



Newsletter

AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

FALL 2014

HUNTING SEASON!!!

Hunting season has started. Please review our rules and regulations during hunting season.

Deer Hunting Season 2014 - 2015

Fall Bow - starts Saturday **Sept 13 to Dec 31** (*Sundays too*)

Youth Day Shotgun Nov 22nd

Gun Seasons– Nov 24 to Feb 14 (except Sundays)

6 Day Firearms Season

Dec 8th to Dec 13th -

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY

Winter Bow Jan 1st to Feb 21st (*Sundays too*)

Rules and Regulations When Riding or Hiking During Deer Hunting Season:

1. Always wear blaze orange.
2. **RIDERS MAY ONLY BE ON THE TRAILS BETWEEN 10 AM AND 2 PM (STARTING THIS WEEKEND WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!!)**
3. Be aware, in areas that are posted semi wild, that hunters can hunt small game on Sundays, also bow season includes Sundays.
4. **The trails are closed during Firearms week, Dec 8 - Dec 13. Most dangerous days of the year. Do not leave your own property.**
5. The Airpark is open to riders and hikers week days and Sundays only between 10 AM and 3 PM during Daylight Saving Time then until 2 PM after that.

**Airpark closes Saturdays to all from Dec 8 to Feb 14th* Riders are prohibited from using any access to the Airpark from North Hill Road from Dec 1st to Feb 14th. (Sundays will be OK)*

Stay on the defined trails and roads, and please keep your voices down. Be aware that the hunters in the Airpark may be using the rifle range, so avoid this area. If you are riding on the upper airfield, and you should hear shooting by the range take another trail and not ride behind the mound of the range.

Note: During hunting season last year several groups of riders who entered the trails to the lake from North Hill Rd. did not leave the property when the hunters asked them to do so and because one of them gave a tag number that I had not assigned and therefore lied to the hunters. They have asked that this message be sent out to our members. I am afraid that if this sort of thing happens we are going to again lose the ability to use the airpark.

Riders are prohibited from using any access to the airpark from North Hill Road from Dec 1st to Feb 14th.

Riders and hikers are required to have on their saddles or persons their tag number at all times when they are on the trails and must show them to anyone who requests the number. If you have never called Gael Gardner to pick up your tag please do so before you ride. (609) 466-9472.

The North Hill Road side, especially the fields that border North Hill Road, will be closed to riders from Dec. 1st to Feb 14th weekdays and Saturdays, (Sundays will be OK) or any other time there are cars in the NHR parking area.

TID BITS



Update on the trails:

1. The woods below Centre Ridge Farm (off Manners) - 2 Trees that fell recently blocking the entrance at the beginning of the woods were cleared this past Saturday by Centre Ridge boarders, Cindy & Chris, a big thanks to them for giving us free passage again.

2. The Fletcher/Russo crossing to the Carter fields from Manners Road- In spite of everyone's best efforts, This trail was closed before any of us had a chance to enjoy it. Even if you see markers on the trees in that area, you are not allowed to go through any part of these properties. With an active hunting season in progress, you need to avoid this area not only for your safety but you will be considered a trespasser. We can only hope that in the spring time, we can try some other avenues to gain access to connect the Valley again for riding.

3. You need to wear some kind of blaze orange from now until next February when on the trails and your tag number on your saddle.

Fall Hunter pace volunteers:

A big thank you for all the members who came out Sunday, October 5 and spent the day helping with the Hunt pace.

It was a gorgeous day and a great turnout. With out your help, these events will not be able to happen.

Congratulations to the AVTA team for Ride for the Cure!

Our AVTA Team of Linda Lennox, Johanna Dominguez, Amy Sinkus, Alyssa Lintz, Beverly Hoffman and Nancy Torok raised over \$3,000. on their Ride for the Cure Oct 19th.



AVTA Yearly Memberships

The AVTA memberships are **due in January** every year. Membership forms are sent out to present members including all their information and the schedule of dues.

This year, as has happened in many other years, barely half the renewals had been returned by JUNE. This makes extra work for the membership coordinator. Numerous reminders are sent out, as well as having reminders in newsletters. **Renewals NOT returned by February 1 will be charged a \$10 late fee.** As of this newsletter 20 members have yet to renew therefore trail riding on the AVTA trail system for those who have unpaid dues are NOT PERMITTED until membership is reactivated.

Upcoming Events

Covered Bridge Trail Assoc Fall Hunter Pace November 2, 2014

Rosemont, NJ

For more information:

www.coveredbridgetrail.com

Movie Night

The East Amwell Township Environmental Commission presents a free public screening of "The Sourlands"

Please join us in watching the documentary by local resident Jared Flesher...

**Friday, November 21st
at 7:00 pm**

The festivities will be held in East Amwell Township School's Cafeteria at 43 Wertsville Road, Ringoes

RSVP:

Mprendamano@eastamwelltownship.com

The Amwell Valley Hounds Opening Day at the Unionville Vineyards this Sunday Nov 2, 2014.

The Blessing of the Hounds starts promptly at 10 am, so come early. We are very thankful to the members of AVH for helping us keep the trails cleared in the past years and for marking our Fall Hunter Pace Ride.

To see where they are riding each Wednesday & Sunday, you can check the fixture card: <http://www.amwellvalleyhounds.org/fixture-card.html> or call the Recording Line 908-412-2929, before planning your own ride.



2014 Pace Ride

We've had many great Pace Rides over the years, and a few that were not so great, but 2014 topped the lot!

