation south of Weber Woods and the Quinimay Trail:

1. Monday, August 24: The Town of Westbrook, at a town Meeting, approved the purchase of the St. John property on the north side of Breakneck Hill Road. This 7.67 acre parcel will link Westbrook's 83 acre Chapman Mill Pond Conservation Area on the south side of Breakneck Hill Road to the 220 acre Horse Hill Woods Town Open Space to the north. This will effectively establish a continuous protected forest corridor from Chapman Mill Pond to Weber Woods / Cockaponset State Forest, creating the potential for extending the Quinimay Trail to the south. (Closing will be sometime in September.)

2. Tuesday, August 25: The Westbrook Zoning Commission, after a public hearing, approved the Chapman Mill Pond parking lot off Route 145, north of the Town of Westbrook and State Town Garages. The Town bought the 83 acre Chapman Mill Pond Conservation Area in 2002, and has received a grant from the Trails & Greenway division of DEEP allowing horse trailer access and multi use of the trail system. This was the trail with the eagle scout bridge project that BPC supported. (As of September 1, the parking lot is under construction.)

Tom Elliott, BPC

And here is an update on the work being done on the northern section of the Quinimay.

In early August, the Town of Haddam officially granted the BPC permission to extend the Quinimay Trail northward through a 34-acre parcel of open land owned by the town. Chuck Sharples and several other riders (including LCRVHC members Pam Cameron, Nancy Palermo-Lee and Caitlin Nuhn) have created a trail which has been clipped and tagged. At the moment, the trail terminates at the Higganum Fire Department on route 154, but Chuck and First Selectman Melissa Schlag continue to make connections with other landowners in an attempt to further extend the trail to eventually connect with the Valley Railway Line trail. The BPC is appreciative of the support and interest First Selectman Schlag has taken in this initiative. (Note: Ms Schlag was not reelected so Chuck will be working to forge a relationship with the new first selectman.)

Marlisa Simonson, BPC secretary

We are still awaiting word from Alex of the delivery of the stone for the surface of the Quinimay Trail north of Route 80.

**UPDATE:** The stone was delivered last week. Unfortunate that it is getting so close to the holidays when so many weekends are booked. We will be trying to come up with some work party dates to get it spread before the snow flies. We will blast as soon as we figure it out.

