

WNRDC Calendar of Events

October 2011



West Newbury
Riding and Driving Club
POST

Pipestave Hill Horse Trials Sunday, October 9th

Volunteer dates:

Saturday, October 8th Pre-Event Set-up between 8 and 9 AM.

Sunday, October 9th Day of event see list of volunteering options and times in the Pipestave Hill Horse Trials article on page 4

Fall Social and Annual Meeting Tuesday, November 11th at 7pm

Come say hi to horsey friends, find out more about club activities, and help guide the club. We are looking for a meeting place, please contact Kathy Feehery if you can host the annual meeting.

Please note, **elections** will be held at this meeting for the position of Vice President and 2 Board members. Election Committee will be headed by Jane Cantella. If anyone else wishes to help, please contact her at 978-270-9324 or wstwrld@aol.com.

Due Date for nominations is 10/28.

Yankee Swap Friday, December 16th

Hosted by Jane Cantella, Main Street, West Newbury

Come enjoy the Christmas decorations and bring your favorite food and a small wrapped gift (value to \$10) for each person who would like to participate in the Yankee Swap.

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Member Profile: Wendy Keyser

By Deborah Hamilton

Although Sunny, Henry and Dixie, the horses who used to share the pretty barn in back of her house, are no longer there, WNRDC member Wendy Keyser still smiles when she thinks of them. Foliage rides in Vermont, gymkhanas in Boxford and all around New England, and trail rides at Mill Pond and Maudslay are some of her favorite equine memories, and she was fortunate to make them with daughter Sarah for many years. She connects with horses in a spiritual way, and still enjoys visiting her Henry at “The Farm” where he is now a therapeutic equine, patiently allowing physically and mentally challenged individuals the opportunity to share his calm, patient energy.

Wendy found a special niche in the WNRDC many years ago when Amy Bresky first started coordinating our annual spring shot clinics. Wendy took over the immense role of coordinating West Newbury barn visits, and managed to do so for over 15 years. Putting her prodigious organizational skills to work, Wendy smoothly connected Drs. Bob Orcutt and Helen Noble and their crew to dozens of barns in West Newbury. She accompanied them around town for 3 long daytrips each spring, sometimes vaccinating, worming, examining and handling over 40 horses in a single day. The scheduling and barn calls were always handled efficiently and if the horse’s owner couldn’t be there to fetch them up and hold them, Wendy would fill in there too. Her efforts helped save Club members hundreds of dollars and hours of waiting for farm calls over the years.

Wendy and Paul came to West Newbury in 1984, and raised Christopher, Adam and Sarah in their home on Prospect Street. After a couple years of helping with the chores at Sara Contois’ barn, swapping barn work for rides, Wendy built her own barn in 1996 and moving her horses home, creating a lifestyle she loved. Wendy led by her good example, and sometimes with Paul as well, taught parenting classes at Page school for many years to local parents. Later Wendy took that STEP program to the next level, acting as a “911 Nanny”, doing house calls with families in trouble. Her own kids are now grown, with sons Adam and Chris married homeowners in the area, and daughter Sarah in school at Simmons College. Husband Paul, an executive with Stanley Tools, also shares Wendy’s passion for the outdoors, and their current joint hobby is kayaking, whether in Seabrook Harbor, along the Merrimack or further north.

Both Paul and Wendy have recovered from recent health concerns and have come through difficult regimens to beat cancer. She’s back to walking her two Wheaton terriers, Max and Abbie, 3 miles a day and has regained her strength and “can do” attitude. Her sense of humor has come through intact as well, as she relayed the story of Adam’s wedding last spring in Stowe: She’d started radiation and chemo treatments several weeks before the ceremony, and enjoyed the wedding and reception immensely. As she was changing out of her mother-of-the-groom garb and pulled off her shirt—her hair came off as well!

Wendy and Henry were immortalized as cover-girl material twice, gracing both the GMHA Journal after a foliage ride and front of the Wall Street Journal after a ride at Crane’s Beach. We’re relieved to hear that her health is just about back to 100%, and that she’s still doing what she loves, gardening, kayaking, and playing with her family. Her message for us is one of optimism and gratitude that we live in an era when cancer treatments and clinical trials can restore us to good health and effectively add years to our lives. We thank her for her faithful contribution to the Club and for contributing to our equines’ health as well!



