



Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

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2017 SPRING-SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have re-newed their membership and to all our new members. We are a non-profit volunteer legislative advocacy group representing all horse interests in CT.

We monitor all issues that have an impact on the horse industry. The Connecticut Horse Council is member supported by individuals and organizations representing every facet of the horse industry including owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed organizations, horsemen's associations, commercial suppliers and town horse councils. CHC represents equestrian interest with representation on the **Connecticut Greenways Council** and the **Connecticut Equine Advisory Council**. We provide information on Legislation, Road Safety, Trails, Zoning, Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness and produce educational brochures for the public. We are an affiliate of the **American Horse Council**, whose primary concern is to oversee federal legislation, including taxes, which affect the horse industry.

CHC has partnered with CT Horse Magazine. Your 2017 CHC membership will include your subscription to the magazine delivered to your address.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 27 - 31 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters.

We look forward to helping our communities in all aspects of horse life, education and care. Support your state organization, get up to date information on legislation, policies and more.

The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow!

If you have already renewed, thank you for your support. See pages 32-33 for a 2017 application.

CT Horse Council is Part of iGive

Want to help out the CT Horse Council? We are a part of igive.com. Just go to igive.com. Choose CT Horse Council as your cause. Use the iGive Button at over 1,700 online stores. CT Horse Council will get money – free! Please help whenever you can! Thanks in advance!

**The CT Horse Council (CHC) will meet at Eversource Energy meeting room located at 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT at 7:30-9 PM on the following dates:
Tuesday, March 7th, Tuesday, June 6th, Tuesday, September 5th & Tuesday, December 5th**

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

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Legislation

Fight for Your Public Lands Moves to 2018

CFPA eNews Digest June 2017

By: Eric Hammerling, CT Forest & Park Association

Advocates of a constitutional amendment that would ensure appropriate public input before the General Assembly could sell, swap, or giveaway state lands say they are disappointed that the General Assembly failed to take action on legislation ([SJ 39](#)) before its mandatory closing on Wednesday, but said there is one more opportunity next year to get the question on the 2018 ballot.

“Amending the state constitution is often a multi-year effort to get the approval of two General Assemblies before a question can go to the voters on a statewide ballot,” Eric Hammerling, Executive Director of the CT Forest & Park Association said. “It is disappointing that we were not able to get a vote this year, as we did in 2016, but we can still meet our goal to give the voters of Connecticut a voice in this process if we get legislative approval in 2018.”

The 2016 General Assembly approved the same constitutional amendment resolution by a simple majority. State law requires the resolution to gain approvals by two successive General Assemblies, even if it doesn’t get votes in consecutive years, before it can be placed on the 2018 ballot.

This year’s legislation had 46 bi-partisan co-sponsors and the support of more than 130 advocacy organizations and businesses. If approved by voters, the amendment would require a public hearing and a two-thirds supermajority vote before state-owned public lands such as state parks and forests could be sold, swapped, or given away. Under current law, public land parcels are often swapped, sold or given away in an annual “conveyance bill” that is often written or changed in the closing days of the session with little or no public input and a simple majority vote.

Legislative supporters say they will push for approval and a vote in 2018.

“Connecticut, the land of steady habits, needs to shake up its priorities. Sometimes it takes bold action to lead,” Rep. Joe Gresko (D-Stratford) said. “The old system of swapping property through a conveyance bill bypasses the public. These land swaps often happen under the shroud of darkness.”

Senator Catherine Osten, (D-Sprague) said protecting irreplaceable public lands is a priority. “In a rural district like mine, open public lands are some of our most valuable natural resources, bringing tourists to the region every day. It is vitally important to protect these lands for our quality of life, and for future generations. I will continue to work to gain passage of the resolution and to bring it to the voters of Connecticut in 2018,” Osten said.

The resolution continues to have strong bi-partisan support in both the House and Senate.

“The state of Connecticut has an obligation to protect state-owned forest land, parks, wildlife areas and other open space. Enacting better protections for conservation land and other natural resources has been and will continue to be one of my legislative priorities so that our state’s natural beauty can be preserved for generations to come. I look forward to supporting a resolution to protect preserved land and seeing its approval in 2018,” said Deputy Senate Republican President Pro Tempore Kevin Witkos (R-Canton).

Rep. Melissa Ziobron, (R-East Haddam) said, “There are a lot of important ideas like SJ 39 that didn’t make it across the finish line this session. Because it stalled in the Senate, we didn’t have the opportunity to vote on it in the House, and that was unfortunate because we know there was a lot of support for the bill on both sides of the aisle.”



AHC Washington Update

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In 2017, the AHC Foundation will be updating its National and State Economic Impact Studies!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Economic Impact study?

An economic Impact Study examines the effect an event or industry has on the economy. It usually measures business revenue, business profits, personal wages, and/or jobs. A study of the horse industry will document the economic effects of the racing, showing, recreation and other segments of the horse industry on the state and national economy. It will also provide invaluable demographic data, and insights into professions and related industries that are impacted by equine ownership.

Why does the horse industry need a study?

Anecdotes have their place, but when it comes to proving our economic impact, we need credible proof. **An Economic Impact Study will put data behind the economic and social benefits of the industry. [Check out this handy infographic with some implications and insights!](#)**

How can findings be used?

