

April 2009



West Newbury
Riding and Driving Club
POST

WNRDC Calendar of Events

MSPCA Rescue Glide Demo Sunday June 7, 2009 3pm-5pm

Contact: Kathy Feehery, 978-363-5424
Location: Riverrun, 540 Main St, West Newbury

The MSPCA developed and distributes the original Rescue Glide, changing the way they move downed horses. This innovation provided a streamlined way to humanely move these at risk animals. Horses who previously had no chance of survival can now be safely and easily transported to a veterinary hospital. The Rescue Glide has revolutionized emergency equine transport across North America

Pipestave Cross Country Course Clean-Up Day Sunday, June 28 (Rain date July 5)

9AM-12PM approximately

Please bring loppers, metal leaf rakes, weedwhackers and riding mowers if you have one. Many hands really do make light work!! Lunch is included.

Pipestave Hill Horse Trials Series Sunday July 12 Sunday October 11

Volunteers needed!

Contact: Amy Bresky 978-363-2244
Go to www.wnrdc.com for all the details.

WNRDC Summer Pot Luck BBQ Saturday, July 18, 2009 6PM

Location: Jane Cantella's home, 914 Main St., W. Newbury, MA
Contact: rhazard48@gmail.com

Come enjoy a fun evening with horsey friends and great food!

Please RSVP to Jill Hazard with your numbers and what appetizer, side dish or dessert you will be bringing. Drinks and grilled meats included. Please park in pasture west of Jane's house.

Adventure Trail Day Saturday August 15 12-3pm Sunday August 16 9-12pm

Contact: Felicity Beech 978-363-2021
Please join us for a non-competitive, fun, team, ADVENTURE trail ride on the lovely trails and fields at Pipestave Hill and the surrounding area. All info and entry forms available on our web site www.wnrdc.com

Fun Pleasure Show

We are working on the organization of a pleasure show in September. More details to come in the summer newsletter and on our website.

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Pipestave Hill Horse Trials Volunteering

While most of our members do not event & we are not an eventing organization, much of our income depends on the success of our two Horse Trials. Volunteers have been great in the past to make this possible and find it fun, too! We hope you will join us in some capacity at any or all of the events. You'll make new friends and get to watch lots of horses without any of the pressure of competing! Volunteer opportunities are listed below. We provide on-the-job training for all positions. Some of the dates are pretty far in advance, so we will understand if your plans change and you can't attend as the time get closer. We will be e-mailing to confirm all volunteer requests. Some jobs can be combined with others, depending on the amount of time you have to donate. Thank you in advance for your great support!

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Pre-Event Course Clean-up: (*As many as possible!*) Includes weedwhacking, mowing, painting, etc. The official clean-up day is Sunday, June 28th at 9:00 AM (raindate: Sunday, July 5th) but we also need assistance throughout the season. We also have the Adopt-A-Jump program (see article on page ____).

Mowing: (*A team!*) Again this year we are going to put together a mowing "team" to spread out the labor of keeping our areas of Pipestave mowed. Our goal is to make less work for any one person, so the time commitment will be smaller for all. If you have a riding mower (or even if you don't, we can arrange one for you) and would like to be part of this elite group, please contact Jill Hazard, 978-363-5829, rhazard48@gmail.com, who has graciously agreed to head up this team.

Thursday Night "Folding, Stuffing, Stapling": (*4 - 6 people per event*) This occurs at Amy Bresky's house at 7 PM on the Thursday night before each event to prepare rider packets and other paperwork.

Snack Prep: (*1 - 2 people per event*) This can be one person or a team of two to prepare snack packets prior to events for volunteers. It is not necessary to come day of event. This has been a great job for our younger members and they know the best food to put in!

Dressage Ring Set-up: (*3+ people per event*) Saturday activity takes a little over an hour with 3 people. No experience needed!

Parking Attendant: (*2 - 4 per event*) Directs trailers to specific parking spaces. Starts early AM and can be done in 2 hour shifts. VERY important and an easy way to volunteer for a short period of time and really help!

Announcer: (*1 per event*) Keeps riders & spectators informed of day's activities. Must be organized and enjoy speaking.

Assistant Secretary: (*1 per event, AM from 7 - 10*) Assists secretary in AM set-up and handing out rider packets. A great way to learn about this side of eventing and meet lots of people.

Dressage Scribe: (*2 per event, AM to 11:30 or 2*) Sits with the dressage judge and writes their scores and comments. Is generally a half-day job (AM or PM) and requires legible handwriting. Great learning experience!

