

## Volunteer Horse Patrol News:

Our annual meeting was held on 4/3 at CHC President Chip Beckett's Veterinary practice in Glastonbury. Re-certification of VHP members for CPR & First Aid was completed. A full CPR & First Aid class was held the following Sunday 4/10. Congratulations to **Bunny Joseph, Judith Hunter and Phyllis Alexander** who have completed all their requirements and now are official VHP members. Our VHP members Meg Sautter and Angela Deschenes presented the CPR & First Aid classes at a very reduced rate for our members. Thank you.

All those that did not attend this meeting will have to find a re-certification class on their own, or retake a full class if the valid date expires.

The vote at the meeting was to order orange safety vests imprinted "Horse Patrol" rather than to have pinneys made. The Recreational Trails Program that approved our application for the pinneys and folding saws will fund this expense. As soon as they are available they will be distributed.

VHP members are **encouraged** to **e-mail** their **monthly** patrol logs to their **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**. Saving the documents to a file can do this. Remember to save a "hard copy" for your files just in case....

**Monthly logs for other patrol areas in other forests or parks other than your "official assigned one" will be filled out separately or highlighted under "location".**

Everyone is asked to e-mail or call if they did **not** patrol, as a courtesy to the coordinators who are collecting the data, so that they are not waiting for reports and do not have to make unnecessary phone calls. Your prompt attention to this matter at the end of the month will make the Patrol more efficient and cut down on unnecessary time for all those involved. Thank you for your cooperation.

For **Cockaponsett State Forest**:

E-mail your monthly reports to: Pat Martin [hawksheadfarm@comcast.net](mailto:hawksheadfarm@comcast.net)

**If you are unable to e-mail them, please mail by postal to: Judith Hunter**

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**Due to the numerous areas of Cockaponset, Pat will have a list of "Location" names of the patrol areas, so that everyone, including the DEP Supervisor will know what exact areas were patrolled.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2005 CHC MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Governor's Day Ride, held in Pachaug State Forest is getting a lot of publicity this year. **Several officials from DEP will be in attendance, with local legislators and possibly Governor Jodie Rell and the new DEP Commissioner, Gina McCarthy.****

Beverly Torell has offered to bring her horse for Leslie Lewis from DEP to ride. They have a carriage ride and marked pleasure rides and lots of great food. It's a party! Equestrians from around the state are invited. **We would love for members of VHP to put together a showing at this event.**

Contact VHP Pachaug Coordinator, Cathy Gluck at: [gjolin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gjolin@sbcglobal.net) or 860-564-1339 for additional information.

**We need everyone to take the initiative and represent the equestrian community at this event.**

## [TRAIL EVENTS](#)

[Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>](#) Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club (LCRVHC) presents their 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Bluff Point Spring Beach Pace** in Groton, CT. For more information and entry forms, please call Ride Manager- Judith Hunter at 203-488-4273

[Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>](#) The 2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard holds their annual **Judged Pleasure Ride** in Newtown. It is approximately a 6-mile trail ride that is timed with an obstacle course at the end. Both time and obstacle scores are combined to determine the winner. The charge is \$40.00 for the ride and lunch is included. For more information and entry form contact: SGT Karen de Friesse at 203 775 9781 or [KDEFRIE885@AOL.COM](mailto:KDEFRIE885@AOL.COM)  
**There will also be a VHP horse & rider evaluation available for all new volunteers on the obstacle course. There will be no charge for the evaluation alone. Contact: Diane or Karen.**

[Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>](#) The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce is organizing their second **"All Routes Lead to Willimantic" Riverfest**. There will be a Canoe, Kayak, Bike, Hike, Running and **HorseBack-riding event** celebrating and enjoying the beautiful Willimantic River and all it's surrounding resources. A 6-mile horseback ride along the Hop River from Coventry to Hop River State Park is planned. [Contact: Lisa Glow 860-429-0107 / redstar86@hotmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Glow@redstar86@hotmail.com)

### **CT/ National Trails Day Rides**

[Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>](#) is the annual **CT/National Trails Day Ride** that the LCRVHC and VHP organize in Weber Woods. Trailer parking is at the Martin Farm and you must RSVP to Jim before the event, as parking space is limited.

[Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>](#). **CT/ National Trails Day Ride** - Larkin Bridle Trail, Naugatuck, CT  
Contact Meg Sautter [mmsautter@cox.net](mailto:mmsautter@cox.net) / 860-666-6938 or Diane Ciano [Spirit76@snet.net](mailto:Spirit76@snet.net) / 203-757-1904 for details

So here are six great rides in May and June. Hitch up your trailer and GO!

**SAVE THE DATE: [Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.](#) Northeast Utilities Building, Berlin, CT**

The Connecticut Horse Council Annual Meeting.

Guest Speakers will be **DEP Officials**, Trails - Leslie Lewis along with an invite to the newly appointed DEP Commissioner, Gina McCarthy. Leslie will provide an update on **CT Recreational Trails Plan** and DEP report on the CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol.

**We need everyone to take the initiative and represent the equestrian community at this meeting. Come and join your State Horse Council at this very important meeting and meet your DEP officials and members of the Council.**