



News Letter

AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2010

AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOC HUNTER PACE

Sunday October 3rd
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Big Sky Farm:

Van Lieu's Rd. Ringoes, NJ

Directions:

Route 202/31 to 514 (Old York Rd)
2 Miles east to Van Lieu's Rd on the
Right

Look for the signs on 202 and 514

Hard hats required

**Please bring water
for your horses**

Ribbon in all Divisions:

Open, Family, Junior, Senior &
Western

Entry Fee:

Adults: \$40, Juniors: \$30

**Course is 8 to 10 miles with
optional fences.**

We need your help on the 3rd to make this a great day! This is a great way for new members to meet most of the AVTA board and for everyone to take care of their volunteer responsibilities if you signed up for fund raising and even if you didn't.

**Please call Di Huns (609) 466-7473 or
Trish Buckwalter (908) 782-7283**

HUNTING DATES 2010-2011

Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow -**September 11 – Feb 12 Sundays too!**
Muzzleloader - **November 29- Feb 12**

*****SIX DAY FIREARM*** December 6 - December 11**

Most dangerous days of the year. Do not leave your own property!

Small Game - **December 13 to Feb 21 Sundays too!**

When riding during Hunting season, be sure to:

1. Always wear Blaze orange on the trails
 2. Use trails from 10AM to 2PM only, especially important on weekends.
 3. Wear or carry bells so that hunters can hear you coming.
 4. Be aware, in areas with signs that say semi wild hunters can hunt small game on Sundays.
 5. *During ***SIX DAY FIREARM*** season do not hike or ride off your own property or the property on which you board*
- **** There are more hunters in the woods there 6 days than the rest of the year.*
STAY HOME!

There will be some sort of hunters in the field from Sept 11th to mid May. This has been increasing over the past several years, 1/2 of May to Labor Day are the only hunting free times in New Jersey.

We request that you use the trails only between the hours of 10 and 2.

Remember that this year there will be bow hunting in most areas on Sundays

Hunting Season in the Airpark

We have contacted the Amwell Valley Rod and Gun Club about riding in the airpark during the hunting season. They have agreed to let us continue to ride on the airpark trails as long as we stay on the defined trails and roads. They have also requested that we keep our voices down while we ride in their area. Deer don't mind horses as much as they mind people on horseback talking.

They also appreciate it that we limit our riders and hikers to the hours between 10 and 2 figuring that most of the hunters are out of the field by 10 and are not likely to return until after 2.

Remember to be polite and speak to hunters any where you meet them. They pay for the use of the property they hunt on, whereas we are permitted to do so by permission of the landowners only.



WERTSVILLE ROAD BRIDGE

As many of our members will already know, the Hunterdon County Road Department had plans to completely redesign the bridge on Wertsville Road near the golf course. When the county road department officials, freeholders and the engineers and a large group of local residents and trail association members got to at the site I think even the county road department people were surprised at the immense size project.

Some residents and East Amwell township committee members, with the help of Fran Gavigan, got together and persuaded the county to take another look at the project. With the help of Dr. Shenoda, an engineering professor at the College of New Jersey, and his students another proposal has been given to the road department which substantially reduces the impact on the road and surrounding areas and still gives the AVTA a crossing of Wertsville Road at the golf course. It may (fingers crossed) even be a safer crossing than we had before.

The help of Dr Shenoda does not come free. His projected cost come to about \$8000. When we are talking about a total project that was going to cost 1.4million, this seems to be a very reasonable amount. We are trying to raise some money to cover his costs. The donations are tax deductible. We are asking to please send what you can together with the letter on the next page. Put the following on your check: 2010 contribution for the research of Michael Shenoda Ph.D. appeal code FY11 ENG MSR: "Wertsville Rd East Amwell Twp".

Friends of Wertsville Road

If you wish to contribute to the engineer hired privately by the group of concerned citizens to keep the rural landscape of the Valley.. Please make checks out to: THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION INC. and include a reference to the Appeal Code: Appeal Code: FY11 ENG MSR; and "Wertsville Rd. East Amwell Twp." sample letter

This will help ensure that your tax deductible donation is allocated to Dr. Shenoda's Research. Thank you!

