

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

September already—kids are back to school—fall is in the air—and hunter pace season is here. Please spread the word about our hunter pace. It is our only fund raiser and pays for important stuff like insurance and snacks for our meetings! See poster and entry forms in this newsletter. I do love the cooler weather but I hate the shorter days. Before you know it the sleigh will be out!

A Recap of Some Recent LCRVHC Activities

The annual summer picnic on July 23 was again held at Sue Davenport's gorgeous home. It was a perfect summer evening to enjoy her gardens, patios, and terraces. I never remember to take any pictures but it was fun to catch up with everybody and there was plenty of good food. Thank you Sue for allowing us to invade your place again!

Meet the Donkeys!

Our August 20 meeting was something different. Kim Brockett and her husband, Mike Cappelli, from Tripledale Farm in Guilford brought their Mammoth donkeys, Sandy, Sage, and Sharpie to share with our group. While many of us have gotten to know the mule members of our club, Emma and Sparkle, we are not as familiar with their non-horse parents. We had a good time talking with Kim and Mike about their animals and everyone was offered a chance to ride them. (Yes, yours truly did get on, then almost couldn't get off, I haven't been in a western saddle since I was a kid, I thought they were going to have to bring in a crane to lift me off!) Kim and Mike also have goats, llama, and sheep. They are available for petting zoos, donkey rides, educational events, and fundraisers. E-mail tripledalefarm@yahoo.com. See photos on pages 2 and 3.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 24, General Meeting, Open House at the Fire Museum. Many of you have said your spouse, father, friend, etc. would be interested in seeing the museum. Here's your chance. Self guided or I will try to get my dad to come talk about his collection. Social meeting, snacks provided, guests welcome.

MEMBER-ONLY RIDES

September 27, Pachaug State Forest, contact Lynda Perry (cymaronfarm@snet.net)
October 18, Weber Woods, Clip & Ride and mark course for Hunter Pace. Park at Dave Beaudette's. Please RSVP to lcrvhc.org@gmail.com.

November 1, take down Hunter Pace markers.

HORSE TRAVEL SLIDE SHOW

October 22: Sue Davenport will give a slide presentation about the Chateau to Chateau Ride in the Loire Valley in France. Sue's house.

FALL FESTIVAL HUNTER PACE

October 25: LCRVHC Fall Festival Hunter Pace Posters and entry form in newsletter! Volunteers needed. E-mail Lynda (cymaronfarm@snet.net).

See calendar on last page for more!

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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. This club is what you make it so please participate!

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Please remember when riding at Bluff Point, Hammonassett, 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 OF NO HORSES signs posted. The boardwalks on the **Shoreline Greenway** Trail in Hammonassett, for example, are not horse safe. No horses are allowed on the beach at Hammonassett 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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The August 30 Member-only ride was held at Weber Woods. Ten of us rode out from Kristin and Mark's and met up with two others who had parked at the Weber Woods parking area. We split into two groups of six. We enjoyed a pleasant ride on parts of the hunter pace route and had an opportunity to admire the new trail blazes that were done on National Trails Day. We ended up back at Kristin and Mark's for a yummy potluck lunch.

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





Meet the Donkeys



Lightest to darkest by color: Sandy, Sage, Sharpie. I apologize for the poor quality of the photos from the Meet the Donkeys program. I took them with my cell phone and we were rapidly losing daylight. —Melissa

LCRVHC Members Clean Up at Lyme Horse Trials!

Congratulations to club members Emily Berman on Dillon (Beginner Novice), Kristin Elliott Leas on Capall (Elementary Senior), and Lexy DelVecchio on Prince Valiant (Elementary Junior) all had a very successful day at Lord Creek on August 23. Each took the blue ribbon for their respective division!





Clockwise from top left:
Emily Berman riding Dillon in dressage, Lexy DelVecchio on Prince Valiant in cross-country, and Kristin Elliott Leas on Capall in stadium. Photos by Judith M. Bosco jequiphoto@yahoo.com, www.judybosco.smugmug. com. Photography by Judith M. Bosco on Facebook.





