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### President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I can't believe it's already November. We have had a busy and fun fall season so far. We got a few membership renewals at the hunter pace. If you want to renew for 2020 now and beat the rush (LOL) I have included a membership form in this newsletter and always available on our web site.

#### Some Recent Programs and Activities

The Labor Day Brunch Ride from Julie and Dave's was a success. Gina McManus led a faster group and went down to Messerschmidts Pond for a horse swim. The slower group did part of the hunter pace route. Unfortunately Dave's horse, Calvin, twisted his knee when we were about as far from the farm as possible, putting Dave afoot. We still had a really good time, visiting and chatting, followed by a delicious brunch back at the farm. See pictures page 3.

During much of September and October LCRVHC members were working on the trails in Weber Woods preparing for the fall hunter pace. The hunter pace is LCRVHC's only fundraiser and pays for boring but important stuff like insurance. Our turnout was down this year, probably partly due to getting rained out the last two years but I think also because there are so many more hunter paces around these days. We ended up with 27 riders and netted \$527 which will pay for most of our insurance. We recieved many compliments on the condition of the trails and the course marking and jumps. I would like to thank my co-manager, Lynda Perry, for everything she does: answering bizarre Facebook questions, ordering ribbons, arranging the portapotty, dealing with the caterer (lunches are always a moving target), etc.; all the amazing and generous landowners: The Elliott and Leas families and Dave Beaudette and Julie Berman (without you letting us use your property adjacent to

*(President's Letter continued next page)*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CHRISTMAS BRUNCH RIDE

**Saturday, December 14**, CLCT Kenilworth Forest. Trailer parking at Melissa's Rough Draft Farm, 24 River Road, Clinton. Ready to Ride at 10:00 am. Potluck Brunch noonish—depends how long folks want to ride. Bring something to share. RSVP to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com). If you let us know what you plan to bring we can head off duplicates. Depending how many riders we get we can break into small groups. Non riders welcome for brunch.

#### ANNUAL FREEZE YOUR BUTT RIDE

**December 29 or January 1**, Hammonasset State Park. Ready to ride at 11:00. Hot chocolate. Date depends on weather and what works for more members. RSVP to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).

#### WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY-SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, February 1, 6 pm** Kristin and Mark's

#### PIZZA AND PLANNING MEETING

**Friday, February 21, 6 pm**, Alyce's, bring your calendars!

#### CLIP & RIDE, QUINIMAY NORTH

**Date TBD**. I'd like to check, clear, and remark the Quinimay from Tower Hill to 80 to 148 and from Pattaconk reservoir to Beaver Meadow parking at Pattaconk. Would anyone be interested in/available for a weekday ride with me?

#### MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

We want to have activities and programs that you will be interested in and attend, on days and times that work for your schedule. Please, please, share your thoughts and ideas. Email [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com) or talk to any board member!

**See calendar on last page for much 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 September 30. 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)*

the state forest there would be no hunter pace); Liz Kennedy for organizing the silent auction (which raised over \$250 for the BPC) and helping with the trail work and course marking; all the other trail workers and markers: Alyce Mallek, Lynn Burns, Dave Beaudette, Peggy Lupone, Bob Bandzes, Rebecca Russell, Kristin Elliott Leas, and Hannah Gossett. Special thanks to Hannah for getting out with me the Friday before the pace for last minute cleanup after the storm on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to all who helped the day of the pace: Sigrun Morano for timing; Genie Dethloff for answering my deperate plea and coming out of retirement to do the scoring; everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up and registration and organization and parking and safety check and on and on: Alyce, Lynn, Dave, Julie, Liz, Beverly Torell, Barbara White, Bob Bandzes, Kathy Schuyler for getting the lunches. And thank you to Dave and Bob and Rebecca and anyone else helped take down the markers. This was actually the least stressful hunter pace I have worked on due to all the support. I would also like to thank Lakeside Feed for donating prizes for costumes and special awards. See results and photos pages 4-7 and 10.

On Sunday November 3 LCRVHC held our annual Chili Ride at Chatfield Hollow, hosted this year by Emmy Pavelka, we decided to name the ride in memory of our late friend and member Sue Davenport, who organized and hosted this ride (as well as summer picnics and Christmas parties) for so many years. I think there were about 14 riders. We broke into 3 groups—medium pace (walk, trot, small canters); slow (walk, some trot); and pokey (walk only)—for a nice two hour loop. Our friendly equine photographer and stalker, Judy Bosco, showed up at the bridge and some posed for her camera. We finished with delicious chili, sides, and desserts.

All our officers and board members had previously agreed to another term with no new volunteers so we held our annual election to confirm the slate (see below).

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

I hope to see you soon!

