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From the Editor's Desk

To make the New York State Horse Council (NYSHC) Newsletter successful and useful to all, as the editor I will continue to need your input for all future newsletters. The NYSHC Newsletter can be a great way to get the word out about equine activities and initiatives throughout New York State. I am excited to share articles and pictures from all of our NYSHC members and area equestrians.

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Please E-mail your documents and j-peg photos for the upcoming newsletters to:

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I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this edition and look forward to you making this an informative and helpful newsletter in the future.

Barb Cunningham, Editor

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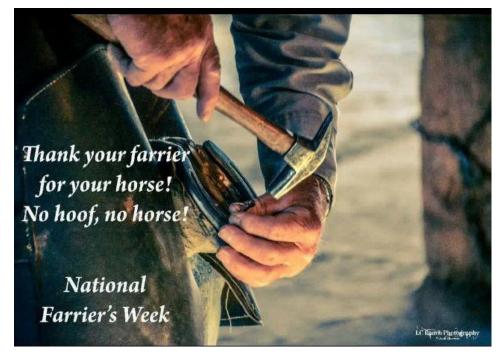
A Word from the President

NYS Horse Council Est. 1968 Our Mission: "To create a strong unified voice for all interests toward the preservation of a future for horses in New York State."

Thank you for being a supporting member to the NYS Horse Council, we represent all breeds and disciplines, in all parts of New York State. That being said, we all know the saying of "no hoof no horse". With all the crazy weather, heavy rains and mud, then the drastic dry and dusty dirt our horses hooves can be compromised very quickly. Our farriers play a critical role to our partnership with our horses comfort, safety and wellbeing. It is good practice to have a healthy relationship with a dedicated and well educated farrier.

Did you know this July 7-13 was the 20th Annual National Farriers Week? Celebrate your farrier and their dedication to your equine partner(s) with some of these great tips at your next appointment! Your positive actions and thoughts may go a long way if someday you are in desperate need of their services.

- Always pay on time and in full
- Have some refreshments or snacks available
- Have a clean, well lit, ventilated and safe work area
- Have your horse caught and clean before your scheduled appointment
- If your horse is green be sure to work with it ahead of time regularly for everyone's safety and advise your farrier Thank you so much to all the members, supporters and volunteers to this organization. President, Shannon Budnik <u>Shannon.Budnik@nyshc.org</u> 845-436-7669



"No hoof, no horse."

Damaged, weak or overgrown hooves can mean your horse will probably go lame, and you'll have no horse to ride or drive. This is as true now as it ever was, and why good hoof care is essential. Without healthy hooves, your horse won't be very useful or happy.

Region – 1 Southeast Heat Index Bill Intro. 1425-2019

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to making it unlawful to work carriage horses whenever the heat index reaches or exceeds 90 See below:

https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID= 3860318&GUID=13DA12A3-FDAA-4ED4-B102-9C6E3C19A350&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search This bill would prohibit carriage horses from being worked when the heat index reaches or exceeds 90.

On June 18, I attended the NYC Council Committee on Health hearing with NYC carriage drivers to rebut this proposed new law. The NYC carriage industry is overseen by the Department of Health and NYPD. Currently carriages return to stables at 90F bulb temperature and NYC Council are proposing to institute a "Feels Like" Heat Index of 90 degrees instead, which could mean suspension from work when the temperature is in the low-mid 80's. My contention is that all over America horses are out and about, being ridden and driven and the current legislation has worked very well over the years in NYC and thus the new law which would impact the industry by reducing incomes and perhaps the general health of the horses which would have to stay in stables for longer periods of time is not necessary. The carriage horses work in Central Park in partial shade. Of course, they do not work in heat waves.

Lots of testimony was heard from political Animal Rights advocates who were present, including New Yorkers for Clean Livable Streets and Voters for Animals Rights, that carriage horses are overworked; it is cruel for a horse to pull a carriage etc. I live in NYC and enjoy visiting the stables so I had reached out before the meeting and received some expert opinions which were submitted directly by email to Council. Being allowed to read only one at the hearing, I read that of Dr. Harry Werner VMD:

"June 17, 2019 TO: NYC Council Department of Health Committee RE: OPPOSITION to Intro 1425-2019. My name is Harry Werner VMD. I have practiced equine medicine and surgery in Connecticut and New York State for 45 years and am a past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. I have personally visited each of the Central Park carriage horse stables and inspected the horses. In my opinion, these horses get exceptionally good care and this extends fully to their working conditions. There is absolutely no evidence-based data to support any lowering from 90" F the temperature at which their work must be suspended. There is simply no equine welfare benefit to be achieved by doing so. The current protocol is working well and is in the best interest of the horses' health and welfare. I strongly advise against this proposed change."

https://aaep.org/news/dr-harry-werner-named-aaepdistinguished-life-member

Gloria Austin, author and historian, who was in NYC for a Carriage Association of America meeting provided me the following testimony which was also read out. Gloria took a carriage ride in Central Park two days before sending this: "Horses and Work - As a carriage driving expert, I believe there is no further need for regulating to work of horses in NYC. Horses have been bred for 6,000 years to serve mankind for transportation, agriculture, warfare, and commerce. We have only used self propelled vehicles for 100 years. Those people who make their living with horses do not want to abuse their horses nor work the beyond their limits or they lose their livelihood. Our history must be preserved through the presence of horses on the streets of NY. Please no further regulation and I praise you for keeping these important symbols of our history on the streets of NY. Go to www.gloriaaustin.com for books on horses and carriages

June 18, 2019 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Carriage drivers vigorously oppose unnecessary and harmful animal rights heat index regulation

Drivers say unscientific Int. 1425 would have disastrous consequences for horses and workers.

NEW YORK: The city's 3 carriage stables are closed today so that carriage drivers can testify at a Committee on Health hearing about a NYCLASSbacked bill to further limit their ability to give carriage rides during the high tourist season and properly care for their horses.

Int 1425, sponsored by CM Keith Powers, would change the long-standing regulations requiring carriage horses to stop work at 90F, and replace it with a heat index of only 90. Since the 90F stop work temperature was enacted in 1989, it has worked perfectly to protect carriage horses from summer heat. There have been no incidents of carriage horses harmed by heat in the past 30 years.

Intro 1425 has been pushed by a more than half million dollar lobbying campaign by New Yorkers for Clean, Livable and Safe Streets, a political organization whose sole mission has been to destroy the carriage industry.

