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Horsefeathers



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

April will be another busy month for Appleatchee. We have the reining show, barrel futurity and the WAHSET district meet. Stall lock outs will be needed for these shows. Notices will be posted accordingly.

Please remember that we need these larger shows to help balance the budget. Our out of town guests may not know all of our ground rules; please show some patience and understanding while they are here. We have several other show grounds competing for their business.

The outdoor arenas have dried out. Please start using the middle or roping arena for horse turn outs. The irrigation water should be on for us the first week of April. Perry and the crew will start a regular schedule for these arenas.

The board voted to purchase a used loader tractor. As I said last month it would cost over \$5,500.00 dollars to fix the old loader. It is over 20 years old. A new heavy duty loader was going to cost between 50 and 60 thousand dollars. The board found a 2005 John Deere with low hours for \$15,500.00. It is now on the grounds.

We are experiencing more trouble with the water going to the rental house and club house. Jack made a temporary repair over the weekend. A permanent fix will be made as soon as possible.

Let's all find more time to ride our horses.

Thanks, Conrad Schoessler, President



FROM THE OFFICE:

The new price of baled shavings is \$6.00, as of March 1, 2010.

Please do not throw grain products in the runs as this is attracting more pigeons to the barns. Put any grain to be discarded in the manure pile below D barn.

Please remember to lock out by 8:00 am on the dates posted. With scaled back grounds crew this season we need to have this done on time so the stalls will be ready when our guests arrive. There is a \$20.00 fee if your stall is not cleaned and your horse locked out.

Thank you to all the "Hosts" that volunteered during the March WAHSET Show. It was a great help to get them settled in. We will be hosting at some more events and hope to have more volunteers step forward. Some had so much fun they are already onboard for the next one. Please contact Susan at the office 663-3175 or at 670-2202.

The Appleatchee **Birthday Party donated to the St. Joseph's School Raffle** sold for \$150.00 and was won by Gwen McQuaig. She is ten years old. Her Birthday Party was held on March 14th. She invited 7 other girls. **A special Thanks** is sent to Stacie Witter, Daryll Comptom, Mary and Stan Sawyer, Mac and Linda McFarland, Michaiela Lantzy, Maria Jordan, Jamie Judd, Jennifer Lorenz, Patty and Scott Cheek, and Jeannie and Johnie Lee Bryant for making the party a great time for everyone!

Thanks Appleatchee and all of the above: Lynda Mikelson and the Sunshine Girls

BOARD MEETING ACTIONS:

New members Kim and Dan Gettman and former members Jill and Mitch Whitman rejoined.

Approved sponsorship request for Patterson/Cummings.

Approved sublease requests for Reister/Sawyer and Mikelson/Seahorn.

Approved purchase of a replacement loader.

Approved request for FFA & 4-H steer hoof trimming clinic in Sparks Arena Aug 7th.

Approved request for driving tour of grounds for senior facility and St. Joseph's pre-school.

~Division Reports~

Barns Division:



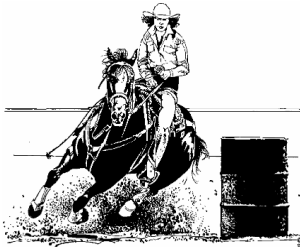
Just a reminder about the barn aisle ways: member renters need to keep the hay, horse hair and baling twine picked up. Also the manure needs to be 3 feet from the back fence of the stall runs. Members really need to remember this during lock outs so people have a place to walk through to feed their horses. Besides it being a rule, it's just plain courteous and kind to your neighbor.

With the up-coming April show calendar, renter/members need to look at the calendar before tacking up to see where they can ride. *Thanks, Deb Purcell, Barns Division Chair*

Also, this is a reminder that we have three lock-out weekends in April. This can be trying for renters, but profitable for the club. Leave your tack room lights on so the stall light is also on. It helps the show people more than you know. Also, we are supposed to rake our manure away from the fences. It's part of the Barn Rules, but especially important during lock-outs so that people can get to their paddocks without walking through manure.

Be courteous when feeding. Most of the show people are very grateful for the stall you have lent them. Don't let one sour apple ruin your attitude towards the rest of the show people. Likewise, don't be the sour apple that spoils the show for our guests. *Joye Delabarre, Barns Division Co-Chair.*

Games and Barrels Division: Hello from the Gaming division,



Well it looks like the weather is doing great. Everyone is getting the horses in shape except for you know who! Well, time to start thinking about the shows. Our first is getting here faster than I could imagine, but I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again. We seem to be having a good response from the other side of the mountains wanting to come for the first show. The WAHSET kids did great for the first meet of the season. I am so proud of them. They have really been working hard with Lesa and Vince Bland. What coaches they have! Keep up the great work for the other 2 meets.

Well, that is all for now. If anyone wants to add anything to the newsletter get in touch with me and we will put it in. Get those horses and yourselves in shape for the season.
Till next time, Jill English - Games Division

The April 16th, 17th & 18th Futurity/Maturity and Barrel races is starting to come together. Our Barrel Division is very small and we will need help again this year to put this big weekend and money maker on. Please let Joanne Thomas or myself know if you can help any of those three days or nights. You do not have to know much about barrel racing to volunteer for some of the jobs we need filled.

