

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

We are sending email updates about the arena use, show barn work and grounds work. We want you to know what changes are happening so you can choose when to come to the grounds. We do have a busy schedule and a lot of work to do on the new “show barn” that the membership voted to build. We appreciate all the members that have been supportive during this large project. There is still a lot on the list to complete this season, and we continue to problem-solve issues as they arise.

PIGEON CONTROL

We have a Cooperative Service Field Agreement between Appleatchee Riders and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services. The purpose of this agreement is to provide wildlife damage management services to alleviate the damage caused by pigeons to the barn, riding arenas, and the surrounding areas, and to also reduce human health and safety hazards through the passing of airborne pathogens carried by pigeon feces. The performance by APHIS-WS under this agreement is that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable environmental statutes.

The APHIS-WS agent visits the traps twice a week. Fresh food and water is provided at all times for decoy birds. The disposal of trapped birds is quick and humane in accordance set by the American Veterinarian Medical Association (AVMA).

***Please do not disturb the pigeon traps. We are paying for this service. This is something the barn renters have had concerns with, and we are trying to resolve the issue. The traps will be under USDA surveillance cameras.**

EQUIPMENT USE

Rule – If you use it, put it away. We are having a problem with the barrels, poles and other items being left in the arenas after use or not being returned to the proper storage areas. If this continues they will only be available on the scheduled times for practices.

DOG RESCUE

Thank you, Joye Delabarre, for getting a long rope (looked a lot like a lunge rope), and helping the young man get the dog out of the deep hole on the property across the road. We called the Humane Society and they called the owner that had reported the dog missing. Evidently it got lost chasing a deer.

The dog and owner were happy to see each other. He had been missing since the day before. Don't you love it when it ends well for all?

Thank you to Ken Tincher (ladder man), Deb Walk (horse back rider willing to ride out there),

MANURE CLEANUP

If you tie your horse in the indoor arenas, please clean up the manure. There is a wheelbarrow and fork provided there so we have no excuse to not clean up.

We are trying to be very proactive in sanitizing stalls before and after shows. We ask that you wait to return your horses to their stalls after the shows. There will be a green sign posted at both ends of the barn when the crew has finished sanitizing the stalls in your barn.

--Thank you, Susan

VOLUNTEER WORK

This is what a group of members can do to get a project completed. On Saturday, March 25th, a group of 10-13 members, adults and a couple of very capable young members, helped to assemble the new portable stalls in their temporary home. They will be moved at a later date to a new permanent location. It was a group intent on working together to make things happen. Who knew they were this handy? The project took about 8 hours out of their weekends.



It is amazing what we can get done when we work together. Some of the group could not lift heavy panels, but there was always a task they could help with. Thanks again to Mary and Stan,



Tim and Conner, Tony, John, Becky, Jeremy, Angella, Brock, and a couple of others that like to help under the radar, for a job well done. We will be looking for volunteers again to help with the next project. Hopefully we will have more members participate. It is a good way to connect with others members.

GAMING

Hi everyone,

So April is here and we're still a bit on the wet side. We have our first show on the 15th & 16th. It's not looking good for being outside, but you never know. Practices Thursday nights are starting to pick up, so for anyone new who wants to see what it's all about please come. The show just mentioned is a good one to come check out if you're not sure. You can always get hold of me if you have any questions. Here's hoping the weather does a significant change for the better, and I hope to see everyone out there.

Thanks, Jeremy

ROPING

I think it's finally spring! Even though there's still a chill in the air, the horses are shedding, and we are expecting our new roping steers around April 8th. We are moving outside on April 7th (if it doesn't stop raining, we might be forced to have our first ever "Rubber Duck Roping"). If you have any questions on arena condition please call first before coming.