There are no equine veterinarians who support such a low heat index number, especially one that singles out carriage horses doing work at a walk while excluding police horses and riding horses. Dr. Harry Werner, past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, has issued a statement opposing 1425 as unnecessary. Philadelphia uses an absolute temperature cut off of 92F. Cities that have carriages and use heat index numbers are southern cities like Charleston and Savannah, where there ultimate cut off is 95F or a heat index of 110.

As for the heat index, it's not one designed for horses. Horses safely compete in much warmer weather, exerting themselves much more than carriage horses working at a walk in the park do. The National Weather Service in New York City doesn't issue heat advisories at 90 heat index. They issue heat advisories at 100 to 104 heat index on a single day, or when heat indexes of 95 to 99 are forecast for two consecutive days.

Carriage drivers say a heat index of 90 would devastate their business and hurt their horses. "Last summer was very hot and humid, and we were suspended 34 times. At least we were able to get our horses out in the cool of the morning so they could exercise, do a ride or two, and then go home, helping us break even paying for their bills and care," says Christina Hansen, a carriage driver. "Our horses worked less last summer than they ever have before." "If we were forced to go home at 90 heat index, many days we would not have even been allowed to leave the stable, as it would be a heat index of 90 when it was only 80 or 82F. It's not good for our horses to be forced to stay inside for days on end during the summer."

The real purpose of the bill, Hansen says, is to further inhibit people from having the opportunity to take carriage rides, in accordance with NYCLASS's ultimate goal of eliminating the carriage industry through harmful overregulation, if they cannot ban the carriages outright through legislation.

Stephen Malone, a carriage owner and industry representative says, "The bill as written today is not only careless but irresponsible on behalf on the City Council. On the surface, this looks reasonable to most people, but if enacted, it will do the exact opposite of what council members intend it to do."

Link to NY Post Opinion column: https://nypost.com/2019/06/19/a-new-attack-on-thecentral-park-carriagehorses/?fbclid=IwAR3wJFbaiPPogt94P8ounGHGmFjYqa C7KE9NiKexs2HHz9gB5I6gDvBhZ3c

The vote for Intro. 1425-2019 has been laid over in Committee. Council Members Keith Powers (Sponsor) and Mark Levine, have asked for further expert opinion and comparisons of Heat Indices to share with Committee members and want to know what other States do before a decision is made. Submitted by Alison Clarke

Horses Gallop Into Prospect Park For Equine Parade

Brooklynites hoofed it over to Prospect Park for an equestrian parade on June 29, which featured a procession of gallant steeds trotting through the park, along with performances from horseback entertainers and pony rides for children.

"It was terrific," said Alison Clarke of the New York State Horse Council. "It was a really good thing for the community. Everyone who saw it stopped in the street and admired it."





The Council — a nonprofit advocacy group designed to preserve horse culture — is working with local horse enthusiast John Quadrozzi Jr. to revitalize the rutty bridle trails lining Brooklyn's Backyard.

"We want to improve the general condition in the park, where some areas are actually dangerous because the trails have deteriorated," said Quadrozzi. "The big item we want to address is turnout. We want the horses to be able to frolic with one another, and allow people to see the horses and how they interact with one another."



Quadrozzi — who recently purchased and is working to renovate the ailing former Kensington horse stables — hopes to convince local green-space gurus

to lease park land to the newly-renovated stables for free-roaming horses. "We're talking with the Prospect Park Alliance, who we love to partner with on these objectives and common goals," he said.

Clarke said that rallies like the horse parade were important to draw attention to the horseback riding industry in the area. "Events like these promote an interest in horses in the city, where otherwise one might not exist," she said. "We're interested in keeping Prospect Park a thriving place for horses."

And there's nothing like a pony ride to attract new blood to the hobby, Quadrozzi said. "We always like to do pony rides, because it gives kids an opportunity to try out horse riding, and possibly become future riders," said Quadrozzi. "I think the children really enjoyed it."



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NYSHC Mid-Hudson Regional Director

The Mid Hudson Region is excited for spring! The weather here is starting to warm up, and the trails are finally clear! On March 29, I attended the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo in Kingston, with a display board of NYSHC information, handouts, and flyers for the upcoming Ulster County Horse Council (UCHC) events.

Several of our chapters have events planned: Ulster County had a Working Equitation Clinic with Sandra Washburn on April 7 at Kindred Spirit Horsemanship in New Paltz and a members-only trail ride on May 4 on the Wallkill Rail Trail. An Open Horse Show on May 11 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds will raise funds for the Ulster County 4-H Horse Program. UCHC is joining with Mid-Hudson Driving Association and Hudson Valley Draft Horse Association to host a Square Dance on May 18 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. UCHC will be participating in the Hudson Valley Obstacle Challenge Series and encourages everyone to participate. Hosts are Revolution Equestrian in Pawling (Dutchess County) on May 26, Sunside Equestrian in Cairo (Greene County) in June or July on a date to be determined, Ulster County Horse Council at Kindred Spirit Horsemanship in New Paltz on August 18, and Equine Rescue Resource at the Middletown Rotary Show in Middletown (Orange County) on September 15. Orange County had a tack swap earlier this spring, and is inviting speakers to meetings and hosting a gymkhana series at Orange County Park on May 25, July 13, and August 17. Putnam County has scheduled their customary Poker Ride on June 9 and Hunter Pace on September 29. Sullivan County has reorganized, and a new Board of Directors is in place, thanks primarily to Colleen Segarra for stepping up as Mid-Hudson Regional Vice-President to get them back on track. Many of the chapters are also welcoming members from neighboring counties which have no chapters. Please come to one of our events and introduce yourself!

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Orange County Chapter (OCHC)- http://www.orangecountyhc.com/

Investigator Mary Elena Moran, (OCHC member) and her 11 year old Clydesdale, Madison headed to Washington, DC for National Police Week. There, the pair attended the Police Memorial and Vigil for fallen police officers and attended training with the US Park Police and US Border Patrol. Madison was a PMU baby pulled from a slaughterhouse bound truck at a young age, later adopted by Moran who trained her to be a police horse and a member of Moran's family. Madison has gone on to win the Expert Equitation Class at the 2018 North American Police Equestrian Championships, represent the New York State Police at many community events across NY, and is a community outreach ambassador of the ultimate rescue transformation as part of Moran's Killpen to Cavalry Program.





