

# HORSEFEATHERS



**February 2018**

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## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Coastal Farm and Home has been honoring your 2017 membership cards through the month of January, but in February they will want you to show your new cards. This year they are bright orange and easy to identify.

Barn renters, please make sure when stacking hay in your tack rooms that you do not damage the light fixtures. If you have your hay delivered please ask whoever stacks it to not stack so high it hits the fixtures. We recently had damage that caused a short in one of the barns. Luckily people were around and we were able to fix the issue. This required calling for an electrician to do the repairs, and could have caused more problems if a member had tried to reset the breaker. This could have caused a barn fire.

After riding in the indoor arenas, please make sure to clean up the areas outside the arena where you have tied your horses. There is a manure fork and a wheelbarrow in the arena, please use it.

When you need work done or supplies delivered a work order needs to be filled out before the work gets scheduled. You can find work orders by the office, or you can call and leave a message with your requests. The crew has a schedule of tasks to complete daily before they start on the extra work assignments. Please respect their time. They always want to help but sometimes don't want to tell you they have other duties to complete.

We are going to be doing some finish-up items to the show barn and the grounds and we continue to make improvements to our facility. The groups that were here during construction are looking forward to using the show barn this year. We are getting a lot of questions and are working on the answers to make this season easier for members and guests. Thank you, to the show barn committee for the work they are still doing to complete this amazing project.

--*Susan*

## **ROPING**

January has been a laidback month for the Roping division. Weather pending, we are back to roping every Friday night through February and the first of March. We also have our February Saturday Series roping on the 3rd and 17th.

The Roping club will continue to practice every Tuesday night at 7PM. 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 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. Check out the Team Sorting report below for more details.

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.



## Roping School

**Saturday Feb 24th and Sunday Feb 25th**  
**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For Beginners, Low # Ropers  
and Breakaway Ropers

\$125.00 for one day or \$225.00 for both days

\*Basic Ground Work \*                      \*Horsemanship\*  
\*Hot Heels \*                                      \*Roping Cattle\*  
\*Lots of Fun\*                                      \*Free Lunch\*

**Clinician: Streeter / Duby Family**  
**Contact: Terri Tincher 509- 421-3119**

Upcoming Dates:

### **February**

2/02/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/03/18	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/08/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/10/18	Team Sorting Competition	9:00
2/16/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/17/18	Saturday Roping	11:00
2/23/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
2/24/18	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00
2/25/18	Roping School	9:00 - 5:00

## **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 WASET</b>
3/23/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/30/18	Friday Night Roping	7:00
3/31/18	Saturday Roping	11:00
3/24/17	Friday Night Roping	7:00
<b>3/31/17</b>	<b>NO Roping</b>	<b>7:00 WASET</b>

## **TEAM SORTING**

**We had a great competition during January with 20 riders competing in 3-man and 2-man sorting.** We paid out \$855 to winning riders! **Next up will be 3-man jackpot sorting and 2-man jackpot sorting for the continuing winter prize series on February 10.** In addition to earning points for the series prizes (buckles etc.), you can win jackpot cash at each event. 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.



**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. 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!

**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 Appleatchee office, to make sure we are practicing.

*See you in the sorting pen! –John*

## **PERFORMANCE**

Only 48 days until spring. Can't wait, though the last few days have sure been nice. With spring comes show season and the chance to see if all our hard work over the winter pays off. We do have a few more opportunities to work on or improve skills:

- February 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, **Annie Grandia** Clinic contact **Kathleen Yednick**
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Reining Clinic with **Dr. Christian Rammerstorfer and his wife Elizabeth**. Auditing of the clinic is free. Saturday evening, they will be a lecture on equine nutrition and equine exercise science, the fee for this great learning opportunity is \$10.00. Contact **Karen Kooy** for more information or to sign up.
- New to the calendar is a clinic with **Jill Seely**, April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. We unfortunately canceled our clinic with Jill January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> due to weather.
- We also have our proverbial favorite **Patrick Wyse** coming March 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>.

With the upcoming show season, something to think about is **Bio-Security**. With all the serious diseases out there, remember basic bio-security for you and your equine partner. Some basics:

- ✓ Don't let your horse nose other horses
- ✓ No sharing of buckets or equipment
- ✓ Keep the end of the hose out of your bucket of water
- ✓ An additional precaution, if you are going to a show/clinic, is to take a 1 gallon sprayer with a sanitizer in it to spray the stall/pen that your horse will be in at the event.

Looking forward to hearing all about your successes during the show season and the sharing of your fun times.

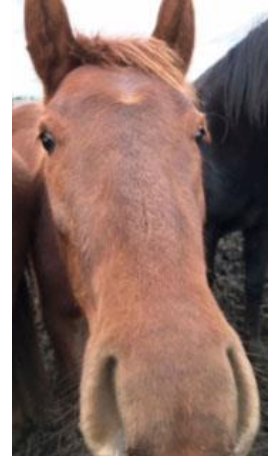
*COURAGE IS BEING SACRED TO DEATH  
BUT SADDLING UP ANYWAY. John Wayne*  
Deb Walk, Performance Chairman

## **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:***

*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*

*Statement Adopted January 8th, 2006*