

HORSEFEATHERS



November 2017

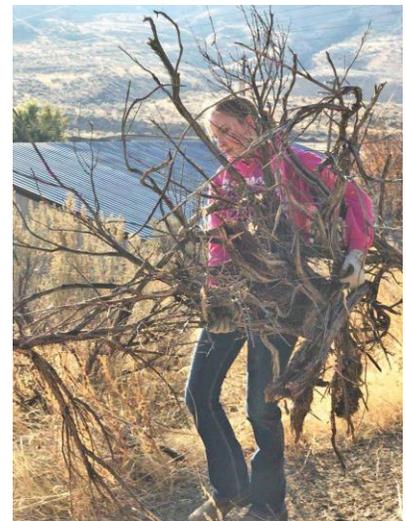
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FROM THE OFFICE

The General Meeting will be Monday, November 20th ,at 7:00 pm in the Appleatchee Clubhouse.

Note that the venue has changed from the PUD auditorium where we have recently held the meetings.

The Make a Difference Project was a great success. We had about 40 volunteers working on the west side of Appleatchee's property on the Saddlerock side. We had 20 volunteers from Appleatchee and about 20 community volunteers. This project was on the City side of the fence but will ultimately benefit our facility. They worked clearing brush and debris, and took down trees that were fire risks. The volunteers from the Fire District were very pleased with our work on fire safety, and would like to work with us in the future.



A big thank you to the following volunteers that put in a very productive day of work: **Rhonda Bekker, Mica Brawley, Michelle Burchett, Linda Coates-Markle, Erin Fristad, Becky Goodwin, Katie Hamilton, Karen Kooy, Kimberly Lantzy, Mike Lantzy, Pam Morgan, Camryn Pike, Betsy Schweitzer, Kelli Snodgrass, Cheryl White, Tessa White, and Emily, Brynn, Rylee, Katelyn (members of Appleatchee's 4-H group. Julie Sauve** has been working on the weeds on the north fence line and they will be spraying that area. Thank you to **Cheryl Cofer, Joye Delabarre, Shana Maltman, Pam Morgan, Carol Nolph and Cindy Simmons** for donations of supplies to help me feed the 40 + people that helped on Saturday. The volunteers took a lunch break in the clubhouse for a hot meal. Appleatchee members and community volunteers were all together to get the project going. The non-members were very happy to be included in our lunch to thank the volunteers for a day of hard work. Some of our usual volunteers were missing for this event, but will be working on the show barn stalls this weekend.

It is time once again to remind members to be courteous to others in the arenas. We have moved all events indoors for the season. Please check your calendars for scheduled events. **If it is not a scheduled event or practice time, the arena is open to all members and disciplines.**

There is a manure fork and wheelbarrow in the indoor arena. Please clean up after your horse. The wash racks (indoor and at the barns) need to be cleaned after use; this includes cleaning up manure and hoof trimmings after your farriers.

Ralph wants members to avoid turning breakers off and on at the barns. If there is a problem please contact the office or Ralph.

If you have a horse trailer on the grounds it needs to have paperwork filled out. I did a count and there are more trailers than are currently registered with the office. They need to be properly invoiced to your account.

--Susan

I would like to thank **Susan Ward** and her volunteers that put together a very nice lunch for our tired and hungry team.

--Kimberly Lantzy

ROPING

Now that we have moved back indoors, we are roping every Friday night at 7PM. We also have two (2) Saturday ropings; Nov. 4th & 18th. We will be awarding Red Bluff Buckles to 3 high money division winners over both Saturday.-: #1 - #1.5, #2 - #2.5, & 3 and over divisions. Ropers must attend both ropings to receive high money awards.

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7PM in the indoor arena. 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, through the winter months (began in October). 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. Check out the Team Sorting report below for more details, and be sure to “like” Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting on Facebook, if you want to receive updates and other 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:

November (Indoor Arena)

11/03/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
11/04/17	Saturday roping	11:00
11/10/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
11/11/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
11/17/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
11/18/17	Saturday Roping	11:00
11/24/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00

December

12/01/17	Friday night Draw	7:00
12/08/17	No Roping NFR	7:00
12/09/17	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
12/15/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/22/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/29/17	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/30/17	NEW Years Play Day	11:00

TEAM SORTING

We finished up the “summer” sorting series last weekend in a fun competition with 19 riders, 12 of which were from the Spokane, Yakima, and Snohomish areas! (Where are all you locals?!) The cattle were lots of fun to sort (not too wild!), and the weather was perfect.



Sasha Ragan

Thanks to **Jeannie King** (left) for making us a delicious lunch of pulled pork sandwiches! The final summer series scores are in and the winner of the upper division is **Laura Wagner**, with **John Lehmkuhl** second. In the lower division, **Ernie Hockens** from Zillah took the buckle, and **Mark Farley** from Snohomish came in second. Congratulations!