Melissa

**PS** 2019 membership was down a bit. It's really a bargain at only \$15 annually for individual, \$25 for family. If you have friends you ride with or know people who are interested in trail riding with small groups or working on local trails, spread the word. And please, I can't say it often enough, tell us what you want to do as a club!

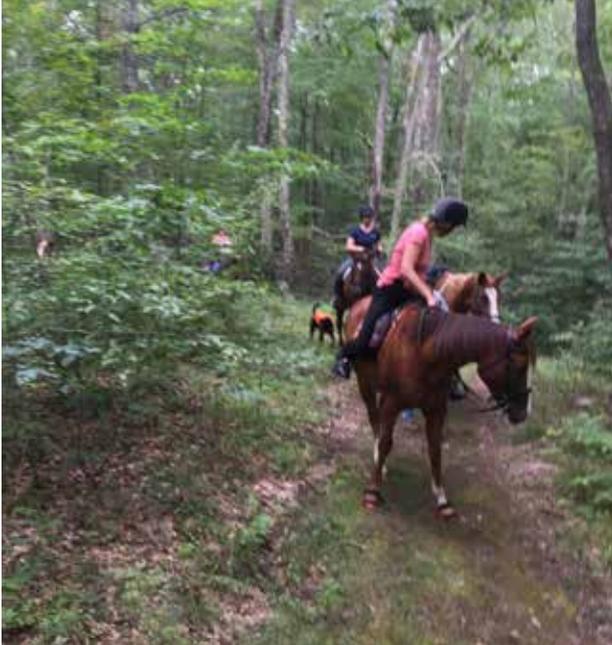
**LCRVHC Board**

President: Melissa Evarts  
Vice-president: Mary Wozniak  
Treasurer: Lynda Perry  
Membership secretary: Alyce Mallek  
At-large: Gina McManus  
At-large: Lynnette 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

# Labor Day Brunch Ride



# Hunter Pace Prep



# Hunter Pace Results

## Hunter Division

First Place: Team 17-Heidi Smith

Second Place: Team 9-Sunny Side Up-Heidi Voegeli

Third Place: Team 2-Baldwin Pacers-Chuck Sharples and Mary Kelly

Fourth Place: Team 12-Laura Pittari

Fifth Place: Team 1-Mary Palumbo

Sixth Place: Team 8-Carolyn Gambardella

## Hacker Division

First Place: Team 14-John Barry, Christine Barry, Joan Barry Epstein

Second Place: Team 10-2 Hearts-Nancy Bovich and Pat Nelson

Third Place: Team 15-Laurie Plourde and Patricia Hill

Fourth Place: Team 4-Cookie Monster-Colleen Hardison and Emma Bayok

Fifth Place: Team 11-Robin Marrotte, Madeline Condill, and Mzzz Vasington

Sixth Place: Team 6-Lace and Leather-Carrie Wind and Julie Berman

Seventh Place: Team 3-Chicks with Sticks-Jennifer Tyrrell and Tamara Shorr

## Special Awards

Managers Award for Early and Complete Entry

Team 1-Mary Palumbo

Team 2-Baldwin Pacers-Chuck Sharples and Mary Kelly

Excellent Costume and good humor in the face of adversity:

Team 5-The Three Amigos-Janet Sampieri, Jean Cassella, Tony Gambardella

Costume

Team 8-Carolyn Gambardella and Q (at right)

Team 4-Cookie Monster-Colleen Hardison and Emma Bayok

Matching

Team 3-Chicks with Sticks-Jennifer Tyrrell and Tamara Shorr



# LCRVHC Fall Festival Hunter Pace



Thanks to Judy Bosco for photos on these 2 pages. If you wish to order prints or digital images contact Judy at [jequiphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:jequiphoto@yahoo.com) or visit her smugmug page [judybosco.smugmug.com](http://judybosco.smugmug.com). This is just a small sample.



# LCRVHC Fall Festival Hunter Pace



# Sue Davenport Memorial Chili Ride



Photos on this page thanks to Emmy Pavelka (top 10) and John Barry (other 3), except photo of Sue Davenport at right on her beloved Deja, circa 2011. (I think Trish Panico might have taken this one, it was in with some of her and Truman.)

# Sue Davenport Memorial Chili Ride



Thanks to Judy Bosco for photos on this page. If you wish to order prints or digital images contact Judy at [jequiphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:jequiphoto@yahoo.com) or visit her smugmug page [judybosco.smugmug.com](http://judybosco.smugmug.com). This is just a small sample.

# More Hunter Pace Candida



Photos by Beverly Torell

# Bridle Path Conservancy News

The BPC is always 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). 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 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. Please report your time to Beverly Torell, bdtct@sbcglobal.net. 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!