The Study will enable the horse industry to educate the public, the media and elected officials in Congress and state legislatures regarding the industry's economic size, impact and importance. The study will also be helpful in a number of other ways:

- Help members of Congress and the public fully understand the impact of government action on the economy and the industry;
- Examine the consequences and impacts of economic development projects and efforts, such as real estate development (competition grounds), business openings and closures, and site selection projects. The analyses can also help increase community support for these projects, as well as help obtain grants, and tax incentives.
- Economic Impact Studies are used frequently in planning and decision making regarding product development and to aid in development of marketing strategies.

Stand up and be counted! Help us update the Economic Impact Study and take the survey today! Please [click here](#) to take the survey.



CT Horse Council TRAIL NEWS Volunteer Horse Patrol SPRING- SUMMER 2016



Submitted by Diane Ciano

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CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

Celebrating 14 Years of Service 2003-2015

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 all members, 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.

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. These stats provide useful 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.

Volunteer Horse Patrol Statistics for 2016

For 2016, we had a total of **1,284 patrols**. There were **2,426 patrol hours** logged saving the state (that's you and me!) **\$47,307.00** for 2016 alone!

**Our 14 years of volunteer hours total 37,980 hours
Saving of \$740,610.00 !!!!**

2003 – 2016 CHC – VHP Accomplishments

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

In the 14 years since, the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Program has saved Connecticut tax payers \$740,610.00

This was accomplished through 37,980 hours of patrol and trail maintenance in 151 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.

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

CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

13 YEAR STATISTICS 2003-2016

YEAR	# Of Patrols	Patrol Hours	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS								
			Walkers	Cyclers	Equus	People	Dogs OFF	Dogs ON	Hunters	Motor Cycles	ATV
2003	289	594	335	138	151	168	145	8	13	32	18
2004	432	975	940	294	485	231	96	253	78	162	24
2005	726	1565	1628	798	1272	421	197	424	12	78	24
2006	1001	2537	3400	1254	2905	1880	374	988	33	186	37
2007	1299	3053	2337	909	3310	2706	331	772	23	121	52
2008	1404	3459	2668	837	2367	3847	382	868	48	77	39
2009	1654	3905	3224	666	2902	3254	446	1144	23	117	67
2010	3385	3974	3015	649	3450	3170	351	1123	45	83	42
2011	1909	4207	3420	794	3254	3318	285	940	130	66	47
2012	1464	3393	3294	838	2795	3279	366	1167	15	40	27
2013	1216	2314	2088	484	2318	1275	180	478	8	15	8
2014	1693	3141	2660	462	3017	2304	201	719	42	35	21
2015	1347	2500	2746	456	2655	803	242	1290	9	13	20
2016	1284	2426	2282	590	2476	1755	314	769	41	32	20
14 YEAR TOTAL	19,106	37,980	34,037	9,169	33,357	28,411	3,910	10,943	520	1,057	446

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
2014	495	3	2	0
2015	251	7	2	0
2016	426	66	0	0
TOTAL	6,598	380	27	0

The total savings of our 14 years in volunteer service hours is **\$740,610.00** !
 The 14 year totals include **19,106** Patrols, **37,980** Patrol Hours

2016 VHP Hour Recognition

Patrol Hours 100 + Hours	
NAME	Patrol Hours
Susan Crawford	280
Kristin Elliott Leas	185
Bob LaRosa	163
ShawnaLee Kwashnak	144
Rebecca Ziobron	157.5
Ruth Strontzer	156.5
Ginger Tullai	151
Melissa Evarts	124
Lynda Perry	113.5

Patrol Hours 50+ Hours	
NAME	Patrol Hours
Meg Sautter	86.5
Donna Freeman	86.5
Vevette Greenberg	85.5
Diane Ciano	82
Denise Ciano	63
Joan Davis	62.5
Christel Maturo	60.5

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2016 Service Awards

5 Year Awards 2011-2016

Ann Moses
Monty Moses
Susan Taricani
Susan Crawford

10 Year Award 2006-2016

Cat Wilder

2016 Service Awards



ROSE MARY BIEGGER

- Rose Mary has been with the CHC-VHP since 2004. She has served as the CHC Volunteer Coordinator for Tarrywile Park for many years. Rose Mary is leaving us and moving out of state. We wish her and her husband much happiness in their retirement.



GINGER TULLAI

– Ginger has with VHP since 2006. Ginger is the CHC Volunteer Coordinator for two very large DEEP areas – Gillette Castle and Salmon River. These include 3 state forests, 11 state parks and 11 Wildlife management Areas. She was instrumental in getting the Comstock Covered Bridge in the Salmon River State Forest in East Hampton modified so that horses could access both sides of the forest and is working on getting a CHC multi-use loop trail system marked in the forest. Ginger was also instrumental in establishing “The Friends of Machimoodus State Park” which abuts the Sunrise Resort State Park that gives equestrian access to both areas. In addition to all of the above, Ginger serves on an appointed seat of the CT Equine Advisory Council.

New Comer – Welcome!



RUTH STRONTZER – 2016 As a new member of the VHP, Ruth has been active in promoting the VHP to the CTRA and has been an active member of the CT Trail Riders Association (CTRA) for many years.

