

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

The Washington Reining Horse Association (WRHA) Show will be arriving on Wednesday, April 6th. They will be in member barns, so please take the time to make sure everything is in good repair in your stalls. Be sure to check your stall floors to make sure there are no holes and turned up mats. We should be doing this for our own horses. These shows are very important to our facility and they have made it possible to make needed improvements to our barns and arenas. Kim Lightfoot, the WRHA Event Liaison, will be on the grounds at various hours during this show. So if you have any issues that involve the show, please contact Kim at 860-7457 or the Appleatchee office during business hours, or the office cell at 860-2587. If any members (4-H, Pony Club & WAHSET groups included) are interested in volunteering opportunities, please contact Susan in the office. It would be nice to have members help in greeting and settling-in guests that come to our facility. It is a great way to make new friends and to network outside of our little piece of heaven.

Barn renters—Please do not pile extra bedding materials against the barn siding. It will cause damage to the siding and will hasten the deterioration of the barns.

After problem-solving as to how members can receive needed services for their horses, the board would recommend that members use licensed chiropractic, massage and veterinarian services on the grounds. Practitioners may not bring nonmembers to the grounds for services.

When riding in busy arenas, please be courteous and use common sense when working your horse.

New Memberships: Callie Lane & Cole Stuart, both individual members.

Thank you, Susan

Appleatchee Show Barn Project Update

At our General Membership meeting in December, a vote approved building of a show barn at Appleatchee, which would contain up to 150 stalls at an approximate cost of 1.1 million dollars. This investment in our facility will work to keep lockouts of Appleatchee members' horses to a minimum, and to increase the marketability for outside rentals at Appleatchee in the future. This is a major investment by all Appleatchee members and as a Show Barn Committee, we appreciate your confidence in us and the support members have shown. We realize the importance of keeping everyone up to date on the progress of this project.



We are currently in the process of securing a local architect to finalize our building plan, and we will then move forward with the permitting process. In the meantime, we are awaiting bids from contractors regarding the cost of construction for the building, as well as site preparation. Committee members have been busy contacting livestock equipment suppliers with regard to the stalls, and others have been reaching out to equine entities around the state to find out what has worked for them and what they wished they had changed.

Our Committee is meeting once a week on Tuesday nights and we will continue to keep the general membership up to date on this Show Barn Project as we move forward. This is an exciting time for Appleatchee!

ROPING

"COOL" spring and new steers are here!!!!

We are having a good turnout for our Friday nights, and want to "THANK" everyone (ropers and members) for participating.

Our first roping on fresh cattle is April 1st and 2nd, in the roping arena. We will not have rainout option for the month of April. If you have any questions on arena condition please call first (Terri: 509-421-3119) before coming.

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7PM. We are not sure about Thursday nights yet. The fee is only \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers to practice. We would like to encourage everyone that is interested in exposing their horses to cattle, please to come join us.

We are having Team Sorting practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Appleatchee members pay \$15 and non-members \$20. Practice starts at 6PM for setup. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting, with a minimum of 3 times each. See the Team Sorting Division report below for more details.

Check out our appleatcheeropers.com and see pictures of our winners along with other pictures of ropers, and link to our Facebook page.

Upcoming Dates:

April (Outdoor Roping Arena)

4/01/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00 outside
4/02/16	Saturday Roping	11:00
4/08/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
4/10/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
4/15/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
4/22/16	Friday Night Roping	7:00
4/29/16	Friday Night Roping	7:00

May

5/06/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
5/7-8/16	Sorting clinic	9:00
5/13/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
5/20/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
5/21/16	3-man sorting	9:00
5/22/16	3-man sorting	9:00
5/27/16	Memorial Day Fri Night	7:00
5/28/16	Memorial Day Roping	10:00
5/29/16	Memorial Day Roping	9:00

5/30/16 Memorial Day Roping 9:00

TEAM SORTING



We had a fun sort in March with the new team-based jackpot format. We paid out \$740 to winning teams in the 3-man and 2-man events. Winners of the winter prize competition are: 1st Division, Terri Tincher (586 points), John Lehmkuhl (585 pts – I lost by one point = about one cow less sorted in 30 sorts!); 2nd Division, Brock Ragan (479 points), Sonja Ragan (459 points). First place winners in each division win a nice trophy buckle, and 2nd place wins an engraved snaffle bit, both from Showtime Awards. Check the website for all the scores. We will give out awards at the April competition. At the March competition, we gave Filena, our super Show Secretary, an Appleatchee sorting jacket in appreciation of all the office work she does for us! The summer buckle competition begins with the June competition.