Dressage Ring Steward: (*2 per event, AM and done at either 11:30 or 2*) Gets horses into the ring at their assigned times. These two coordinate with each other and check bits (explanation provided). Requires use of a walkie-talkie. The ideal way to watch dressage.

Test Runner: (*1 per event*) Carries dressage tests from rings to scorer's booth. Good for a younger child.

Scorer: (*1 head scorer and 1 assistant, which may be split AM and PM*) Works with head scorer to calculate dressage test scores, compile cross-country and stadium results and post scores.

Cross-Country Warm-up Steward: (*1 per event*) Keeps track of riders in warm-up and sends them to the start box at assigned times. Supervises jumping warm-up area. Clear voice and jumping knowledge helpful.

Cross-Country Fence Judge: (25+ per event) Sits at assigned cross-country fence and records 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.

Stadium Steward: (1 per event in afternoon only) Gets horses into the ring in their assigned order. Requires use of a walkie-talkie.

Please contact Amy Bresky, amybresky@yahoo.com, 978-363-2244 (home), 978-270-3880 (cell). Let her know the dates you would like to volunteer, your first, second and third choices of jobs, and any special requests you may have (example: fence judge with a particular person). We will do our best to accommodate you.

WNRDC News

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Sophiea Bitel, West Newbury, MA
 Stephanie Casale, West Newbury, MA
 Linda Cusack, Saugus, MA
 Sophie Godley, Swampscott, MA
 Beth Tremblay Hall, Newburyport, MA
 Cynthia Jenkins, N. Hampton, NH
 Thomas and Robin Newhall, Georgetown, MA
 Ann O'Brien, North Andover, MA
 Joan E. Richards, Ipswich, MA
 Yvette Rose, Newton, NH
 Elizabeth Russell, West Newbury, MA
 Marlene Stasinios, Bradford, MA
 Darlene Vickers, Merrimac, MA

Brenda Bonnette, West Newbury, MA
 Erin Cheever, North Andover, MA
 Jose & Brigitte Franco, Amesbury, MA
 Susan Grimwood, West Newbury, MA
 Jodie Hanson, West Newbury, MA
 Maureen McLaughlin, Newbury, MA
 Cindy Nickerson, Merrimac, MA
 Margaret Potorski, Georgetown, MA
 Gaylee Robinson, Hampton Falls, NH
 Beth Hill Ross, Saunderstown, RI
 Karen Sherzi, Andover, MA
 Linda Tasker, West Newbury, MA
 Soso Whaley, Kensington, NH

Pictures and other items

by Judy Wright

Pictures and promotional items featuring the West Newbury Riding Club past and present are now available for sale. How did this evolve? Frankly there was a selfish motive. When I first saw the old photograph of WNRDC members dated in the 1920's, I was smitten. I loved the old photo and was bound and determined to figure out a way to have a copy of this wonderful old piece of history of our Club for myself.

It took a while, but eventually I came to the realization that maybe copies of this photo and other historic photos could be made available to all members who were interested. To make a long story short, over the last couple of months, the original photo has been digitized and copies are now available. Another similar photo dated 1925 has also been made available. In addition, mugs, sets of coasters, and yes, for all puzzle lovers, a puzzle with an aerial view of the Pipestave area (before the athletic fields were built) are also available for sale.

The original old photo that many of you have seen at Amy Bresky's home is available for \$25. The other historical photo is \$30. Mounting these photos is available for another \$8. Mugs are \$20, a set of coasters \$30, and puzzles are \$30. If I have peaked your interest, call me and we can set up a time for you to come see these items.

Also, we would love to have your input on bits and pieces of Club history. Your stories and photos will be put into a scrapbook for all of us to share at Club functions. It is hoped that this project will enrich each of us as we become better acquainted with our Club's past. Adding to this history will be a photo shoot by Barry Kaplan at Pipestave sometime this summer for all current members and their horses. We will let everyone know when a date for this has been established. Until then feel free to call me with any questions or interest with items for sale or stories to share. Judy Wright 978-363-1501 or wright151@comcast.net

Like to write? Please join the WNRDC Newsletter Crew! If you are interested, contact Nady at [wnrdnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wnrdcnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Profile: New member Sue Grimwood

By Bernadette Hamilton

We have 30 NEW members for 2009! I would like to introduce one of our new members in the following profile: Sue Grimwood

Sue has been interested in animals and especially horses, since childhood. While obtaining a degree in Biology at Colgate University her riding abilities advanced to a high competitive level. She has worked with horses most of her life, as a barn manager, trainer and instructor, mostly at dressage and breeding farms, but has also spent time in Australia and New Zealand doing research work.

