



Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

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2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to all who have joined the CT Horse Council for 2012. A reminder for those that have not paid their dues – please take the time to send in your dues. The 2014 application is on pages 39-40 of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 33-38 and are also posted up on our website.

Have a fun and safe Spring & Summer !

Attention All Trail Riders – A friendly reminder to “Share the Trail” and use trail etiquette, respect the trails and other people out on the trails. Please clean up at trail heads and on well used trails and Greenways. Please be very diligent about beach rides and picnic areas.

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VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL

CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL

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Your CHC Representation around the state...

Legislation

The Connecticut Legislative session is moving quickly this year and many bills have been brought up for public hearing with a short notice. Please check the CHC website for updates and we will also send out e-mails. The Connecticut Horse Council is tracking a number of bills which may potentially impact our members. CHC urges our members to testify at the hearings or submit written testimony to the committees.

Members should also email their own legislators to ask for their support and/or cosponsor the bills listed below. Some have already had public hearings

NOTE: Even though a bill has already been “Heard”– you can still ask your legislators to support or make changes to a bill as a hearing does not mean that the bill passed.

To see the full text of the bills, please visit the Connecticut General Assembly website at www.cga.ct.gov and type the bill number into the search box. You may also obtain contact information for your legislators on this site. CHC encourages our members to contact their elected officials to express opinions.

Please go to the CHC website for updated Alerts and additional information on addressing the legislation: www.cthorsecouncil.org

Please contact your local State legislators and Committee Members to ask that they support and/or cosponsor **HB 5044**, **SB336**, **HB 5057**, **HB5555**, **HB 5370**, & **HB 5369**.

NOTE: CHC Does NOT support:

Raised Bill 5415: AN ACT CONCERNING THE AIR LINE STATE PARK TRAIL.

as written for two reasons: The use of eminent domain [Section 1, (b)] to acquire adjacent lands, and [Section 1, (d) where it shall be held, developed and administered “primarily as a footpath” (This trail is currently designated Multi-use).

Please contact your Legislators and the members of the Environment Committee asking them to strike eminent domain and support multi use

When contacting legislators remember to be respectful and polite, and use the bill number and title. Remember to sign your name and full address and ask them to reply to your request. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact CHC at president@cthorsecouncil.org

Connecticut Horse Council Legislative Update March 2014

THE FOLLOWING BILLS ARE PRIORITY ISSUES FOR CHC:

Please contact your legislators and ask they SUPPORT the bills below

HB-5044: An Act Concerning Domesticated Horses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) In any civil action brought against the owner of any horse, pony, donkey or mule to recover damages for any personal injury allegedly caused by such horse, pony, donkey or mule there shall be a presumption that such horse, pony, donkey or mule is domesticated, is not inherently dangerous and does not possess a vicious propensity. Such presumption may be rebutted by evidence that such horse, pony, donkey or mule was not raised or kept by a person.

(b) In any civil action brought against the owner of any horse, pony, donkey or mule to recover damages for any personal injury allegedly caused by such horse, pony, donkey or mule, evidence that such horse, pony, donkey or mule previously caused an injury to a person shall not be sufficient to establish a duty for such owner to restrain such horse, pony, donkey or mule as to prevent such horse, pony, donkey or mule from causing injury.

Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Public hearing: Friday, February 28th

NOTE: CHC supports this legislation: Please address your legislators

SB 336: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) As used in subsection (b) of this section, (1) "vulnerable user" means: (A) A pedestrian; (B) a highway worker; (C) a person riding or driving an animal; (D) a person riding a bicycle; (E) a person using a skateboard, roller skates or in-line skates; (F) a person operating or riding on an agricultural tractor; (G) a person using a wheelchair or motorized chair; and (H) a blind person and such person's service animal, and (2) "public way" includes any state or other public highway, road, street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of the state or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to public travel or other use.

(b) Any person operating a motor vehicle on a public way who fails to exercise reasonable care and causes the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable user of a public way, provided such vulnerable user has shown reasonable care in such user's use of the public way, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

Purpose: To increase awareness of vulnerable users of our roads.

NOTE: CHC supports this legislation: This bill had a public hearing on March 5th and was voted out of committee with some language changes.

Please address your legislators & the members of the Transportation Committee.

HB 5057: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF HORSES AND PONIES AND FARM MACHINERY AND THE TRANSFER OF LAND CLASSIFIED AS FARM LAND, OPEN SPACE LAND, FOREST LAND AND MARINE HERITAGE LAND.

To authorize municipalities, by local option, to exempt all horses and ponies from property taxation; to increase the property tax exemption for farm machinery; to amend the date on which a qualified foresters report must be submitted; to require property owners to provide notice of an excepted transfer of land classified as farm land, open space land, forest land or maritime heritage land, and to make other changes concerning the assessment of such classified land.

NOTE: CHC supports this legislation: Please address your Legislators and the members of the Planning and Development Committee.

HB 5370: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF CONNECTICUT'S STATE PARKS.

To implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the performance of Connecticut's state parks.

NOTE: CHC supports this legislation: Please address your Legislators and the members of the Program Review and Investigations Committee.

Section 3 provides for the possibility of returning up to 50% of park revenues and fees to support Parks rather than go to the General Fund as they currently do. These revenues would be used to increase historically low personnel levels and offset dramatically increasing operational costs (fuel, trash removal, equipment etc.).

H.B. No. 5555: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS.

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) Any person who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the ordinary course of such person's employment, renders emergency medical assistance or other emergency assistance to any animal in need, or reasonably perceived to be in need thereof, including, but not limited to, the provision of safe and secure refuge to such animal, shall not be liable to the owner of such animal for civil damages for any injuries that result from acts or omissions by such person in rendering such emergency medical assistance or other emergency assistance that may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this section does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

Statement of Purpose: To extend good samaritan protections to persons providing assistance to animals.