Putnam County Chapter & Westchester County Chapter http://www.putnamhorsecouncil.org

The Putnam Horse Council was founded in 1988 by a group of enthusiastic and committed horse lovers whose aim was to bring together equally minded equestrians in Putnam County. We share riding activities such as club trail rides, charity rides and paces, as well as equine educational programs and PHC social gatherings On September 29th the Fall Hunter Pace will be held at the Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue in Pawling

Sullivan County Chapter https://www.facebook.com/groups/11893662481469

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Ulster County Chapter https://www.uchc-ny.org/

Ulster County Horse Council is participating with several other organizations in a Hudson Valley Obstacle Challenge Series. The first was hosted by Revolution Equestrian in Pawling on May 26. The second will be at Sunside Equestrian in Cairo on July 7. UCHC is hosting the third, at Kindred Spirit Horsemanship in New Paltz on August 18, and the series will finish at the Middletown Rotary Show, hosted by Equine Rescue Resource on September 15. Year-end Series prizes will be awarded: Donna Putnam is the series coordinator, and may be contacted at <u>donnaputnam3237@gmail.com</u>. NYSHC membership will be encouraged at all events.

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Region – 5 Central

New York State Breeder's Show 2019 submitted by Gary Slate, Vice President of Central Region, NYS Horse Council



Class #310, \$250 Open English Pleasure Hunter Seat Classic, first place horse AF Manolo, Dan Weeks up, Susan Hopkins owner. Judges (left to right) Todd Trushel, Gayle Lempe Fulton, Shawn Bigley, NYSHC representative Gary Slate. Photo by Bryan Nigro.

While many people attend a popular horse show, and know the effort they put into showing their horse, not everyone realizes the work required to plan, organize, promote and provide all the necessary services that go into a successful show, actually every show. The volunteers and paid staff perform many jobs that you may never be aware of, even though each is vital to your show enjoyment. From Danny Procopio opening and closing the in-gate, to Nancy Cerio walking the barn aisles throughout the night to monitor safety in the stabling, many people work for the show's success. This show has been an annual event for decades, and has a great deal of reputation, tradition, and inertia. That is one of the reasons that New York Horse Council is persuaded to be one of several underwriters for this show. Each year we ask the Horse Council to provide financial support, which is justified in publicity for the organization, and encouragement for all breeds and disciplines without favoritism. We also ask the show organizers to allow us the privilege of presenting the class awards of open classes, so that we won't be seen as favoring one breed over another. There are many other people and businesses who generously provide funding. Anyone who has had to go to business people to solicit money or items for awards (a skill needed by anyone putting on a horse show) knows how important this is, and that business people expect to be asked, and expect their support to generate good will and publicity.

I dwell on this aspect of the show for a reason. The show announcer for the first section, Ms Chris Rupnow from Lemoyne, PA, was a most unique announcer. Her job is far from simple; not only does she need to clearly give directions from the judge to the competitors in the ring, and then announce the pinning (name of rider/owner and where they are from), she also is announcing to the warm-up ring and stabling area, cueing the classes coming up. What was unique about Ms Rupnow was that she took it upon herself to mention sponsors by name, which is seldom done.

In the years that I have been a Horse Council representative to this show, we have always approached the various announcers and asked to be introduced for each open class that we are presenting the awards. This is literally "a word from our sponsors" which helps us make the horse public aware of the Horse Council, and to dispel the general impression that "Horse Council is just for the benefit of trail riders". (Please view our website, nyshc.org, and read our mission statement.) We expect to hear our name, as often as possible, not for personal recognition but to publicize our organization. What we seldom hear, and we did hear at this show, were individual thank-you's to many of the various vendors who were thanked for their generous support. To my mind, that puts Ms Chris Rupnow first in class, and I can only hope that this returns the favor she has shown us.

Region – 6 Southern Tier From the SouthernTier, some info about groups, events & people:

The Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training

(USDF)<http://www.usdf.org/>. If you join CDCT, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF.

You do not need to own a horse to belong to the organization. In fact, many members have multiple horses that could lead to riding opportunities for horseless members. The club offers opportunities for education, competition and social life. Our club activities as well as the activities of neighboring GMOs are listed on our website along with other useful information. The club meets monthly year around, alternating between the more northern and southern extremes of our member range. Meetings are almost always a dish-to-pass affair at various members' homes though we do meet at restaurants on occasion.

CDCT sponsors a pair of USDF affiliated shows each June and our "casual show" in August. The casual show is preceded by a clinic organized in conjunction with the show. The casual show is a great place to try a test on a higher level or to bring out a new horse that is not yet accustomed to the activity of a horse show.

For those interested in more information about the club's activities or those wanting to join, contact can be made at cayugadressage

org<u>http://cayugadressage.org</u> or by contacting the current president, Norm Johnson, at njohnson@ithaca.edu<mailto:njohnson@ithaca.edu **BLM Mustang Adoption/Sale** event July 19 & 20, 2019 at Cornell University Equestrian Center, 220 Pine Tree Road in Ithaca. Contact Phone: 800-293-1781

https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-andburro/adoption-and-sales/events

2019 SHOW DATES FOR CHEMUNG COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:

- July 24th 28th ESQHA Summer Sizzler Quarter Horse Show Contact: Kay Onefre charmpools@stny.twcbc.com
- July 31st August 4th Chemung County Fair Horse Shows Contact: Shelly Rozell 607-738-0544 or appyrozell@yahoo.com
- August 31st September 1st Twin Tiers Classic Open Horse Show Series Contact: Shelly Rozell 607-738-0544 or appyrozell@yahoo.com or Maggie Johnston 607-742-1925 or Maggie.johnston@ymail.com
- September 6th 8th Ranch Sorting Show Contact: Beth Shaw 585-738-7688 or shawfarm@bluefrog.com September 13th – 15th – Ranch Horse Sorting Show Contact: Amber

Roberts (920) 539 - 6576 September 20th – 22nd – Ricky Quinn Horsemanship Clinic Contact: Emalee Crossman 607-437-3744 or ejcrossman@yahoo.com

- September 28th Twin Tiers Classic Open Horse Show Series Contact: Shelly Rozell 607-738-0544 or appyrozell@yahoo.com or Maggie Johnston 607-742-1925 or Maggie.johnston@ymail.com
- October 4th 6th Arabian Sport Horse Fall Show Contact: Nicole Bartholomew 315-406-9338 or bartholomewn@msn.com

****Subject to change as the season progresses**** If you are interested in renting the horse show facilities at the Chemung County Fairgrounds please contact Shelly Rozell at 607-738-0544 or appyrozell@yahoo.com

Mongol Derby From Dryden NY:

Hey there! My name is Kelsey Eliot, I like to think of myself as the "everyday equestrian." My equine resume is modest, but my experience is scrappy and practical. I've been trail riding in the hills of Upstate New York since I was about 8 and from there my passion has grown. I've guided riding tours in Iceland, I've played arena polo at Cornell for the past three winters, and recently I started competing in Limited Distance endurance rides all over the eastern United States, which has left we wanting more. Way more.