She has had 2 horses that she trained to FEI Intermediate I Level and hopes to show at FEI Intermediate II level this year. She is aiming for Grand Prix with her current horse, Kihei, a 16 year old Dutch Warmblood, at whose Cesarean birth she was present.

An avid photographer and artist, in pencil sketching and pen & ink, she has captured beautiful images of bald eagles and other wildlife during her volunteer work at Mass Audubon, Ipswich River. Sue also uses her artistic skills to produce notecards, as well as animal portraits of beloved pets for clients. The key, she says, is in capturing the animals' personality through the expression in the eyes. For more information go to www.suegrimwood.com or email her at sjgrimwood@msn.com

Sue and
Kihei



A horse drawing
by Sue



ECTA Blazing New Trails

by Ellen Alden

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, the Essex Country Trail Association Annual Meeting was held at the Gould Barn in Topsfield. My husband, Jack, and I were pleased to be able to attend this special meeting and show our support for ECTA in West Newbury. Susanna Colloredo, always entertaining, welcomed a packed house of enthusiastic members eager to hear about the future plans for the ECTA. Susie Banta was given a warm welcome as she stepped into her new role as Chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding over her first and very important ECTA Annual Meeting. It was exciting for all of us to meet our new Executive Director, Alex Van Alen, and to hear his report "Blazing New Trails." Carol Lloyd, now our Project Director, spoke about the Management Plan, mapping work, easements, and the work slated for Bradley Palmer. I ask, what would we do without Carol?

The special tribute to Don Curiale was very amusing, with the input by Don Little and Susanna Colloredo, yet very touching with Pam Mansfield's reflections on Waldingfield. And, of course, we all loved hearing Don say a few words. He just can't help being funny. We will all miss Don, a very special, sincere and unique person, who, over the many years, has given so much to ECTA. To me, he has always been very generous, thoughtful and very funny and I will miss him very much.

Volunteers like to be recognized for their work, something ECTA has always done. I was especially thankful to Susie Banta for her gift idea for the Directors, like me, who have recently stepped down. We were all presented with a "With Appreciation" plaque. It was so personalized, that I will treasure it forever. To see, dead center in the plaque, my faithful steed, Buddy and me, pictured at Crane's Beach, made it very special. I was in awe that they had time to put this all together. Nady Peters, another West Newbury resident, who recently stepped down from the Board, was also very touched by her plaque, which showed her with her Morgan gelding Rocket. A cocktail reception followed the business meeting and made for a great evening at the Gould Barn.

In West Newbury, since we became the 6th town in the ECTA a little more than four years ago, we have been successful with our ECTA easements. Now we are looking ahead to finalizing the Trail Management Plan and completing the trail mapping of the town. We are fortunate to have an Open Space Committee, a Planning Board and a Conservation Commission all willing to work with ECTA. There are more than a few key people here in West Newbury whose knowledge, dedication and organizational skills are sure to make ECTA a success as we work toward getting more participation and membership in our town along with the basic work involving trails and easements.

It is exciting to be moving in a positive direction with ECTA and I, for one, am looking forward to continuing to work for ECTA in West Newbury in my new position as a trail representative/steward.

Adventure Trail 2009

Following the success of last year's Adventure Trail we will be holding another of these fun events at Pipestave in August. This time we plan to schedule the event over the weekend of August 15 & 16. Riders may participate on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning – or both if they wish! However the new format is especially designed to allow our trusty volunteers to ride, at a discount, on the day when they are not helping everyone else to have fun. Do please plan to come and join us in one capacity or another.

Here are the brief details:

This is a non-competitive, fun, team ADVENTURE trail ride on the lovely trails and fields at Pipestave Hill and the surrounding area. Last year we had 86 riders and many are planning to come back for another no-pressure, laughter-filled day.

In a team of two to four riders you will ride a course of 3+ miles through trails and fields. Along the way, you will encounter challenges – tests, obstacles, and jumps – similar to those you might encounter on any trail ride. Each challenge is optional, so riders of all levels can participate.

The Adventure Trail is not timed or scored. Travel at your own pace! There will be one or two mandatory check-in points. Spotters (volunteers!) will be on course to assist with directions and safety. This event will be held rain or shine with the course adjusted as needed for safety.