Our Annual meeting was a pleasant one with great comradeship and delicious pot luck food! Members shared their stories and networked on trail issues. We held two raffles, one of miscellaneous items that members brought in. New shirts and trailer decals were also for sale.

We raised a total of **\$631.00** for the VHP with raffle items and a 50/50 raffle (\$170.00). Shirley received the 50% (\$85.00).

A BIG THANK YOU

to **Brenda Vynalek**, Owner of Essential Oils Made Simple - "Everday use at home and on the Farm" who donated proceeds from her sales of her Essential Oils workshop of **\$180.00** to CHC.

Brenda was a great speaker and gave us tremendous knowledge of essential oils for our horses as well to ourselves. The workshop included information on what essential oils are, where they come from, how to use them, application methods, and also gave ideas to replace many of the chemical laden products in your barn all while saving you money. Everyone went home with some of Brenda's favorite tried and true recipes for sprays, salves and cleaners

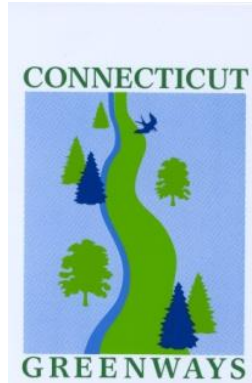
THANK YOUS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Heather Hicks - Certificates
Brenda Vynalck - Guest Speaker:
Gloria Ludwig, Heather Hicks & Joan Davis - Raffles
Denise Ciano - Membership & Shirt Sales
All our Kitchen and set up help
ALL OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS!



CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting local, state, regional, private citizens and recreational organizations in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. The council also reviews applications and awards grants submitted for the Recreational Trails Program. Our CHC Representative is Stacey Stearns

For more information on the CT Greenways Council go to: www.ct.gov/deep/greenways

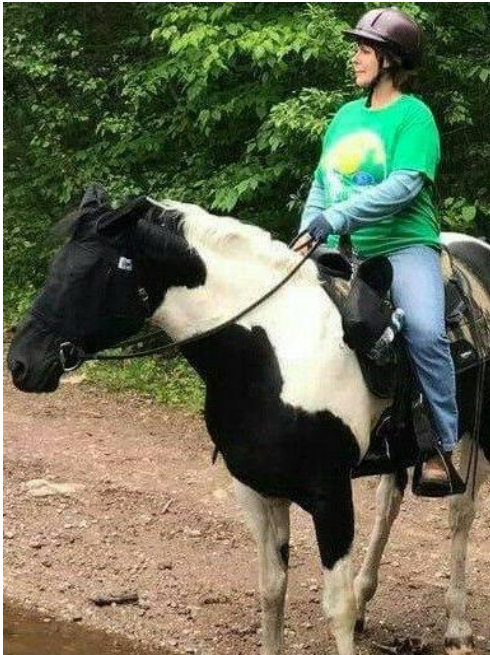
Governor's Greenways Council Presents Greenways Awards to Ann Moses and Ginger Tullai

The Governor's Greenways Council commended Governor Malloy, five individuals, and a regional planning organization that have made significant contributions to the promotion, development and enhancement of Greenways – linear open space in Connecticut – and designated two new State greenways at a ceremony on June 2nd at the Government Center, in Stamford, CT. For the full article on the awards and trail designations go to:

The CT Horse Council is pleased to announce that two of our members have received state recognition from the Greenways Council for their volunteer service



Ginger Tullai – was awarded the CT Greenways Council's Unsung Hero Award. Her volunteer services provide representation of the state's equestrian community on state and local levels, educating individuals, groups, and professional organizations of the importance of protecting and preserving trails and open space and its economic and health benefits to the community. Ginger is a member of Connecticut Equine Advisory Council representing equestrians in the Second Congressional District. She has been a member of the Connecticut Horse Council (CHC) since 2006 and serves on the CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol as the Coordinator for two very large DEEP State Park Units -- Gillette Castle and Salmon River. Ginger was instrumental in establishing The Friends of Machimoodus/Sunrise Resort State Parks and serves as Vice-president for the group. She is a member of the Connecticut Farm Bureau and several horse organizations. Over the course of the last 10 years, she served as secretary and vice president of the Greener Pastures Rescue in Salem.



Ann Moses was awarded the Council's Volunteer Achievement Award. Ms. Moses has been involved with a number of land management entities instrumental in ensuring public lands in Northern CT are available for passive recreation, including equine activities. Ann is a supporting member and active maintenance volunteer for the Northern CT Land Trust (NCLT) which manages 32 properties including over 1400 acres. She has been an active member of the Reddington Rock Riding Club in Stafford CT since 2010. She serves her community as The Chairman of Somers Open Space and Trails Committee, which has responsibility for creating and maintaining multi-use trails on town owned open space. Working with this committee, she was able to secure funding from the Connecticut Recreational Trails Program for a grant to build two equine safe bridges that will interconnect the Shenipsit State forest with a key NCLT property greatly expanding the network of multi-use trails available in Northern CT. Finally, Ann serves as the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol regional coordinator for the Shenipsit area. She recently was awarded her 5th year of service pin and has been recognized for her number of patrol hours several times by the CHC VHP.