Wendy and Henry

WNRDC News

- * **Elections**—WNRDC is looking for volunteers who might be interested in serving on our Board of Directors. Each year we stagger our elected officials so we always have both new and experienced members guiding our Club forward. While our current board members will be happily continue to serve, we would like to hear of any member who would like participate. Also, any member can nominate anyone from our community who is a member or would be willing to join our Club. Please contact our Nominating Committee Chair person with any candidates. Contact Jane Cantella 978-270-9324 or wstwrdd@aol.com
- * **Trails Reward Program** — Don't forget to sign up!
The Trail Rewards program is designed to encourage and recognize all riding and driving done outside of the arena whether it is a 20 minute cool down ride, a 3 hour trail adventure, a drive around the roads or a structured trail ride/competition. More information on the program, the trail logs and the rules for participation can be found on our website wnrdc.com A good link to organized rides is through the website of New England Horse and Trail <http://www.nehorseandtrail.com/> And for those who are looking for a challenge, there will be a celebration of the founding of the Mount Washington Auto Road 150 years ago with a ride up the mountain or in the Great Glen. More information is at <http://horseweekend.mt-washington.com/>

Thank you to all our initial riders and keep on having adventures on the trail
- * **Volunteer of the Year** nominations can be made by any member, the form is up on our website, www.wnrdc.com. We will announce the winner at the Annual Meeting on November 11. Please submit your nominations by **October 20th**.

West Newbury Riding and Driving Club Annual Participation in Town Parade

By Sophia Bitel

In troubling times where the world seems to change faster than we can adjust there is a corner of civility and tradition in a small Memorial Day parade where children wave flags and generations gather together to remember. In West Newbury, horses are still a prominent fixture of the community and every Memorial Day a group of riders from the West Newbury Riding and Driving Club ride in the town parade. This year we had seven riders. The riders' ages span 6 decades and the oldest horse Missy is in her mid-twenties and another Boo is from our local rescue, NEER North.

Let the world change as it may but as long as we have traditions we enjoy the ride and stay on course.

Participating Riders and Mounts

1. Cindy Foote and Robyn
2. Deb Hamilton and Diamond Jack
3. Naomi Goumillout and Hazel
4. Edie McKinnon and Anthem
5. Paul McKinnon and Missy
6. Isobel Bouncy and Boo (side walker Mary Martin)
7. Haley Dwight and Smitty (side walker Kim Dwight)

Pipestave Hill Horse Trials

By Kathryn West McLeod

School's open, leaves are beginning to turn red and gold and ponies are shedding their summer coats, which means the October Pipestave Hill Horse Trials are just around the corner!

We need both volunteers and entries to make the event a success! We will again offer Modified Novice for those Beginner Novice Riders looking for more challenge in dressage and stadium, and a new "Grasshopper" division for those just starting out and not yet ready for cross country. It consists of a walk-trot dressage test and the Elementary stadium course.

Beginner Novice Riders who rode in the June Groton House, or July Pipestave, or July Myopia Horse Trials, are eligible for the North Shore Beginner Novice Championship as long as they ride in and complete Beginner Novice in at least two horse trials on the same horse or pony. The award includes a rosette, photo frame, and a \$50 gift certificate to Bit of Britain! Ribbons will be awarded to fourth place for both Juniors and Seniors. The Championship is based on the lowest two scores earned, not total points. The Fall Groton House Classic and the October Pipestave are the last two opportunities to earn points for this Championship!

On another note, the ABC/BTA Benefit Horse Trials has been cancelled for 2011. The Year End Awards for Pipestave divisions in Modified Beginner Novice and Elementary will be based on results from the two PHHT events only. Riders must complete the same level on the same horse or pony at both Pipestave events to be eligible.

The two Horse Trials are the main sources of income for the West Newbury Riding and Driving Club, and allow WNRDC to maintain the Pipestave Hill rings, jumps and trails for our equestrian pursuits. WNRDC is also able to make annual donations to local charitable organizations, and sponsor educational and social activities for our members throughout the year. This is all possible through the generous donation of time by our volunteers. Although WNRDC is not an eventing organization, and our members have diverse equine interests, these horse trials support our organization, as well as maintain a history of equestrian use of the West Newbury town-owned Pipestave Hill property.

Please confirm that you are available to volunteer for one of the jobs below, by contacting one of the Volunteer Coordinators. We need to know, your full name; which job you'd like to do with 2nd choice, name of person with whom you'd like to fence judge, and how to reach you on the weekend (in case of bad weather).

