

# HORSEFEATHERS



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## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Spring is just around the corner and so is our show season. Our first show will be WAHSET Dist # 1. They will start arriving on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>, with their show starting on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We are still working out some of the show barn details, so please be patient with our guests and staff. This season should seem like a cakewalk compared to last season.

When leaving work orders at the office, please put them in the green drop-box, not on the office door. When the wind blows it takes them off the door and deposits them in the middle of the top arena.

Barn renters, this is a good time to take a look at your stalls and paddocks for repairs that may be needed. Be sure to check your rear paddock gate for safety chains, we seem to lose a lot of them during snow removal. Make sure to check your hotwire for breaks or broken clips. We need to keep the barns neat and in good repair.

Now that the weather is good and roads are clear it is time for your speed reminder:

**10 MPH IS THE SPEED LIMIT. IT IS FOR SAFETY.**

--Susan

## ROPING



The roping school was a great success with 28 participants! Thank you to Jeannie King & her crew for the wonderful food, hot coffee & cocoa. We also wish to send out a huge Thank You to the Streeter & Duby Family for their Top-Notch Instruction. We had lots of compliments as we witnessed improvement in all horse and riders. And a Special Thanks to Ken & Terri Tincher for coordinating the entire event.

Our new cattle will be arriving in the middle of March. We hope they will be already trained. 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 7 PM. 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 setup. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting, with a minimum of 3 times each. See the Team Sorting report below for more information, and follow the Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting Facebook.

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:**

#### **March**

3/02/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
3/09/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/10/18	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
<b>3/16/18</b>	<b>NO Roping</b>	<b>7:00 WSHET</b>
3/23/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/30/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/31/18	Saturday Roping	11:00

#### **April (Outdoor Roping Arena)**

<b>4/06/18</b>	<b>NO Roping</b>	<b>7:00 WSHET</b>
4/20/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
4/21/18	Team Sorting Competition	9:00

## TEAM SORTING



**We had another great competition during February with 26 riders competing in 3-man and 2-man sorting. We paid out \$1065 to winning riders! Next up will be 3-man jackpot sorting and 2-man jackpot sorting at the last event in the winter prize series on March 10.** In addition to earning points for the series prizes (buckles etc.), you

can win jackpot cash at each event, so come on down even if you are not in the prize series. For all the details, see the winter flier on our Facebook page “Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting” or on the Appleatchee website team sorting division page. Let me know if you need stalls or camping, otherwise just come and sort. The 4H riders will be providing lunch on March 10, so bring along some lunch money and support our 4H riders.

**Want to ride in a first-class 2-man sorting clinic with top clinician Roger Braa?** Yep, we have Roger coming again on **June 23 for a 1-day clinic**. Roger travels from his Kittitas valley home all over the country and Canada giving clinics. All levels of riders are encouraged to come—especially new riders to come and learn the game. You will get tons of time sorting cattle and with personal coaching. We also might follow the next day on Sunday with a fun drawpot sorting for clinic riders to use the skills they learned, and for anyone else interested in some sorting fun. Look for a flier with details to be posted soon.

**We practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 PM.** We’ve been having great turnouts with about 20+ riders the past month – mostly WAHSET riders getting ready for competition. 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. The riding season is coming up fast, so get yourself and horse prepared. Cost is \$15 (+\$5 arena fee for non-members) for at least 3 goes (4 if there is a small crowd and we have time). Please arrive at 6 PM to help setup the pen and mark cattle; the crew will take down the pen the next day. The faster we get the pen up, the earlier we sort and can get more riding done!

*Sorting continued...*

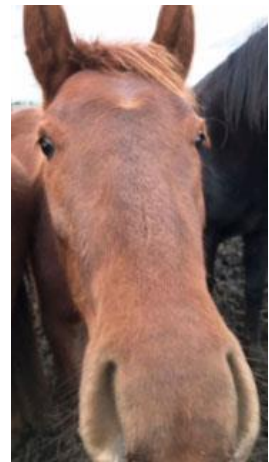
**A new call-in requirement for practices through March while we are indoors:** I'll send an email or Facebook reminder the Monday before practice and *you will need to respond to me by Wednesday 11 AM if you are coming to practice.* It is critical that we have enough riders to setup the pen and mark cattle. Everyone needs to help! Also, the weather might make travel dangerous. I will send out a note by 1 PM at latest, to tell you if we are having practice or not. If practice is on, then come on down even if you did not tell me you were coming. Check your emails or FB Wednesday PM, or call the Appletchee office, to make sure we are practicing.

## **RESCUE ELLA**

Let me introduce you to Ella, a 14 hand long-yearling mustang filly. This filly had a rough start on her life. She was only a couple weeks old in the roundup and ended up with a broken skull. After just over a year of age Ella got a clean bill of health and her halter breaking began. Ella is extremely friendly and is usually the first to meet you at the gate.



***If you would like more information on this wonderful filly contact Charlene Beck 669-0332.***



### ***Mission Statement:***

*Appletchee 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 Appletchee's resources*

*Statement Adopted January 8th, 2006*