

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

We've made it to the halfway point in the show season and things have gone well. This month we have a Barrel Race, PSHA State Games Finals, Team Sorting competition and clinic, and Labor Day Weekend Roping. Hopefully the temps will drop a little (as forecast) and be easier on the participants and horses.

Barn renters, remember to check your waterers while it is so hot. Please clean up loose hay and debris that collects in front of stalls. The wind does blow some of this into the barns, but if we clean up after feeding and hay deliveries it keeps the barn cleaner. We want to keep loose dry materials out of the barns, especially this time of the year to minimize dust, and to reduce flammable materials. May 1st thru October 31st stalls and paddocks must be cleaned daily to help with fly control.

There is a white horse trailer parked in the middle lot, it's very lonely and I need to find its family. If it belongs to you, please contact the office; it needs to be registered and parked with the other trailers.

ROPING



July is always our busiest month with the 4th of July & Low # Roping weekends. Over the July 4th we had 805 team and Low # 761 teams throughout the weekends. Congrats to all the winners. We awarded over \$12,000 & prizes to 16th place in our Super 6 roping on Sunday 7/22/18 (above photo). We were happy to see several new faces over the past couple months, a lot of nice ropers and their families.

Labor Day is just around the corner. This is generally our biggest roping of the year and we are looking forward to another great turnout. We will have another "All-Girl" roping, where we will auction "Calcutta" all the pretty lady teams!

Our big winners are:

July 4th Weekend



2 1/2 & under Division: **Riley Eres** (left) winning \$1,486.00 3 & over Division: **Houston Hull** winning \$2,495.00

Low # Weekend



1.5 & under Division: **Rio Schmidt (left)** winning \$1,260.00 and 2 & over Division: **Nick Hardy** winning \$3,066.00

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 through the summer 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. Be sure to see the Team Sorting report below for more details.

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:

August

8/03/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
8/04/18	Team Sorting competition	9:00
8/17/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
8/31/18	Labor Day Fri. night	7:00

September

9/01/18	Labor Day weekend	10:00
9/02/18	Labor Day weekend	9:00
9/03/18	Labor Day Weekend	9:00
9/07/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
9/15/18	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
9/21/18	No Roping	ACTRA Finals

TEAM SORTING

We had a fun July competition with 26 riders. We paid out \$1230 to winners of the 3-man and 2-man competitions, including the 2-man buyback competition!

Next up is our monthly 3-man and 2-man sorting event on August 4! The weather forecast is for sunny and 84 degrees, so don't let the current heat wave deter you from coming! This is the third in our summer prize series for the 2-man event. You don't have to compete in the series to earn jackpot cash and have some fun at any of the summer sortings. The rest of the summer series events are: September 15 & October 27. Learn about dates, format, cost, and other details for all our sorts from the summer flier on our Facebook page [Appleatchee Riders Team Sorting](#) or on the Team Sorting Division page of the [Appleatchee website](#).



We are having a mini-clinic on Sunday Aug. 5 with Kevin Dunham, one of our star high-level riders who comes from Cheney to sort with us on a regular basis. He'll work with 5 riders one-on-one from 9 AM to noon on horse handling and working cattle for sorting. Now, we have 5 riders signed up, but we likely will have more of these mini-clinics in the near future, and maybe a larger clinic in the fall. Stay tuned.



We rescheduled the rained-out 3-man 8-go open sorting for August 26. Our event is part of a \$1000 added-money series with Speck's Arena (July 28) and Roger Braa's Silver Wings arena (Sept 1). I hope you can all make it for some fast and fun sorting. See the flier on the Appleatchee team sorting webpage, or in the photo section of our Facebook page.

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 we have time). We are outside in the roping arena, so the pen will be setup when we arrive so we can get riding early! Please help number cattle starting at 6 PM, then stay to help take down the pen when we are finished. Check for emailed or Facebook updates before coming in case we have to cancel.

See you in the sorting pen! --John

GAMING

Hello everybody,

We've had a busy July. We had one big show and a couple smaller ones. The heat has put a little shrinkage on things. That's okay.

We all had a good time getting together and doing what we do anyway. August we have State Finals on the 3rd weekend and that should be a real busy time for us. If anyone has interest in learning about what we do and has just been tossing it around that would be a good show to come check out. It will give you a really good idea about how much we enjoy



doing our thing and each other's company.

