

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

Be sure to stop by the office and pick up your Membership Cards for 2016. Coastal does want to see them when you ask for a discount. This is the time of the year that we start spring cleaning. Barn renters need to check stalls for repairs that need to be done before the lockouts. Check the chains on the stall doors and paddocks, make sure mats are level and safe (we should be doing this for our own horses' safety), and check for loose boards. The shavings that are delivered to your stalls need to be put away and not stored in the aisle ways. If you tie your horse at a tie bar in the arena, please remember to clean up before you leave the area. There is a wheelbarrow and a fork to use, so it will only take a minute to leave the arena clean. The wash rack should also be left clean. We have a lot of new members on the grounds right now. There are about 20 since the first of the year. Some are returning after being gone for a few years. So if don't recognize somebody as a member, it is a good idea to just put on a smile and introduce yourself. It always makes the new members feel welcome and is a good way to know who is on the grounds.

New Memberships: Family Memberships: Laurie & Keith Anderson, Angie & Jon Delvo, Jennifer & Edward Grissom, Johathon & Joelane King, Sarah & Baz Lloyd, Katie & John Holmes, Kelli Potter, and Mark & Shawn Wells. Individual Memberships: Peggy Daling, and Alicia Walling. Welcome to all. *Thank you, Susan*

ROPING

The roping school was a GREAT success. Almost 30 participants and everyone had fun, good food and top notch instructors. Thank you everyone that helped to make it GREAT.



Congratulations to our February Roping Series winners:

- 1- 1.5 division is Ben Barnett,
- 2- 2.5 division is Adam Westman,
- 3 and Over Division is Scott Fisher

Our new cattle will come in the middle of March, and are supposed to be already trained. We will start roping them when weather and outdoor roping arena permits. The official date to go outside is April 1st.

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. Appleatchee members pay \$15 and non-members \$20, and the 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.

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:

March

3/04/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
3/05/16	Saturday Roping	11:00
3/11/16	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/12/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
3/18/16	NO Roping	7:00 WAHSET
3/25/16	Friday Night Roping	7:00

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
4/09/16	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

TEAM SORTING



We had a fun sort in February with the new team-based jackpot format. We paid out \$695 to winning teams in the 3-man and 2-man events. The competition for the winter prize buckles, and other prizes, is in flux – check out the web page for standings. John Lehmkuhl (your correspondent!) surged to the lead (hah!), chased by Terri, Joanne, Tia, and Monica. One more competition March 12 to determine the winners – anything can happen to change the standings, so come do your best and win!

The remaining competition for the fall/winter buckle series is March 12.

To qualify for the buckles you need to have sorted in at least 4 of the 5 competitions. As with our monthly competitions, we will split the qualifying riders into 2 divisions based on the point rankings. The top 50% of riders are in division 1 and the lower 50% are in division 2. Leaders in each division will win a trophy buckle, and 2nd places will win an engraved snaffle bit. So far, here are the 1st three places in each division: John L, Terri, Joanne; 2nd division Thera, Sonja, and Jamie. Check a previous email to see your points.

All our 2016 monthly competitions will be on Saturdays! Come on down March 12 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. Please be there by 9:00 to help with setup. I'll soon be sending out a flier for the spring and summer.

Two special events to put on your calendar:

May 8 we will have a one-day 2-man sorting clinic with Barry and Liz Baremore from La Grande, OR. They 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 will be about \$125, including lunch. Check the FB page for updates.

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 too. Hey, anyone can win – I won 1st place last year, so you can do it! See the flier posted on Facebook.

We will continue to practice indoors on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. Willy Hart will come back to coach one last time on March 23rd. Cost is \$15 (+\$5 for non-members; plus \$15 extra charge when Willy Hart is coaching). 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! **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

BARRELS

Wow, wonderful weather to spend time with our horses. It is great to see lots of members out and enjoying their 4-legged friends. We are working on the 8th annual Barrel Race coming up the 15-17th of April. This has always been a good moneymaker for Appleatchee but we are a small group and will need help again this year. Most of the jobs anyone can do, and you get to see some amazing horses do their fast runs. Please email me or call so I know if I can count on you. In advance, thank you all for your help. Some of the jobs are gate-keepers, barrel-setters, timers, and volunteers to welcome and give directions to our guests Friday and Saturday. Let's hope we can get some of the WAHSET kids to come and help, and to hopefully enter the youth race.