So I entered the Mongol Derby, a 1000km (621 mile) horse race across Mongolia on the backs of feral horses. There is no marked trail, no comfy camp, and no support. It's just you, your horse, and the endless steppes of Mongolia. If that sounds crazy to you, that's because it is! This race has only about a 50% completion rate and riders often suffer from illness, heat exhaustion, and broken bones.

When I submitted my application in August 2018, I thought there was no way I would ever hear back from the race organizers. Two weeks later I was proven very wrong, when they contacted me and told me they actually wanted me to come and ride this thing! I was elated. They think I have what it takes to do this! Then the imposter syndrome set in. What was I thinking? How am I going to conquer this? How do I prepare for what will likely be the most wild ride of my life? It was clear I couldn't get ready for this behemoth alone. I enlisted the help of past riders, dear friends, and one cranky craigslist pony. This past year I have learned so much and grown as a horsewoman thanks to their help. Painted Bar Stables in particular have taken me under their wing and really encouraged me when things got hard. I've ridden many different horses and many more miles. I've sought the lesson in each ride.

Now I'm down to only about a month to go before the race. I'm still training hard, and I'm looking forward to this life-changing experience. If you'd like to follow along, you can find me on Facebook as Kelsey does the Derby or on Instagram as @kelseydoesthederby. Updates will be shared even when I'm out on the steppe so you can hear exactly how I'm doing on the ride! If you'd like to help me take on this challenge, you can find my gofundme page; gofundme.com/kelseydoesthederby.

The Mongol Derby will kick off on August 7th and conclude on the 17th. Wish me luck!

Click here to support Kelsey does the Mongol Derby organized by Kelsey Eliot "To support me go to <u>https://www.gofundme.com/kelseydoesthederby?fbclid</u> =<u>IwAR3PvZHO99JH9xPMplYvBrII-</u> <u>KWvaShQ_5Rd9w-le-AqKz7KrgSDVwqjNiA</u>.

Region – 7 Finger Lakes

<u>The Lollypop Farm</u> in Fairport NY is delighted to have Steven Stevens as the new Equine Manager at their facility in Fairport NY. He recently moved from Texas, where he worked as a Natural Horsemanship Trainer and Clinician. While in Texas he wrote a blog for North Texas Farm and Ranch Magazine called the Natural Horseman. http://ntfronline.com/category/thenatural-horseman/.

On July 20th he will be offering an obstacle clinic. For more information contact the Lollypop Farm at (585)-223-1330 ext, 269

<u>Northampton Park</u> located in Brockport in Monroe County recently received a donation of two lovely picnic tables by one of the local equestrians. For information on the park:go to https://www2.monroecounty.gov/parksnorthampton.php



Region – 8 Western New Western Region Director Appointed

Pauline Burnes, Registered Landscape Architect, is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, New York State Horse Council, Inc. and Certified Horsemanship Association (Certified Equine Facilities Manager). She holds a Master of Landscape Architecture Degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry with a concentration of studies in Environmental Planning

In the '70's and '80's Mrs. Burnes was a selfemployed farrier and trained young horses to accept tack and rider for the first time. She was also a certified Clinic Instructor with the Certified Horsemanship Association. Her favorite horse, Salamanca Chief, was an off-the track thoroughbred that she re-schooled for lower level eventing. Her current horse is a 16 hand Tennessee Walker that she has trained for trail obstacles and long distance trail riding. Retired from the New York State Department of Transportation as Regional Landscape Architect Pauline is actively involved with the improvement and promotion of equestrian trails in Allegany County on public forest lands. She has been a speaker on equestrian trails at Western New York EquiFest, the International Trails Symposium, and is scheduled to speak at the International Certified Horsemanship Association annual conference to be held at Houghton College October 23 through 26 of 2019,

Pauline will be working in the southern portion of the western region and is also interested in starting a chapter in Allegany and Steuben Counties. You can contact Pauline (607)-765-8543 or by e-mail at pburnes@gmail.com

Cattchaut Chapter

The DEC informed us that the Rocky Top trail area was done being logged & had been cleaned up. Lisa & I rode there today to check it out. The logging is done & it's pretty well cleaned up although there are a few log & branches in the trail probably brought down by the wind. We remarked as much as we could with pink ribbon. Other colored ribbonsyellow, red & a little orange have been added but I think you will be able to follow the trail as there is still a track in the ground. I'm relieved that they left quite a lot of trees around the trail to shade it. Our 2 Fox Trotters, inexperienced in trail work, did a pretty good job of standing by the trees while we tied the ribbon on. I'll let you know when we are planning a work day there. https://www.facebook.com/groups/44005140938347 6/

Western Chapter http://www.wcnyshc.org/

The Western Chapter has been busy with Clinics this summer.

May 5th Western Chapter member Gail Pearles hosted a one day clinic "Mutual Trust and Respect". Gail Pearles, owner of Kinship with Horses. Five horse/rider teams enjoyed individual hour long lessons with Gail focusing on skills that the riders selected and that Gail recommended after evaluating the teams.

Western Dressage Clinic with Jeff Wilson of Delhi was held on June 29th & 30th see page 20 for more details.

Jack & Emma Minteer – Stress Free Obstacles clinic will be held on August 10th at 8002 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport, NY 14094-9045. Horse Council members - \$130, Nonmembers - \$170. Not only do Emma and Jack train your horse but they also

The Western Chapter of the New York State Horse Council (WCNYSHC) invited Jeff Wilson to return to the Western New York area for the second consecutive year for a Western Dressage Clinic. The clinic was held at The Meadows in Marilla, owned and operated by Sandy Keem Noel. The weekend began with a meet and greet on Friday evening at The Meadows. The WCNYSHC hosted the meet and greet and provided light refreshments. Jeff spoke to the attendees about his methods and training philosophies, and presented a riding demonstration on Cowboy, horse owned by Barb Cunningham. Cowboy had just returned from five weeks of training at Jeff's facility in Delhi NY. Barb rode Cowboy in the 2018 western dressage clinic, and realized Cowboy needed to work on collection and transitions. Dressage is so much more than riding a pattern between cones, it is all about teaching the horse to become soft and supple in his mouth and entire body by using his hindquarters correctly as the rider uses aids correctly to communicate with the horse. When Barb's Cowboy went to five week boot camp with Jeff, he only had fall apart gallop and a jog that would not slow down. He returned an easy

teach you (the owner) so many things! They work with the horses and people with kindness and laughter. If you would like more information or to sign up for the clinic Contact Barb Cunningham at barbcunningham11@gmail.com.