Last year we brought in about \$15,000 to the club with only a handful of people helping. Please make an effort to come and support your club and lend a helping hand. This event is now the last of three barrel races in the PNW and we call our three races the Triple Crown. We expect an even bigger show this year. We still need a few sponsors for our Championship Blankets. The sponsorship is \$100.00. We have had several members donate a horse blanket for this event. *Thanking you for your support and commitment ahead of time. Julie Sauve*

Performance Division: Hi Everyone! Your ***Appleatchee Performance Division*** is gearing up for our



busy spring and summer months ahead! We just completed our first schooling show for the 2010 show season with visiting judge, Doug Evenson from Ellensburg. We had a wonderful turnout and our new show format was well received with 22 participants in our trail course alone! I want to thank Carol Nolph and Thera Judd for helping make the show run smoothly.

With the longer days of spring, it means that we have our second SCHOOLING SHOW on Saturday, May 1st, with WSH Sr Judge Lisa Gardner, our APPLE BLOSSOM DUAL OPEN HORSE SHOW, May 8th and 9th, and our 2nd Annual DRY GULCH TRAIL CHALLENGE coming up Saturday, May 29th. We've posted the www.bushhorses.com Apple Blossom show premium, entry form and class list on our Appleatchee website and will be mailing out premiums the 1st week of April. We're hoping a number of Appleatchee members will find some time in their busy schedules to volunteer to help us with some workdays out at the Appletchee bowl as we do some spring clean up and work on some new trail obstacles. We have our April PERFORMANCE DIVISION MEETING scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th at 6pm** in the Clubhouse. On the agenda will be: setting workday dates, the May 1st Schooling Show, and putting together a working list of volunteers for all of the performance events. Looks to be a busy April doesn't it!

WSH B System Dressage Show:

The Appleatchee WSH B System Dressage Shows are coming up on June 5th and 6th. With the early interest from out of town, we are looking for a full 2 days of showing.

Paige Ruhl, USDF L Graduate, will judge on Saturday, June 5th and Pam Pentz "R" system judge will judge on Sunday, June 6th. Entries for both of these shows closes on May 25, 2010.

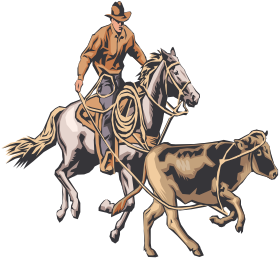
Our Dressage shows have gained a very good reputation, thanks to volunteers (who make the shows run smoothly), and to our class sponsors who enable us to offer some very nice trophies.

If you can help on either of these days as a volunteer, or, donate as a class sponsor, please contact Suzanne Metcalf at (509) 663-3635, or Dee Olin at (509) 662-0163.

Thanking you all in advance, Suzanne Metcalf. See you there!

Roping Division:

We are practicing on Tuesday Nights at 7:00PM. The fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for non- members to practice. As of the 1st of April we are outside in the roping arena. After we get the new cattle trained, our practice nights will be Tuesday and Thursday.

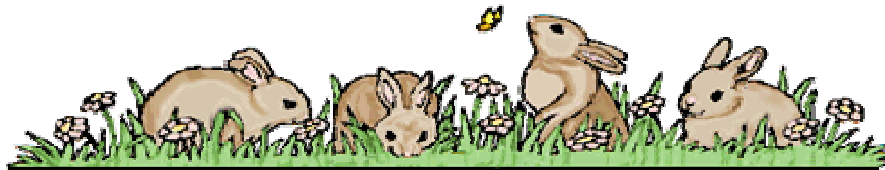


We are having another series for our Friday nights in April, giving away some nice Appleatchee hooded sweatshirts to 1 – 2 1/2, 3 – 3 1/2, 4 and over ropers. We are using Appleatchee Numbering System. Good Luck Ropers!

Our new cattle are here. Now the work begins. We will need everyone's help (members and non-members) to get this job done. Our first roping we are using 1/2 the cattle is April 3rd. Thank you

April 2010		
2nd	Friday Night Draw	7:00
4th	Sunday Roping	11:00
9th	Friday Night Draws	7:00
16 th	Friday Night Draws	7:00
23 st	Friday Night Draws	7:00
30 th	Friday Night Draws	7:00

May 2010		
2 nd	Sunday Roping	11:00
7 th	Friday Night Draws	7:00
14 st	No Roping (WAHSET)	
21 st	Friday Night Draws	7:00
28 th	Memorial Friday Draws	7:00
29 th	Memorial Day Roping	10:00
30 th	Memorial Day Roping	9:00
31 st	Memorial Day Roping	9:00



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



SERVICES:

MASTER SADDLE FITTER: David Gilpin – will be at Appleatchee on April 6th and 7th for English Saddle Fitting. If you are interested in having your Dressage or Jump saddle re-stuffed or checked, please sign up at Stall A 13.

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