



Newsletter

AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

FALL 2012

HUNTING SEASON HAS BEGUN

Please review our rules and regulations during hunting season.

Deer Hunting Season 2012 - 2013

Bow - starts this Saturday Sept 8 to Feb 16 - Sundays too!

Gun - Nov 26 to Feb 9

DEC 3RD to Dec 8th 6 Day shotgun Season **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY**

Nov 26 to 30th and Dec 3rd to 8th to Feb 9
Shotgun and Muzzle Loader

Nov 27th , Dec 12th, Jan 8th First days of shotgun and muzzleloader seasons

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 We used to be able to ride in some areas until 3, but some riders could not figure out where those places were so now we have to be on our own properties by 2PM
3. Be aware, in areas that are posted semi wild, that hunters can hunt small game on Sundays.
4. **The trails are closed during firearms week, Dec 3 - Dec 8. Most dangerous days of the year. Do not leave your own property.**
5. Airpark rules: The AirPark is open to riders and hikers week days and Sundays only between 10 AM and 2 PM, no riding there on Saturdays or the first day of any season.

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 be sure to skirt the upper field and not ride behind the mound of the range.

If you have a question call 609 466 9472.

AVTA Hunter Pace October 7 Big Sky Farm, Ringoes

Looking for volunteers to help please contact Di Huns plantersro@aol.com

Amwell Valley Hounds Hunter Pace Sunday Oct 14, 2012

Big Sky Farm

For more information visit:

www.amwellvalleyhounds.com/hunter-paces.html

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife is asking those who are out in the field at this time of year to be alert for deer that may be affected by Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). EHD is a common viral disease in deer that is contracted from the bite of a species of midge known as *Culicoides sonorensis*. Although no diseased deer have been reported and confirmed this year, outbreaks of the disease typically begin in August and the state has experienced six outbreaks of EHD since 1955.

Deer exhibiting signs of EHD, such as difficulty standing, drooling, emitting foam from the mouth or nose, or dead deer with no apparent wounds observed in or near water should be reported to any one of the following numbers: Office of Fish and Wildlife Health and Forensics: 908- 236-2118; or the Bureau of Wildlife Management: Northern Region, 908-735-7040; Central Region, 609-259-6965; or Southern Region, 609-748-2043.



NEW 'SCHICK RESERVE PARK IN ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with the President of the Alexandria Trail Association, Judy Tucker. We met at the "new" Schick Reserve Park in Alexandria Township. We went out on our horses so I could learn some of the trails. I'm always looking for somewhere different to go! We had a wonderful time and she expressed that the park is open to all riders including those outside the Alexandria Trail Association.

Schick Reserve is a 311 acre county park that has approximately 10 miles of trails. There are maps located in the parking area or available online. The trails are along fields, hedgerows, tree lines, and woods. I do remember going through one stream crossing in a nicely wooded trail. As always.....stay to the edge of the fields in the mowed area. Currently, the trails are not marked but will be in the future. I asked Judy if she would put up temporary signs in the parking area showing where to go to start on the trail as I found this hard to determine. Judy advised me that she would. The horse parking lot is located on Route 631 next to the Milford Firehouse Annex. The parking lot is large enough to park several trailers. It is a paved lot and you are able to pull in one side and out the other for convenience! They have even put a mounting block there. Another parking lot is located on Schick Road but it is not large enough for horse trailers.

I would definitely recommend this park if you are looking for somewhere different to ride and is still close to our Amwell Valley Trails. Judy is available to be reached at tuckaway-farm@earthlink.net or 908-892-9611 should you have any questions. Happy Trails and Stay Safe!

Terry Kacvorek

EXCITEMENT IN THE VALLEY

We have had some goings on lately. One weekend a para-glider hit some power lines on Cider Mill Road and we had helicopters and ambulances in attendance for that.

