

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE



Things are staying busy on the grounds. The crew and volunteers are working on projects to rehab some of the overgrown landscaping. If you have a project that you would be willing to volunteer your time to, let us know. Some members have been sprucing up the grounds. Leanna Compton (Pictured), Callie Lane, Mary Sawyer & Michelle Burchett painted the shelters over the Sparks sign and the wash racks.

In June we have our Dressage Show, WAHSET games/barrels (part of the state that had to be postponed), RHANW Show, Pony Club, 4-H Show, in addition to our regular division events for Team Sorting, Games and Roping. Many of these events have young members participating. They are the future members of Appleatchee, so please encourage and support them.

When riding in the bowl and on Dry Gulch, please be aware of your surroundings. We are working with the Sheriff Department to clear what looks like a camp in one of the draws. We should enjoy riding the trails, but don't forget to be alert.

Please remember to slow down when driving on the grounds.--*Thank you, Susan*

BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES VISIT

The ground shook last week when 10 Budweiser Clydesdales brought their handlers, dogs, and semis to stay at Appleatchee, where the entourage was quietly settled in the portable stalls by F Barn. All the horses immediately rolled when they were turned out after their arrival. Then the handlers got to bathe each 1 ton+, 18-19H, white-legged horse, in order to prepare for performances at the



Town Toyota Center

Wednesday and Thursday. The original team was presented to the owner of Budweiser upon the end of Prohibition in 1933. Since then they have continued as ambassadors for the beer. When I attended the public performance I found when I talked to people there that many adults and children had never been around horses, but I did not ask how many drank beer. These beautiful gentle giants were a genuine thrill to the crowd as they marched in their \$10,000 harness, exuding the qualities we see and love in our horses every day. They don't just sell beer.--*Katherine*



ROPING

The roping division had a very successful Memorial weekend roping. We had 1065 teams throughout the weekend and everyone enjoyed the great weather! We want to thank ALL of the grounds crew employees, Kim Lightfoot, The Cook Shack, and all our members. Everyone's help and patience makes these big events smooth and painless.

Our big winners throughout the weekend:



#2 & Under
Division High Money
Saddle went to Frank
Principe

#2.5 & Over
division High Money
Saddle went to Kasey
Kilcup

Congratulations
Gentleman!



Next we have an ACTRA sponsored saddle roping on Saturday the 4th. ACTRA has given us not only a Lifetime Arena Membership but they have also provided us with a Trophy Saddle to give away to one lucky High Money Winner on Saturday June 4th. This will be another great roping.

We are looking forward to our next 3-day event over the 4th of July.

We are planning to train new office help, so if there is anyone out there that is interested, please come check it out. It is a fast-paced job that requires you to use multiple computer programs, keep track of entries and winnings, etc.

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday and Thursday night @ 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 set up. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting, with a minimum of 3 times each. See the Team Sorting report below for more details, and check the [Appletchee Riders Team Sorting Facebook](#).

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:

June

6/03/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
6/04/16	Saturday (ACTRA SADDLE ROPING)	11:00
6/11/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
6/17/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00

July

7/01/16	4th July Roping	7:00
7/02/16	4th July Roping	10:00
7/03/16	4th July Roping	9:00
7/04/16	4th July Roping	9:00
7/15/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
7/16/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
7/22/16	Low # Roping Weekend	7:00
7/23/16	Low # Roping Weekend	10:00
7/24/16	Low # Roping Weekend	9:00

TEAM SORTING

We did not have a regular competition during May, but the month held plenty of sorting. On May 8, 17 riders attended a sorting clinic with Barry Baremore from La Grande. We all got lots of expert coaching and had lots of practice on cattle. I certainly learned a lot. On May 21, we hosted the 1st 3-man 8-go open sorting in a 3-

event summer series. Thirty-nine riders competed. We gave out \$9610 in jackpot cash to winners of the main and “buyback” competitions! A good time was had by all, and we got lots of compliments about the Club. The other competitions in the series will be August 20 in Elma and September 3rd in Ellensburg.



