

# HORSEFEATHERS



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## **FROM THE OFFICE**

It's that time of the year again. Renewals have been sent out, and should be filled out and returned to the office. They are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> and considered late on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We don't want to have to charge that pesky late fee. Don't forget to get your new membership cards when you pay your dues. Coastal does require you to have one for your discount. Please let them know you are an Appleatchee member even if the items you purchase are not on the discount program. They enter that you are a member. This helps them to know we spend money and value the annual sponsorship for our facility. We are trying very hard to keep the calendar updated so you know when the arena is in use. If a division cancels a scheduled event, they usually send a message to their group. I have been sending an email to the membership letting them know when this happens so they can take advantage of the open arenas this winter. So please take the time to check for grounds updates.

**Barn Renters**, please return your new stall rental forms to the office. You can just leave them in the drop box if the office is closed.

**New Memberships:** Family Memberships - Chuck & Julie Mayhew, Kira & Nick Wood. Individual Memberships – Colin Wolfe, Britt Parton, Mathew Dittman, Kristen Snyder.

**2017 Board of Directors**

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**2017 Division Heads**

Games-Jeremy Price	Barrels-Julie Sauve
Roping-Ken Tincher	Performance Deborah Walk
Team Sorting-John Lehmkuhl	Roping Secretary Shawna Cook
Website-Rhonda Bekker	

*--Thank you, Susan*

**SHOW BARN UPDATE**

The work on the new show barns has come to an expected snowy halt. We were very lucky to get a good weather window to start the work this past fall. Work will resume as soon as weather permits. We are anticipating starting work again in mid-March. We still have a lot of work ahead, and cannot start until the asphalt plant is started again in the spring. The asphalt work must be done before the building will go up. We are very excited for this project to move forward. Unfortunately the project will not be done at the start of show season. But with patience and the great cooperation we have had from the membership during the project we will get through the spring and early summer shows. The completion of the project will relieve the frequent lock outs in the member barns, and will be well worth the early lock outs this spring.

## We do need a few more stalls for the Roping School

The Roping School, the last weekend in February, will use all 20 of the portable stalls, but will still need more. I have had a couple of Board members generously volunteer to take their horses home during that time. We could still use several more, so if anyone is willing to take a horse home for this event it would be very much appreciated. This event always has a very good turnout.

## **ROPING**

### POSITION AVAILABLE:

The **Roping Division** is looking for someone to train for the Roping Division Secretary. Shawna would like to have someone in training so that she can leave in 2018 and know that the Roping Division will continue to thrive. The position has a monthly salary paid by the Roping Division and the secretary is paid for the events worked during the year. There is opportunity to make money. Shawna would be happy to fill you in on all the details of the position. Computer skills are very helpful. You do not have to be a roper to do this, you just have to be willing to learn the "ropes" so to speak, and Shawna could have you up to speed in no time or a good time in roping talk. **Contact Shawna at (509) 279-9230.**

We are starting a new year: 2017. The weather has been tough on our Friday nights. With hope January will be better. We want to THANK everyone (ropers and members) for making 2016 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. If weather is iffy please call to make sure roads are good.

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 setup. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting. With a minimum of 3 times each. Read the Team Sorting report below for more information.

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:

### January

1/06/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/13/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/20/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/21/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
1/27/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00

## **February**

2/03/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/04/17	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/10/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/11/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
2/17/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/18/17	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/24/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/25/17	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00
2/26/17	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00

*Shawna*

## **TEAM SORTING**



December was kind of a dead month for sorting. We had to cancel the 1<sup>st</sup> practice and the competition due to inclement weather. We did have a great coached practice on the 28<sup>th</sup> with Willy Hart, however.

The Team Sorting division of Appleatchee had a great year – we had fun and earned good income to support the club. The division ended the year with a net income of about \$7600, which goes to running Appleatchee in general (grounds, maintenance, taxes, insurance, etc.) and to keeping your general membership fees low . If you add the additional \$6400 that we paid to the roping division to support the cattle, then Team Sorting brought in close to a net \$14,000 to Appleatchee Riders. *Thank you all for making 2016 a good year!*

Our next competitions in the winter series are **January 21, February 11, and March 11**. Recall that under the new winter rules, we are paying off the top two individual riders (most clean runs & cows sorted) in each of 3 divisions, with divisions based on the day's results. This 3D format is designed to reward riders of all levels, so don't think you are not good enough – come down to learn and have fun and maybe win some payback! See the flier I sent recently via email or the Facebook page for the rest of the winter dates, and a summary of the rules and fees. Prizes at the end of winter series (November through March) will be awarded to 6 riders in a 3D division format based on total clean runs and cows sorted.

During 2017, we have training and other competition events on tap. We will continue through March with the monthly coached practice sessions with **Willy Hart**. I am working with **Roger Braa** to get a date for a 1-day or 2-day clinic in the spring. We

will host our fourth annual 3-man 8-go open sorting on May 20. Start getting prepared for some fun and fast sorting. I hope to book a couple 1-day round-robin competitions in which you sort with all competitors, usually about 12 riders. Stay tuned!