Riderless horses have been turning up on the trails. A few weeks ago two turned up at Ruth Mote's property on the up hill side to the Greek's. It turned out that a member of the AVH member brought all four of his polo ponies to the hunt and since he only needed two to hunt with left the other two tied to the trailer thinking that they were used to being tied at polo matches. Well, when all the horses and hounds left them they decided to leave too. One was caught a few hours later but the other one went up Lindbergh Road and ended up in Skillman. Thanks to the Hunt's master Stephen Buxton all the local police had been notified and the horse finally was united with it's owner.

HELP FOR LOOSE AND LOST HORSES

Tory Januk reported that on a Sunday morning.

I got a call from a rider on the trail, that there were 2 rider-less horses galloping toward Centre Ridge.

My next question was what did they look like, as I was trying to identify who's they were or where they were actually headed. So I started my network of phone calls based on the information. They galloped through our place and across Manners road without slowing down. YIKES !! Don't worry, no horses or riders were hurt in this event. The end result was that they were from Serendipity and the riders were picked up by car unharmed. The riders who originally called me rode out and looked for them.

What I was thinking was that maybe we should have our members put a short "color" description of their horses on their renewals so that when I go to my avta list to make phone calls based on the barn I think they came from, I could look down the list and see Fresian or paint etc.

There was no time to look for a tag number, but having identified the color horses and the direction, I was able to figure out what riders were still not accounted for.

Maybe that is too much info to ask our members and we should just be happy that most of the time, we know what goes on in our neck of the woods.

READY...SET... GO! Fall Huntpace Listings and Events

**AVTA Hunter Pace
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**Ride for the Cure:
Sunday Oct 21, 2012**

We have a team going
from Amwell Valley, if
you would like to do-
nate or join them.
For more informa-
tion visit: <http://www.komencsnj.org/site/TR/RidefortheCure>

**Readington Hallow-
een Poker Ride Sun-
day Oct 21,2012**

<http://www.readington-trail.org/>

**Covered Bridge
Hunter Pace
Sunday Nov 4, 2012**

<http://www.covered-bridgetrail.com/>



THE END OF ANOTHER SUMMER

The season of horse flies, gnats, extreme heat, no rain, and long days has ended. The summer as we remember it was a HOT one, but actually it wasn't as hot as 2011 or 2010 according to Fred Gardner who keeps records for NOAH.

The trails were open for most of the season and right now thanks to the help of the Amwell Valley Hunt they are all mowed. Whoops, except for the one from North Hill Road to the west to Bryce Thompson's house. My borders reminded me of this yesterday. I will get to it after the rain stops tomorrow or the next day 9/19 or 9/20.

We have had some good work parties to prepare for the AVTA Hunter Pace on Oct 7th and another in conjunction with the Amwell Valley Hounds. They worked to open some trails in the airpark blocked by the storm last October which I have been doing a little work on from time to time, but they did a wonderful and thorough job!! The AVTA worked on trails near North Hill Road and ended up rerouting one which was so completely blocked that it was hopeless. The new trail is nice with no ruts, but do be careful to watch for low tree stumps. This trail connects the trails across the street from Gardner's to the Denton property toward Wertsville Road. Look on your maps (sheet 6) to see where it is.

The Amwell Valley Rod and Gun club were very appreciative of the jobs we did. We all appreciate the fact that they give us permission to ride on their lovely trails all year.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HORSE GUARDIANSHIP

1. When you adopt me, remember that my life is likely to last 15-30 years. Please don't forsake me, any separation from you is painful.
2. Please give me time to understand what it is you want from me. Change can be more difficult for me than for you.
3. Please don't be angry with me for a long time, and don't lock me up alone as punishment. You have your human family, your friends, your entertainment and I ONLY HAVE YOU!!!
4. Please trust me and help me to trust you....it is crucial for mine as well as your well being.
5. Talk to me...even if you think I don't understand your words I understand your voice and love when you speak to me and pet me.
6. Before you hit me remember the I have teeth and hooves and could easily hurt you but I choose not to bite or kick you because I love you.
7. Be aware, that however you treat me, I WILL NEVER FORGET!!!
8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative or bad, ask yourself if maybe something is wrong and there is another reason for my behavior. Perhaps I am sick, hot, old or just plain tired, frustrated and weak. Please try to understand what it is like to be me and put yourself in my place.
9. Please take care of me when I get old and don't abandon me, for you too will grow old. Please notice when I am ill because I need you to call a vet for help when I am ill just as you need to see a doctor.
10. Go with me on the most difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch" or "Do it when I leave" because I need you with me even at the end of my journeys. Please always do what is best for me even if it is unbearable for you to do so because I love you and trust that you will.