All our 2016 monthly competitions will be on Saturdays, except for April! Come on down April 10, for the next monthly sorting to have some fun and take home some cash! We will start at 10 AM with the usual 3-man 3-go jackpot sorting. You can find a flier with all the dates on the website or on our FB page too. Hey, anyone can win – I won 1st place last year, so you can do it! See the flier posted on Facebook **Now is the time to sign up for the May 8th 2-man sorting clinic with Barry and Liz Baremore from La Grande, OR.** So far I have Donna M. signed up. *I know some of you have told me verbally that you want in on the clinic, but please send me a note so I have a written confirmation.* The Baremores do well-regarded clinics at Speck's arena in Sunnyside each spring, and are top riders and coaches. Here is a brief bio: "We have both been Team Penning/Sorting for over 20 years. We have qualified and competed at the USTPA National Finals in Amarillo, TX. We also own and manage over 250 head of black Angus mother cows. I am a full time stay at home momma but I also manage the cattle. Barry owns and is a full time operator of our own cattle truck." Cost is \$125 (\$135 for non-members), including lunch. Check the FB page for updates. Please sign up with me by emailing (jlehmkuhl@nwi.net) or calling/texting (509 669-7373).

On May 21-22 we will host our 3rd annual 3-man 8-go open sorting competition. We've had riders from all over the Northwest compete. The going is fast and fun. Entry fee is \$200, but payout is high.

We practice outdoors in the roping arena on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. Cost is \$15 (+\$5 arena fee for non-members). **If you are going to arrive late** (6:15 or later) for whatever reason, send me a text message at 509 669-7373 so I know you are coming. Winter coaching by Willy Hart is over, but if you want him to come back in the spring or summer each month then let me know.

I want to remind all the practice riders that everyone is expected to help setup and/or takedown the pens and mark cattle! If not you, then get a substitute (parent, boyfriend, etc.) to help. If you can't lift panels, then marking cows, tying panels, or signing up people is low-stress help. Often we have good help setting up, but then everyone disappears at the end and a few of us have to do all the work. Try to help both setup and take down, if possible. We all have work, school, and other commitments, but everyone needs time to warmup their horse and afterward get home at a decent hour. The more help we have the earlier we can start and finish! We'll have to start charging a setup fee or cancel practices if we don't get help.

See you in the sorting pen! –John

PERFORMANCE



Let's give a HUGE thankyou to **Becky** for bringing **Pat Wyse** to us again this year. I got to listen for a while and learned more in those few minutes then I already thought I knew. The rumor in the wind is that he will be back next year God willing. Today I started a special fund for my entry fee for Pat Wyse 2017.

DRESSAGE SHOW JUNE 4 & 5

Two shows, two judges, and two times the fun!! Premiums for the show will be mailed out next week. **Western Dressage** will again be included both days. If you didn't show last

year and would like an entry premium, see Susan in the office, or JoAnne 630 5821; jpfenton@live.com.

VOLUNTEERS for the shows are needed and greatly appreciated. We need help setting up, taking down, opening gates, announcing, scribing and a bunch of other stuff. Contact **KATIE** 667 0776, even if you have just an hour or two, that helps out a lot.

Wonderful things are happening out in the Bowl, and if you get to ride out there, remember to pick up after yourself. If something needs attention, please let Susan know and the Bowl committee will get on it. If you would like to help out with ideas or contribute elbow grease, contact Mary at 886 2012.

The weather is great and your horse says "Let's ride!" *Enjoy yourself in the saddle...JoAnne*

Mission Statement:

Appletchee Riders Association is a member owned and operated equestrian complex. It is dedicated to the encouragement, development and promotion of horse related activities that are of interest to its membership and that are supported by member involvement and by efficient use of Appletchee's resources. Adopted January 8th, 2006

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