NOTE: CHC supports this legislation: This bill had a public hearing on March 17th and was referred to the Joint Committee on Judiciary.

Please address your legislators & the members of the Judiciary Committee.

HB 5369: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TUITION PLEDGE PROGRAM AND A FINANCIAL AID PLEDGE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

To implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning a study of the establishment of a tuition guarantee program and a financial aid pledge program at The University of Connecticut.

NOTE: CHC supports this legislation: Please address your Legislators and the members of the Program Review and Investigations Committee.

This bill enhances the opportunities for individual Parks to retain income from rentals of buildings/structures for use in maintenance and other needs of those Parks.

Raised Bill 5415: AN ACT CONCERNING THE AIR LINE STATE PARK TRAIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) It is declared to be the policy of the state of Connecticut that the Air Line State Park Trail be preserved in its natural character for the purpose of preserving the heritage of such trail as a means of transport between the cities of Boston and New York during the late nineteenth century.

(b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is hereby authorized by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise to acquire such land, including, but not limited to, rights-of-way and easements for the purpose of protecting or enhancing scenic beauty, as may be deemed necessary to establish, protect and maintain the portion of the Air Line State Park Trail, provided the power of eminent domain shall not be utilized to acquire a strip of land bordering said trail no greater than two hundred feet in overall width.

(c) Any department or agency of the state or of any political subdivision may transfer to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection lands or rights in land for such purposes on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, or may enter into an agreement with the commissioner providing for the establishment and protection of said trail.

(d) The Air Line State Park Trail shall be held, developed and administered primarily as a footpath and the natural scenic beauty thereof shall be preserved insofar as it is practicable; provided other uses of the trail and lands acquired hereunder may be permitted, by the owner of adjoining lands or other, in such manner and in such seasons as will not substantially interfere with the primary use of the trail. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the right of the public to pass over existing public roads which are or may become part of the trail, nor prevent the department from performing such work as is necessary for the purpose of forest fire protection, insect, pest and disease control.

(e) The commissioner may enter into cooperative agreements with private organizations to provide for the maintenance of the trail.

(f) No person who has granted a right-of-way for said trail across his or her land, or his or her successor in title, shall be liable to any user of the trail for injuries suffered on said right-of-way unless the injuries are caused by his willful or wanton misconduct as covered in the provisions of sections 52-557f to 52-557i, inclusive, of the general statutes.

(g) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is hereby authorized to use any department funds which may become available to carry out the provisions of this section.

Statement of Purpose:

To preserve and recognize the importance of the Air Line State Park Trail as an important part of the transportation history of the state.

NOTE: CHC Does NOT support this legislation as written for two reasons: The use of eminent domain [Section 1, (b)] to acquire adjacent lands, and [Section 1, (d) where it shall be held, developed and administered “primarily as a footpath” (This trail is currently designated Multi-use).

Please contact your Legislators and the members of the Environment Committee asking them to strike eminent domain and support multi use

Farm Bill Passes the Senate

On February 4, 2014, the United States Senate passed The Agricultural Act of 2014, a multi-year Farm Bill in a 68-32 vote.

The bill was signed by the President on February 7. The bill reauthorizes several programs important to the horse industry, including livestock disaster programs, the Market Access Program, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and supports conservation and renewable energy.



According to the Land Trust Alliance, "the 2014 Farm Bill will generate more than one billion dollars for saving working farm and ranch lands. The bill will keep working farms and ranches in family hands and reinvest dollars, keeping local communities vital."

Click [here](#) to read more about the Farm Bill and its affect land conservation.

Below is an article by Fred Mastele explaining the the Connecticut Supreme Court proceedings regarding horses being portrayed as “vicious animals”.

Connecticut’s “Vicious Horses”

By: Frederick J. Mastele, Acting President of the Connecticut Horse Council

Recently many of you may have been following the Connecticut Supreme Court proceedings regarding horses being portrayed as “vicious animals”. This has led to Connecticut horse owners having several questions and concerns about what happened, and asking what can be done about it. In addition, some Connecticut horse owners may not be aware of what has occurred and would like more information. As briefly as possible, this article will attempt to describe the events leading up to the Supreme Court hearing and what we as an equine community can now do.

For most of you it may appear this is a case that has only recently come to light, however, it began in 2006. As court records indicate, in May of 2006 after purchasing plants at a store in Milford, CT, a young boy and his father went to visit horses roaming in a paddock at a boarding facility located behind the plant store (both the store and stable are owned by the Defendant). While petting one of the horses the young boy was badly bitten on the cheek.

In May of 2008, the original documents, etc. were filed with the court. However, due to continuances by the Plaintiff, the first hearing appears to have been in 2010 with the court ruling in favor of the defendant, hence

no “vicious horses”. The appeal went to the Appellate court in 2010, which heard the case and reversed the decision of the lower court in favor of the Plaintiff, thus “vicious horses”.

The CHC first became aware of this case in 2012 when it went to the Supreme Court and was brought to our attention at one of the monthly meetings. The CHC Board and members were concerned and weren’t sure what course of action to follow so Doug Dubitsky, an equine lawyer and member of the CHC, was contacted for advice. Doug suggested that the Supreme Court be approached to get permission to file a friend of the court brief (Amecus Brief) stating what the impact of declaring horses as “vicious animals” would have on the equine community both legally and economically. However, he said the cost would be significant and the CHC was not in a very good financial position to afford such an undertaking.

