

# HORSEFEATHERS



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## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Is winter over yet? That is the most-asked question on the grounds. Unfortunately, winter is not over. To all the barn renters that have removed snow in a timely manner, a big Thank You. The condition of the paddock can make a difference in your horse's physical and mental wellbeing. There have even been barn renters helping others with the daunting task of snow removal. It is really great to see the members working together for the common good. **To those of you that did not clear snow: Don't be surprised to see an invoice on your account for snow removal done by the crew.**

**Membership renewals are due by January 31. Don't forget to get your 2016 Membership Cards--Coastal will need you to present them when you ask for your Appleatchee Member Discount.**

With all the division practices in the Indoor Arena it is very important to respect the schedule for the practices. Most divisions will let you ride during their assigned time if you ask and do not ride into their activities.

If you tie horses at the Indoor Arena tie rails, please remember to clean up any manure. There is a wheelbarrow and fork for everyone to use.

**New Memberships:** Individual - Patrick Williams, Individual – Ellen Helsel

*Thank you, Susan*

## **TRUSTING SPIRIT HORSE RESCUE ANNUAL TACK SALE**

The annual tack sale at Appleatchee, managed by Trusting Spirit Horse Rescue for support of their horse rescue operation, will be on March 12. More information will be in the next newsletter, but start cleaning out your barns and tackrooms, saving items to consign or donate. For more information contact Joanne Walcker at (509) 679-6286.

## **TEAM SORTING**



We had a fun sort in January with the new team-based jackpot format. We paid out \$590 to winning teams in the 3-man and 2-man events. The competition for the winter prize buckle, and other prizes, is on – check out the web page for standings. Joanne Walcker on her awesome new pony is still leading, with John L. and Terri Tincher chasing her!

**All our 2016 monthly competitions will be on Saturdays!** Come on down February 13 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, with a new lower entry fee of \$30. Here is how the 2-man sorting will work:

- You can enter 2, 4, or 6 times for \$20, \$40, or \$60. *You can pick up to 2 riders of your choice to ride with*, and the rest are randomly drawn, or have all your teams drawn.
- After everyone rides all their goes, teams are ranked by number of cows sorted clean and time. The top 50% of the teams are placed in the upper division, and the lower 50% of teams are in the lower division for a final ride-off within each division.
- The top 5-10 teams in each division ride in a final ride-off round to determine which teams win the cash.
- Cash payout is 50% of the entry fees, with 60% going to the upper division and 40% to the lower division teams.
- The **top rider over the whole winter series (November – March) will win a trophy buckle.** Second and third place riders will win other cool stuff.

• **Remaining competitions for the fall/winter buckle series are February 13 & March 12.** See the flier on Facebook (Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting).

We will continue to practice indoors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. Please be prompt and help setup and takedown the pen and mark cattle – the more help we have the earlier we can play and get home! Cost is \$15 (+\$5 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.

*See you in the sorting pen! --John*

## **PERFORMANCE**

Clinics are happening in Performance year-round thanks to members who enjoy keeping an edge on their skills and enhancing their relationships with their horses. **Jill Seely** was here January 30 & 31, and will be returning again soon. So, if you missed this very accomplished trainer, next time she is in town be sure to contact **Brigitte 663-6118** if you want to participate or audit.

**Anni Grandia** will be on the grounds February 13 and 14. Anni has been riding her entire life, and a good portion of that has been eventing. She is well known throughout that sport, specifically Area VI and Area VII, which Anni considers home. Contact **Cathleen** at 679-6373 for more information.

**Pat Wyse** will be here in March 23-27, and although the clinic is full, there is lots to be learned from auditing, and there is no fee for that.

Tentative dates for a **Dressage Ride-A-Test and Scribing Clinic** are Saturday, April 2 or Sunday April 3. The rides will be your choice of test--English or Western. Each ride will be 20 minutes: First a test will be ridden; feedback from our Judge, **Linda Coates-Markle** follows; and then again, the same test is ridden a second time. After each ride, Linda will discuss scribing with those taking the scribing clinic. Each ride will be \$15 per horse. For more information, contact **JoAnne** at **630 5821**

Our **June Dressage Shows** are on track and there has been good support at the meetings. Our next meeting is **February 15, at 6:30**. If are interested in volunteering at the show in any capacity (There are lots of things that need to done!) plan on attending the meeting. You can also contact **Katie**, who will organize the volunteers. **699-8988**

*As always, enjoy the ride!!*  
*JoAnne*



**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*

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