Greenways in Connecticut cover thousands of acres throughout every county in the state and may include paved or unpaved trail systems, ridgelines, or linked parcels of open space. Many other communities around Connecticut have chosen, through greenway designation, to recognize the importance of river corridors for natural resource protection, recreational opportunities, and scenic values. The CT Greenways Council website contains details on how to get designations, assistance and a map of our State Greenways. <http://www.ct.gov/deep/greenways>

2017 Officially Designated Greenways

Crosstown Trail, South Windsor - will be approx. 6.2 miles in length, and will allow safe south to north travel across the Town. The south entrance will also allow access to the Charter Oak Greenway in Manchester. This trail, when established, will provide safe off-road routes for commuters, walkers, bicycle tourists and individuals who use wheelchairs. While traversing the town the trail will pass through Wapping Park, the South Windsor Land Conservation Trust, Nevers Park and the South Windsor Wildlife Sanctuary before exiting into the farming community of East Windsor. The Crosstown Trail will allow residents, both from South Windsor and surrounding towns, the freedom of exploring and enjoying this rural section of Connecticut.

New Milford River Trail Greenway - The primary purpose of the greenway is to provide recreational opportunities in the form of a 13 mile long trail following the Housatonic and the Still Rivers. Additional benefits of the greenway include: economic benefits to the Town and region through tourism and events surrounding the River Trail, especially to the Historic New Milford Village Center located adjacent to the proposed Greenway; educational opportunities related to the river and connect historic sites along the way, such as the Historic Boardman Bridge; connections to Town and State Parks such as Sega Meadows Park, the Young's Field Ballfields and the Young's Field River Walk Trail, Hidden Treasure Park, Lover's Leap State Park, Harrybrooke Park and the Boardman Road Ballfields as well as the regional Housatonic Riverbelt and Still River Greenways.

Your CHC Representation around the state...



CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the Multi Use Trail Surface can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> The study can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including Town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

2017 Meeting Schedule:

The 2017 meetings of the EAC will continue to be quarterly at the Eversource (formerly Northeast Utilities) meeting room located at 107 Selden St., Berlin. Meetings are also available by teleconference. The next meeting dates: Thursday, September 21st & Thursday, December 14th

The public is welcomed.



LEFT : Meg Sautter (1st District), Laurie Gianniotti (DEEP), Eric Hammerling (CFPA), Fred Mastele CHC President, Ginger Tullai (2nd District), David Frazzellini (4th District) Ruth Beardsley (3rd District), Diane Ciano (5th District)

HELP NEEDED Road Safety Video to Public:

A video for Public Access is ready for distribution, courtesy of the Vermont Horse Council. This is an educational video to inform motorists how to pass a horse safely on the roads. There are 24 office locations around the state and we need to get people to bring the video to these locations.

You must be citizens of the town that the offices are located & highlighted below.

PLEASE CONTACT Diane Ciano Spirit76@snet.net 203.757.1904

If you can help by setting up an appointment to bring the video to your local Public Access station. It is the CHC goal to have a video such as this made for us. **Volunteers?**

Towns: Darien, Easton, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Redding, Stamford, Weston, Westport, Wilton

Public Access Studio: **28 Cross Street, Norwalk, CT**

Towns: Bridgeport, Fairfield, Milford, Orange, Stratford, Woodbridge

Public Access Studio: **211 State Street, Suite 405, Bridgeport, CT**

Towns: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Hampton, Lebanon, Mansfield, Pomfret, Scotland, Thompson, Willington, Windham, Woodstock

Public Access Studio: **207 Tuckie Road, North Windham, CT**

Towns: Avon, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, New Britain, Plainville

Public Access Studio: Nutmeg Television / **9 Eastview Drive, Farmington, CT**

Towns: Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Lisbon, Norwich, Preston, Sprague

Public Access Studio: **238 West Town Street, Norwich, CT**

Towns: Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Monroe, Washington, Kent, New Milford, Southbury, New Fairfield, Roxbury, Sherman, Trumbull, Woodbury, Newtown, Barkhamstead, Colebrook, Harwinton, New Hartford, Warren, Winsted, Winchester, West Hartland (partial)

Public Access Studio: **140 Willow Street, #3, Winsted, CT**

Towns: Andover, Bolton, Ellington, Hebron, Marlborough, Tolland, Vernon

Public Access Studio: Community Voice Channel: **105 Notch Road, Bolton, CT 06043**

Towns: Cheshire, Meriden, Southington

Public Access Studio: Cox Cable Meriden, Inc. / **1701 Highland Avenue, #6, Cheshire, CT**

Towns: Montville, New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Griswold, Killingly, Plainfield, Sterling, Putnam

Public Access Studio: **61 Myrock Avenue, Waterford, CT 06385**

Towns: Glastonbury, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, South Windsor, Wethersfield

- 1) Public Access Studio: Cox Communications, Inc. / **801 Parker Street, Manchester, CT 06040**
- 2) Public Access Studio: Wethersfield Community Television / **30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT**
- 3) Public Access Studio: Rocky Hill Community Television / **2754 Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT**
- 4) Public Access Studio: Newington Community Television / **90 Welles Drive North, Newington, CT**

Towns: Bethel, Danbury, Ridgefield

Channel: **23** Public Access Studio: Comcast of Connecticut, Inc. / **5 Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, CT 06810**

Comcast Hartford

Towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Simsbury, West Hartford, Windsor

