

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you to the members for your cooperation with all the moving of trailers and dealing with the ever-changing landscape and equipment on the grounds. The mild start to winter has allowed for a lot of progress with the Show Barn Project. All the changes will be great when the project is complete.

Please remember to slow down while driving on the grounds. There is a lot going on and vehicles are flying past the office.

The sand pit is currently located up near the clubhouse. When we get more hogsfuel it will be there also. We are still working on where to locate it after the construction is done. We had to locate it out of the work zone and know this location is not ideal, but will work for now. I will try to keep members up to date on the location of those supplies as they change.

Membership renewals will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Stall renters will receive new rental agreements and barn rules. There will be a letter included with them so you will easily find the changes. They will need to be signed and returned to the office.

--Thank you, Susan

Reminder **General Membership Meeting Monday December 5th 7:00 pm Chelan County Auditorium**



2017 APPLEATCHEE QUEEN

Our new 2017 ARA Queen is **Tia Ragan**. It was a great competition. Three girls ran: **Monica Alloway** and **Camyrn Biedler**, making it a stiff competition. Tia quickly began representing Appleatchee by riding her horse, **Radar**, in the Veterans Day parade, along with the Appleatchee 4-H club. Tia will be introduced at the Annual meeting next Monday. She follows **Sasha Ragan**, 2016 Appleatchee Queen. (Left) Sasha is pictured left on the sorrel, with her sister Tia on the right, on the gray.

Thera Judd

ROPING

We had a nice turnout for our November Saturday Series, where we gave away Appleatchee sweat shirts to our winners. Now we are gearing up for another fun month of Roping. Our New Year's Playday Roping will be December 31st.

Our winners for November Series:

- 1.5 division – **Uriah Berg**
- 2 division – **Dionico Corral**
- 2.5 division – **Shawn Biram**
- 3 & + division – **Austin Thompson**



The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7PM, in the indoor arena. The fee is only \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members 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 through the winter months. Appletchee 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. Be sure to see the Team Sorting report below, and follow Appletchee Riders Team Sorting Facebook for updates.

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:

December

12/02/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/03/16	Saturday Roping	11:00
12/09/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/10/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
12/16/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/23/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/30/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/31/16	New Year's Play Day	11:00

January

1/06/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/13/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/20/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/21/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
1/27/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00

Shawna

TEAM SORTING

We had a fun and competitive first event of the winter sorting series. We had a good turnout of 18 riders and paid out \$735 to winning riders in the 3-man and 2-man events.

Recall that under the new winter rules, we are paying off the top two individual riders (most clean runs & cows sorted) in each of 3 divisions, with divisions based on the day's results. The 3D format is designed to reward riders of all levels, so don't think you are not good enough – come down to learn and have fun and maybe win some payback!

The next winter monthly sorting competition is December 10! See the flier I sent recently via email or the Facebook page for the rest of the winter dates, and a summary of the rules and fees. We still start at 10 AM with 3 goes of 3-man sorting for \$30 – best teams win. Then, we'll have 6 goes (you can do only 2 or 4 for less \$) of 2-man sorting for \$60. Prizes at the end of winter series (November thru March) will be awarded to 6 riders in a 3D division format based on total clean runs and cows sorted.



We practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. Cost is \$15 for at least 3 goes (+\$5 arena fee for non-members). Willy Hart will be coming back for some excellent coaching once a month – he



will be here next then December 14. Cost for coached practice with Willy is \$30 (+\$5 arena fee for non-members) – well worth the one-on-one coaching you will get to improve your and your horse's games. I am trying to figure out a way to get the pens setup before we arrive. *Anyway, please come prepared to help setup at 6 PM and take down the pens – we need everyone (or their surrogate parents, boyfriend etc.) to help.*

See you in the sorting pen! --John

PERFORMANCE



Welcome to December. The Performance Division held a meeting in November to select a new Chairman for the Division and to go over the arena schedule for clinics during the winter months. **Deb Walk** has stepped up to take on the Chairman position and the group decided to have “Points of Contact” (POC’s) person for each of the disciplines that the division encompasses.

The “POC’s” are:

- Jumping- **Mary Sawyer** (snoop2005@nwi.net)
- Reining- **Karen Kooy** (kooyfive@gmail.com)
- Dressage- **Linda Coates-Markle** (linda_coates-markle@hotmail.com)
- General Riding- **Joye Delabarre** (delabarre2@nwi.net)
- Open Showing- **Deb Walk** (canterwalk@aol.com)

These are the people that you can contact if you want to find out information on that disciplines practice schedule, have a suggestion for a clinician, take part in a clinic or just want to find out more information on a different discipline.

The division is planning on hosting 1 clinic during each of the months of January through April. We have not decided the discipline or clinician as of yet for these dates and will be working on finalizing these months at a meeting on the 13th of December. As soon as we have the schedule finalized we will have it published.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the Dressage Show which has been scheduled a week later in June than in the past years. The new date is June 10 & 11, 2017. We are hoping to host an Open Show in August and will need volunteers for this event also.

During the winter months while we all share the available arenas we need to remember that the first rule of arena etiquette is always Curtesy.

Enjoy the Ride and have a Great Holiday

Deb Walk

RESCUE SASSY

“Sassy” is a 3-year-old Mustang filly. She is 13.3 hands, and was rescued from a neglect situation in Yakima approximately one year ago. She has the sweetest personality, and would make a great cart horse or kid pony. She leads, stands for the farrier and lounges. She has been lounged with a saddle on without offering any buck. If you are interested in checking Sassy out, call or text **Charlene Beck at 509.669.0332.**

What child would not be thrilled to see this face on Christmas?

Please note that the photo distorts her body.

Mission Statement:

Appleatchee 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 Appleatchee's resources. Adopted January 8th, 2006