Sophiea Bitel, bitel@msn.com, cell 718-286-0729

Kathryn West McLeod, kwest978@comcast.net, cell 617-943-9601

You can also RSVP to our Facebook event, Pipestave Hill Horse Trials Volunteers.

Volunteer Discount Program: New for 2011, WNRDC will be offering volunteers the opportunity to take advantage of a \$10 entry fee discount at any WNRDC run event, including the Pipestave Hill Horse Trials. One full day of volunteering, or two half-days, at one of our major Club events will entitle you or any member of your household to a \$10 entry fee discount at any future WNRDC event. Good for one year, you can apply your \$10 to Adventure Trail, October Horse Trials, or Stadium Practice!

Cross-Country Fence Judge: 25+ per event, Sunday about 9:45 AM to 2 PM. Please sign up early!! We can't run the event without fence judges. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible. Fence Judges sit at assigned cross-country fence and record clear jumps, falls and refusals. May be required to use a walkie-talkie. Will be placed with experienced fence judge if new to job. A wonderful way to watch horses jump through the countryside. Bring your own chair, bug spray, sunscreen, hat. NO umbrellas. Snacks and free lunch provided!

Pre-Event:

Thursday Night "Folding, Stuffing, Stapling": 4-6 people needed prior to each event to prepare rider packets at the Show Manager's house. Location TBA

Snack Prep: One person needed per event to prepare snack packets for volunteers, a few days prior. Not necessary to come day of event.

Saturday Pre-Event Set-up:

Several people needed on Saturday morning, start between 8 and 9 AM.

Dressage Rings: 3-4 people needed per event to assist the Dressage Captain with setting up the rings and letters for dressage. No experience necessary!

Stadium jumps: Help unload jump rails and standards from trailer, 2 people needed.

Secretary stand: Assist with set-up of tables, tent, and PA System, 1 to 2 people. No experience necessary.

Day of Event:

Parking Attendants: VITAL! 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM; second shift 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Two people per shift are needed to direct trailers to specific parking spaces. Great way for an early riser to help and then have the rest of the day for themselves.

***NEW* Pinnie Collector!** 1-2 people needed to collect Pinnies from Riders after their Stadium rounds. Approximately noon to 4 PM. May need to hold the horse while rider unties & removes pinnie.

Announcer: One person needed per event to keep riders & spectators informed of the day's activities. Must be organized and enjoy speaking.

Dressage Ring Steward: Two people needed per event, 7:45 AM start. Get horses into the ring at their assigned times, works with another steward to coordinate and checks bits (explanation provided). Requires use of a walkie-talkie. (Morning or morning and early afternoon)

Dressage Scribe: Two people needed per event, 7:45 AM start. Sit with the dressage judge and write down scores and comments on the dressage test form. Requires legible handwriting. Great learning experience! Ring 1, 8 AM to about 2 PM (can split into 2 shifts); Ring 2, 8 AM to Noon.

Stadium Scribe: One person, approximately noon to 4 PM. Sit with the stadium judge and write down penalties and comments on the scorecard. Requires legible handwriting. Can combine with Ring 2 Dressage Scribe

Test Runner: One person needed per event to carry dressage tests from rings to scorer's booth. Good for a younger child.

Cross-Country Warm-up Steward: One person needed per event to keep track of riders in warm-up and send them to the start box at assigned times. Supervises jumping warm-up area. Clear voice helpful.

Cross-Country Runner: One person needed per event to pick up score sheets from fence judges and deliver them to the scorer. May be mounted on quiet, steady horse, or on foot. (Midday)

Stadium Jump Crew: (3-4 per event) midday, assist with set-up of the stadium course. Familiarity with jumps helpful but not required. 45 minutes between approximately 11 AM and noon. Parents/spouses/siblings can help and still watch their favorite rider compete.

Stadium Ring Crew: (1-2 per event) Replace rails after knock downs, and assist with course changes between divisions. Approximately noon to 4 PM.

Stadium Steward: One person needed per event to get horses into the ring in their assigned order. Requires use of a walkie-talkie. Approximately noon to 4 PM.

Clean up! Sunday afternoon approximately 3:30 to 5:30 PM

Many hands make light work for clean up.

- * Secretary: Take down and put away PA systems, tables, tent, supplies.
- * General: collect and empty trash barrels and recycling barrels.
- * Stadium: Help load jump rails and standards onto trailer.