- 1) Public Access Studio: Bloomfield Access Television / **330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT**
- 2) Public Access Studio: East Hartford Community Television / **740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT**
- 3) Public Access Studio: Hartford Public Access Television / **20 – 28 Sargeant Street, Hartford, CT**
- 4) Public Access Studio: Simsbury Community Television / **754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT**
- 5) Public Access Studio: West Hartford Community Television / **50 South Main Street, West**

Hartford

- 6) Public Access Studio: Windsor Community Television / **599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, CT**

Towns: Cornwall, Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, Thomaston, Torrington, Warren, Watertown

Public Access Studio: Cablevision of Litchfield / **622 Torrington Road, Litchfield, CT**

Towns: Bridgeport, Fairfield, Milford, Orange, Stratford, Woodbridge

Public Access Studio: Soundview Community Media Inc./ **211 State Street, Suite 405, Bridgeport, CT**

Towns: Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Monroe, Washington, Kent, New Milford, Southbury, New Fairfield, Roxbury, Sherman, Trumbull, Woodbury, Newtown, Barkhamstead, Colebrook, Harwinton, New Hartford, Warren, Winsted, Winchester, West Hartland (partial)

Public Access Studio: **140 Willow Street, #3, Winsted, CT**

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING 8 PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED TO GET THIS VIDEO OUT TO THEIR PBS STATIONS:

Rose Mary Biegger-Charter Communications of Western CT,
Stacey Stearns-Charter Communications of Northeastern CT,
Diane Ciano-Comcast/Waterbury,
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Farewell to Shirley and Steve Vicchitto



Our Thanks and Best wishes to Shirley and Steve who have made contributions to the CHC. They have served on our Board of Directors, the Volunteer Horse Patrol and worked to promote the CHC promoting equestrian use in Hartford on the Legislative level since 2007. They have moved to their dream home in Alton, Missouri. They were presented appreciation awards at our annual VHP meeting in recognition for their service to the CHC. We'll miss you both. Congratulations!

OTHER TRAIL NEWS

Larkin State Bridal Trail: The bridge in the Southbury section of the trail gave out when a horse walked across it- thankfully, the horse whose foot went through is okay aside from some small cuts. THE BRIDGE IS NOT SAFE TO RIDE ON. The DEEP was notified and will be fixing the problem. In the meantime, signs have been posted to go around the bridge, as there is a trail off to the side to avoid it.

DEEP Budget Cuts - Volunteer Horse Patrol: As you are likely aware that there has been continued budget cuts for our state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) that severely impacts the operations, maintenance, and safety of your State Parks, Forests, campgrounds, swimming areas, and special places that you cherish. The CT Horse Council is proud to have partnered with DEEP since 2003 establishing the Volunteer Horse Patrol (VHP) for equestrians statewide to help meet the basic needs of the visitors in our State parks and forests and helping to maintain trails. With the diminished resources of the DEEP, the CHC-VHP is calling on all equestrians to partner with us with this ongoing statewide effort and support to help patrol and maintain the trails that you ride. Your membership to CHC and support to the VHP helps out everyone in all aspects. Please consider supporting your state Horse Council in this effort. Thank you. For more information contact Diane Ciano @ trails@www.cthorsecouncil.org

Horse Owner's Corner:

Hot off the Press! Read about the Latest and Greatest Research from the Equine Science Society! Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Equine Extension Specialist, UConn; Education Committee Chair

I was recently fortunate enough to attend and present a paper at the Equine Science Society meeting which was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the end of May. I have been attending this meeting, held every 2 years, since 1997 when I was a graduate student. At this meeting, research from the past two years (and sometimes more!) is discussed and brought to the attention of others who are involved in equine outreach, teaching, and research. After attending the meeting, I thought that you might enjoy an article that talks about the latest developments in equine biosciences, exercise science, genetics, nutrition, production and management, reproductive physiology, and teaching and extension. For the sake of length, I have selected a paper in each category that I felt would be of the most interest to you.

EQUINE BIOSCIENCES

There were 34 papers presented on equine biosciences. The one that I selected to report on is a study that examined the effects of road transportation on immunological changes in three horses that were 17 years of age on average. It was conducted by researchers at the University of Florida. The goal was to determine when changes occur in the horse and when mucosal immune response occurs in horses transported over a long distance. The horses were transported for 24 consecutive hours. Transportation resulted in body weight loss of an average of 77 lbs despite access to hay and water during transit and was not regained by 15 days after transport. Neutrophils (a sign of increased immunologic response, which help fight infection) were elevated from hour 6 of transport to 24 hours after transport. There was a decrease in the number and percent of lymphocytes (a sign of increased immunologic response, which help fight infection) from hour 6 of transport to arrival at the destination and from hour 18 to 24 hours after transport. These lymphocytes continued to increase in number and were greater than baseline at 120 hours after transport. Leukocytes (a sign of increased immunologic response, which help fight infection) from a nasal flush were elevated from 0 to 24 hours after transport but returned to baseline by 72 hours after transport. Salivary immunoglobulin A (IgA) (a sign of increased immunologic response, which help fight infection) was greater at hour 18 of transport, but returned to baseline at arrival at the destination. IgA from a nasal flush was elevated from arrival at the destination to 24 hours after transport. The researchers found that systemic immunological changes occurred within 6 hours of the onset of transportation while mucosal IgA responses were delayed. These may lead to respiratory disease in a horse that was transported.