Entry Fee: \$30 per person, pre-registered; \$35 on the day.

Volunteer Fee: If you can help for 3 hours on the day that you are NOT riding, your fee to ride will be \$15.

When: Saturday, August 15: Afternoon start times 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 16: Morning start times 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

"The 4 in our group thoroughly enjoyed the Adventure Ride on Sunday! What a great event, and excellent for horses to have fun and to accommodate a lot of different situations and requests from their riders. Please pass on to the group who put it together that we all loved it, the trails were great, the volunteers helpful and everyone else I have talked with who also went on the ride loved it A LOT as well!" Lisa White, Boxford, August 2008

Please watch our web site for more information or contact [Felicity Beech](#), 978-363-2021.

Members ring in Spring with the Annual Potluck Dinner

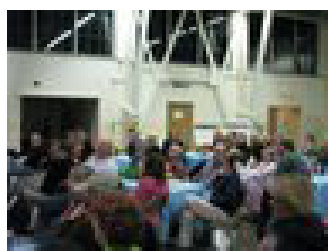
The decorations were springy and beautiful, the food was the delicious, the company was great, and the raffle loads of fun at the Annual WNRDC Potluck. Thanks to Jill Hazard and her volunteer crew!



Amy and Judy running the raffle



Everyone having a good time



Amy and Nady welcoming everyone

Members News, Announcements, Classifieds and More

C&C Equine Boarding- Lessons- Sales- Summer Camp. Offering a comfortable atmosphere for you and your horse. 24 hour care, all-day turnout, large indoor, two 100X200 outdoors, restroom facility, lounge and large tack room. We are located minutes off of 101 in Stratham NH. Offering Full Board at \$500/ month, Semi Rough at \$300/month. Full Board also offered at our Essex, MA location at \$750/month 603-489-3584 www.ccequine.com

New member, Marlene Stasinof of "**Marlene's Green Carpet Cleaning**" offers to all members of the WNRDC: for 3 rooms cleaned, she will include a 4th at no cost or 10% off total carpets cleaned. Find out more at www.drycarpetcleaning-ma.com

For Sale: Meadowbrook Cart, Horse size, 48" wheels, 84" shafts, light oak natural finish, hydraulic brakes, flush hubs on wheels, fancy black vinyl seats, black patent leather shaft leathers, fits 15.3-16.3 hand horse, excellent condition, very comfortable, \$1,800. Call: 919-718-5583/e-mail for photos maggown@verizon.net

Free, partial lease: I am looking for a special someone to free, partial lease my quarter horse Blue. He is a 9 yr. old, 15.1 h., grey registered Quarter Horse, who I've owned since he was 4yrs old. I don't seem to have the time to ride both my TWH and Blue, and feel this wonderful horse would like to do more than just sit in the paddock. He is a very good boy, who prefers the trail to the ring, but has the training to show as a pleasure horse. He wasn't used much last year and so would be best with an experienced rider. I can be reached by phone (before 9pm) @ 978-363-5829 or via email rhazard48@gmail.com.

Stall Available at Jewels Farm in West Newbury. All day turnout, outdoor ring, close access to 50 acres of conservation land for trail riders, owner 20 years of experience, lessons available for all ages, \$500/month call Julie at 978-363-2422 or jewelsfm@comcast.net

For Sale: two miniature horses, palomino mare, 12yrs and pinto gelding, 8 yrs. Both registered, both drive, need to stay together. \$1,500 for both includes harness and cart. Call Julie at 978-363-2422 or jewelsfm@comcast.net

Maudslay cleanup...equestrian style Sunday, April 26 starting at 9am — By Kim Hackett-Ort

We had a terrible ice storm as everyone knows and the park needs your help! Please come to help clear the trails for some wonderful riding this year. Pizza party following at noon in the newly renovated spray shed at Maudslay. Please come and help to get those trails ready for an awesome season. Wear durable clothing and rugged shoes. All tools will be provided. Please contact Kim Hackett-Ort at 978-502-3487 so that she can get a headcount for the pizza.