The CHC reached out to several sources for help and eventually the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association (CFBA), also realizing the negative impact to the equine community, provided the financial assistance needed. In addition, Doug donated unreimbursed expertise, resources and time getting permission to file and then filing the Amecus Brief.

Prior to the hearing the brief was filed with the Supreme Court on behalf of the CFBA and CHC, then on September 24, 2013, the Connecticut Supreme Court heard arguments for both sides. Unfortunately, Doug was not able to argue on behalf of the brief. Now we have to wait for the Supreme Court to render a decision for the case, which may take anywhere from 3 to 6 months, or more. A copy of the brief can be found at the CHC website at <http://cthorsecouncil.org>.

What can be done in the mean time? Letters to the Justices and petitions will not help at this point. I would like to remain optimistic and think the Justices will render a favorable decision, but we need to be prepared for the worst. Doug has informed the CHC that we should be prepared to fight this battle both legislatively and in the courts. Therefore, what I would encourage Connecticut horse owners, breed organizations, riding groups and other concerned groups and individuals to do is support the CHC and CFBA by becoming members to strengthen our membership base. In addition, you can also donate to the equine legal fund established by the CFBA.

The link <http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/CaseDetail/PublicCaseDetail.aspx?DocketNo=NNHCV085021342S> can be used for details about the court proceedings. The case is VENDRELLA, ANTHONY Et Al (Plaintiff) v. ASTRIAB FAMILY Et Al (Defendant) and the docket number NNH-CV-5021342-S.

Please understand that if horses are determined to be “vicious animals” they would be uninsurable and any and all uses would be affected. Training and boarding stables, therapeutic riding, horse camps, petting zoos, trail riding, and other horse related uses and activities would be impacted.

Membership information for the CHC can be found on the website <http://cthorsecouncil.org> or by writing to CHC PO Box 57, Durham, CT 06422. You can also contact me at president@cthorsecouncil.org for CHC information.

The CFBA website is www.cfba.org and the address is 775 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095-2322. When sending donations to the CFBA, be sure to write equine litigation on the memo line of the check.



**CT Horse Council
TRAIL NEWS
Volunteer Horse Patrol
SPRING 2014**



Submitted by Diane Ciano

Your CHC Representation around the state...

Volunteer Horse Patrol Program

CT Greenways Council

Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

CT Equine Advisory Council

Hello to All,

Although it has been awhile since our last newsletter, the CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol has been very active and many accomplishments have been made.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your service to the program. You all make a difference! May we all look forward to the continuation and expansion of the patrol.

HAPPY TRAILS

Diane Ciano

Meg Sautter

The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.

VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL

Celebrating 11 Years of Service 2003-2014

The CHC-VHP stats reveal the different usages of our parks and forests on various days of the week and reveal the time and activities that were observed. In the 11 years since 2003, the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Program has saved the State of Connecticut's tax payers **\$584,532**. This was accomplished through **29,976** hours of patrol and trail maintenance in 83 areas throughout the State of CT. Approximately 100 Volunteers participated in this program

These stats provide useful information for DEEP for state and federal funding to determine who is using our forests lands, what numbers of people are out there and what they are doing. Some of these activities take place deep in the forests woods where adventurous people go for long distance travel to horseback ride, mountain bike or hike – activities which cannot be determined by DEEP staff. Patrols are also recorded in more populated places such as recreational parks or swimming areas.

For more information contact VHP Supervisors, Diane Ciano or Meg Sautter from the CHC website: www.cthorsecouncil.org.



"Front Cover of Share The Trails Brochure"



CHC-VHP Supervisors Diane Ciano/Aladdin, Meg Sautter/Dancer

2003 – 2013

CHC – VHP Accomplishments

Established this Mounted Patrol Unit to assist the State during an economic hardship

In the 11 years since, the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Program has saved Connecticut tax payers \$584,532

This was accomplished through 29,976 hours of patrol and trail maintenance in 83 areas throughout the State of CT

This program helps to protect and preserve the trails of the state.

Since its beginning, the Patrol expanded to include, land trusts, open spaces, town lands, city parks and private lands.

Approximately 100 Volunteers have participated in this program

CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

11 YEAR STATISTICS 2003-2013

YEAR	# Of Patrols	Patrol Hours	Maint.H ours	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS								
				Walkers	Cyclers	Equus	People	Dogs OFF	Dogs ON	Hunters	Motor Cycles	ATV
2003	289	594	92	335	138	151	168	145	8	13	32	18
2004	432	975	80	940	294	485	231	96	253	78	162	24
2005	726	1565	306	1628	798	1272	421	197	424	12	78	24
2006	1001	2537	317	3400	1254	2905	1880	374	988	33	186	37
2007	1299	3053	631	2337	909	3310	2706	331	772	23	121	52
2008	1404	3459	824	2668	837	2367	3847	382	868	48	77	39
2009	1654	3905	692	3224	666	2902	3254	446	1144	23	117	67
2010	3385	3974	670	3015	649	3450	3170	351	1123	45	83	42
2011	1909	4207	1020	3420	794	3254	3318	285	940	130	66	47
2012	1464	3393	807	3294	838	2795	3279	366	1167	15	40	27
2013	1216	2314	490	2088	484	2318	1275	180	478	8	15	8
TOTAL	14,779	29,976	5,929	26,349	7,661	25,209	23,549	3,153	8,165	428	977	385

YEAR	ASSISTANCE GIVEN			
	General Info	Directions	* First Aid	* CPR
2003	354	16	0	0
2004	140	26	2	0
2005	136	6	0	0
2006	238	22	4	0
2007	796	27	1	0
2008	647	48	1	0
2009	838	39	2	0
2010	793	42	1	0
2011	555	33	6	0
2012	704	40	2	0
2013	225	5	4	0
TOTAL	5,426	304	23	0

The total savings of our 11 years in volunteer service hours is **\$584,532** !