EXERCISE SCIENCE

There were 19 papers presented on exercise science. The paper I have selected focused on effects of rider experience level on horse kinematics and behavior. The researchers were from Clemson University in South Carolina. The objective of this study was to determine if rider experience level affects horses' movement, possibly resulting in increased physical effort by the horse. They also wanted to determine if rider level affects changes in behavior patterns when ridden. Eight riders were paired by skill level (beginner or advanced and 8 horses were paired by sensitivity level (reactive or nonreactive). Sixteen trials were conducted, each of which consisted of 5 passes in a prescribed path at the trot. They used high speed video capture and calculated joint angles using digitizing software. Behaviors were quantified based on an ethogram (a table measuring behavior and activity) and willingness scale, and each trial was videoed for analysis. There were no differences in behavior measurements as a result of rider skill level or horse sensitivity. There were no differences in kinematic measurements. The researchers state that while their data suggest no differences between beginner and advanced rider groups, future studies may show effect on joints during an entire stride cycle and in different gaits.

GENETICS

There were 7 papers presented on genetics. The study I selected focuses on possible markers for insulin resistance in horses and ponies. The authors were from Colorado State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Sul Ross State University in Texas. They studied 2 Dartmoor, 10 Welsh Pony mares and 12 Thoroughbred warmblood cross mares paired by breed, age, body condition score, and insulin sensitivity. The horses underwent a frequent sampling intravenous glucose tolerance test in the winter of 2016 and microRNA profiling.

MicroRNAs are a class of small single-stranded non-coding RNA molecules found in the horse that have an important role in biological processes like gene regulation, proliferation, apoptosis (death of cells as a normal part of development), and metabolism. Nine microRNAs were present in higher amounts in insulin resistant horses and ponies (blood sugar will go up even though insulin is being produced, cells do not respond to stop the increase in blood sugar, like in human diabetes) compared to insulin sensitive horses. All of the microRNAs found have been associated with insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, hyperlipidemia, inflammation, cardiovascular disease, or feed intake in humans or species used as a research model for these diseases. When comparing insulin resistance and insulin sensitive horses and ponies, some other microRNAs distinguished breeds, indicating differences between ponies and horses. This shows that microRNAs can be used as a potential powerful new tool to help diagnose equine metabolic syndrome.

NUTRITION

There were 45 papers presented on nutrition. The study I selected focused on the effect of time and space restricted grazing on body weight, body condition score, resting insulin concentrations, and activity in grazing horses. The authors were from North Carolina State University. The objectives of the study were to determine if body weight (BW), body condition score (BCS), and serum insulin concentrations could be significantly reduced if the time and space allotment for grazing was limited, and to determine the effect of limited pasture access on voluntary activity. Ten mature (5 to 12 years old) non-working geldings were randomly assigned to either a time and space restricted grazing group or a 24 hour grazing group (the control for the study). The ones in the restricted group had access to pasture for 8 hours/day in a grazing area with enough space that they could meet 80% of their energy requirement for a 7 day grazing period and the remaining hours they were kept in individual dry lot pens. They were moved to a new grazing area every 7 days for 5 weeks. Horses kept on restricted grazing lost more BW and BCS over time than the control horses. Weekly serum insulin concentrations were not affected by group or treatment over time but were affected by time. Heart rate and distance traveled were somewhat related. Restricted grazing reduced overall activity by approximately 30% but did not reduce daytime grazing activity. Limiting time and space for grazing reduced BW and BCS in horses while maximizing utilization of available forage by promoting uniform grazing. Horse owners could use time and/or space restricted grazing to prevent obesity in their horses, reduce body weight and body condition score in their horses and save money on hay by using their pasture in the best way possible.

PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

There were 34 papers presented on production and management. The paper I have selected focuses on the effect of season on travel patterns, hoof growth, fat deposition, and muscle growth of domestic young horses. The authors are my now graduated Master's of Science graduate student, Yuqing He, myself, three of my colleagues at the University of Connecticut and two of their graduate students. We studied 14 young Morgan Horses, 1 Quarter Horse and 1 Morisian horse (Morgan x Friesian cross). There were 4 weanlings, 4 yearlings, 6 two year olds, and 2 3 year olds with 8 males and 8 females. We put on GPS units for 4 storm days and one non-storm day in each season to measure distance traveled and we measured hoof growth, height of the longissimus dorsi muscle, and fat thickness at the last rib on the first and last day of each season. Distance traveled was greater in spring and summer than in fall and winter (0.89 miles vs. 0.69 miles average per day). The horses moved for less time and traveled less distance (0.12 miles less) on the storm day compared with non-storm days. Hoof growth was greatest in summer and least in winter (average growth of 1.71 inches vs. 0.33 inches, average of growth in 4 hooves). Season influenced the growth of fat with the greatest increase in fall (grew 0.06 inches) compared with winter, summer and spring. In summary, season influenced the distance traveled, hoof growth and fat deposition of young horses. This could help equine owners and enthusiasts better manage young horses to benefit their physical well-being.

