

# HORSEFEATHERS



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## **FROM THE OFFICE**

The show season has been very full this year, with two more shows this season: WRHA Show the first weekend of October, and WBRA Finals the second weekend. While the lockouts may be a frustration for some, they help with the financial stability of our facility. The barn committee is working very hard to assure the show barn project stays on track. When it is completed the members will have far fewer lockouts. We want to thank the barn renters for the use of their stalls during the shows.

The Sparks Arena footing has undergone a mini rehab. Thank you, to Tony Kirschner, for helping Ralph with the equipment work in the arena.

**Accident Update:** A lot of you probably heard about the accident in Leavenworth involving a horse and rider tumbling over a steep hill while trail riding. Unfortunately it was one of our members, Noel Clark. She was airlifted to Harborview Hospital in Seattle with serious injuries, and it was not looking good at first. Now for the good part: She is back in Wenatchee and is doing very well, but still has a lot of healing ahead of her. Noel did get her husband to bring her to see how her horse was doing. Her stall neighbor brought the horse out to the car to see her, and she was very happy when she returned to the care facility, where she is already talking about riding again. Thank you, to the group of members that have been helping Bob with the horse chores while he has been busy with Noel's recovery. If anyone would like to visit Noel, please contact Lynda Mikelson at 669-9388 for information.

New Members- **Erin Fristad, Emily Kagele, Selena Van Wyk**

All are individual memberships.

--*Thank you, Susan*

**APPLEATCHEE QUEEN**



The 2107 ARA queen applications are at the office. Applicants must be 16-21 years old. I am looking for someone who would like to sponsor the Queen's keepsake bracelet from Red Bluff buckles (\$70 sponsorship). If interested please give me a call. The 2017 Queen selection will be November 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning with horsemanship in Sparks, followed by speeches in the clubhouse.

Thanks

*Thera Judd*

**ROPING**

We had a very successful Labor Day Weekend Roping with 1393 teams throughout the entire weekend. We had excellent weather along with all those teams, and enjoyed all the wonderful people. Thank you to all the Appleatchee Members for helping us on our big events.

Our winners for Labor Day are:

2.5 & over Div Lynn Rodriguez winning \$1,941.00

2 & under Div Charlie White winning \$2,062.00

We will be moving practice inside Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, providing the weather holds. If it gets really bad we'll move in earlier. When we move indoors, our practices will change to Tuesday night only. There will be no roping practices on Thursday night, when we switch to indoors. 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.



For the month of Oct. we will be Jackpotting only on the 7th and 21st. In November we will start Jackpotting every Friday night starting at 7PM.

We are having Team Sorting practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month through the winter months starting in Oct. Appleatchee 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. Be sure to read the Team Sorting report below for more details, and check out the Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting FB.

Check out our [appleatcheeropers.com](http://appleatcheeropers.com) and see pictures of our winners along with other pictures of ropers, and link to our Facebook page.

Upcoming Dates:

**October**

10/07/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
10/21/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
10/22/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00

**November**

11/04/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
11/05/16	Saturday roping	11:00
11/11/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
11/12/16	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
11/18/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00
11/19/16	Saturday Roping	11:00
11/25/16	Friday Night Draws	7:00

**TEAM SORTING**

We had a fun September jackpot sorting and fourth event in the summer buckle series. We had a good turnout of 19 riders and paid out \$780 to winning teams in the 3-man and 2-man events. Six riders were from out of town – it is great to have new riders or to welcome past riders!

So far, Brock Ragan (171 points) and Kevin Dunham (161) are the top riders in the 1<sup>st</sup> division of the buckle competition. The top riders in the second division are Laura Wagner and Sabrina Dunham. Go to the website for all the scores. You earn points (based on cattle sorted & number of riders) at each competition. The summer buckle competition

runs through October. If you missed events or are out of the running you can still earn jackpot cash at each event. There is one last event in October in the buckle series!

Come on down October 22 for the final monthly sorting of the “summer series” to have some fun and take home some cash! We start at 10 AM with the usual 3-man 3-go (\$30) jackpot sorting. After the 3-man, we have the 2-man 6-go competition (\$60, plus \$5 arena fee for non-members). You can find a flier with info on the summer format on our FB page *Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting*.