The 11 year totals include **14,779** Patrols, **29,976** Patrol Hours
with **5,929** Trail Maintenance Hours.

2013 VHP Recognition

IN RECOGNITION OF



Rose Mary Biegger



**WITH APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR
10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**TO THE CONNECTICUT HORSE COUNCIL VOLUNTEER
HORSE PATROL PROGRAM**

2004-2014

2013 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL MEMBER RECOGNITION HOURS

2013 Patrol Hours - Over 100		
NAME	Patrol Hours	Trail Maintenance Hours
Susan Crawford	199	
Gloria Coles	138	39.5
Melissa Evarts	128.5	51
Ginger Tullai	125.5	29.5
Meg Sautter	103.5	25.5

2013 Most Maintenance Hours	
NAME	HOURS
Melissa Evarts	51
ShawnaLee Kwashnak	46
Kristin Elliott Leas	40.5
Gloria Coles	39.5
Ginger Tullai	29.5
Meg Sautter	25.5

2013 Patrol Hours - Over 50		
NAME	Patrol Hours	Trail Maintenance Hours
ShawnaLee Kwashnak	94.5	46
Petra Prelli	93.5	
Susan Crone	73.5	
Kristin Elliott Leas	73	40.5
Bunny Joseph	67.5	9
Ann Moses	65	16.5
Donna Freeman	64.5	4.5
Jean Morrison	63	2
Pat Bandzes	61.5	15.5
Patti Crowther	61.5	13.5
Cat Wilder	58	
Rebecca Russell	55	
Joan Davis	52.5	7.5

2013 Most Areas Patrolled	
NAME	AREAS
Meg Sautter	16
Cathy Clouse	8
Denise Ciano	7
Patti Crowther	7
Ginger Tullai	7
Vevette Greenberg	6
Bunny Joseph	6

Volunteer Horse Patrol Statistics for 2013


The VHP has come a long way from its small start in 2003 of 5 patrol areas to over 83 areas around the state, including town parks, open spaces and land trusts. As we continue to grow, we are expanding our riding opportunities and helping to create long distance connecting trails.

Congratulations to you all, because each of your patrol logs, no matter how many hours you patrol and maintain trails adds to the grander total of statewide hours. This service provides CHC, DEEP and other Land Management Areas with information on how the equestrian community is continuing its effort to maintain trails for multiple use, while promoting and educating the community and other equestrians of our volunteer efforts.

For 2013, we had a total of **1,216 patrols**. There were **2,314 patrol hours** logged with **490 hours of trail maintenance**, saving the state (that's you and me!) **\$45,123.00** for 2013 alone!

THANK YOUS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This section is dedicated the CHC-VHP Volunteers that help to promote the VHP program, trail etiquette, and horses in CT. The following members received gold stars for their contributions.

A big Thank You to  **Jim Griffin** who applied for a grant from his place of employment for his volunteer hours to the CHC Horse Patrol Program. A check for \$250 was issued to the Connecticut Horse Council from the **Walmart Foundation**.

There are many employers that provide grants to their employees for their community service hours. It would be appreciated if you would please take the time to check with your company to see if they offer this type of grant. The CHC would certainly be appreciative of any donations of this kind to help support the council and its programs. Jim has also been instrumental in promoting the CHC-VHP through his 11 years of service to the program.

New Coordinators:

A BIG thank you to our two volunteers who have taken on the position of CHC-VHP Coordinators for the following areas.

 **ANN MOSES** – Shenipsit State Forest & Northern CT Land Trust Somers, CT.

 **JEAN MORRISON** – Goodwin State forest, Natchaug State Forest & Mansfield Hollow State Park. Jean has been “our hero” working alone marking the 5- 10 & 15 mile trail systems in Natchaug SF. Jean lives in Chaplin with her faithful mount Bonita.

New Volunteer Horse Patrol Members for 2013

 **SHAWNALEE KWASHNAK** & Sassy - Middlebury, CT – recorded 94.5 Hours with 46 Trail Maintenance Hours on the Larkin Bridle Trail

 **REBECCA RUSSELL** & O'Brien – Essex, CT- recorded 55 hours in Cockaponset State Forest

CHC-VHP MEMBERS

2014 Annual Meeting



Our Annual meeting was a pleasant one with great comradeship and delicious pot luck food! We held two raffles, one of miscellaneous items that members brought in. The Tea Cup Raffle brought in \$181.00. Our 50/50 raffle totaled \$187.00. Ginger Tullai donated her half of the raffle back to VHP! **Thank you Ginger.**

Thank You: **Heather Hicks – Certificates**
Marcia Sigman, Cat & Bruce Wilder & Gary Rutkauskas - Set up & Kitchen Help
Laurianne Goulet – Raffles
Denise Ciano – Membership & Shirt Sales
MEG - FOR EVERYTHING SHE IS & DOES

Members also brought items for donations to the 2nd Chance Rescue in Niantic. Thank you all for your donations.

Members shared their stories and networked on trail issues.

Blessing of the Horse Patrol. The Reddington Rock Riding Club (RRRC) has invited the Volunteer Horse Patrol members to join them at their campsite that borders the Shenipsit State Forest in Somers. A pancake breakfast and trail ride will follow the Blessing. More details to follow. Members will be asked to RSVP to the event planned for Sunday, May 4th.