Terri Bowen Lindley - Work for Softness, Forward, Engagement and Collection clinic will on August 24th -25th at 8002 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport, NY 14094-9045. Horse Council members - \$350, Non-members - \$400. Terri is an animal trainer from Guthrie, Oklahoma who not only is a horse behaviorist, trainer, instructor, but also works with a wide variety of species! To sign up Contact Barb Cunningham at <u>barbcunningham11@gmail.com</u>

Jeff Wilson will be returning to WNY Oct. 5-6 for another clinic. . Contact Barb Cunningham at <u>barbcunningham11@gmail.com</u>

Jeff Wilson Western Dressage Clinic

and free lope, a jog you could ride forever. Yes Dressage is so important for every horse, be he a show horse, a barrel horse or "just a trail horse".



11 riders and their horses participated in the two day clinic, and began their training with ground work to help the horses become supple.



The exercises continued with the horses under saddle, and at the close of the clinic, many of the riders commented "The horse I have now is so much different than the one I arrived with". Lazy horses had more forward movement, fast horses were able to slow down, tense and braced



horses rode soft and collected, and stiff horse were able to bend around a small circle. A few horses even demonstrated flying lead changes and walking pirouettes!

Numerous Auditors, who had seen Jeff at Equifest several years ago and who had heard of him from people who previously attended his western dressage clinics, attended to observe Jeff's techniques. The WCNYSHC sponsored numerous clinics in 2019, and offered scholarships for one youth rider at each clinic. Bailey Shocknesse was selected to attend the Western Dressage Clinic, and her registration fee was paid by the WCNYSHC.



Bailey Shocknesse on her mare with Jeff Wilson.

A number of riders are requesting that the WCNYSHC work with Jeff to coordinate an "advanced" Western Dressage Clinic in Fall 2019 or 2020, for riders who have already attended one of Jeff's clinics. The "advanced" clinic would build on and continue with the foundation principles from the Jeff's previous clinics. The WCNYSHC will keep people posted via their FaceBook pag. If you are interested and want to be notified of Jeff's next clinic you can also e-mail Barbcunningham11@gmail.com

If your region is interested in sponsoring an excellent clinic with a clinician who is able to communicate with all levels of riders and horses the folks in the Western Chapter highly recommend Jeff. If you are interested you can learn more about Jeff Wilson and Cowboy Dressage at

http://www.jeffwilsoncowboydressage.com/default.htm

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Work has begun on information helpful to handling encounters with the users who are negative towards those with horses on multi-use trails. Chair / Co-Chair :

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Ride and Drive

It is not too late to sign up for \$15 or renew for only \$5, and start logging your hours! You may send in your hours monthly, quarterly, or at the end of the year. Information is posted on the NYSHC website. We are working on securing prizes; if anyone would like to donate a halter, saddle pad, or other prize, please contact Ride and Drive Chairman, Donna Putnam at <u>donnaputnam3237@gmail.com</u>

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The New York State Horse Council 2019 Youth Scholarship & Adult Grant committee is pleased at the number of applications that were received for this years Awards!

Congratulations to Samamtha Crawford for winning the 2019 NYSHC Youth Scholarship.

Pauline Burnes of Arkport NY is the winner of the 2019 Adult Grant! Pauline is a member of the Chatt-Chaut Horse Council and very active in her community, and has promotes events, trail conferences, and open space for equines and safe trail riding. Pauline will be attending the 2019 Certified Horsemanship Association International Conference Samantha is an active member of her Horse Council Chapter in Orange County, her local G&M Riding Club and 4H. She has been an exemplary student and horse person who will be attending the University of Wyoming this fall. Samantha wishes to pursue Veterinary Medicine.

and Large Animal Rescue Opperations Class. Congratulations Pauline! The NYSHC Youth Scholarship & Adult Grant committee Thanks all the applicants and wishes them much success in the future. We encourage them to continue their memberships to NYSHC and remain active in their chapters. Most importantly to try again next year in May 2020.

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Large Animal Rescue Operations Training at Alfred State College, June 19 and 20, 2019 Submitted by Pauline Burnes, RLA, Western New York Regional Director

I would like to thank the New York State Horse Council for providing a scholarship for me to attend the two-day class of Large Animal Rescue Operations Training June 19 and 20. This program was offered through the Center for Community Education and Training at Alfred State College. The trainers, Eric Johnson (Emergency Equine Response Unit) and Brett Huff represented Animal Search and Rescue Training (www.ASARTraining.com), heavy extrication rescue training with a focus on equines. Their emphasis on safety for the responders was excellent. Classroom instruction on the first day started with a very impressive Power Point selection of examples of rescue situations, including an overturned livestock trailer on a large expressway and how the cattle were extricated from the trailer and corralled by fire trucks! Other emergency rescues included rescuing horses from floods, trenches and mud pits.

We then learned various knots to use on specific safety rope and webbing prior to learning how to set up ropes and pulleys for "mechanical advantage". In the afternoon we participated in and exercise using a special "A-Frame", Becker sling and other apparatus to extricate Stormy the equine manikin from a situation where he had fallen into a ditch. It was amazing how our teams worked together on the problem to apply emergency webbing, sling, ropes and pulley systems to bring the "A-Frame" upright with Stormy attached.

On day two we returned to do more rope, webbing and knot review. This was necessary to set up mechanical advantage systems in the Alfred State dairy barn. The Instructor's demonstrated various equipment to free large animals from mud holes. We were taught how to properly "bundle" a horse on a

"It's like the brightest sunrise waiting on the other side of the darkest night." That quote comes from a Danny Gokey song and it best describes the moment a horse is rescued from neglect or the slaughter pipeline and enters safe and loving hands. I have always been an advocate for horse rescue and have contributed in various ways to help horses find safety, receive the care and training they need, etc. given my own resources throughout the years.



Rescuing horses has been just as therapeutic for me as it is for the horse. To take what has been thrown away, discarded, and let down by my fellow man, to

slide type backboard, then given a rescue scenario with Stormy's legs stuck through a pipe rail gate. Working as an Incident Command response team, we freed Stormy from the gate by putting him on the slide and bundled him for transport.

Attendees included animal control officers from various counties, a couple of veterinarians and veterinary technicians, Alfred State farm staff, Allegany County SPCA, Finger Lakes SPCA, Steuben County Sheriff's Department, and others. There is interest in forming large animal emergency response teams in Allegany, Steuben and Ontario Counties. These trained responders are deployed through the emergency management office in each county where prior memorandums of understanding and training have been established.