Remember Thursdays are our practices, although not on the week of State.

Remember to keep you and



your horses well hydrated. It's easy to let that slip by. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about on the grounds and the trails.

--Jeremy

PERFORMANCE

Wow just a tad warm right now.

Several Appleatchee members competed at the Washington Reining Horse Association (WRHA) Classic show in Monroe the first of June. **Tim Beck** did well on his mare Tink. **Kady Didtel** and Bentley brought home some 2nd place ribbons in Novice Horse and Youth. Mo and I had fun (never knew garbage cans can be so scary), and also brought home some awards.



The **Appleatchee Dressage Shows** were June 9th and 10th. We averaged 50 tests each day this year. I want to send out a thank you to all members that sponsored a class award, and a huge shout out to **Sangster Motors** for again loaning us a couple of very nice trucks for the judge's stand and for display. **Sangster Motors** also gave us a large monetary sponsorship as well. Local winners of High Score awards were **Brigitte Ranne**--English Adult Open award on Sunday, and Mo and I (**Deb**) were Adult Amateur Western both Sat and Sun. I want to congratulate **JoAnne Percy** for joining the USDF Century Club riding Doll. Thank you, to all the volunteers who assisted with this show. Without you we would not be able to put this on.

Eventer, **Tammy Wheeler**, attended the 3-day-event at Aspen Farms, and had a successful event, moving up a level with her big boy. **Tammy** and her boy traveled to Kalispell, MT for the Rebecca Farms 3-day event, July 17th. They were 11th in their division. Congrats. This event has become a premier event in the nation.

Several members participated in the RHANW Summer Slide show held at the arena with success for all in the pen. **Alex Berthiaume** riding Mick placed in her youth classes, **Tim Beck** and Tink placed in their classes, **Angela Kirschner** showed her young mare, **Pam Morgan** and J Lo took on the ranch riders, and Mo and I took home some awards.

Let me know of shows that you have attended, so that we can share your success. There is a lot of time and commitment in getting to the show pen.

I am thinking of clinics to try to schedule next year and if you have any suggestions please let me know. Ranch Riding will be one that I will be working on.

In closing, a thought:

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way"

Have a great ride

Deb

RESCUE PHOENIX

Phoenix is a 3-year-old, 15.3 hand gelding. He is a phantom Medicine Hat Paint with red ears and a red tail. This guy was rescued off of the Moses Lake Feedlot just over a year ago. He is one of many Keller Range horses that were abandoned and subsequently rounded up and given to a kill buyer. He has gone through 60 days of groundwork training with an excellent trainer who worked slowly with him to address Phoenix's trust issues given his rough start in life. When he left his 60-day training period he was taking a saddle with weight. He's now a friendly, lovable fella who stands for the farrier and stands tied. He also does well with other horses. He is searching for his forever home where he can continue his training and be someone's partner.



If you are interested in meeting Phoenix, contact Charlene Beck 509.669.0332.



Appleatchee Century Riders

What is a Century Ride? It's an honor given by the US Dressage Foundation (USDF) to riders and horses whose combined age is 100 or more. According to the USDF, Appleatchee is the first club to have 3 Century Riders and the first club to have Century Rides done in consecutive years.

Listed below are our Century Riders from 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Mary Jo Herkenrath and Unique – 2016



Mary Jo Herkenrath has been riding her entire life. According to her daughter, all of Mary Jo's children rode horses. Mary Jo is passionate about riding. Wherever she lived she found horses and rode. She and Unique became a team 7 years ago, and that was when Mary Jo began practicing dressage. Unique is owned by **Mary Sawyer.**

Mary Sawyer and Joker - 2017



If you ask Mary when she first met Joker her reply is "I was present at his birth". Early on, Mary used him for trail riding until a friend encouraged her to come with her to an eventing clinic. It turned out that Joker was quite the jumper. Mary said that after the clinic she knew she wanted to compete in eventing and she began training for stadium and cross-country jumps, and dressage. There is a saying in eventing that the dressage score decides who wins.

JoAnne Percy and Doll



JoAnne Percy has been Doll's caretaker for several years. She chose to ride a Western Dressage test for her Century Ride. JoAnne has been riding for many years. Doll is owned by **Susan Howard**.