

HORSEFEATHERS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays

I want to thank all of you for working with the board for the last several years to make this facility one of the best in this state if not the northwest. I especially want to thank to the stall renters for allowing use of their stalls for all of the events, old and new, that we have hosted on the grounds. Doing this keeps our rent and membership costs low.

As we move into the new year we look forward to the start of construction of a show barn, an almost full calendar of events, and great success for all involved with the events.

I want to say a huge thankyou to, Susan in the office for all of the help, support and reminders, and to Ralph and Martin for all of the great work that they have been doing. These three are a great asset to this club.

Good Luck to all in 2016

Deb

FROM THE OFFICE

It is time for membership renewals. They were mailed the week before Christmas. Good news: no dues increase for 2016. Your renewal form does need to be completed so that we can keep your information current, so please take the time to fill it out. Your dues are due January 1, and are considered late February 1. Don't forget to stop by and pick up a new membership card. Coastal will request you show it for Appleatchee discounts. We changed the color this year to make it easier to identify the new cards.

Barn Renters, snow does need to be removed from your paddocks within 48 hours after significant snow fall. It does not matter if your horse is not present. Snow and snowmelt will impact stalls around yours, and it still must be removed.

New Memberships: *Family*- Loyal & Eileen Moses, Cherryl & Richard Imes, Ryan & Megan Layton. ***Individual***- Katja Ballard, Linda Tacker, Eric Torres, Greg Purviss.

Appleatchee Board Members for 2016

President Tim Beck

Vice President Becky Goodwin

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Trustee 2016 Katie Hamilton

Trustee 2016 Michelle Burchett

Trustee 2016 Tammy Wheeler

Trustee 2017 Tony Kirschner

Trustee 2017 Brock Ragan

Trustee 2017 Karen Kooy

Thank you, Susan

ROPING

We are starting a new year **2016**, and are hoping it will be a good one. Turnout for Friday night has been fair. We want to **THANK** everyone (ropers and members) for making 2015 a Super year!!!!

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7PM. 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. 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. See the Sorting Division report for more details, and follow our Appletchee Riders Team Sorting on Facebook.

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

Upcoming Dates:

January

1/01/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/02/16	New Year's Play Day	11:00AM
1/08/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/09/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
1/15/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/22/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/29/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00

February

2/05/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/06/16	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/12/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/13/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
2/19/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/20/16	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/26/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/27/16	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00
3/28/16	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00

TEAM SORTING



We had a fun sort in December with the new team-based jackpot format. We paid out \$585 to 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 leading so far, with Brock and Tia Ragan close at her heels!

Starting in January, all our 2016 monthly competitions will be on Saturdays! Come on down January 9 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 January 9, February 13, & March 12. See the flier on Facebook.

We will continue to practice indoors on the 2nd and 4th 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). **Willy Hart will be here coaching riders at the January 13 practice, unless weather interferes.** Check Facebook for last minute changes. Willy definitely will help your and your horses' games with coaching before, during, and after each run. There is an extra \$15 charge per rider to cover his fee. **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

GAMES

It is getting to be that time when we are starting to plan our 8th annual Barrel Race, the 3rd weekend in April. We are getting all the information out and on the websites and are advertising. We again will need to have help from members to make this another success for the club. We have changed it to a 2-day event instead of three, hoping that we will still have a great race. For anyone interested in helping: you do not have to be a speed horse person, and most jobs are pretty easy. We appreciate any help we can get.

Also we will be having a clinic practice Jan 23, Sat. 12-3:00 and another one Feb 21, Sunday 12-3:00. Anyone is welcome. We will be doing different drills to teach you and your horse to be better at speed horse patterns. We are excited about helping WASET, 4H, Gamers and anyone with any interest. Thank you all for the help in 2015 and hope to see some of you in 2016. I hope you all are getting all the exercise with shoveling all the snow as it certainly builds character. *J Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2016. Julie*

PERFORMANCE

Thank you to Deb Walk for many years of outstanding service and commitment! As Past President your knowledge, experience and dedication will be a continuing source of help for the incoming Board. Also many thanks to Susan Ward for her above and beyond service in her many Board positions. Both your shoes will be hard to fill.