I want to say that our Appleatchee Board is off to a great start and has lots of plans for 2016 which will really be good for all the members and a strong club.

When you see any of them let them know you appreciate them and are aware that being on the Board isn't always an easy job, and can take so much time and dedication to keep this great club going. See you around the grounds, and love those beautiful animals we have. --*Julie Sauve*

GAMES

I would like to congratulate Jeremy Price as the 2015 winner of the George Brecht and Betty Jean Runyon Award for the Patterned Speed Horse Association. His dedication and hard work were recognized at our annual meeting.

Jeremy continues to be a strong force in our Games Division, and volunteers countless hours. He is also the new 2016 Games Chairman for Appleatchee! Great job Jeremy!!—*Terri Morrow*

PERFORMANCE



Pat Wyse is right around the corner, and his clinic will run **March 23rd through March 27th**. **Becky Goodwin (860-2416)** is the contact for this event. Pat welcomes benchwarmers and doesn't mind anyone taking notes. This is a wonderful clinic. If you

can't ride in this one, then try sitting in on a session or two to learn some of Pat's techniques.

RIDE A TEST on Saturday, April 2, 2016 features local USDF judge, **Linda Coates-Markle**. Linda is a USDF "L" judge, and has achieved an average score of 70% in Western Dressage. She was the Director of Horse Center at Oregon State University during the 1980s. Each rider will ride a test of choice, English or Western Dressage, and will be critiqued by Linda. Using that input, the rider will perform the same test again. Each ride will be approximately 20 minutes. There are only a limited number of spots available, so please contact **JoAnne** at **630-5821** to reserve your spot today.



This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the upcoming dressage season and our own **Appleatchee Dressage Show** scheduled for **June 4 and 5**.

Are you interested in learning how to scribe or to hone the scribing skills you have? A **FREE SCRIBING** session will be provided by Linda Coates-Markle during the Ride A Test event, on **April 2**. Please contact **JoAnne** at **630 5821** for more information.

Jill Seely: April 3 & 4. Jill's clinic set for March 13th and 14th has been moved to **April 3rd and 4th**. Jill was accepted to the USDF trainers seminar in CA on March 14th and 15th. Congratulations to Jill!! To reserve a spot in this clinic, call **Brigitte** ASAP **663-6118**. Jill's clinic always fills, and you don't want to miss this opportunity.

The next meeting for the Dressage Show Committee is **Monday, April 4, at 6:30 PM** in the small show office. Please feel free to attend even if you don't plan on showing. Volunteers are like gold.

Shake off the cobwebs, warm up those joints, turn out your horse, and go for a ride!!!

As always, enjoy the ride!!
JoAnne

WHY I RIDE

When I was a 7 year old horse crazy girl my family moved to a little rental house and the landlord had horses. I was in heaven. They had a big black plow horse that was as wide as he was tall named Jack. It was love at first sight for me. The landlord's teen age son became my hero. He would saddle up Jack for me almost every day. There was a set of steps used to board a plane in the field, and that was how I got on. Jack and I rode many miles, and that teenage boy taught me a lot. Many years later after being away from horses, my sister and I started riding again. She passed away, but I still ride for the both of us.

That "teenage boy" was George Ulin* and continues to be a good friend.—*Lynda Mikelson.*

****Let's all give George Ulin encouragement as he recovers from heart surgery.***

Does anyone else want to tell us why they ride? Send your story to kmarch@nwi.net.

RESCUE ROYALLE

ROYALLE - 18-20 year old, 15.1H, brown TB mare. This mare is great on the ground, gives to pressure, ties, and is quiet and easy to handle. She was however a challenge to bridle and has apparently learned to resist bridling. It is more a learned vice than being scared, as she was not nervous while she was being bridled. She also tossed her head when being ridden, so one can easily say she needs her teeth done, as well as a refresher course in proper head set. After a few minutes of being ridden she started using her back and lengthening her stride. She would be a nice winter re-school project once her teeth are done. She was so soft on the ground, and so kind that it is clear that someone has put a lot of quality training on her.



She was rescued off of the Zillah Feedlot. Current adoption fee is \$500 to cover foster home's expenses, and her teeth must be done immediately. Charlene Beck (509-669-0332) is the contact if you have interest or any questions. She is in foster care in Selah, WA.

For more information watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1WpqVlljGw>

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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Photo isn't the actual RV, but it is the same style/color. Actual photos will be in flyers soon.