Their EIN: 22-2448189 Tax Status: 501(c)(3) <http://www.tcnj.edu>

Contact: Nancy Mansfield 609-771-2765 <mailto:nmansfie@tcnj.edu>

NEW TRAIL MAPS

Gael is currently OUT of new trail maps. More maps will be available after Sept 15th for \$5.00 from Gael Gardner 609-466-9472 or email gael@thegardners.org

NEW TRAIL IS AWSOME!

We had the pleasure of riding the new trail starting at the Totten Farm on Wertsville Road and it is wonderful. Bravo to the person who marked the trail. We were able to find our way through the woods very easily! If anyone gets a chance, check it out!

—Heidi, Benson, Loretta, and Duncan!



This Months Tid Bits: Hoof Care in Summer Months

Courtesy of www.equisearch.com/horses_care/health/Tidhoof_care

Our horses feet have taken a beating this summer with the extreme heat. Here are some hoof tips that might help avoid extra farrier bills.

• Avoid the "summer cycle" of alternate soaking and drying of hooves. Your horse's hooves can adapt well over time to conditions that are consistently dry or consistently damp, but hooves suffer when the environment fluctuates between wet and dry. Unfortunately, this is often the situation during the very months when you want to use him the most: late spring, summer, and early fall. Evening turnout--a summer strategy to avoid biting insects--puts hooves in prolonged contact with dew-soaked grass; they swell and soften with moisture, much as your fingernails soften after hours in water. Back in a dry, hot environment during the day, the hooves dry and contract. With repetition of this cycle, horseshoe nails loosen as their holes through the hoof wall enlarge slightly. Such summer activities as work, stomping flies, or (if your horse is restless) walking the fence accelerate the loosening; pretty soon you're asking your farrier, "Why can't my horse keep his shoes on?"

- Cut back on summer turnout time. Try to reduce by a few hours the time your horse spends standing in a dewy nighttime paddock or stomping flies outside during the day.
- Reduce moisture absorption by applying Tuff Stuff? to the lower two-thirds of his hooves before evening turnout. (But pass up conditioners that leave the hoof feeling oily; they can actually soften hoof wall if used frequently, and if applied before your farrier's visit, they make hooves harder for him to work on.)
- Avoid unnecessary baths. Sponging the sweat off your horse after schooling works just as well, without causing him to stand in a puddle for half an hour or more. Save the full-scale bath for just before the show.
- Shorten his summer shoeing schedule. A lost shoe often means hoof damage, which escalates the cycle of summer shoeing problems. Spacing your farrier's regular visits a week or so closer may avoid emergency calls.
- Toughen his soles with a daily application of Venice turpentine.

For more information visit equisearch.com/horses_care/health/Tidhoof_care

There are a couple of things you can do to minimize this pattern:



OTHER FALL EVENTS

2010 ALL BREED CHARITY TRAIL RIDES

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

Lusscroft Farm, Sussex, NJ. To benefit Lusscroft Farm.

This will be our overnight ride which is so popular that it has always been filled to capacity. There is limited registration regarding overnight stabling, so if you are interested contact Susan Auer at susra@verizon.net.

This year we will offer Saturday only, which includes our gourmet Wine & Cheese and/or dinner!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 TRAIL RIDE AND DESENSITIZING CLINIC

PRESENTED BY THE MORRIS COUNTY POLICE

10:30AM: Ride from Lewis Morris Park in Morristown to the County Stable where the clinic will be presented.

12PM - 2PM: Lunch and clinic will be held. You are welcome to participate in the clinic which is used to train police horses.

2:00PM: We will return to Lewis Morris Park

Registration Fee \$50.00 Youth \$35.00 Lunch and Clinic Only \$30.00

Deduct \$5 NJQHA member Deduct \$5 if registered before 09/15/2010

Send check to: NJQHA 100 East Broad St., Westfield, NJ 07090

Information: Visit www.njqha.com

Susan Auer 908-418-5923 or susra@verizon.net

In case of inclement weather call 908-418-5923

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Tewksbury Trail Pace

Christie Hoffman Farm Park, Fairmount Road, West (Route 512), Tewksbury Township NJ

Proceeds to benefit Somerset Hills Handicapped Riders, Sharing Village, Milestone Equine Rescue and the Oldwick Volunteer Fire Dept.

Times 8a.m. -1:30p.m.