Horse For Sale: Gray Thoroughbred Mare 15.1 or a bit more, needs a job. She is a mare that should be ridden regularly. We purchased her in Va. and rode her in the pouring rain in a hay field. We saw her jump up and down hill on slippery grass (much to our dismay), and know that she pinned in pleasure classes. Not the right horse for the newer riders at the Children's Equitation Center. Too many are beginning with us and she is not able to get exercise all year round. We made a mistake on this choice and want her to have a real job, a dedicated rider, and good home. She is turned out with another mare and does well with 4-5 hours of turn out. It is not imperative that she is out all day as she is here. Trial possible to the right home. Price negotiable to a very good home. If interest please write Roberta Wilmore at leeellafarm@peoplepc.com

Congratulations to Brooks Robinson with her new horse, Eldy. He arrived at the Robinsons' farm in September. He came from Don Devine's farm in Maine, and he has a new stall next to Peanut. They are riding with Olana Laffey, and he and Brooks will be doing a little bit of everything this year. Picture on the right is Brooks with Eldy.



Horses Helping Horses: Bernadette Hamilton and her Clydesdale, Dan, are looking for pledges for the Horses Helping Horses Spring Trail Ride on June 14 at Great Brook Farm State Park, Carlisle, MA. All proceeds to benefit the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, Methuen, MA. The deadline is May 29. Dan was adopted about 10 years ago and it was a wonderful experience. We have adopted 2 goats as well! If anyone is interested in registering for this event, they may contact Heather Robertson at hrobertson@mspca.org or go to www.mspca.org/nevins



Thanks to Cindy Jenkins who shared these pictures of Marley Jenkins and Tina Rocco (6th graders) riding the mile of beach at Hampton Beach State Park on Sunday April 5th.

Congratulations to Steve and Sue Knowles on their new baby Percheron - delivered just in time for Easter.



TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN UP at Riverbend April 26

Bring your rubber boots, garden gloves, trash bags and loppers if you'd like to help improve riding along the Merrimack River and up the hill to Pipestave. Fallen trees and branches, overgrown shrubbery and a winter's worth of flotsam and jetsam need to be removed. Many of us will meet at the river's edge at the bottom of Way to the River on **Sunday, April 26** starting around 9 a.m. We suggest no small children or loose dogs, and watch out for ticks and poison ivy. For more information, call Deb Hamilton 978 270-9129 -- or just show up!

Dressage Clinics at Riverrun: Verne Batchelder will be returning to Riverrun Farm for monthly 2 day dressage clinics. The first one will be May 30 & 31 with later dates to be determined. Verne is a USDF Silver medalist and owner of River House Hanoverians in Piermont NH and River House South in Williston FL. He and his wife and daughters breed, train and import elite Hanoverians, up to Grand Prix. He is an excellent teacher and has been coming to Riverrun for at least 9 years. Space is limited for the first clinic but he will be back on a regular basis until he returns to Florida in the fall. For further information or to sign up, please get in touch with Kathy Feehery 978 363-1819 or at feehery@comcast.net.

Rings at Pipestave

It has come to our attention that there is already quite a bit of damage on the grass in the riding rings at Pipestave. There are signs up at the ring to stay off the grass.

Please stay on the stone dust track and when using the fields stay along the edges as to avoid big holes in the working areas. When the footing is this wet, please just walk through the cross country area!! Help us maintain this beautiful place. If you see anyone causing damage please ask them kindly to stay on the stonedust. If damage continues, we may have to close the rings completely until the footing gets dryer. Thank you!

Update on Boston Mounted Police Unit: As you know I have been involved in trying to save this mounted unit. The petition is still ongoing (we have over 1500 signatures!) and there is a budget hearing on May 5. I have a meeting with the Chair of the Public Safety Committee on April 29. They vote on the final budget on July 1. I'm in the process of starting a non-profit organization to hopefully help fund the unit if they are allowed to stay on, but also to provide good retirement homes for horses who have provided service. Only a small number of horses would be available for adoption if they do get disbanded and they are no longer taking names as they have been swamped with calls. If you would like to know more or would like to help, email me at savemountedunit@yahoo.com. Thank you! Nady Peters

WNRDC E-MAIL RULES AND WNRDC YAHOO GROUP

Our rules about the use of Club e-mail have changed, as our organization has grown. Since we now have an active Yahoo group available free to all members, it was decided to have Club members send out all classified (for sale, etc.) materials there, rather than through the Club e-mails. Members are welcome to post any of their classified items there. The Yahoo group is very user-friendly and instructions for signing up and using it are listed below. The Club e-mail will now provide information about WNRDC Club and related topics only.

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@yahoogroups.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](mailto:wnrdcnewsletter@yahoo.com) and request an invitation to join the group.

How to post a message: Send your email to wnrdc@yahoogroups.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 Bernadette Hamilton at wnrdmembership@yahoo.com

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