I encourage all horse and stable owners to inquire about Animal Search and Rescue teams in their own areas specific to equines and heavy extrication. These teams work closely with County emergency management offices, law enforcement, fire fighters and other first responders at accident scenes.

The Gifts of Rescue

then transform them to infinite worth with loving care and training comes with many life lessons, many of which are how we should learn to treat people. Sometimes we dismiss people's value or capabilities due to their physical or mental challenges, when had we just believed in them and cheered for them instead, we would see that it's the heart that matters the most in what you can achieve.

When I was named as one of the official horse trainers for the Rescued to Stardom competition at the Horse World Expo, I realized my opportunity to share the gifts of rescue with my friends and riding students. The Rescued to Stardom competition was an opportunity to train an unhandled rescued horse who was saved and owned by a horse rescue, train them in 90 days, and then go on to showcase them in a competition at the HWE in Harrisburg, PA. My students and friends shared in the excitement as they drove with me to Vermont to pick up Teddy from Gerda's Equine Rescue and welcomed him home to our farm. Teddy came to us with an aggressive sarcoid tumor on his leg and we were faced with the decision to either trade him for another horse at the rescue to continue on with the competition or to be loyal to him and see him through his physical challenges even if it meant we may have to withdraw from the competition. As a group we unanimously agreed to stand by Teddy and see him through his

physical challenges and he truly rewarded us with his heart. Even with his physical challenges including a surgery and daily bandage changes, we continued on with the competition. Over the next three months, the team doctored wounds, learned to evaluate nutritional needs, held him for the dentist and farrier, learned groundwork and desensitizing training, and were part of the step-by-step process to make this horse a fully trained and healthy member of the team. Each student helped in a way that they could given their own skill level and experience. Some groomed and carried equipment to the ring for training sessions; some of the girls rode him and helped with our field trips. It was an amazing team building experience for all involved and they all felt ownership of the product: a happy, relaxed, loved, and now skilled horse. Teddy went on to the competition, placed 3rd, and the team was right there at the Expo to get him ready, cheer for him, participate in the freestyle, and care for him away from home.



The rescue transformation experience was life changing to the members of "Team Teddy" and my purpose of writing this is to encourage others to consider the value of rescue, not only to the life saved, but in the lessons gained and team building by your children and riding students. If you are unsure about the unknown costs of rehabilitation, don't have a quarantine set-up, and have concerns over being "over-horsed," the solution is to connect with your local horse rescue, tell them that you would like to help and explain to them your specializations and what would best work for your situation. Most horse rescues do a tremendous job physically rehabilitating the horse but financially cannot afford horse training. The horse may sit at the rescue for a long time because the rescue doesn't know what the horse is capable of to advertise them for adoption. When a horse gets adopted, it makes room for the next life to be saved, so the goal is to make the animal as physically and mentally whole as possible, put some training into them and find them a loving home!

Therefore, to take an already quarantined rehabilitated horse from a rescue is a great gift to that animal and the rescue to donate training. Ideally, the horse might go on to become your lesson horse, they may be adopted by a student or boarder, or go back to the rescue ready for adoption because of the training you have provided them. Right away, get the members of your circle on board the journey with you and enjoy the ride!

Here is a reflection from my student, Elly Kowalczik on her experience with Teddy: "I feel that this process has made me a better person, rider, and equestrian. I've been taught true horsemanship, how to begin everything with a green and young horse (in less than 90 days, might I add), and have been given the gift of true friendship by my lovely mentor and wonderful peers. Often times people praise you for rescuing horses, for giving them a new start at a better life and how wonderful you must be to help a creature in their most desperate times- but, what I don't think people see enough of is that the one who rescues is also on the receiving end. Joy, happiness, contentment, fulfillment, passion, excitement, and any other synonym to these words all define what is on the receiving end of horse rescue. I am beyond blessed to be here throughout Teddy's whole journey "from Rescued to Stardom" and everywhere else it brings us. Thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way, and a very big thank you to Gerda's Equine Rescue for saving such a good little soul."

Find Teddy's full rescue story at Teddy's Journey from Rescued to Stardom 2019 on Facebook! Teddy with Elly Kowalczik, now a lesson horse awaiting adoption, enjoyed and loved! Submitted by Mary Elena Moran Orange County Chapter member.

Lusscroft Farm Flyer

Lusscroft Farm announcing five 2019 horse camping Staycations close by in Northern NJ. Maybe it's important to note that If it's another rainy weekend, we bring the tables under cover of the horse stall barn and have had some great times right there. Also if rainy we go to wineries, new distillery in Branchville, NJ and local Angry Erik Brewery just moved into a bigger location

2019 BENEFIT HORSE TRAIL RIDES & CAMPING AT LUSSCROFT FARM



Sat., June 1 - National Trails Day Sat., July 13 - Lusscroft Day Sat., August 3 Sat., August 31 - Labor Day Sat., October 5



Bring your own horse and come feel the magic riding on the Lusscroft Farm marked trail system and fields. Enjoy a quiet, relaxed camping weekend or just a day ride!

All rides start at approx. 12 noon after a leisurely campfire breakfast. Noon allows day riders to park and ride along with campers, or head out on your own!

Riders have the option of arriving on Friday after 12 noon and can stay until Sunday lunch.





Weekend Fee: \$45 includes Fri/Sat camping with 2 nights stall. Hotel nearby if not camping. Day Riders: Please contribute to fund raiser.

Funds raised are for ongoing restoration projects at Lusscroft Farm.

To keep this affordable, we all bring potluck meals to share for Fri/Sat dinner & lunch and Sat./Sun breakfast at campfire/grill. Coordinate menu with Carolyn Moran at 845-667-2015.





Camping reservations required for the 15 available stalls.

Contact: Carolyn Moran 845-667-2015 cmoran789@gmail.com

Lusscroft Farm, 50 Neilson Rd. Wantage. LusscroftFarm.org Trailer Entrance: County Route 519 at 4-H Trail - by stone gatehouse and historic marker (mile marker 81. Go up hill, go past the horse ring, then make left to go to stables.

Presented by The Heritage and Agriculture Association, Inc., in cooperation with the NJ DEP/Division of Parks and Forestry.

By Lynn Acton

I went to the pasture one dark evening to collect the horses for dinner. Brandy and Shiloh were waiting for me at the gate. Bronzz was not. I called his name, silence. I peered around. No sign of him. Getting uneasy, I asked the mares, "Where's Bronzz?"