Short and long courses available. Adult, junior and family divisions. \$45 adult, \$36=5 junior

Brand New Course.

For more information contact Irene Preston (908) 236-9339 or cwpresto@comcast.net

www.tta-nj.org

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23

Far Hills Steeplechase, Far Hills, NJ



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Classifieds

TO SEE MORE CLASSIFIEDS GO TO WWW.AVTA.NET

FARM WANTED

Looking to buy a farm or land with 25+ acres on or very near the AVTA trail system. Please contact Diana Garrett at 609-577-4140 or email at diana.garrett@verizon.net.

TRAILER WANTED

Looking for a 2 horse bumper pull trailer with a small dressing room. contact: Sue at susra@verizon.net

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

ORIGINAL SIN by Zavata, 15.2 hands 5 year old bay gelding with four white socks

This flashy bay gelding has been rehabbed from a bowed tendon and is sound and ready to embark on the discipline of your choice. He has excellent ground manners and will make a wonderful riding horse. He will be a standout in the show ring or suitable for just pleasure riding.

Adoption Fee: \$500.00
Contact Sue for more information: horseholiday@comcast.net

WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES TICKETS FOR SALE DRESSAGE AND JUMPING

Contact: Nancy Cunningham at wgnancy@aol.com or call 908-303-5996

BEST SEATING FOR EVENTS

SINGLE TICKET ONLY PER EVENT

DAY 3: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27 Section 104 Row J seat 6
DRESSAGE TEAM GRAND PRIX--1ST HALF 8:30 AM MAIN STADIUM \$90
DRESSAGE TEAM GRAND PRIX--1ST HALF 2:00 PM MAIN STADIUM \$90

DAY 4: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28 Section 104 Row J seat 6
DRESSAGE TEAM GRAND PRIX--2ND HALF 8:30 AM MAIN STADIUM \$90
DRESSAGE TEAM GRAND PRIX--2ND HALF 2:00 PM MAIN STADIUM \$90

DAY 12: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6 Section 106 Row J seat 1
JUMPING TEAM FINAL COMPETITION 7:00 PM MAIN STADIUM \$110

DAY 14: FRIDAY OCTOBER 8 Section 106 Row J Seat 1 \$120
JUMPING INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION 5:30 PM MAIN STADIUM

DAY 15: SATURDAY OCTOBER 9 Section 106 Row J Seat 1 \$130
JUMPING FINAL FOUR 8:00 PM MAIN STADIUM

GOLD CUP SADDLE FOR SALE

Older close contact saddle for sale. Made in England under the name Gold Cup. 17" seat, I believe a narrow tree, no knee rolls. Saddle in good shape, no tears, billets are still good. \$300 obo. Contact Valerie at jovajeza@verizon.net or at 609-731-1637. Email for more pictures of front, back, underside and billets.

NEED HOMES ! Three Barn Cats

need a Home! Fez and Olivia are a black and white brother and sister, and they have a little grey and white friend Spike. They are currently living outdoors in my empty goat barn, but will be needing a new home soon, as I may be moving. Does anyone have a need for two friendly and one shy barn cat? Call Linda 908-581-3947 or e-mail littlelark98@yahoo.com

AWESOME ICELANDIC HORSE FREE LEASE WITH OPTION TO BUY

I love this horse, but must sell or lease him. I would like to free lease, with option to buy, my awesome Icelandic 'Horse' (Black, 14.2H, can carry most adults). Icelandics are known for their incredibly smooth TOLTING gait and their comfort for long-distance trail riding. Blaus is about 20 yrs 'young', very fit, sweet tempered and easy to keep. He was imported from Iceland, from excellent breeding stock; trained at one of the premier Icelandic training farms in the U.S. Blaus needs a rider with some confidence, as he will occasionally spook at certain loud noises and will scoot/cantor forward a short ways. He loves to be on the trails and is absolutely brave with deer, barking dogs, steep inclines, water and any obstacle out there. Really fun to ride! If interested, I will arrange a lesson for you with my Icelandic trainer. Call Cyndi at 609-575-0819

BOARDING AVAILABLE Large box stall, full board and individualized care for your horse now available for your horse at Chivalry Hill Farm in Ringoes adjacent to trail system. Call 609-466-4178 or email info@chivalryhillfarm.com www.Chivalryhillfarm.com



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