VHP Camp Out. RRRC has also offered their campsite to VHP members for a weekend camp out. Dates to be announced. Thank you to Ann Moses, our VHP Coordinator and new VHP member, Marion Hartman – President of RRRC.

Bridle Path Conservancy 10 Year Anniversary - Melissa Evarts informed us that they are planning their 10 year celebration of their work and highlighting a feast and ride on the Quinimay Trail in the Cockaponset State Forest. An event is planned in August.

Volunteers clean up Sunrise Resort State Park



**Volunteer Horse Patrol members front row from right to left:
Ginger Tullai, Bunny Joseph & Waneta Lenk**

CHC-VHP members noted above joined with local legislators and other volunteers who came together for a cleanup of Sunrise Resort in East Haddam. The property, once a recreational destination for vacationers, was bought by the state in 2008. A meeting to discuss the future of the property attracted more than 80 residents. State environmental officials pledged to ensure the mowing of the front fields, protection of the site's three historical buildings and the re-opening of the park.

Bunny Joseph reiterated the position of the Connecticut Horse Council at the meeting as well as a follow up letter to the legislators and DEEP personnel that any future plans for Sunrise Resort should include looped multi-use environmentally responsible trails and carriage trail/roads, and appropriate, substantial parking for horse trailers, along with a combined Machimoodus/Sunrise State Park with a functional equestrian campground.

The park is located on Route 151 (Leesville Road) in the Moodus section of East Haddam, one mile south of the intersection with Route 196. It is also adjacent to Machimoodus State Park (400 acres) which has carriage trails and spectacular views of CT River. Nearby is Hurd State Park, another great riding opportunity for equestrians.

No Child Left Inside Winter Festival

Volunteers Diane Ciano, Kowboy Ken Forcier and Edna Liberty participated in this yearly event by the DEEP at Burpond State Park in Burville. There were over 700 who attended the event that included meeting the VHP horses and members, snowshoeing, ice skating, ice fishing. This is always a great opportunity for public relationships with the horse community.



Kowboy Ken & “Red”



Kowboy giving roping lessons

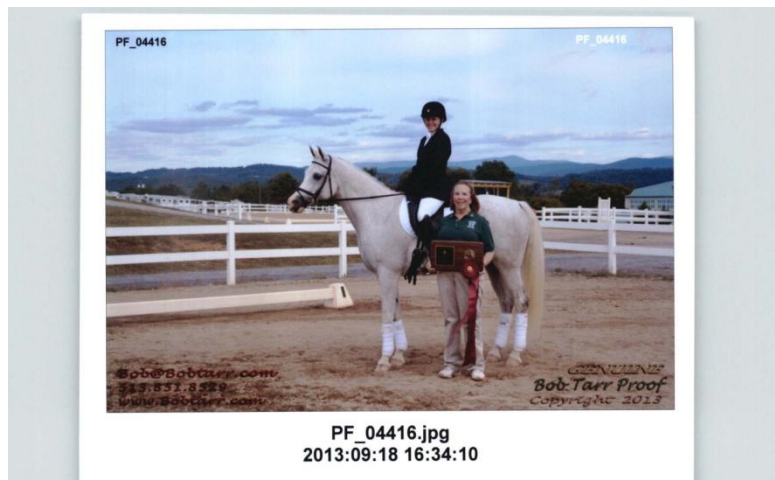


Edna Liberty and Roanie with admirers

CHC-VHP MEMBERS



Members of the Granby Horse Council who ride and volunteer their hours to the CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol Program. From left to right: Dottie Gozzo on Magic, Ed Geigner on Joey, Bonnie Tyler on Cowboy, Gloria Ludwig on Romeo, Heather Hicks on Arwen, Joan Davis on Cherokee.



Penny Foisey & Capriccio in dressage attended the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals in VA and attained 2 Top Ten awards in late September. Penny is the CHC-VHP Coordinator for Mashamoquet Brook State Park and the Pomfret Private Lands.



Jackson is our newest patrol mule ridden by Lynda Perry



Cherokee and Granny Toogns

Shortly after she retired from teaching physical education for 34 years, Joan Davis AKA Granny went to Delaware to buy a "Shootin' Horse"! There, she met the pony, Cherokee. He had a very busy life at a stable teaching people of every age how to ride. He could wrap a barrel and come home in a flash, then babysit a new rider. He was the perfect lesson horse-very adaptable to the level of the rider on his back. He easily took to the sport cowboy mounted shooting. Before he came to CT with Granny (alias Joan Davis), he carried several riders to 16 buckle wins. But, alas, the trainer needed room for more projects. Lucky Granny!

Cowboy Mounted Shooting involves riding various patterns and turning barrels while the rider shoots balloon targets with .45 caliber pistols, rifles or shotguns. It took a few years for Granny to get comfortable with Cherokee's speed, but when she did, the fun really began. They travelled far and wide with Hossshuer and any one of his horses, Turbo, Blue or Booger to hone their skills. Since 2007, they have won eight buckles together. The pony continues to adapt to the rider. He brought Granny's teenage granddaughter to two buckle wins and taught her nine year old granddaughter to ride in games and mounted shooting!

They have participated in Fantasia at Equine Affaire, and Four Town Fair. These shows involved drill team and mounted shooting. He is very comfortable walking in parades and wears costumes with flair. He has the "need for speed" and loves games like barrels and pole bending. While playing with some of the Parelli games, Cherokee discovered the fun of obstacle courses. He has excelled in arena obstacle courses and placed 13th in the Equine Affaire Horse and Rider Versatility competition in 2011. In preparation for the Equine Affaire, he competed in a Stock Horse Show series and won the Novice division for the season. Stock Horse involves reining, pleasure, trail and cow work. Long winters without and indoor arena led to trick training. This playful, mischievous, twenty year old pony loves to show off! His repertoire of tricks continues to grow.