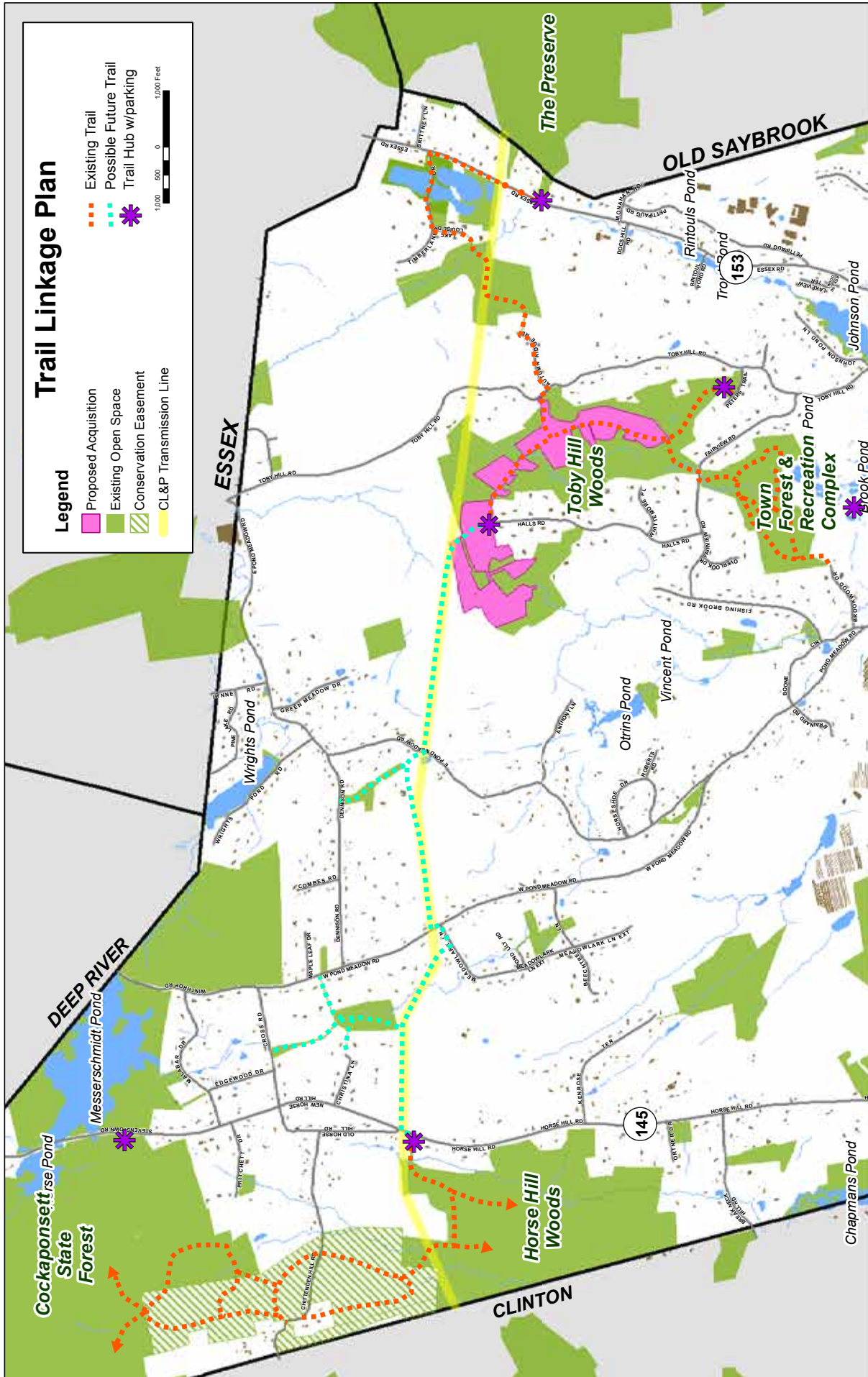
Also please see notice from Tom Elliott on page 2 about the meeting regarding the Toby Hill open space acquisition. The map is on page 9. LCRVHC is a group member of the Westbrook Land Conservation Trust and it's important to support their efforts. Thank you



# Trail Linkage Plan

## Legend

-  Proposed Acquisition
-  Existing Open Space
-  Conservation Easement
-  CL&P Transmission Line
-  Existing Trail
-  Possible Future Trail
-  Trail Hub w/parking



## LCRVHC/BPC 2015-2016 Calendar

Please start thinking about 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 please e-mail [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto: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 now. <https://www.facebook.com/lcrvhc>. Check it out!

### December

No BOD or General Meeting

12: Christmas Progressive Ride, Parking and Breakfast at Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Road, Clinton.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**The board will be working on a skeleton for the 2016 calendar. So far we have a Vaulting Demonstration and a Desensitizing Clinic scheduled for the spring. If there is a topic you would like to learn about, if you have a skill to share, or if you have any other ideas or thoughts about what activities the club can do, please e-mail your ideas to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com). This club is what you make it so please participate!**

### January

23: LCRVHC Holiday Party, 6pm. LCRVHC will provide a spiral ham and non-alcoholic punch. BYOB and a dish to share. Kristin Elliott Leas and Mark Leas will be our hosts at 131 Pritchett Drive, Westbrook. There will be a Silent Auction to benefit the Bridle Path Conservancy. Donations needed. Good opportunity to repurpose an unwanted Christmas gift. In the past some of our most popular “items” have been hand-made or skills. Get creative and let’s raise some money to continue our trail work!

For auction donations contact Kristin at [equineinsight@gmail.com](mailto:equineinsight@gmail.com)

To RSVP e-mail [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com), you might let us know what you plan to bring so we can intercept if we have too much of one good thing.

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