West Newbury Riding and Driving Club Donates Life-Saving Pet Oxygen Masks to Fire Department

By Liz Russell

West Newbury, MA-September 13, 2011. West Newbury Riding and Driving Club (WNRDC) is pleased to announce that it has acquired and donated a set of Pet Oxygen Masks to the West Newbury and Newburyport Fire Departments. The masks are designed to provide supplemental oxygen to domestic animals, such as cats and dogs, that are in respiratory distress from smoke inhalation.

The idea of purchasing a set of oxygen masks was suggested by a club member at the WNRDC annual meeting last November. Earlier this year, the Board of Directors reviewed information about the masks, discussed the need with a representative of the West Newbury Fire Department, and voted to proceed with the purchase.

"As a club full of animals lovers, we wanted to give these potentially life-saving masks to West Newbury and Newburyport," commented Kathy Feehery, WNRDC president.

The masks were purchased from SurgiVet. They are sized and shaped to fit the muzzles of a range of cats and dogs.



Adventure Trail Success

The fourth Annual Adventure Trail was held on September 18th and was well attended.

The Adventure Trail Ride is not timed or scored, and you travel at your own pace. We try to design it to be attractive to all levels of riders. It is a combination of trail riding and some optional challenges and obstacles along the way. Teams of two to four riders travel a course of 3+ miles through trails and fields. We also include the opportunity to do some stadium jumping if you like.

Every year we have riders of different levels of ability, ages and talent. Old friends, families and new acquaintances match up to ride together. The ride includes the Pipestave Hill and Mill Pond Trails and if possible the Riverbend Trails. Our trail mapping is done as close to the event as possible to be sure trails are safe and fun to ride. A great event for family, friends and new acquaintances. Come and enjoy the fun next year!

Extreme Trailer Makeover, WNRDC Style

By Amy Bresky

Most of us don't think about how all those stadium jumps get to and from our events, and get set up so attractively to create fun courses. It just seems like magic. The reality is that dealing with all those heavy awkward objects has always been a challenge.

Thanks to Kathryn West-McLeod, our Stadium Jump Coordinator's diligent efforts in running Stadium Practice Days each year, we have had some funding to upgrade our jumps annually. We are gradually replacing the heavy wood standards with plastic ones which are easier to deal with. There is still a whole bunch of additional stuff that must be used to create an attractive course. But what to do with lots of standards, wood and plastic poles, wood planks, flower boxes, gates, barrels, jump cups, numbers and an assortment of silk flowers?



Kathryn and Gordon

Several years ago, member Jill Hazard, a shopper extraordinaire, went hunting for an appropriate trailer to move and store all these items. She found a used basic gray bumper pull stock trailer at a great price and we snapped it up. Now we have transport but how to get it all in and out? We limped along for a few years with creative but less than successful stacking methods in the trailer and muttered that there must be a better way.

This spring the jumps needed painting again. Kathryn took the bull by the horns and planned a multi-day volunteer gathering to get the job done. Member Margaux French was kind enough to lend her indoor to lay everything out. While the trailer was empty it got a desperately needed brake job and chains. Volunteers Sophiea Bitel, Margaux French, Ellen Alden, Linda Adler, Sarah and Brooks Robinson, Naomi and Brian Goumillout, Kathy Feehery and Felicity Beech painted, repaired and creatively decorated everything.

Now in comes Gordon McLeod, Kathryn's husband, faithful trailer driver and jump helper. He built a wood rack on one side of the trailer with an ingenious rope cradle system to hold all those poles. Next came a very clever velcro and caribeener hanging arrangement for the planks. This left enough room to stack standards on the side. All the silk flowers got bins by color for easy decorating. What a difference!!



You can see in the photos how it all fits in now and as one of the worker bees who help load and unload, I can personally attest to how much easier the job is now! Kathryn remains at the helm directing each piece into its proper spot, both in and out of the trailer. Thank you to all and especially Kathryn and Gordon for such a creative extreme makeover.

Members News, Announcements, Classifieds and More

Congratulations to WNRDC member Joe Sandulli and teammates for winning the 1ST Annual ECTA ECTAthlon. Joe was the equestrian of the team.

WNRDC was well represented by our members Jodie Hanson, Susan Favaloro, Deb Hamilton, Felicity Beech and of course Joe!