In his down time, Cherokee takes Granny on leisurely trail rides and patrols for VHP.

Farewell to our Patrol Horses

Hoofbeats in Heaven

Candle Lighting Tribute To Aladdin & Jackson



Candlelight

*As my candle, burning bright
Sends shadows off on this dark night
It offers peace, and hope and love
To the horses dancing up above.*

*My prayers and thoughts will help them find
Beloved friends they left behind.
So they may comfort us in turn,
And thus it is my candle burns.*

*With quiet tears, lovingly shed
I hear the horses, overhead.
Their pounding hooves are thunder stirred,
For another other friend has joined the herd.*

Paige Cerullo

Lighting a candle for a beloved one who has gone ahead is an ancient, healing ritual for those who remain behind. The eternal flickering flame of your candle is a reminder that you and your horse will forever be united in your love for each other. And the warm light your horse's candle provides lets you know that his/her spirit lives on always.
A candle has been lit for Aladdin & Jackson on the Hoofbeats in Heaven ,Candle Lighting Tributes website: <http://www.hoofbeats-in-heaven.com/candlelighting/>

The way to heaven is on horse.



Lynda Perry & Jackson

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Ode To Aladdin (AHTIW)

*I looked into your open eyes –
No one but me heard my cries
I knew the truth straight away –
Your gallant spirit had flown away
And yet I watched the sunlight in your eyes-
and once more, see you looking towards the sky*

*I knew your heart was growing weak-
Still, I was not prepared for your final sleep
As even now I cry for you and all the rides we use to do-*

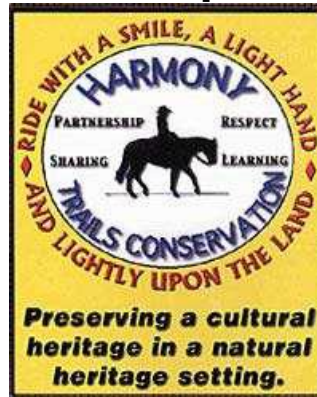
*Remembering all the leaps of faith-
crossing rivers and climbing mountains - elate !*

*Along with the “sisterhood” who were quite amused-
with all your antics and prancing feet.*

*- Ah, but I am so grateful for my beautiful steed
That brought me to places in heaven indeed!*

And finally ... the last page of this CHC Trails newsletter is a reminder on Trail Etiquette. We all have to be aware of shared trail use and how it reflects upon all.

Trail Etiquette



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Be an educated participant.

With the high demand for multiple trail use, be responsible for the passing of good will towards all that may come in contact with a horse and rider. On well used multiple trails, consider both you and your horse's experience and ability. Green trail horses and inexperienced riders do not belong on trails where other user's safety may be at risk. It takes only one bad experience for people to concern themselves with encountering horses on the trails.

- ☐ ☐ Do not cross private property without permission.
- ☐ ☐ Respect property owners. Make sure that "you" have their permission to ride on or cross over their land. Do not gallop across open fields, leaving hoof prints behind or destroying crops. Use common sense and stay to the edges. Again, it takes one bad experience to ruin it for everyone else.
- ☐ ☐ Protect our environment.
- ☐ ☐ Stay on the trail; never cut switchbacks
- ☐ ☐ Avoid using trails when harmful conditions exist (mud season)
- ☐ ☐ Avoid bringing your horse in bodies of water for a "swim"
- ☐ ☐ Water crossings should be made where there are safe footings and avoid muddy bottom crossings whenever possible.
- ☐ ☐ Cross tie your horse between trees to avoid damage caused by chewing and rubbing.
- ☐ ☐ Be aware and sensitive about "road apples"
- ☐ ☐ Train your horse to curb off to the side of the trail
- ☐ ☐ Keep your horse moving rather than leaving the whole load in one spot
- ☐ ☐ In some cases, on well used multiple use trails and Greenways, it's a good idea to dismount and move the manure over to the side, or go back & clean up.
- ☐ ☐ Be aware of what you may leave behind, that others will see. Clean up after yourself and your horse at your break or lunch stops and your horse trailer at the trailhead.

Other Trail News:

Friends of the Shetucket River Valley
Dedicated to the Preservation of Open Space
One Main Street, P.O. Box 677
Baltic, CT 06330



Dear Fellow Equestrian,

Greetings from the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley (FoSRV). We hope that you and your mount have enjoyed riding the trails of the Sprague Land Preserve. The preserve is bordered by the Shetucket River and comprises approximately 510 acres of meadows, farmland, forest habitats, waterfalls, and, most importantly, a wide variety of trails for horseback riding. Currently, there are approximately 27 miles of trails and each year 2-3 additional trails are added. Because of the uniqueness of the property, The Friends of the Shetucket River Valley (FoSRV), New England Arabian Trail Organization (NEATO), New England Horse and Trail (NEHT), and the West Greenwich Horseman's Association (WGHA) regularly host trail rides and Hunter Paces at the Preserve. In addition to horseback riding the Sprague Land Preserve also welcomes anyone interested in walking, running, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, bird watching, and cross country skiing. [More land, more trails, more preservation...](#)

The Friends of the Shetucket River Valley, with contributions from folks such as you, was successful in acquiring the Sprague Land Preserve and the Watson property, which borders the Preserve. Now, we can all enjoy its beauty and rest assured that the property will continue in its present state for future generations. (See attached pictures) Mountaintop trails on this portion of the Preserve offer stunning views of rolling fields, brooks, and a variety of wildlife. Most notable is a trail of Mountain Laurel that is beautiful in the spring. The latest initiative of the FoSRV is to expand the preserve by another 111 acres, which borders the Preserve, and are a part of the Last Green Valley (an area spanning from southeastern Connecticut to Massachusetts). For more information on the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley and our ongoing initiatives, visit our website at <http://shetucket.org/home.html>.