Ouite deliberately. Brandy turned her head so she was looking to my left, toward a dark corner of the pasture where a tamarack tree stands next to a little rise. I couldn't see anything but, trusting Brandy's superior night vision (not to mention hearing and smell), I made my way across the ditch, past the tree, and up the hill. Bronzz stood quietly in the corner of the pasture, not even nickering as I approached. Was he injured? Trapped? Sick? I slipped his halter on and cautiously asked him to move. He followed me, no problem. At the barn I checked him over carefully. He was just fine. I have no doubt that Brandy was showing me where Bronzz was. My horses know each other's names, and my body language said I was searching for him. This kind of purposeful communication is natural for horses. A wild or feral horse herd (undisrupted by humans) is a complex social system that requires subtle communication for survival. Horses can also be quite purposeful in attempts to communicate with humans, mostly of course with their body language.

In one study, researcher Rachele Malavasi placed buckets of oats, carrots, or apples beyond the reach of a horse. Then she recorded horses' attempts to get the attention of a human standing nearby, and direct that person's attention to the bucket. When the human was facing them, horses were more likely to seek eye contact, then look at the bucket. If that didn't work, horses tried more creative strategies to get the person's attention, and direct it toward the goodie bucket. Some were very subtle, others used whole body motions.

This shows that horses don't just react to what we do. They also initiate communication with a goal in mind, a strategy to achieve that goal, and the ability to come up with a new strategy if the initial one fails. People often overlook this communication. Some horses, accustomed to being ignored or even punished, give up trying. "That's an unfortunate situation, but it can be fixed," says Dr. Malavasi. "If you don't know what your horse wants, be creative, and test solutions. It could be a great game to play together, and you're sure to see a positive change in your horse's attitude!"

Another study demonstrated that horses have a concept of what we do or do not know, and that this influences their attempts to communicate with us. In Part One of the study, a horse and a familiar caretaker observed as the experimenter hid a carrot in a bucket beyond the horse's reach. In Part Two of the study, the familiar caretaker was not present when the experimenter hid the carrot. In that case, horses made a greater effort to direct their caretaker's attention to the bucket, understanding that she (presumably) did not know there was a carrot in it.

This is something to keep in mind when horses spook or act suspicious or concerned about a situation. If we act like nothing's there, they may escalate their behavior in an attempt to alert us to possible danger we have apparently not noticed. I find it more effective to look ostentatiously at whatever my horse is worried about and announce with great authority, "Yup, I see that. It's a whatever. No problem." Assuming of course that I know for a fact there's no danger.

Sapphire once gave a dramatic demonstration of pointing out danger. As we strolled along on a lazy summer trail ride, she suddenly took a flying leap, whipped around, and stood snorting and glaring at the trail. Careful inspection revealed a ground hog hole hidden by weeds at the edge of the trail. On another occasion, Sapphire met me at the pasture gate, and stuck her forehead practically in my face so I'd notice the burrs that completely snarled her forelock, undoubtedly very irritating. Bronzz once limped up to me and held out his lame foreleg to make sure I noticed.

More often, our horses' communication is about routine matters. Brandy stands at a pasture gate staring at the grass. "Please open the gate." Shiloh tips over the 16 gallon water tank. "Tank's empty, need a refill." Bronzz picks up my dressage whip and clamps it in his teeth. "Let's play!"

And that raises the question of why he was hiding in the corner of the pasture that evening, when he surely had no intention of missing dinner or staying out alone. I think he was playing a joke on me, and watching for my reaction, another sign of both intelligence and communication.

People often dismiss their horses' attempts to communicate, because they don't think horses are that smart. They are that smart. They are also very social individuals who not only depend on us, but value their relationships with us. There is no question that our horses speak to us. The only question is, are we listening?

About the Author

Lynn Acton is a certified riding instructor and author of What Horses Really Want (to be published by Trafalgar Square in 2020). Her formerly feral pony Brandy now competes in Horse Agility and babysits grandchildren. Her Arabian Bronzz is the International Horse Agility Club's 2018 World Champion in Equability (Horse Agility that includes riding).

2019 Annual General Meeting September 21

The AGM will be 0n 9/21 at Longfellows Hotel, Restaurant, and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs located at 500 Union Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-6426. Room rate for those wanting to stay there is \$209/night for a double queen. Price for NYSHC members will be \$25/per person. Non-members will be \$35 per person. Speaker will be Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga Chamber. Come early and enjoy Saratoga Springs harness racing at the Racino or the many boutiques in downtown Saratoga. Call Longfellows at (518)-587-8108 for reservations. Room rate is good until August 1st, after that it is not guaranteed. When calling tell them it is for NYSHC. Only 10 rooms are in the block so call early. Rooms can be cancelled up to 14 days prior to arrival without penalty. Rooms must be reserved on personal credit cards. Room rate is for double occupancy. Check in is 3pm.

> Submitted by Marsha Himler Capital Region VP, New York State Horse Council http://www.nyshc.org

New York State Horse Council's 51st Fall Pleasure Ride October 11-14, 2019 during Columbus Day Weekend

NYSHC members will be gathering during the Columbus Day Weekend this coming October for the annual Fall Pleasure Ride and Activities at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Brookfield, N.Y. 13314.





To registrar on line Go to <u>https://www.nyshc.org/post.php?pid=101</u> or fill out the form below. If you have questions please contact. Kristin Bennett (518)788-7469 fallride@nyshc.org

If you are interested in volunteering, there's lots of opportunities i.e. (Barn Managers (set up/take down/repairs/provide customer assistance), Jar Wars, 50/50 Raffle, Auction (set up/organize/collect data/present items), Registration Office, Weekend Activities (Poker Run/Obstacle Challenge or Costume Class/Weigh In your Horse/and more).

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To celebrate their wedding anniversary in November 2017, John and Betty Messina decided to take a riding lesson together. After an exhaustive and tedious search for farms, countless calls with none returned, they discovered that booking a lesson was a manual, paperwork-intensive process. As a result of this experience, they decided to fix these problems. John, a technology and product development expert and Betty, a technology marketing and business development professional, together, developed heelsdown.com.

Heelsdown.com is an online marketplace to find and book equestrian activities, lessons, and horseback riding experiences. Features of heelsdown.com include: search by location or trainer name, trainer profiles and reviews, farm services and amenities, and photo galleries of the horses. The founders launched the website in October of 2018 and started locally in Westchester County where they reside. To date, farms have signed up in more than 10 states across the country and people are booking English and Western riding lessons on the platform. In fact, both John and Betty book all their riding lessons on heelsdown.com. What started out as a celebratory riding experience has turned into a passion for riding and a business.

