

HORSEFEATHERS



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FROM THE OFFICE

September is looking busy with Labor Day Weekend Roping, Team Sorting Competition, Games Show and WRHA Show. We want to remind you to be courteous to the guests that are attending events at our facility. They have a large impact on our ability to maintain the wonderful facility we all enjoy. We are still working to complete some of the little finish projects related to the Show Barn. We could use some help during the arrival of the WRHA Show. The Wednesday and Thursday of the show week is very hectic in the campground and parking areas. If you would like to volunteer to help with getting the group settled in, contact Susan in the office. If you see someone in the barns or in the arenas that you don't know, be aware that we have some new members and some not-so-new that are just now starting to be on the grounds more. So please take the time to introduce yourself and get to know them.

It seems to be time to start putting reminders of ground rules in the newsletter again. This month they are from the section for Safety Rules:

*Speed limit is 10 1/2 miles per hour for all vehicles.

*Conduct unbecoming to ladies or gentlemen shall not be permitted on club grounds.

Queen applications will be at the office sept 28th . Have fun and represent Appleatchee.

4-H State Qualifiers

Appleatchee 4-H members **Camryn Pike** and **Tia Ragan** have qualified for State. We wish them well at the WA State Fair.

TACK SALE/TRADE AND SOCIAL EVENT

How many of you have good used tack that you are not using and would like to sell or trade for something else?

We are considering hosting a tack sale/trade event in the clubhouse the first weekend of October, combined with an informal social gathering with a potato/chili bar while you browse the available tack. This would be way better than searching multiple locations for yard sale finds. It is timed for right after the 2018 show season, and is a great way to look for items to prepare for 2019!

If you are interested in this event, please let Susan in the office know ASAP, and she will reserve the date on the calendar!

ROPING

Fall is just around the corner and our **final 3-day roping** is here. We are looking forward to some cooler weather for our **Labor Day Weekend roping**.

For the month of September and October we still will be jackpotting only on the 1st and 3rd Friday. Starting in November we will be competing every Friday night and moving to the indoor arena.

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 the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month through the summer months. Appleatchee members pay \$15 and non-members \$20. Practice starts at 6PM for setup. Everyone gets a full 2 minutes in the pen sorting, with a minimum of 3 times each.

See the Team Sorting report below for more information.

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:

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	9:00
9/21/18	No Roping	ACTRA Finals

October

10/05/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
10/19/18	Friday Night Draws	7:00
10/27/18	Team Sorting Competition	9:00

TEAM SORTING



We had a fun August competition with 28 riders. We paid out \$1300 to winners of the 3-man and 2-man competitions, including the 2-man buyback competition! We have started allowing riders to enter twice as two different persons, so to speak. So, you can come and ride twice as much as before!

Next up is our monthly 3-man and 2-man sorting on September 15! No worries about the weather and smoke, I hope. This is the fourth 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 last event of the summer series is October 13.

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 had a small, but enthusiastic, group of 21 riders compete in our rescheduled 3-man 8-go open sorting on 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). Winners at Appleatchee were: **Art Aske** \$1480, **Dave Eatmon** \$822, and **DeLynn Erickson** \$588 in the main competition; and **DeLynn Erickson** \$1020 and **Mark Brady** \$680 in the buyback. Congratulations winning with some tough cattle!

We had a rewarding 3-hour mini-clinic of 6 riders with Kevin Dunham the morning of Aug. 5, and scheduled a second longer clinic for September 16. Kevin is one of our high-level riders who comes from Cheney to sort with us on a semi-regular basis. We had a great time working on some riding fundamentals, then applying them to sorting cattle. We scheduled a longer clinic for **Sunday September 16**, the day after our monthly competition, from 9:30 to 3 PM with a break for lunch (not included). Cost is: \$90 (+ \$5 arena fee for nonmembers) or \$70 for high school WAHSET riders (+ \$5 arena fee for nonmembers). Let me know soon if you are interested!

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

RESCUE



Palomino gelding: “Dakota”, approximately 20 years old, excellent temperament, nice-looking, sound, broke, used on trails, (unsure about other uses), noncancerous growth on underbelly, nicely bred, papers.



Buckskin mare: “Tawny”, 22 years old, sound, very sweet and affectionate, PRETTY, broke (sheriff’s posse horse, done parades, arena riding and trails), nicely bred, papers.



Owner is ill and can’t keep. Available through the RESCUE at \$1,000 each. If you are interested, **Charlene Beck can hook you up! 509-669-0332**. Charlene has copies of their pedigrees too.