Your donation is your voice and a vote...

We need your help to acquire the additional 111 acres. This is an opportunity for you and other equestrians to establish more trails and preserve more land, nature, and watersheds that make Connecticut so beautiful. The acquisition will be impossible without donations from folks like you. Your donation is vital not only for the purchase of this space, but continued efforts to protect natural resources for enjoyment and education of

future generations. Also, please consider becoming a member of the FoSRV by completing the attached application form and sending it along with your donation, which will be tax deductible as the FoSRV is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this worthy cause.
Happy Trails,
Board Members of
The Friends of the Shetucket River Valley (FoSRV)

P.S. – We’d like your suggestions for future equestrian events and uses of this new land **preserve**.

**Please let us know how we can make the most of our land. Reply to Gail: rhgs@comcast.net
Become a Member!**

Your membership in FoSRV will help support preservation in this extremely important area of Connecticut. As a member, you’ll receive regular updates on our activities, notices of hikes and other events in and around the river, and you’ll be able to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. Most importantly at the moment, your dues and any additional contribution will go towards the purchase price of new properties in the Shetucket River Valley. Think of it – it’s like being part owner in Connecticut’s agricultural and natural resource inventory!

Print out this page and mail it to us:
[Friends of the Shetucket River Valley](#)
1 Main St. PO Box 677 Baltic, CT 06330

Remember: Memberships make a GREAT wedding or birthday gift, or for any special occasion.

Yes! I want to be a member of the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley.

- ☐ Individual \$25/year**
- ☐ Family \$45/year**
- ☐ Mountain Laurel \$100/year**
- ☐ other \$???**

I want to help with ☐ clerical, ☐ research, ☐ soliciting new members, ☐ outdoor work,
☐ representing the FoSRV in my town, ☐ other

I am also enclosing \$_____ as a contribution in addition to my membership dues to be used to save more land in the Shetucket River Valley.

Name:_____

Address:_____

E-mail:_____

Phone:_____



CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Trail Surface Study Completed

Over the past two years, the CT Equine Advisory Council compiled information on the various surfaces of trails in towns, state parks and forests, costs associated with construction, types of surfaces and impact of usage. The council is now in the process of creating a power point presentation that will be available to the public and accessible on its website.

Congratulations to David Frazzinelli who was recently appointed as the equestrian representative for the Fourth Congressional District. David is an equestrian and horse owner in Newtown.

District #4 includes the towns of

Ridgefield	Redding	Monroe	Oxford
Greenwich	Shelton	Trumbull	Easton
Weston	Wilton	Bridgeport	Fairfield
Westport	Norwalk	New Canaan	Darien
Stamford			

Leslie Lewis, Connecticut Forest & Park Association has retired and we are awaiting a new representative to be appointed. Thank you Leslie for all your time and dedication to the Council.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL:

The Council was established on May 22, 2007 by [Public Act 07-42](#) to assist the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with issues related to the preservation of equine trails in the state.

Membership: The council consists of the president of the Connecticut Horse Council and five representatives from organizations that serve the horse industry within each congressional district statewide in addition to one member of the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

Current members are:

Fred Mastele is currently the Acting President for CHC

Meg Sautter, Newington / First Congressional District.

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, Middlebury Bridle Lands Association, and avid trail rider throughout the State of Connecticut, State Animal Response Team (SART) member - Region 3/5, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member (EHartford, Region 3).

Jan Collins, Somers / Second Congressional District.

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Coordinator. Jan patrols in the Shenipsit State Forest in Somers, Ellington, and Stafford. She also patrols the Nipmuck State Forest in Stafford and Union. She is a member of the CT Greenways Council, the Friends of Goodwin State Forest, Scantic River Watershed Association and the Somers Planning Commission's Open Space and Trails Subcommittee.

Diane Ciano, Plymouth / Fifth Congressional District.

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, Trails Chairperson for CHC, and avid trail rider throughout the State of Connecticut, State Animal Response Team (SART) member - Region 5, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member.

Ruth Beardsley, Bethany / Third Congressional District.

CT Horse Council, CT Dressage & Combined Training Association, Bethany Horsemen, Bethany Horse Council, Bethany Zoning Board of Appeals, attorney, adjunct professor of Equine Law at Post University, horse owner.

David Frazzinelli, Newtown / Fourth Congressional District.

Vacant, Connecticut Forest & Park Association

Laurie Giannotti, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Liaison

Goals:

1. Promote equestrian use on public lands.
2. Preserve, maintain and restore existing trails.
3. Promote the development of new "Multi-Use" trails.
4. Document and create maps for trails used by equestrians.

2014 Meeting Schedule:

The EAC will meet at the Northeast Utilities meeting room located at 3333 Berlin Tpke, Newington, CT from 6:30-9 PM on the following Thursdays: March 20, June 19, September 18, December 18.

The public is welcomed.

For more information please visit the EAC website: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac>

Horse Owner's Corner: Strategic Deworming: Why should I change how I deworm my horse?

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Equine Extension Specialist, UConn; Education Committee Chair

Spring is coming and that makes horse owners think about deworming. You may have heard some of the recent discussion about how horse owners should switch from rotational deworming to strategic deworming. The main reason that horse owners are being encouraged to switch is that with no new dewormers on the horizon, parasites may develop resistance to existing dewormers. Also, there may be a cost benefit to only deworming those horses that have high fecal egg counts.