Pictures on facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.191440254241267.59405.145918648793428&l=357e6a2d1e>

NEER North fundraising events:

- October 2 Demonstration day at NEER North, West Newbury, Ma
Amesbury Animal Hospital first aid demonstration and other demos to be announced.
Join us 11-3 for refreshments and amazing raffle prizes.
- October 7 Booth at the Topsfield Fair. Topsfield, MA
- October 15 Indian Meadow NEER Fundraiser. West Newbury, MA
- November 5 Silent Auction at Black Swan Country Club - 6 - 10. Georgetown, MA
Auction item donations greatly appreciated and tax deductible as allowed by law.

For more information about these events or ways to help NEER North please visit www.neernorth.org

NEER North is looking for donated items for our November 5th silent auction. All donations are tax deductible as we are an all volunteer, 501c3 non-profit. Looking for a wide variety of items to interest not only horse lovers but the entire community.

NEER is also in need of good homes, foster homes, and professional training help. Please visit the NEER horses available pages. at www.neernorth.org where you will find many great horses looking for new homes.

Animal Portraits: Beautiful drawings of any animal created from photographs. Great gifts. Samples and prices at <http://tgirlsue.dotphoto.com> or suegrimwood.com. For more information, email Sue at sjgrimwood@msn.com

Instructor Available: Brenda Freitas, Horseback Riding Instruction, MA Licensed Instructor, 978-432-1190 or 508-361-2637, email: frontier370@comcast.net, www.bjif.intuitwebsites.com.

Instructor available: Will teach you or your horse or pony to longline and basics of driving. Have covered roundpen, perfect setting to teach longlining. Licensed and Insured. Contact Nady at 617-281-6761

Thank you for your kindness at the loss of my mare, Sumarah Breze. She would appreciate, as I do, the donation given in her memory to NEER because she'd fallen on very hard times when I discovered her. She blossomed from an aloof, sad horse into a spirited, personable and athletic one. That's why I also thank the club for the beautiful rose bush. In its second blooming now, it reminds me of her beauty and spirit.

Liz Russell.

“This is Breze in her “I’m so happy to be out” mode— daily. I only hope wherever she is, she is this happy all the time” Liz



Mint for Mounts has a miniature horse available for adoption. He is an 8 year old silver dapple with flaxen mane and tail, 30 inches tall. Will be gelded next week and will be available for adoption once he is recovered. Skills still need to be evaluated. For more information, contact Nady at info@mintformounts.org. Find out how you can help sponsor the little guy on mintformounts.org or our Mint for Mounts facebook page.

This is “Steele” on arrival day at Mint for Mounts



Thank you from Allie Jones: Dear Fellow club Members, I can't express how touched I was by the gestures shown by the WNRDC when I lost my Calloway. First I received a card which I thought was so kind. However, later when I received a card from Nevin's Farm that said a donation had been made in Callie's name, I was deeply moved. As you know I hadn't officially owned Callie for a while but in my heart I still feel she was mine and was crushed when she had to be euthanized. Having the club empathize with my loss was far more than I ever expected. Thank you all for this and for supporting Nevin's Farm, one of my favorite charities. It couldn't have been more perfect!

WNRDC E-MAIL RULES AND WNRDC YAHOO GROUP

Club e-mail provides information about WNRDC Club activities and related topics only. Club members can send out all classified (for sale, etc.) materials through the Yahoo Group, rather than through the Club e-mails. The Yahoo group is very user-friendly and instructions for signing up and using it are listed below. Through the WNRDC Yahoo Group you can send and receive messages from members on a variety of things such as horses for sale or lease, items for sale, available stalls, trail rides, and share some pictures!

How to join: If you want to join only the mailing list for the group, send a blank email to wnrdc-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com. If you have a yahoo e-mail address, or don't mind creating one to log into the group, send an e-mail to wnrdnewsletter@yahoo.com and request an invitation to join the group. When you set up your membership to the group, you can specify which email address the messages go to, it does not have to be the Yahoo account.

How to read messages: You can select in the setup if you want the messages to go to your email address, if you do then you will get the posted messages in your email. You can also sign into your Yahoo account and go to the WNRDC group to read all the posted messages.

How to post a message: Send your email to wnrdc@yahoogleroups.com and everyone who is subscribed to the group will receive it. Remember to add your name at the bottom of the message as we may not know from your e-mail address who you are.

How to visit the group on the web: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wnrdc/>

NOTE: WNRDC Membership is required to join the group

Don't forget to renew your membership. If you don't know when your membership expires, please contact Kim Dwight at wnrdmembership@yahoo.com

If you have any changes to your contact info, please let Kim know.

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