REPRODUCTIVE PHYSIOLOGY

There were 9 papers presented on reproductive physiology. The paper I have selected is on the effects of vaccination against GDF-9 and BMP-15 on ovarian function in the mare. The study authors are from Colorado State University and the USDA National Wildlife Research Center in Fort Collins, Colorado. The BLM is investigating means of population control for the wild horse and burro population. The study is the first half of a 2 year project investigating the effect of vaccination against oocyte-specific growth factors, bone morphogenetic protein 15 (BMP-15) and growth differentiation factor 9 (GDF-9) on follicular growth and ovulation. The authors hypothesize that vaccination against these growth factors will prevent ovulation and/or accelerate the depletion of oocytes. Thirty mares were assigned to one of 3 groups of 10 mares: control mares vaccinated with phosphate buffered saline and adjuvant or mares vaccinated with

BMP-15 or GDF-9 peptides and adjuvant. The horses received a primary vaccination and 3 booster injections at week 0, 6, 12, and 18. They were evaluated 3 days a week during the breeding season for follicular size and date of ovulation via

ultrasound and receptiveness to a stallion using a 5 point teasing scale. The GDF-9 group (10.8 ovulations) did not have a difference in ovulations compared to controls (10 ovulations). The number of ovulations in the BMP-15 group was decreased (4.9 ovulations) compared with the control group. Of the 10 mares in the BMP-15 group, 5 mares ovulated once or not at all. There was no difference in teasing patterns for either treatment when compared with controls. They will continue with the study a second year to see if GDF-9 will decrease the ovulation rate in the second year and they found that BMP-15 shows promise and could potentially serve as a contraceptive for use in controlling wild horse populations.

TEACHING AND EXTENSION

There were 29 papers presented on teaching and extension. The paper I have selected is entitled “Are we teaching what industry wants?” The study authors were from Oklahoma State University. The objective was to determine the technical equine skills and information taught in collegiate programs and compare those to what is sought by equine industry employers. Industry experts (29) and academia (21) listed skills taught or desired for employees to possess upon hiring in round 1. In round 2, 17 experts from industry and 17 from academia were asked to rank each skill’s importance. The top 10 skills by average ranking were compared between academia and industry with 4 skills mutually agreed upon. Riding/training were ranked lowest in priority by both groups. It was found that industry professionals place more emphasis on work ethic, being able to follow directions and ask questions than specific horse handling skills, so academicians need to endeavor to teach in ways that encourage students to develop these transferable skills while simultaneously teaching safe horse handling.

Every day, new discoveries are made that are of benefit to the equine industry. Your equine extension specialists, professors and researchers are constantly working to improve horse health and well-being. I hope that you will reflect on this article and perhaps make a donation to an area of equine research, teaching, or outreach. Feel free to call or email with any questions you have: (860) 486-4471 or jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Also, check out my web site <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/extensionIndex.php> for more information on upcoming horse specialist events and information. What topics would you like to see in the horse owner’s corner next month? Send ideas to jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

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Microchipping Clinic for Equine Owners with Tufts

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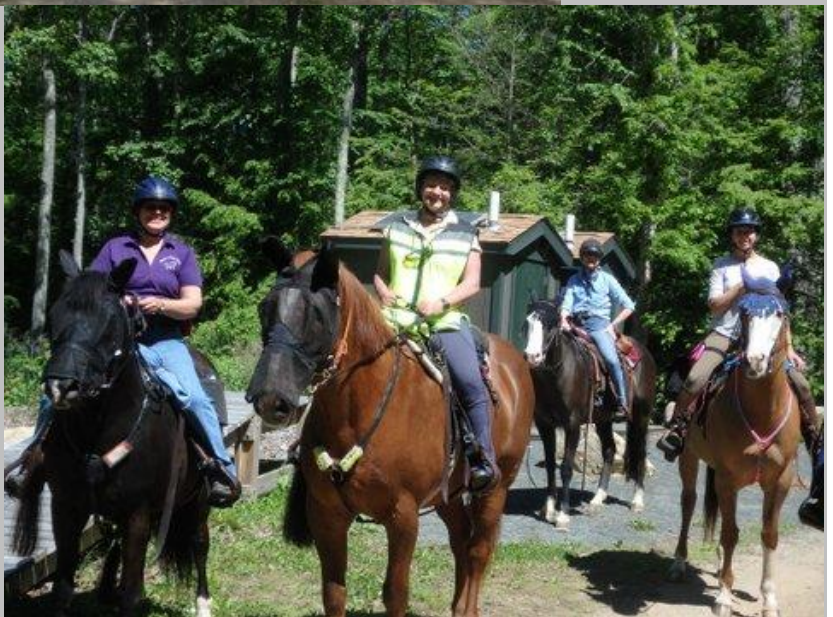
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EVENTS GONE BY NATIONAL TRAILS DAY



The CT Horse Council and Volunteer Horse Patrol hosted a Trails Day Weekend celebration at the Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp in Natchaug State Forest. This is one of two camping areas available to equestrians that the was renovated by the CHC. A Blessings of the Mounts was given by Patti Crowther, a Pot Luck dinner on Saturday evening, and trail rides at leisure on the 3 marked trail systems. On Sunday, the CT Trail Riders Association (CTRA) hosted a ride for its members led by CHC-VHP & CTRA member, Vevette Greenberg.