April 29th our first #7HC roping of the day will be a benefit roping for **Wade Schuller**, a fellow roper who was injured when a 4x4 big bale fall on him off a semitrailer and pinned him on his tractor breaking his back and paralyzing him from the waist down. If there's anyone out there that wants to help volunteer some time on Saturday the 29th starting at 11am, we could use extra hands either in the chutes, or some support in the stands cheering for our ropers. We have posted a flier online.

We are excited to see that JJ Concession's is open as we gear up for Memorial weekend here in 6 weeks!

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7PM. We are not sure about Thursday nights yet. 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. 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 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:

April (Outdoor Roping Arena)

4/07/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00 outside
4/14/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
4/15/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
4/21/17	Friday Night Roping	7:00
4/28/17	Friday Night Roping	7:00
4/29/17	Saturday Roping	11:00

May

5/05/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
5/12/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
5/19/17	No Roping	
5/20/17	3man sorting competition	9:00
5/26/17	Memorial Day Fri Night	7:00
5/27/17	Memorial Day Roping	10:00
5/28/17	Memorial Day Roping	9:00
5/29/17	Memorial Day Roping	9:00

Shawna

TEAM SORTING

Spring – finally! Next up is Roger Braa for a 1-day 2-man sorting clinic on Saturday April 8. Roger is a top national open competitor from Ellensburg who has a friendly and active teaching style. He is excellent at schooling you and your horse no matter what your level of play – beginner or advanced rider. Cost is \$100 (\$110 non-members, \$80 WAHSET riders). The clinic is full, but if you are interested I'll put you on a last-minute waiting list if someone cancels.

Then, the final two competitions in the **winter series** are on April 9th (Sunday after the clinic) and 15th. Winter series buckles and other prizes are on the line, but you can win jackpot cash no matter what your standing. Come on down for some fun! See the winter flier/photo on FB (Appletchee Riders Team Sorting) for rules.



We will host our fourth annual 3-man 8-go open sorting on May 20 (one day only). Start getting prepared for some fun and fast sorting! Entry fee is \$200, but we pay out 70% of the entry fees. Last year the entry payout was over \$5700 to four winners, \$300 for the best go, and \$3500 to buyback winners.

Here are the dates for our **summer sorting competitions** that include drawpot 3-man 3-go & 2-man 6-go sorting: June 3, July 8, August 5, September 16, & October 28. We will keep track of cumulative scores for the summer series to award prizes to winners at all levels of riders. I hope to book during the summer a couple 1-day round-robin competitions in which you sort with all competitors, usually about 12 riders. Maybe they will be in the evening to take advantage of long nights and cool weather. Stay tuned!

We practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM in the outdoor roping arena. Practice sessions are a great time to see if you like the sport or test out a new horse. Cost is \$15 for at least 3 goes (+\$5 arena fee for non-members). I hope the get the ground crew to setup the panels for us this spring and summer, so all we'll need to do is mark cattle, sort, and take the pens down when we are finished. Please arrive at 6 PM to help mark cattle.

See you in the sorting pen! –John

RESCUE HOPE



Meet “Hope”! She is an 11-year-old Arab, with a very sweet disposition, and she comes running when I call or whistle for her. She’s 14.2, broke to ride, moves out off leg.



Please contact Charlene Beck for more info or if you are interested in meeting Hope. 669-0332 or charmbeck@nwi.net. Adoption fee: \$500.

Note that the photos distort the proportions of Hope.

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

IN SEARCH OF A PONY CLUB HORSE FOR MY 7 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

- Must be beginner safe and in good health.
- Preferably a pony or small horse with show or Pony Club experience.
- Would be willing to lease or buy.
- We are experienced horse people and would provide a good home!

Please call or text Lindsey at (509) 630-9123.

BRAND NEW BOOTS
Dublin ladies boots

- Bought from Tack of the Day, and cannot be returned to them.
- Size 9.5, but too small for me—run small.
- Grey, stylish to wear in town.
- Super traction sole
- Retail at \$150, I paid \$65, and will take \$45.

Jennifer (509) 670-0332