Read Trainer Reviews, Book Equestrian Activities, & Conveniently Pay Online

Whether you're new to riding horses or are an experienced rider, anyone can easily find equestrian activities, book lessons or trail riding, and conveniently pay online. Parents can use heelsdown.com to not only book lessons for themselves, but also for their children by creating sub-accounts for each child. Parents are able to easily book and pay online at any time, and not have to make the trip to the barn to drop off a check or cash. The platform lets you find equestrian riding experiences for any style of riding, whether English or Western. Customers can book equestrian activities such as a leisurely trail ride or competitive lessons for hunter/jumper, barrel racing, and dressage, to name a few. Heelsdown.com gives customers the ability to rate and review their trainer after each activity which is an industry first. Betty adds, "Trainer reviews help customers select a trainer as well as help raise the bar on training, ultimately bringing more value to riders seeking top-rated trainers."

Financial Dashboard & Scheduling Management Tool for Farms & Trainers

Farm owners have access to a financial dashboard that provides trainer and horse calendar management, transaction history, and full visibility to lesson activities even when traveling. Trainers keep track of lessons and trail rides on a calendar as well as assign the right horse to the rider before they show up for a lesson. Farm owners and trainers love using heelsdown.com because they can confirm lessons on their mobile phones while riding or giving lessons, and stay up-to-date on any schedule changes, while never missing a booking. "Our goal is to have every farm use our site for scheduling and managing horseback riding lessons, trail rides, and other equestrian activities," says John, "while also helping people find great places to ride." On heelsdown.com, farm owners and trainers can post information about their services at no cost. Heelsdown.com is continuously adding new features and is planning to have an app by year end.

Keep up with heelsdown.com activities on social media @heelsdownapp (see links below). Website: <u>https://www.heelsdown.com</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/heelsdownapp</u> Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/heelsdownapp</u> Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/heelsdownapp

JOIN US – Volunteers or Nominations

As a statewide non-profit organization supporting horses, the NYSHC is eligible to get grants; can help fund educational events, and has worked with legislators, Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in Albany. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GET SOMETHING DONE, NYSHC CAN HELP YOU. The following director positions will be up for election this year for 2020. NYSHC also needs more volunteers. There are usually 4 - 5 board of directors meetings per year, 2 - 3 in Binghamton, 2 teleconferences, and one annual membership meeting that moves around the state.

These are the people helping horse people and activities in NY. State Issues: Equine limited liability legislation; reduced tolls for horse trailers on NYS Thruway; horse boarding eligible for agricultural tax exemption; improvements to NYS Fairgrounds horse show facilities; trail planning by DEC, OPRHP and local. Recreational activities: Brookfield Fall Pleasure Ride, Competitive Trail Ride clinic and ride. Educational: Annual general membership meeting, supporting Equus film festival in NYC, and clinics. Chapters of the NYSHC operate clinics and trail rides, and the WNY EquiFest in Hamburg NY. Website nyshc.org provides listing of horse related businesses and horse trails in NY State. Please contact me to volunteer or to nominate someone for a position up for election. Susan Knauer, Nominations Committee Chair sdknauer1@gmail.com 585 413 3775

Incumbents up for re-election named below. Regions described on website nyshc.org under News/Events, click Chapter News.

Regional Vice President:

• Northern: Karen Lassell

Directors:

- Capital: 2 vacant
- Finger Lakes: 2 vacant
- Mid-Hudson: 1 vacant
- Northern: Chauntel Gilliland
- Southern Tier: 2 vacant

Committee Chairs and members:

- Fall Pleasure Ride
- Membership Chair
- Newsletter needed for 2020

New and Exciting Versatility Ranch Horse Competition

With the growing interest in versatility ranch horse competition a challenging sport that combines multiple performance classes to showcase the many talents of ranch horses the need for Ranch Horse Clinics has grown. On July 11 Homestead Stables in Gerry NY was proud to host to a clinic featuring Jennifer Woodruff, judge and clinician of New Horizons Equine! (Silver Springs, FL & Woodgate, NY) As a 29 year career multi carded judge, Jennifer Woodruff of New Horizons Equine has truly found her niche in the fast growing Ranch industry, specifically in educating riders on the ins and outs of the discipline and, how to get started in Ranch competition. With a deep western education as a graduate of Morrisville College, Jennifer developed her feel and her eye for a truly broke and willingly guided horse under the expert guidance of her



mentor, Spike Holmes. With the birth of the ranch

division and it's resulting explosion into the equine show world, she saw the need to make Ranch classes



truly inviting and fun to the newcomer. Many of Jennifer's riders and auditors in her clinics have competed in other disciplines but want to try Ranch classes. Jennifer brings her show ring experience as a judge and a competitor into the clinic arena to merge it with an "easy to understand and apply" style. She has been a regular and repeat clinician on Ranch and a variety of other topics across the country as a result. Jennifer has been blessed to be featured as a presenter at Equine Affaire, Horse World Expo, Hoosier Horse Fair, Midwest Horse Fair and countless club and privately managed events

Don't miss Jennifer's next clinic August 15, western dressage in morning and ranch in afternoon at Homestead Stables

https://www.homesteadstables.org/events/

"Ruby's Grand Adventure - Horse Passion Has No Boundaries"

A group of seven Western New York riders and I went to southwestern Utah for a trip of a lifetime in early May. Most of us own horses and trail ride often. It would be a new experience for us to be on rental horses 5 to 6 hours daily for four straight days in a row. We were joined by riders from Michigan and a couple from Arizona for a total of 20 participants. But we were ready for it!!!!



And then the riding began. It only took me one hour in the saddle to realize that this would be an experience like no other. If you've been to Bryce Canyon Utah to visit you know what I mean. Most visitors don't have access to the areas we did; very few visitors get to see what we saw on horseback. Mother Nature provided spectacular sites that this Western NY gal



has never seen - hoodoos, slot canyons, small creeks, Indian etchings in the rocks, and high narrow path trails with very steep walls below us. The scenery was so diverse as we explored Red Canyon, Thunder Mountain, Willis Creek, and the Henderson Rim Trail. We even explored a trail made famous by Butch Cassidy and his outlaws.

None of this would have been possible without the experienced wranglers who guided us on our adventure. They were true professionals in every sense of the word knowledgeable about each and every horse and their tack. Their focus was on the safety of the riders and also the safety, health and care of the horses. Often they would tell us stories many of them lore from days gone by of the old west. Ruby's is a family-run business. What was most enjoyable to me was that the word business never factored into our adventure. The wranglers treated us like family by making sure we had the ultimate customer experience each and every day.



They called this trip Ruby's Grand adventure and it was Grand in so many ways. Submitted by Lisa DuBois For more information: <u>https://www.horserides.net/bryce-</u> <u>canyon-horse-rides/</u>

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