The winter monthly sorting competitions and buckle series start November 12, then December 10! Competition dates in 2017 will be set Oct. 2 during the Club’s scheduling meeting. We have been discussing different formats for the winter, so stay tuned for information. *Help us out by taking the short survey posted on our FB page.* Anyway, we likely will still have 6 goes of 2-man jackpot sorting for cash and buckle points, and definitely have some fun! The winter buckle series will run from November through March.



We practice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. We’ll be in the outdoor arena until the end of the month, unless the weather goes bad and we switch early to the indoor arena for the rest of the fall and winter. 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, tentatively starting November 9 and 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. *We won’t have the luxury of having the grounds crew setting up the pens, so please come prepared to help setup and take down the pens – we need everyone (or their surrogate parents, boyfriend etc.) to help.* 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 and can include you when I make teams.

*See you in the sorting pen! –John*

## PERFORMANCE



Oh my where has the time gone?? It seems the days fly by as fast as the winds shake the leaves off the trees. That, my friends, means that fall has arrived and some of the best riding of the year is right now. Get up on that horse and take a mind-clearing ride out our back door. It's amazing how all the mountains become molehills and the problems of everyday life melt away on the back of a horse.

Appleatchee members had a good showing at the recent **RHANW** show held in September. Tim Beck and his 3 year old mare won the Open Stallion Stakes on Friday night and the Non Pro Stallion Stakes on Saturday. Congratulations to everyone who rode.

### **JILL SEELY**

All reservations for the October Jill Seely clinic will be due by **Monday Oct 10th** (Columbus Day). I will be collecting the reservation money and scheduling for this clinic. Jill will teach from 8AM to 6PM on both days. Please let me know if you want 1 or 2 rides and which days. Please let me know if you have any valid scheduling conflicts. Otherwise preferred times will go to the riders who consistently help to set up and remove the arena rails and cones for the clinic and offer to bring snacks, lunch and coffee for the clinician. The latter are volunteer duties and open to all who participate. Volunteers help to keep the costs of the clinic to affordable levels.

**Everyone and anyone is encouraged to audit these clinics free of charge.**

For all of these clinics, if you want a spot, you will need to lock it in with a 50% deposit 2 weeks ahead of the clinic. If you are only riding one ride, then a non-refundable \$35 deposit will be due. It is refundable with a vet's certificate OR a replacement rider for your spot. You are responsible for finding the replacement rider. If you have scheduled for 2 rides, then a \$70 non-refundable deposit will be due. If the clinician needs to cancel for some reason then everyone gets a full refund. Checks, **made out to Jill Seely**, can be sent to me at 1511 Willow Place, Wenatchee, WA, 98801.

Additional Jill Seely clinic dates locked in (Sat/Sun dates) include Nov 26, 27, 2016.

Thanks everyone. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Linda CM*

406-697-0490

### **PONY CLUB RALLY 15 & 16**

The Pony Club will be hosting a Ride A Test on Saturday, October 15. The cost for a ride is \$15. Donna G Longacre, "R" Dressage, Young Horse, Equitation, and "R" Western will be the judge. Scheduling will be Pony Club members first, then Appletchee member, and all others after those.

Contact Elise Irvine @ 541 379 5478, or France Bedard at francebedard@yahoo.com.

### **What did you do this summer with your horse?**

I would love to share your pictures with your best friends here. Email me your photos of the memories you made this summer at jpfenton@live.com, or text to 509 630 5821.

Andrea Parker and Guinness on the beach in Washington. Looks like fun!

As always, be safe, and enjoy the ride

*JoAnne Fenton  
Performance Chair*



### **RESCUE JACK-ASH**

Jack-Ash is a 2 year old stud colt that will be gelded on October 12th. He was rescued as part of a herd of 20 horses that are thought to be Peruvians. He was adopted out and

ended up with a rough stock rodeo handler. This poor guy has come a long way since getting here. He was scared and had no trust of any humans. He is halter broke, great with his feet, stands tied, trailers tied and you can touch him all over. You can put a fly mask on and off without any problems.



**Adoption fee is \$700.**

Contact Charlene Beck  
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***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*