We still practice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. 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). Willy Hart is back for some excellent coaching once a month – he next will be here January 11 if weather permits. 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. Please try to arrive at 6 PM to help setup pens and mark cattle. We have an arrangement to leave the pens up at the end of practice and have the grounds crew take them down the next morning, which will allow you all to get home a bit earlier!

*See you in the sorting pen! –John*

## **GAMING**



Hello everyone, I hope everyone has been getting plenty of riding in. Just a reminder that Thursday nights starting at 6:00 is our gaming practice, and we would love to see anyone who is at least wondering what it's all about come on out and ride with us. If you don't want to do more than watch to get an understanding, that's fine too. A few of the WASHET kids have been coming most of the time lately. There are all different experience levels of riders, so don't feel

that you can't be out there with us. We are a very family oriented group and want kids of all ages to ride with us, whether you've been riding for a long time or are just starting out. We're a rather small group right now and are always looking for new people. If you have any questions you can always get ahold of me. My info is on the website or right outside the office if you're there.



*I hope to see you all out there. --Jeremy*

## PERFORMANCE



Welcome to the New Year. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with your equine partners.

As you can see with the following clinics, we are off to a fast start with opportunities for our members to grow in their knowledge and skills to become successful riders.

The Performance Division will be hosting a **reining clinic January 28 and 29, with Mike Stokes**. The clinic is open to anyone at any level. The cost will be \$75 per day per, to rider. Watch for fliers to be posted around the facility. Contact Karen at [kooyfive@gmail.com](mailto:kooyfive@gmail.com) or (509) 760-4236.

There are plans for another reining clinic in March.

February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting another **clinic with Anni Grandia**--a successful event and dressage rider in the PNW. She will be sharing her knowledge and helping our members improve their skills, as well as those of their horses, so that they may have a successful upcoming show season. At this time this is the only clinic that we have planned for jumping. This clinic will also fill up fast. The manager for this clinic is Kathleen Yednick (509-679-6373). Contact her for more information.

A long-time favorite Appleatchee clinician, **Pat Wyse**, will be returning March 22-26, for another four days. Pat has been coming to Appleatchee for decades helping riders gain confidence, improve their riding skills, and develop a better feel for their horses. This is a great clinic for a young broke horse to learn how to move and use its body when asked, but horses and riders of all ages and skills will find riding with Pat fun and rewarding. For more information on this clinic that fills up fast contact Becky Goodwin ([tg1good1@nwi.net](mailto:tg1good1@nwi.net)).

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be hosting clinics with **Jill Seely** who is always a very popular clinician. Linda Coates-Markle ([linda\\_coates-markle@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_coates-markle@hotmail.com)) is your person to contact.

At this time we are not planning on a performance meeting this month; however, the Dressage Show committee will be meeting to start planning the June Dressage Show. Linda Coates-Markle will be sending out a notice regarding the date and time.

This year, we look forward to change and to improvement in both ourselves and our equine partners. There is an ongoing discussion with the Board regarding arena fees, and costs for labor, tractor, electricity, etc., that is used during a clinic.

I would like to congratulate **Linda Coates-Markle** on her retirement from 30+ years in federal employment. I know that she is looking forward to spending all her time starting January 1, with her horses; however, I am sure that her chestnut mare Scarlett will not be so thrilled as she is put to work as a lesson horse.

I wish everyone a happy and great new year and look forward in sharing the great successes that everyone will have.



--Deb

*“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success”*

Mo wants to remind you to stay warm (don't forget your ears).

## RESCUE JACK-ASH



**“Jack-Ash”** is a coming 3-year-old gelding, rescued late summer of 2015 as part of a herd of 21 abandoned horses that were given to the Sunnyside feedlot owner.



Genetic testing on the herd shows that they are Peruvian Paso, a breed known for a naturally smooth and comfortable four-beat gait, charisma, and general good attitude and enthusiasm for life. Equine Assistance Project was able to purchase all 21 horses from the feedlot in order to prevent them from being shipped to slaughter. Jack-Ash has been started with 30 days of professional training. He is currently safe in rescue near Yakima where he has been gentled and worked with. He is affectionate, beautiful, and will make someone a wonderful horse! If you are interested in learning more about Jack-Ash or in adopting him, contact **Charlene Beck 509-669-0332**. His adoption fee is \$500, but that is often negotiable.

*Note that in a previous ad, Jack-Ash was identified as a mustang. That was before genetic testing.*

***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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**LINDA COATES-MARKLE NOW INSTRUCTING AT APPLEATCHEE**



I just wanted to take a moment to wish everyone the best for 2017! Let it be the best “riding year” yet!

As I make my transition (12/31/16) from federal service to re-entering the horse industry 100% of my time, I wanted to remind folks that I am available for dressage lessons (English and/or western tack) starting January

2017. I also have a strong background in Pony Club, eventing and reining. I am happy to provide details about my background to anyone that is interested.

I can be very flexible to accommodate schedules and locations. I am locking my insurance in place to be eligible to teach at Appleatchee. “Scarlett” is available as a lesson horse for invaluable lunging lessons (position alignment and independent seat) and/or the opportunity to reaffirm the feeling of connection!

If you are interested, please feel free to contact me about rates and scheduling.

Thanks everyone!

Linda CM

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