The winter sorting series begins with competition on November 11! Next up will be sorting on **December 9**. We will continue to start with 3-goes of 3-man sorting, and then ride 6-goes of 2-man sorting. All teams are drawn, so you don't need to come with a partner. The rules are changed a bit: goes are 75 seconds, instead of 90 seconds; and we will score riders based on total cows sorted in clean runs, not the number of clean runs first. Also, we are thinking of having a buyback pot to see if we can liven things up. The buyback is a separate prize pot within the competition that you can enter if you have at least one dirty run up to the entry cutoff,

which will be the first 3-4 goes (we have not decided). The idea is that you will have a second chance to earn cash if you don't think you can win in the main competition. You also can win the main competition too. Stay tuned via email or on Facebook.

We practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM.

Practice sessions are a great time to see if you like the sport or to test out a new horse. Cost is \$15 for at least 3 goes (+\$5 arena fee for non-members). **Willy Hart** is coming back once a month to coach practice, probably starting **November 8**. Willy will help you and your horse with advice before, during, and after your runs. Cost for coached practice is \$30. I'll let you know ASAP. Please arrive at 6 PM to help setup the pen and mark cattle; the crew will take down the pen the next day. You earn a \$5 credit toward sorting fees when you help with the pen. Check in with Joanne.

See you in the sorting pen! --John

PERFORMANCE

Well, are we all ready for mud?

Another successful show season is in the books. Congratulations, to all for achieving your goals and successes in the show pens.

We have been working on next year's calendar already, and have some new and returning clinicians lined up:

- February 18-19, Annie Grandia will be back for a dressage and jumping clinic.
- March 21-25, Pat Wyse will return for the annual Wyse Instruction.
- A new clinician that we have lined up is Christian Rammerstorfer from California, who will be here March 3-4. He was the judge for the fall WRHA show, who really loved the area and wanted to come back.
- Mike Major will be returning sometime in April.
- I am hoping to line up a ranch riding clinic.

The Dressage show is June 9-10 and there are plans for the Open Show to return in June or July, depending on another schedule, that is in the works.



I want to thank all who supported the Performance Division this past year by volunteering and participating. I look forward to hearing of your success in and out of the arena. If there is a clinician that you would like us to try to have come let me know.

Deb Walk, Performance Chairman

GOODBYE VALENTINE

Appleatchee Friends -



It's with a heavy heart that I made the difficult decision to say goodbye to Valentine on November 1.

Many of you have seen my children ride her, and know how special she has been to our family. You may not know that she was 37 years and has been in my life for 30 years. We grew up together; she was my dream horse. This Arabian mare would go English pleasure, western equitation, barrels, and games . Here at Appleatchee,

we mostly enjoyed the trails. As a kid, she was my all-around, high-point horse. Later in life, she was the best babysitter around. Most of you know that my grey gelding, Banner, is here son, born in 1990. If anyone is feeling sentimental and wants to see why this mare was worth her weight in gold, I have a little memorial at her stall, A-12.



RIP, Valentine. Thank you for everything you've done for me and my children.

You will be missed.

Suzanne Grassell

Riffy 2001 to 2017



We lost our Riffy cat in September of this year. He was 16 ½ . His passing leaves an empty place in our barn community.

Riffy came to Appleatchee in 2001 with two brothers. The three cats were identically colored. Their names were Riff, Raff and Ruff. Raffy didn't like the life of a barn cat and went to live with Jane Hoxey. The remaining

brothers (Ruff and Riff) stayed at Appleatchee and were regulars at the shop, and barns aisles. They roamed about the hills and orchards always returning to Appleatchee. We lost Ruff 6 years ago. Without his brother for company, Riffy turned his attention to the members. He formed friendships with most of us. We, in return, made sure he had food, water and a safe place to sleep. Riffy was always in my tack room or nearby until one day he didn't come home. After a week of searching and calling I decided Riff had done what wild things do when their times have come to pass away--found a quiet place to go to sleep. We'll miss you Riff. Raffy is still alive and living with Jane.

Riffy let me know he was okay about one week ago. In the early morning as I opened my tack room door, a white wisp escaped from inside down by my feet. Later, as I finished up Sushi's mash, I heard purring. I checked the hall way for birds and there were none. The purring happened again. I chuckled. "Thanks for letting me know you are okay and at peace, Riffy." I'm very sure that he and his brother Ruff are together and hunting mice in the hills around Appleatchee.

Joye Delabarre

JOB WITH ROPING DIVISION

The Roping Division is looking for a new Roping Division Secretary.

Shawna would like to have a new person trained and ready to take over the position next season.

This is a paid position. Applicants should contact Shawna at 509-264-4062 the roping phone or Shawna_cook@yahoo.com for all information. Or contact the Appleatchee office. This position has a monthly salary plus pay for each of the ropings. Must have some computer skills, cash handling experience, and be able to multi task. People skills are very important. Announcing during the ropings and watching the box and flagger are an important part of the roping office position. Shawna will train the new person.

If you know of a non member that might be a good fit for this job, please have them contact us, and of course this position is open to Appleatchee members.

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

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