Top three photos by Judith M. Bosco jequiphoto@yahoo.com, www.judy bosco.smugmug.com. Photography by Judith M. Bosco on Facebook. Bottom two photos by Julie Berman.





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.

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.



BPC President
Chuck Sharples and
LCRVHC Treasurer
Lynda Perry attended the
celebration and ribbon
cutting to represent the
horse community.



Sunday, October 25, 2015



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 25, 2015



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.

<u>From Rt. 80</u> 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. 20, 2014. Entry fee is \$45 (\$40.00 for LCRVHC members).

Entries will be accepted from Oct. 20 - 24 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.



2015 LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace Team Members Entry Form

Entry Form Release (s) Signed:

Current Coggins Form

Current Rabies Form

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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: \$
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Horse Name:	Horse Name:		Horse Name:
Address:	Address:		Address:
City:	City:		City:
State: Zip:	State: Zip:		State: Zip:
Telephone:	Telephone:		Telephone:
Email:	Email:		Email:
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FOR SALE

REMMY



Looking to re-home my horse Remmy (would be open to a possible lease). I am a beginner just getting back into riding again and I feel he would be better off with a more experienced rider.

Remmy is an 11 year old registered quarter horse gelding, 15.1hh. His registered name is Double my Deluxe (comes with his papers). Currently used as a trail horse and will go through anything, not spooky, and has no problem leading or following. Prefers to have a buddy on the trails but in time I think he would be just fine going out solo. Remmy would excel with an intermediate rider. Very sweet and mellow horse. Gets along well with other horses and just wants to please.

Asking \$2,000 but open to offers as my main priority is finding a great home for him!

If interested contact, Jackie:

Cell: 203-858-7883

Email: jaclyn.bellocchio@gmail.com

LCRVHC/BPC 2015 Calendar

Tie to start thinking about 2016 calendar. It will be here before we know it! 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 or contact any board member. Meetings are at the Fire Museum behind 21 Copse Road, Madison, unless otherwise specified. Actually it looks like most of them are elsewhere so far! Fun to go other places. LCRVHC has a Facebook page for member-only rides now. https://www.facebook.com/lcrvhc. Check it out!

September

13: Lord Creek Hunter Pace

24: General Meeting, Open House at Fire Museum. Many of you have said your spouse, father, friend, etc. would be interested in seeing the collection. Here's your chance.

27: MO Ride, Pachaug, contact cymaronfarm@snet.net

October

1: BOD meeting, Melissa's house

18: MO Ride in Weber Woods, Clip & Ride and mark course for Hunter Pace. Park at Dave Beaudette's.

22: General meeting, horse travel slide show at Sue's

25: LCRVHC Fall Hunter Pace-spread the word! Posters and entry form in newsletter!

November

1: LCRVHC/BPC Work Party/Ride, take down Hunter Pace markers

No BOD Meeting

12-15: Equine Affair

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

19: Special Meeting, Election year

December

No BOD or General Meeting

__: Christmas Progressive Ride,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

January

__: LCRVHC Holiday Party, Tom and Gloria Elliott have offered to host again this year!

Note: 2015 is an election year for LCRVHC. If you would be interested in serving on a board to help determine the direction and activities of either organization please e-mail lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or talk to any current board member.

LCRVHC Board

Melissa Evarts, President
Chuck Sharples, Vice President
Alyce Mallek, Membership Secretary
Lynda Perry, Treasurer
Joe Secondino, At Large
Shirley Tirrell, At Large
Emma Saunders, At Large (filling Sue Davenport's term)

BPC Board

Chuck Sharples, President Kristin Elliott Leas, Vice President Marlisa Simonson, Secretary David V. Beaudette, Treasurer Tom Elliott, At Large Rebecca Ziobron, At Large

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