There is a **Jill Seely Clinic** January 30 and 31. **Brigitte Ranne @ 663 6118** is your contact for this event.

Marc Grandia will be here February 14 & 15 for flat and jumping lesson. Contact **Cathleen @ 679 6373**

Anyone interested in Western Dressage? Starting on January 13 during regular dressage ride times Brigitte will be in the Indoor Arena with copies of tests and helpful information for anyone wanting to get involved with this. Not just for dressage riders, this can really help any rider who wants his/her horse to move just a fraction of an inch to block that cow, open that gate, and just respond to your aids with control.



Please remember the speed limit is 10 mph. With the snow and the cold, getting going in the morning takes a little longer, and while you might have 4 wheel drive that will power you through the snow, it is NOT going to stop you any faster, especially if you are texting or sipping on that latte that took longer to get than you thought. I recently backed my Suburban into a steel carport post where I live. At 2 miles an hour, I demolished the post, almost sheering it in half. **BUT**, I didn't hit a horse or person and fortunately didn't damage the vehicle. Many people hand walk their horses early mornings and evenings, when it is still dark. Please slow down, and give them

the right of way. I would hate to always carry the pain of knowing someone's horse had to be put down because I was going too fast.

Pat Wyse will be here **March 23 - 27th**. Please get with **Becky@ 860 2416** ASAP. Pat's clinics always fill and you really don't want to miss him this year.
JoAnne Fenton

Why do you ride????

I ride because otherwise what is the point? I ride to complete myself. I ride to help others find freedom. I ride because the horse is my temple and I know no other way for me to be closer to my God and heavens! I ride because I must to be complete. Thank you lord, for these amazing creatures and this life. I ride because I am alive!
Becky Goodwin



BIRTHDAY RESCUE



I stumbled across the feedlot/auction/slaughter world about nine months ago and ever since have been consumed with helping the horses. At this point I've been involved in at least 100 rescues--lots and lots of fundraising to pay the bail and get horses off the lot, lots and lots of networking to find good homes, and lots and lots of trying to educate people that horses very, very few horses on feedlots and auction yards are there because they are dangerous. The ones who are dangerous typically don't get listed. They usually straight-ship to slaughter.

This situation is the result of overbreeding, people not being held accountable and greed. That is it! It is no different than dogs and cats who end up at the animal shelters, EXCEPT dogs and cats are euthanized (humanely as possible). Horses are shipped to various feedlots, crammed in large trailers, many injured, no food or water for days, and ultimately slaughtered. (Videos available online of Mexico equine slaughterhouses.)

Frost was one that just seemed to have my name written all over her. Many of my fellow rescue friends decided she should be mine and started sending in money to pay her bail. Her price on the lot was \$625, "meat" price. On my birthday I went to the lot and met her in person. At that point there was \$115 left owing. Tim gave me \$100 for my birthday that I used for her, so in the end she cost me \$15. A rescue friend of mine took her to Yakima for QT and 30 days later brought her to Appleatchee for me. Tim had to test her out the first night. He did everything he could to try to get her to spook or do something stupid. Nothing! He rode her. She

is very broke. Not a thing wrong with her! She is 20. I like the elderly! Sweet Appy mare, she could have a lot of useful years left. And even if she doesn't, I don't care. She is taking it all in and relaxing and feeling safe now. She is loving eating well, after being about 300 pounds underweight at the time of her rescue. When she sees me she knows good food is coming, and she nickers at Tim till he gives her senior feed. She is safe now and will never be thrown away or mistreated again. She is at the end of F barn in Dr. Howell's stall if anyone would like to go visit her and take her a treat.—*Charlene Beck*

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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