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## BPC President's Letter

Happy Autumn to All,

By now, most of the trees are bare as winter approaches. I hope you all had a happy Halloween and escaped the danger of trees coming down with high winds and rain mother nature sprung on us.

I wish to get out and walk some of Weber Woods we try so hard to maintain. Thanks to all who helped with the clean-up and marking of trails for our Hunter Pace. That fall ride inspires us to work on this wonderful trail system. Members or friends who haven't ridden or hiked the trails should check it out. You will not be disappointed. At the Pace we got lots of compliments on the trails and marking.

We raised over \$250 for the BPC with the Silent Auction. Shout out and thanks to Liz Kennedy for organizing it. Donations came from members, former members, and local merchants.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Good cheers for the winter approaching and Christmas holidays.

Sincerely,

*Bev*

Bev Torell, President

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## WEBER WOOD'S NOTE

The "Alligator Crossing" bridge at the back corner of the lower gun club field was washed away by the September 25, 2018 flood. There is no viable ford in this area, therefore the trail is closed until we can figure out how to fix/replace it. Someone has put a few planks across for walkers/bikers. Be safe!

Update: Tom Elliott might have an Eagle Scout Candidate willing to take this on. Stay tuned.

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[bpconservancy.org](http://bpconservancy.org)

## SUPPORT THE BPC WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE!

The Bridle Path Conservancy is a receiving charity of Amazon Smile, Goodsearch, Goodshop and iGive. For every purchase you make through one of these sites with a participating online retailer, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the BPC.

### Here's how it works:



#### If you shop at Amazon.com:

- Instead of logging into the regular Amazon.com site, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1894760>
- Click the "Start Shopping" button and log in with your Amazon username and password.
- Shop and purchase as you would normally. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the BPC as long as you log in through the URL above (note: you can increase the donation to 1.5% by shopping Amazon via Goodshop or iGive – see below).



#### If you do a lot of web searching:

- Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com> or visit their FAQ to set Goodsearch as your home page.
- The first time you visit Goodsearch, click the "Get Started" button, then search for "Bridle Path Conservancy." Click on the BPC listing and then create a login or login with Facebook.
- As long as you stay logged in, each time you search the web through Goodsearch a one-cent donation is made to the BPC.



#### If you stop online at individual retail sites (see over for examples):

- Before visiting your favorite online shopping site, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop> or <http://www.igive.com> (the sites are different but function the same).
- The first time you visit either site, you will be asked to create a login and select a cause (please search for "Bridle Path Conservancy") (note: if you have already created a login for Goodsearch, you do not need to create a separate one for Goodshop).
- Search for the name of the online merchant you want, and Goodshop or iGive will redirect you to continue your shopping session, donating a percentage of your total purchase to the BPC.

Note: these sites may have an app, browser button or other tool; please see their web sites for details.

**SAMPLE ONLINE RETAILERS WHO PARTICIPATE VIA GOODSHOP AND/OR IGIVE:**

 1% donation 68 coupons »	 4% donation 100 coupons »	 1% donation 46 coupons »	 Up to 2.5% donation 100 coupons »	 4% donation 83 coupons »
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**Categories of sites available:**

<p><b>Beauty, Health &amp; Fitness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beauty</li><li>Sports &amp; Outdoors</li><li>Health &amp; Fitness</li></ul> <p><b>Books &amp; Magazines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Books &amp; Media</li><li>Magazines &amp; Newspapers</li></ul> <p><b>Clothing &amp; Accessories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Women's Clothing</li><li>Men's Clothing</li><li>Kids' Clothing</li><li>Shoes</li><li>Accessories</li><li>Jewelry &amp; Watches</li><li>Department Stores</li><li>Luggage</li><li>Clothing - Athletic &amp; Sportswear</li><li>Clothing - Intimate</li><li>Clothing - Plus Size</li><li>Clothing - Uniforms</li></ul> <p><b>Computers &amp; Electronics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Computer Hardware &amp; Electronics</li><li>Computer Software</li><li>Cell Phones, Mobile &amp; Broadband</li><li>Ink and Toner</li><li>Internet Hosting, Domains &amp; Services</li></ul> <p><b>Flowers, Gifts &amp; Occasions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Valentine's Day</li><li>Flowers</li><li>Gifts &amp; Gift Baskets</li><li>Gift Cards</li><li>Food &amp; Wine</li><li>Weddings</li><li>Party Supplies</li><li>Halloween &amp; Costumes</li><li>Mother's Day</li><li>Father's Day</li><li>Easter</li><li>Religious</li><li>Holiday</li><li>Back to School</li><li>Graduation</li></ul>	<p><b>Movies, Music &amp; Games</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DVD's &amp; Videos</li><li>Music</li><li>Toys &amp; Games</li><li>Entertainment</li></ul> <p><b>Office Supplies &amp; Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Office Supplies</li><li>Services</li><li>Photos &amp; Prints</li><li>Banking, Finance &amp; Insurance</li><li>Internet Hosting, Domains &amp; Services</li></ul> <p><b>Toys, Baby &amp; School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Toys &amp; Games</li><li>Baby &amp; Maternity</li><li>Education &amp; School Supplies</li><li>Back to School</li><li>Art, Crafts &amp; Hobbies</li></ul> <p><b>Travel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Best Travel Deals</li><li>Airfare &amp; Rail</li><li>Hotels &amp; Cruises</li><li>Car Rentals</li><li>Vacation Packages</li><li>Luggage</li></ul> <p><b>More Categories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Holiday</li><li>Free Shipping</li><li>Most Popular Stores</li><li>Banking, Finance &amp; Insurance</li><li>Cars &amp; Motorcycles</li><li>Sports &amp; Outdoors</li><li>Breast Cancer Awareness</li><li>Canada</li><li>Cause Favorites</li><li>Dating &amp; Matchmaking</li><li>Daily Deal Sites</li><li>Department Stores</li><li>Religious</li></ul>
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*Horse and Pet sites available too!*