Come on down June 11 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 Appleatchee website or on our FB page *Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting*. The summer buckle competition runs from June through October. You earn points for cows sorted at each competition. At the end of the summer, we divide the list of riders into upper and lower divisions, and then give out 1st and 2nd prizes in each division. For the winter series 1st place was a trophy buckle and 2nd place was an engraved snaffle bit.

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 know you are coming, it would help if you text or email me. 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. *Thanks for helping set up and take down the pens and mark cattle!*

See you in the sorting pen! –John

PERFORMANCE

MARY JO HERKENRATH TO JOIN ELITE CLUB HONORING SENIOR RIDERS AND HORSES

Mary Jo Herkenrath, will be inducted into a special group of senior dressage riders and horses on June 5th, 2016 at the Appleatchee Dressage Show. The ages of Mary Jo and her horse, Unique Conversion, qualify them to become members of The Dressage Foundation's Century Club.

The Century Club recognizes dressage riders and horses whose combined ages total 100 years or more. Mary Jo is 81-years-old and Unique Conversion is 19. In addition to having combined ages totaling 100 or more, horse and rider perform a dressage test of any level at a dressage show and are scored by a dressage judge. The Dressage Foundation provides a Century Club ribbon and wall plaque to each horse and rider team. Local dressage clubs, family and friends help to make the ride into a celebratory event.

June 4 & June 5, is the Dressage Show which begins at 8 am both days. Volunteers are always appreciated. Contact Katie Hamilton 669-8988 for information on how

you can help...DON'T MISS MARY JO AND UNIQUE RIDE INTO THE CENTURY CLUB @10:12 AM on Sunday. She and Unique make up the first Appleatchee rider/horse combination to achieve this honor.

Mary Sawyer, Tammy Wheeler, Macy Moser and Harden Howell just returned from the **Washington State Horse Park in Ellensburg after competing in a three day event**. Harden's horse, Clyde ridden by Karen O'Neil took first place for the event. Mary Sawyer and Snoop sailed through the cross country course and stadium jumping with no faults, and her time on the cross country was exactly on the nose at 4:55. Mary said she couldn't figure out her timer, but Snoop must have one built in her head. The duo placed 6th in the event. Tammy and John attained the high score of the weekend, beating a previous high score of 146 that Mary had laid claim to. Congratulations to all!! Macy placed first in her division.

There is a new jump out in the Bowl. Please remember that the Bowl is there for everyone to use, and is user-maintained. If you knock down or move anything, PLEASE return it to its original position. The gallop track is a great way to take your horse out and breeze him safely. The gate across from the entrance to the club is open, and offers a bypass to Dry Gulch and the Bowl.

The view from the saddle is great!! *Get out and ride—JoAnne*

BARRELS

We want to say thanks again for making our 8th annual barrel race successful--rain and all. Everyone commented on how good the ground was in the indoor arena. They said they will be back again next year regardless of rain. We are looking at changing the date to May if we can. That would help get more riders here, as they had been going since Feb. Anyone who might have some ideas or would like to give a hand let me know. If you see any of the Appleatchee Sponsors please stop and thank them. Their support helps all the divisions and needs the recognition. We make a program with all of them in it and give each of them a copy, as well as mention on our website, and announcement throughout the whole event. Thanks again for the members' support, and to all that came out for the weekend and helped. Have a great summer and enjoy those wonderful horses we all own. *Julie*



RESCUE SZOCKS

Szocks is a 12 year old Paint whose owner died several years ago, so he was put out to pasture. Prior to this he was used on the circuit as a roping horse. He came to me almost a year ago, underweight and in need of some TLC. He has gained the weight and is just finishing up with a 30-day refresher training.

Adoption price is \$1500.

From Dianne at KC's Itty Bitty Rescue

Contact Charlene if interested: 509-669-0332

Last month's rescue horse, Roper, was adopted by an Appleatchee member. Congratulations Mike and Roper!

NEW BABIES



Congratulations to Colleen Clark and her new baby Sparky, born May 27 (left), , and Christy Jones and Lance Effrig, who have welcomed. the beautiful baby at right.

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

LOST: Black leather head stall with pink stones and Tom Thumb with big copper roller, on March 24th, in Sparks or Indoor arena.

Please Leave with Susan in the office. My horse thanks you!

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