What a day we had! The brilliant autumn sunshine was almost enough to dispel the cold early morning temperatures. Volunteers arrived in good time to see the first team off early since, as well as riding the pace according to the rules, they were checking the flags. The footing was perfect thanks to the light showers the day before; the flagging was perfect, thanks to Steve and the Amwell Valley Hounds; the parking was perfect, plentiful and trouble free thanks to two wonderful parking attendants, one of whom is not even an AVTA member! The registration process was smooth and efficient despite the check-in people being wrapped in horse blankets to keep warm! The folks on the start line were kept too busy to feel cold, because we had a record 82 riders in 31 teams and collected \$3,240.00 which will be donated to the Charles Weeden Scholarship Fund and the East Amwell Rescue Squad.

This year we attracted many more riders in the western division, but no families. Overall, the senior division rode faster than anyone else – Galloping Grandmas? We even had some British visitors who provided the entertainment at mid-point! (They had no option – they were my house guests)! Teams came from far and wide thanks to a stroke of luck (or administrative hiccup!) getting an article with photo in the Hunterdon Democrat, Horse News and on NJ.com. At one point I had to run home and print more registration forms and team numbers! Every rider coming off the course told us it was one of the best Paces they have ever ridden. We pride ourselves on posting the results on the AVTA website by the time many riders have unloaded their horses!

I am delighted with this year's result and want to say an enormous and public THANK YOU to each and every one of the wonderful volunteers, who sign up earlier each year in order to be assigned their favorite job. Without all of you the ride would not have been the great success we enjoyed on October 5th 2014!



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Classifieds

TO SEE MORE CLASSIFIEDS GO TO WWW.AVTA.NET

STALL AVAILABLE:

Small private Ringoes Farm has stall available Access to AVTA trails plus 75+ acres to ride on, sand lighted ring, 10 x 12 stalls, wash stall, many turnout pastures. \$400.00 per month plus tax. Call Janet (908) 303-1428

HORSE FOR HALF LEASE:

Cash is a gentle and honest, easy going 16 year old registered Appendix QH mare, more QH than TB, standing at a wide 15H. She's a retired show hunter who absolutely loves the ring

- Enjoys trail rides, groups and alone, willing and well behaved
- Took to Buck Brannaman Horsemanship clinic, picking up on Western/Natural Horsemanship aids
- Quiet, inquisitive, eager to please
- Has the temperament to teach beginner the basics or build the confidence of an intermediate rider
- Very comfortable gaits, limited to walk/trot (no jumping)

Has excellent manners

- Stands quietly for grooming, mounting, farrier, vet, clipping, bathing and fly spray
- Can be easily loaded by 1 person, quiet when trailered alone or with another horse
- A very easy keeper, can be turned out with mares or geldings in either full or pasture board

On-Farm Half Lease -- \$125/month, 3 days a week.
On/Off Farm Full Lease -- \$0/month lease, unlimited access, you pay board, I pay shoeing,

supplements and medical. She's at a casual trail riding barn near the Rt 202 end of Wertsville Rd. It has a beautiful outdoor ring with lights, hot/cold wash stall, and on-farm trails. Western tack available for use. Lease contract required. Email Karin at njqh2ride@yahoo.com or call/text 908 625 6622 for more information or to set up a time to meet Cash and schedule a test ride

STALLS AVAILABLE:

Chivalry Hill Farm has two stalls available for boarding. Quiet, green pastures, hot and cold wash stall, heated tack rooms, lighted outdoor arena, adjacent to trails, individualized care for your horse. Call Susan 609-466-4178 for more information.

BARN FOR LEASE:

4 - 5 stall Barn for lease to experienced equestrian. Farm is on AVTA TRAILS. Large ring and good pasture. Open to various options including providing some care. Call- Earl 609-731-6901

HAY FOR SALE:

Grass Hay for Sale Hay is mix of orchard and other grasses harvested as first and second cuttings of 2014. \$4.00 per bale picked up from the farm in East Amwell.
Delivery by arrangement. Farm: 908-968-4999

COUNTRY GARDENER DESIGN:

We offer full service property management: garden design and maintenance; pruning shrubs and small trees; wood lot clean up; wetland restora-

tion; wild flower meadows; herb gardens; tree, native and bulb plantings; and much more. To find out more about us go to <http://www.riverbend-farm.us/> or call Eva 908 451 8058. Excellent local references available.

SADDLE FOR SALE:

County Eventer Used Multi Purpose Saddle - size 17.5" Narrow, Brown, 14.5" flap, Very good condition. Great for that hard to fit high withered horse. Includes saddle fitting by a Certified County Saddle Fitter (NJ & DE) This is a comfortable and balanced saddle that is ideal for lower level eventing, foxhunting and flatting. \$1375

County saddles are extremely well made and horse friendly.

Also for sale 52 " County Logic Girth - \$75
Good condition

Patty - 732-266-6042

HORSES LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES:

<http://www.adoptahorse.org/>
Standardbred Retirement Foundation in Cream Ridge NJ (many more on their website)

14 year old gelding, 14.3hh-15.1hh available in Cream Ridge, NJ Magic gets the achievement award for all of his amazing breakthroughs. He came to us as a project and now he will show you how to do it all because he rides the trails, comes when he is called, steals your heart and catches everyone's eye because he is ABSOLUTELY adorable! Adoption Coordinator - Jennifer Nagle
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