What is strategic deworming?

Strategic deworming involves collecting the feces of the horse and examining the feces using a fecal flotation test to determine the number of parasite eggs present. Then, with strategic deworming, only horses with a specific number of parasite eggs or higher (called “shedders”) would be dewormed. Shedding refers to the number of strongyle type eggs present.

It does take a trained eye to recognize strongyle eggs, but large farms may want to consider learning how to perform their own fecal egg counts (FECs). You will need a fecal flotation kit which is commercially available and fecal flotation medium, also commercially available. You will also need a microscope and the time to devote to looking at the manure of all of the horses on your farm. You will have to collect the manure when it is fresh in the stall, or if horses are pastured you may need to stall them because if you just pick up the pile in the field, you can't be sure which horse it is from. Otherwise, your veterinarian can arrange to have a FEC done for you.

Some parasitologists (veterinarian who studies parasites) recommend grouping horses into low, moderate or high shedders. However, they cannot agree on a cut-off number for each category. According to the American Association for Equine Practitioners (AAEP), a FEC of less than 200 eggs per gram (epg) implies a light parasite load while a FEC of 500 to 1000 epg implies that the interval between deworming is too long. Initially you would perform an FEC 10-14 days before you would normally deworm. You would then do a fecal float exam 10-14 days after deworming to determine if the dewormer is working properly. If it is, you would see a fecal egg count reduction (FECR) in those horses tested. It should be 90% of the previous FEC when tested.

What are the advantages of using strategic deworming?


There are the advantages of strategic deworming:



It may reduce the chances of parasites developing resistance. There are no new dewormers in development. Whenever a dewormer is used, some parasites may not die. These parasites are called resistant. The more parasites that survive after a deworming, which should kill them, the more resistant parasites there are in the population. This can lead to horse owners being unable to control parasites, and is the main reason a lot of parasitologists and veterinarians advocate using strategic deworming.





You will be able to determine which horses are low, medium, or high shedders. Research has shown that this is determined genetically, so you should not have to perform the test again to be sure that a horse is a low, medium, or high shedder unless his health or immune status changes.


 You will know if the dewormer you are using is effective. Some dewormers in your rotation will be more effective against certain types of internal parasites than others. For example, when using pyrantel pamoate is not effective against encysted cyathostomes, so you would need to have another dewormer in the rotation to take care of that. If using a daily dewormer, you also will want to add a larvicide and boticide since they are not effective against bots and larva.

What are the disadvantages of strategic deworming?

There are some disadvantages of strategic deworming:

 For large farms, it will be time consuming and labor intensive to perform FECs on all horses. It will also require an additional cost initially.

 You must test all horses on the farm in order to have a truly effective strategic deworming program, at least initially.

 It is often difficult to convince people who have done things a certain way that a new idea is going to be effective. It may be difficult to get a stable manager with years of experience to switch to strategic deworming.

Strategic deworming is a new way of managing the horse to reduce parasite loads. Studies have shown that it is quite effective. You should work with your veterinarian to determine the deworming method that is best for you. It is also important to prevent overgrazing and manage manure in your pastures to keep from adding to the horse's parasite load. Deworming works best when it goes along with best management practices that include good farm sanitation and manure removal. Good luck and have fun with your horses!

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Supporting Members

Thank you to all who have renewed or joined CHC for 2014. If you have not renewed I hope you will support the CHC again and do so. If you have any changes to your address, phone, or email please let me know. Thank you.

Carol Birdsey

Membership Chair

Your support is what keeps the Connecticut Horse Council able to fight for the rights of horse owners in the State of Connecticut with trails issues, zoning, and legislative issues.

Tell a friend about the CHC!

*** = Volunteer Horse Patrol Members**

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CT Trail Rides Association



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GRTA

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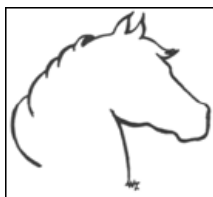
Lower CT River Valley Horsemen
www.lcrvhc.org



Middlebury Bridle Land Association
Sylvia Preston www.middleburybridle.org



New England Arabian Trail Organization
www.orgsites.com/ct/neato



Newtown Bridle Lands Association
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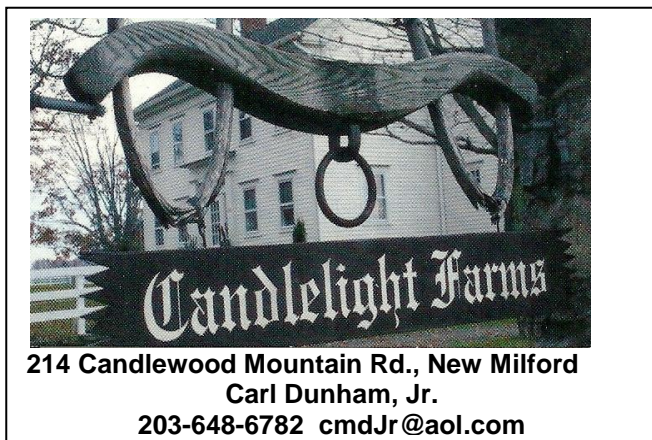


Reddington Rock Riding Club
www.RRRCLUB.ORG

Business Member Directory

CHC would like to encourage horse owners to use the services of our member businesses. **This will help our industry to prosper. If your business does not appear here, consider joining CHC so that we may add your listing as well. This information is made available at our trade show booth and on our website.**

Note: Listings in our business directory is a service to our members only, and does not necessarily endorse any individual, business, or product.



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