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Classifieds

APPENDIX QUARTER HORSE MARE FOR LEASE - \$250 (AMWELL VALLEY, NJ)

BreezesBrownEyedGirl is a gentle and honest, easy going, solid 15 year old registered Appendix QH mare, about 15h. She's a retired show hunter and absolutely loves the ring, but has also done trails. I've taken her on rides with groups and alone, and she's very willing and well behaved. I did the Buck Brannaman Foundation Horsemanship clinic with her last Sept, and she's quickly picked up on the Western/Natural Horsemanship aids. She is quiet, inquisitive, wants to take care of you, very eager to please, and has the temperament to teach a beginner rider the basics or build the confidence of an intermediate rider. She is limited to walk/trot (no jumping).

BreezesBrownEyedGirl is an easy keeper, can be turned out with mares or geldings, has excellent ground manners, and stands quietly for grooming, mounting, farrier, vet, clipping, bathing and fly spray. She can be easily loaded by 1 person, and is quiet when trailered alone or with another horse.

I'm looking for someone to give this wonderful horse the attention she deserves at her current barn. I'd also consider an off-farm lease to the right person and location. Free off-farm lease, or \$250 on-farm lease (Amwell Valley Trail Assoc trail system, outdoor ring with lights, hot/cold wash stall). Western tack available. References, barn inspection, lease contract required. Contact Karin at reply link or call 609 397 1012

SADDLE FOR SALE

Schleese JES Elite Dressage Saddle - 17.5" Seat Med/Wide Tree - 17" Flap - Black. This very-comfortable saddle seats the rider in a balanced position. The JES ELITE features integrated panels and a wide gullet allowing for the horse to bend while dispersing the weight across the horse's back. Fully adjustable patented AdapTree®. Excellent condition. Located at a barn in Ringoes & available for one-week trial. Sugg. retail price is between \$1,800 and \$2,200. We are asking \$1,200. Negotiable. CALL Fran: (609) 240-2434. EMAIL: frances890@sprynet.com

HORSE FOR LEASE

Bo is a 15.3h bombproof QH originally doing ranch work in Idaho. We started low-level Eventing in 2009, and has competed through beginner novice level. He's a bombproof trail horse, and has been in parades. He was in the 4H drill team, and has competed in local shows, always placing in the ribbons. Bo is very safe, athletic and willing to please. Located in Ringoes with access to AVTA trails and more. Goes English or Western. For any more information please contact me, Marina at mgcable77@hotmail.com. Lease price negotiable. Serious inquires only please. High Quality

HAY FOR SALE

SPECIAL MIX OF:
60% POTOMAC ORCHARD GRASS
20% FAWN FORAGE FESCUE
20% TIMOTHY CONTACT JOANIE AT
908-500-5880 dgreenscapes@embarqmail.com

HORSE FOR SALE

16 years old Thoroughbred mare Jumper is for sale. Geena was trained jumping by my friend Kim Wickenden for over 1.5 years. She can jump 2.6' to 3' course easily. She has experience jumper up to 3.9' courses. She loves work. She is a perfect show and schooling horse for teenager and young adult riders. Because of my health condition, I cannot keep riding her. She is sweet, lovely and honest girl. Price is \$3500, negotiable for right person (rider). If you are interested, please contact Satsuki satsukihayashi@comcast.net or 908 369-8307

FREE INK

I have just switched printer brands and have a few Epson 88 color cartridges left over which I would like to give away. 1 black, 2 magenta 2 yellow. Call Gael Gardner 609 466 9472. gael@thegardners.org

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