

# HORSEFEATHERS



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## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Good news: the website upgrade is almost complete. The new Appleatchee Riders website will be a much more mobile-friendly device. The other change will be that **Kimberly Lantzy** is our new website contact. You can reach her by email [mladylantzlot@yahoo.com](mailto:mladylantzlot@yahoo.com)

Now that we are on winter schedule for all events and practices in the indoor arenas, it's time to remind everyone about arena etiquette. Please be respectful of others using the arenas, and be aware of other riders. The arenas are very busy with practices weekday evenings. Some of the divisions are okay with others using the arena during their scheduled time as long as it does not infringe on their practices. Team Sorting is one of the groups that only use a portion of the arena, and is fine with members using the other part. Who knows, you might like what you see in another division and want to join them. Please remember to put away all equipment as soon as you finish, in order to have the arena ready for the next riders.

**Membership renewals** will be going out in the mail soon. Your renewal form needs to be completed, and we need your current liability release in your membership file.

Children can only be on a family membership until age 21, and then they must move to their own memberships. If the over-21 member is a fulltime student and unmarried, you can send a written request to the Board asking that they remain on the family membership while in school. The request would then be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis. If your child ages off your membership at the end of this year, he/she can apply as an individual member. If they apply immediately after leaving the family membership the initiation fee is waived for them. They would only need to pay the dues. After renewing your membership, don't forget to get a new membership card; Coastal will want to see them when you are asking for discounts. If you are not on the grounds regularly and want your card sent to you, put a note on your renewal form and I will mail it to you.

**Barn renters**, please keep all grain and treats in covered containers. We are having issues with unwanted pests in the tack rooms.

**Team Sorting Division** is trying a Saturday Practice on December 15<sup>th</sup> 9-noon in the indoor arena. They are good with members riding in the portion of the arena they are not using for sorting. The panels will be removed from the arena at the end of sorting.

--Susan



## **General Meeting**

**is Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**in the Appleatchee Riders Clubhouse**

## ROPING

We had a nice turnout for our November Saturday series ropings. We gave away Appleatchee **Redbluff Headstalls** to our winners. Thank you, ropers for coming.



### Our winners for November Series:

1- 1.5 division – **Jeremy Fisher**

2 - 2.5 division – **Rick Shurtleff Jr**

3 and over division – **Brayden Schmidt**

The next Saturday Roping is our playday Dec 29th. We are also having a roping school February 23, 24. The **Streeter Family** is teaching it. They did an awesome job last year.

The roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7 PM 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. Appleatchee members pay \$15, and non-members \$20. Practice starts at 6 PM for setup. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting. With a minimum of 3 times each. See the Sorting Division report below for more information, and follow the Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting Facebook for updates.

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:**

**December**

12/01/18	Saturday Roping	11:00
<b>12/07/18</b>	<b>No Roping NFR</b>	<b>7:00</b>
12/08/18	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
12/14/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/21/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
12/28/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
<b>12/29/18</b>	<b>NEW YEARS Play Day</b>	<b>11:00</b>

**January**

1/04/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/11/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/18/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00
1/19/19	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
1/25/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00

**February**

2/01/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/02/19	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/08/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/09/19	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
2/15/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/16/19	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/22/19	Friday Night Draws	7:00

2/23/19	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00
2/24/19	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00

--Shawna

## **SORTING**

**We had a great November competition with 32 entries!** We paid out \$1270 to winners of the 3-man and 2-man competitions, including the 2-man buyback competition. There actually were 23 riders, but 9 people entered twice under the new rules. Scores for each entry are kept separate for both the daily cash awards and for the winter series prizes. That rule change has proved popular because it gives a rider more time on cattle or allows people to ride two horses, making a fun day on your horse sorting cattle at Appleatchee even more fun.



**Our next monthly winter sorting will be Saturday December 8 in the big indoor arena.** As of today (Dec. 3) the weather forecast is for dry, partly sunny, and about 30 degrees, so plan to come have some fun. Our winter prize series started in November and continues Dec. 8, Jan. 19, Feb. 9, and March 9. Learn about dates, format, cost, and other details for all our sorts from the winter flier on our Facebook page “Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting” or on the Team Sorting Division page of the Appleatchee website. **Jeannie King** will again be providing hot lunches for a donation. Please check the Facebook page or your email for updates a few days before sorting dates in case we have to cancel for weather. We have camping and stalls available, but the bath house might be closed if we have a deep freeze.

**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 horse – we’ll help you get going with coaching. Cost is \$15 (+\$5 arena fee for non-members) for at least 3 goes (4 if there is a small crowd and time). During winter we have to number cattle and setup the pen before sorting (but don’t have to take the pen down so you can get home early). As we did last winter, I will post a note on Facebook and email on Monday before practice

asking for an RSVP about Wednesday practice. If I don't get enough confirmations (~10) by Wednesday AM, then I will cancel the practice because there is too much setup work for a few people to do. We need everyone (or their family/friend) to help setup before warming up your horses! Check for emailed or Facebook updates before coming in case we have to cancel due to weather.

*See you in the sorting pen! --John*

## PERFORMANCE



We are officially into the holiday season. I want to apologize for last month's article. I sent in last year's by mistake.

Things are moving right along. The riders in the Performance Division are now enjoying a break from all of the intense work in preparing for and riding during the show season. We are now taking the time to work on improving our rides and any issues that cropped up during the season.

During October we had a **Liz Tukey Clinic** that was well attended by the Pony Club and a few members. Liz Tukey will be here the 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> of December. This is open to members as well as Pony Club.

Last week the jumping group had a meeting to work on a schedule to accommodate everyone that jumps on Monday nights with consideration of their ability levels. We came up with a plan that we are going to try for the month of November. December 4<sup>th</sup> we will have another meeting to review effectiveness of the format, and if necessary, come up with revisions. Also discussed were some safety issues, as well as a reminder for all that use the jumps/rails to pay the jump fee. The schedule is posted on the jump trailer.

As we are into the muddy season remember: "There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man' --Deb

## **RESCUE ELLA**

Rescuing Cinderella (aka Ella). Ella is 2 years old and 14.1 hands. She is an Indian Reservation Mustang Round-Up Orphan foal “survivor”. Sadly, her momma was shipped to Mexico for slaughter after the roundup when Ella was only 2 weeks old. Although Ella was injured in the round-up, she has fully healed and is completely sound, tame and friendly. She stands for the farrier, crosses a tarp and can be draped with plastic.

Contact **Charlene 509-669-0332** if you might be interested in adopting Ella, or if you would like to meet other adoptable horses.