EVENTS GONE BY

CT HORSE 911



Disaster Preparedness for Equine Owners was presented at CT Horse Council Meeting in March. There was a large turn out for our meeting that was very informative to both horse people and emergency rescue persons. Thank you to the following persons that put on the program:

Matt Odishoo, Deputy Fire Marshall, Town of Berlin

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Associate Professor, UConn, Equine Extension Specialist

Laurianne Goulet, Connecticut Horse Council

If your organization would like a presentation on Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness for your members or to educate your local fire department and other emergency personnel, please contact Laurianne

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EVENTS GONE BY

DEEP - NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

“HANDS ON”

The CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol was in attendance at the DEEP Winter Festival at Burr Pond State Park in March. Over 600 children and adults had a “Hands On” experience - many for the first time - to touch a horse. Diane and Denise Ciano brought their steeds Walking in Midnight and Cutter to the event along with CHC member Randy Olmstead.



2017 Membership

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We had another successful Equine Affaire. We met lots of new people and informed them about CHC and all that we do. Thank you to Fred & Cheryl Mastele, Steve & Shirley Vicchitto, Ron Hocutt, Diane Ciano, Laurianne Goulet, Jane Kaeser, & Randy Olmstead for all their time spent at the booth. A special thanks to Laurianne & Cheryl for helping get all the supplies out of the basement and sorting to see what we needed to bring and having it ready to load and then getting it on the truck. As it is said it takes a village and we have a great village. If I have missed anyone I am sorry but do appreciate your help. The following have renewed for the 2017 year:

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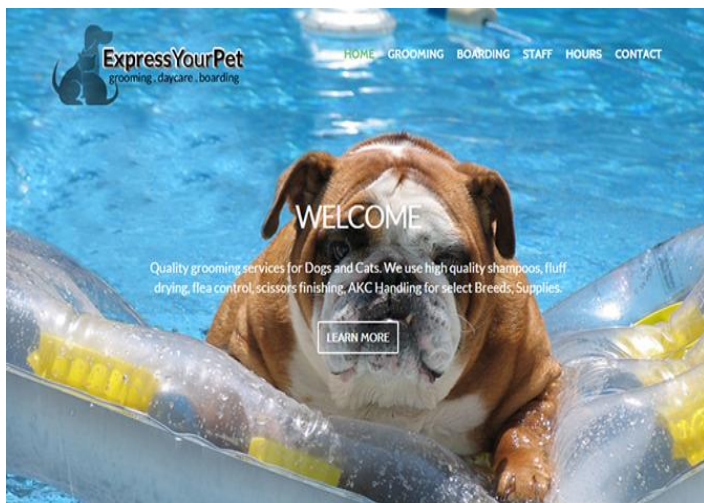
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Classification (Check One)

☐ **Individual** \$20 ☐ **Family** \$30 ☐ **Student** \$15
☐ **Business or Professional** \$40 ☐ **Club** \$40

☐ **NEW** ☐ **RENEWAL** **Membership decal available** ☐ Static ☐ Sticker

Check which one you wish to receive with your membership. Additional decals are available for \$1.00 each

How did you hear about the CHC? _____

CLUB or BUSINESS NAME (if applicable) _____

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY / STATE/ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

NUMBER OF HORSES OWNED: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST (Please check all that apply)

☐ Trails ☐ Zoning ☐ Booth ☐ Legislation ☐ Website ☐ Emergency/Disaster Preparedness

☐ Volunteer Horse Patrol ☐ Education ☐ CT Horse 911

I would be willing to serve on a committee of my interest. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

I would be willing to have my name listed with CHC Connections as a person to contact in an emergency involving horses, or for emergency resources. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

Please describe resources/services you would be able to provide on the back of this form.

I wish to join The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.

Date

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Connecticut Horse Council **Connections** is a volunteer network being developed to provide assistance and resources to our fellow horse owners in the state during times of natural or man-made disasters, or emergency incidents such as fires, loose horses, or trailer accidents. When there is an incident or emergency situation involving horses **Connections** will be a resource for local fire departments, first response dispatchers, and, as they continue to organize, with local CTSART Region Team Leaders. If you choose to participate in **Connections**, CHC will add your name to our list of people who can be contacted when help is needed.

[] CHC has my permission to make my name available to my local Fire Department/local Emergency Dispatcher as an experienced horseperson to call in the event of an incident involving horse/s.

My local FD is _____ Local Police _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency trailering for horse/s.

Type/size of vehicle _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide temporary emergency shelter/housing/paddock space for horses which need to be relocated in emergency situations.

Describe _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency supplies (feed, bedding, or other) for horses involved in emergency incidents.

Describe _____

[] I am unable to participate at this time but would like to be included in future alerts or mailings.

Although not yet mandated by Connecticut statute, the CT State Animal Response Team regions recognize the needs of large animals. CHC remains committed to assisting the five Region Team Leaders in their efforts to include horses in their disaster response plans.

[] Please give me the contact name of my CTSART Region Team Leader so I can contact him/her.

I attest that I am at least 18 years of age and that the information I provide The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. is true and accurate. I understand that I may, in any particular situation, prudently decline to offer my good faith services. I further understand that The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. acts only as a conduit for providing this information to individuals and/or organizations for the purpose of emergency response, and CHC is not liable for any injury or misadventure resulting in my volunteer efforts.