## Cares and Concerns



Congratulations to BPC board member-at-large, Nancy Palermo Lee, on the birth of her first grandson, Emmett, on October 9.

Welcome to Dozer, the latest Seashore Belgian, here's hoping he can begin to fill Able's shoes once he gets settled in.

We also wish many happy trails to Kathy Schuyler and her new mount, Joey!

If you have cares and concerns for LCRVHC members and friends, please email [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).



### Classifieds

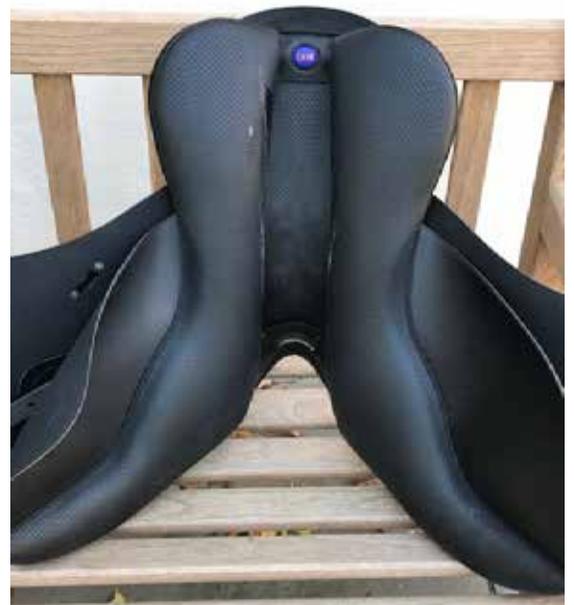
If you have something to sell, give away, share, or barter; or are looking for something another member might have to exchange, place your ad here!

### FOR SALE

Brand new Wintec 2000 All Purpose Saddle. Black. 17.5". CAIR cushion system with changeable gullet. Great saddle. List price \$995. Selling for \$775 or best offer. Contact Rebecca at [rebeccarussell150@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccarussell150@gmail.com).

### REMINDER

Horses are allowed on the beach at Hammonasset between October 15 and March 31. Please be respectful.





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

**2020 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) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LCRVHC/BPC 2019–2020 Calendar

Please think about the 2019–2020 calendar. If you are interested in hosting a MO ride please email Lynda Perry, [cymaronfarm@snet.net](mailto:cymaronfarm@snet.net) or [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com). If you have an idea for a program or activity, a topic you would like to learn about, a skill to share, or would like to host the winter party or summer picnic, please email [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto: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 horse organizations in our calendar so we can work around them.

### December/January

14: Christmas MO Ride see box right  
29 or January 1: LCRVHC Annual Freeze Your Butt Ride at Hammonasset

### February

1: Winter Holiday party Kristin and Mark's  
2: Groundhog Day Ride location TBD  
21: Pizza and Planning meeting, Alyce's house



*The geese honked overhead.  
I ran to catch the skein  
To watch them as they fled  
In a long wavering line.  
—May Sarton (1912–95)*

### LCRVHC Christmas Brunch Member-Only Ride

**Saturday, December 14**

**Rain or Snow**

**Saturday, December 21**

Trailer parking at Rough Draft Farm,  
24 River Road, Clinton

Ride out at 10:00 am.

Potluck Brunch noonish—depending  
how long folks want to ride.

Bring something to share.

Non-riders welcome to join us for  
brunch.

Let us know what you plan to bring and  
we can head off duplicates.

Depending how many riders we get we  
can break into small groups.

Wear something Christmasy!

RSVP to [lcrvhc.org@gmail.com](mailto:lcrvhc.org@gmail.com).

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