

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

Spring really is coming this year, I'm just sure of it. We have moved some of the snow off the grounds and the crew is continuing to remove the arena roof slides.

Please make sure to put shavings in your tack room after they are delivered. We need to keep the isles clean and clutter-free.

Show Season Update

The progress on the show barns will resume as soon as the weather and the ground cooperate. The first part of the show season will require all the members to be understanding of the need to be locked out. At the end of this long project it will be well worth the problem-solving we will be doing this spring and early summer. We will be working on moving trailers and repairing parts of the campground. We will try to keep you up to date on which areas we are working on as the work moves through different stages.

Our first show of the season is WAHSET Dist. #1 March 17th through March 19th. Most of the horses will arrive on Thursday March 16th. Their show starts on Friday morning.

This is an earlier starting time than in the past. We will be using the member barns.

Kim Lightfoot (860-7457) will be on the grounds again this year during large events to help with issues that come up. This has worked well during the “settle in time” for groups and members. If you have concerns during events she will be your contact person.

--*Thank you, Susan*

[Check out this month's Western Horseman Magazine.](#) There is a story with a mention of Tony Gillin. He is a member, known for riding mules.

GAMING



The weather is starting to warm up, with some cold days showing up here and there. Gaming practice has been starting to ramp up a little more. We're seeing more people the last couple Thursdays than all the rest of the winter. Remember we start at 6:00, and we would love to see more. *Thanks, Jeremy*



ROPING

Oh boy, are we ready for spring! In spite of the weather, we had 29 students join us for our annual Roping School. We'd like to thank the Streeter family for instructing the school, Jeannie King for cooking all the great food, and a special thanks to Ken & Terri Tincher for coordinating all the details. The school was a great success and we appreciate all your help!



Our February Saturday roping series was hindered by the weather, although, we had several die-hards that joined us. We awarded jackets to High Money Winners in their divisions:



- 1- 1.5 division is **Brandon Hunter**
- 2- 2.5 division is **Doc Walker**
- 3 and over Division is **Scott Fisher**

Our new cattle will be arriving in the middle of March. 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. 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 Sorting report below for more information.

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

3/03/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
3/04/17	Saturday Roping	11:00
3/10/17	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/11/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
3/17/17	NO Roping	7:00 WASET
3/24/17	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/31/17	NO Roping	7:00 WASET

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

Shawna

TEAM SORTING



Keep praying for that warm weather! Love the longer days! We look forward to spring and a great riding season! Our next competitions in the winter series are March 11, and two make-up competitions April 9 and 15. Here are the dates for our summer sorting competitions that include drawpot sorting 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.

During 2017, we have training and many competition events on tap. We have **Roger Braa** back this year for a 1-day 2-man sorting clinic 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. You will get tons of coached time sorting cattle, and a video critique at the end of the day. If you are a beginner and want to learn how to play the game, then this is your big chance. I always learn something new from Roger and you will too. Cost is \$100 (\$110 non-members, \$80 WAHSET riders). As of the end of February, I have 11 of the 20 slots filled, so don't delay.

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 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 still practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM. We will continue through March with one last coached practice session with Willy Hart – probably March 8. 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). 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

PERFORMANCE

Let us hope that a new month means better weather. It's time to start scraping the mud off and getting the ponies out for some fun and furry therapy. The Performance Division is busy with opportunities for the members to gain some valuable knowledge and experience with their equine partners. February saw two of those opportunities with **Jill Sealy** and **Anna Grandia**. The members that participated enjoyed their time riding with both of these ladies, and have asked to have them back again soon.



I do want to send a GET FEELING BETTER wish to **Pat Wyse**. He went a different direction than a horse that he was riding, and broke a couple of ribs. As a result the Pat Wyse clinic that was to be March 22-26 was rescheduled to April 26-30 (See Becky's report below for details). This is a full clinic but auditing is free and a great way to learn. So March 25 now will be a Pony Club clinic with an instructor, and Sunday the 26th we will have **Anna Grandia** back for the day for more jumping and some dressage.

We are looking forward to April which will be a really busy month for the club, so we have only the Pat Wyse clinic planned at this time. June 10th&11th we will be hosting our annual **Dressage Show**.

If there is a clinician that you would like to see come to the club, please let me know and I will see what I can do

*IF A HORSE SAYS NO, YOU EITHER ASKED THE WRONG QUESTION
OR ASKED THE QUESTION WRONG.*

*Deb
Performance Division*

Pat Wyse

We have had to postpone our 2017 Pat Wyse Clinic the new date for the clinic is Wednesday, April 26 through Sunday the 30th. It will be one evening of getting to know everyone and four days of riding adventures. The HorseWyse clinic offers a great basic handle for horses of all breeds and disciplines. Please check out HorseWyse.com for information straight from the horse's mouth or contact **Becky at (509)860-2416** for more information on the clinic.

The cost is \$425 for Appleatchee Members and \$475 for non-members. Camping and stalls will be available. Auditors are always welcome to attend free or charge.

Mike Major

We are excited to welcome clinician **Mike Major** for a horsemanship clinic Monday, April 10th and Tuesday the 11th. Mike has spent his entire life on horseback and working cattle and he brings all that experience to you through his 2-day clinic. He started competing at a professional level in 2005, and has since won just about every premier award when it comes to Ranch horses. Mike has competed successfully in Working Cowhorse, roping and cutting and is a multiple time Versatility Ranch Horse Champion. He also claimed top honors as the 2010 Project Cowboy winner. Mike believes that a soft responsive horse is the key to being successful in an equine event. You can check out more on Mike Major at majorcattleco.com, search his name on Western Horseman for his many articles, or even search Mike Major Horsemanship on YouTube. We are offering his clinic at \$300 for Appleatchee Members and \$350 for non-members, and auditors welcome free of charge. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Becky at (509)860-2416** for further information.--Becky

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.

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- Preferably a pony or small horse with show or Pony Club experience.
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