



# Hoof Print



Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc.

January 2008



## President's Message

*Happy New Year to everyone!*

*2007 was a very busy year for AIHA. Much work and many hours were put into sponsored events by our members and outside volunteers. A significant amount of money was raised this past year, which will be used for worthwhile causes.*

*Let us bring this energy into this new year and continue the great work all of you have been doing. As you know, this will be my first year as president of AIHA. Filling Meredith's shoes will be a tough job to do.*

*Our first meeting will be Jan. 23rd. Let's see what new idea's we can have for this coming year to make this association not only productive, but fun and enjoyable as well.*

*Best wishes,  
Rose Stabile,  
President*

Oh, Lord won't you buy me a horse that bends  
My friends all ride warm bloods, I must make amends,  
I practice my leg yields, each evening till ten.  
So, oh Lord won't you buy me, a horse that bends.

Oh, Lord won't you buy me, a horse that won't buck.  
I'm tired of trying, to land standing up.  
I spend all my time, brushing dirt off my butt.  
Oh, Lord won't you buy me a horse that won't buck.

Oh Lord, won't you buy me, a horse that won't bite.  
I count all my fingers and toes every night.  
I feel like a carrot, when I'm in his sight.  
So, oh Lord won't you buy me a horse that won't bite.

Oh Lord won't you buy me a horse that stays clean.  
I brush him, I groom him, I've considered chlorine.  
His color's too chestnut for a horse with gray genes.  
Oh Lord won't you buy me a horse that stays clean.

Happy riding!!

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# AIHA 2008 Calendar

January 23rd	Meeting at TBD
March 25th	Meeting at TBD
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at TBD
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Meeting at TBD
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting at TBD
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at TBD
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Hunter Pace at Glen Park
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at TBD
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at TBD

## **Christmas Show**

*Written by Barbara Plante*

AIHA wrapped up its fundraising for 2007 with a horse show hosted at Glen Farm in Portsmouth, RI. On a chilly December 9<sup>th</sup> day competitors braved the temps. Our judges, Amy Chafee and Allison Butt did an outstanding job. Since this was a schooling show the judges were able to talk with the riders to help them out by providing constructive criticism. Ted Torrey, Glen Farm trainer spent time coaching his students during 'warm up' rounds. Over and over again riders jumped fences. Ted did an outstanding job acting as both Ring Steward and announcer for the day. Special thanks to Lisa Walker, who stepped up to be the In Gate Steward; Rose Stabile and Anne Torres for providing an exceptional lunch consisting of boneless chicken teriyaki over rice along with other mouth watering selections and to Nicole Stabile for running back and forth with ribbons for the winners. Lastly thank you to the riders for allowing everyone to cheer you on.

## **Adios Amigos!!!**

Well, friends, we are departing! For those of you who don't know or haven't heard or are wondering if the rumors are true- they are! Meredith and Jere Russo are heading South to the swampland of South Carolina! We have purchased 62 acres of land and have erected a 4 stall barn w/ tack room and wash rack and a 44' 5<sup>th</sup> wheel camper in which we propose to live until the house is done. If anyone is heading our way (30 mi. west of I 95), please look us up! We have room for horses and humans! Our target departure date is January 25<sup>th</sup> and after that, you can reach us by phone or email- [fair.comyn@gmail.com](mailto:fair.comyn@gmail.com)

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## ANNUAL HUNTING SCHEDULE

### CT Deer Season:

Bowhunting

Sept 15 - Dec 31

**Rifles & Shotguns**

Nov 14 - Dec 4

**Muzzleloader**

Dec 5 - 18

**Turkey season**

Sept 15 - Dec 31

Pachaug, Natchaug, Barn Island all open to hunting.

No hunting in CT on Sundays, there is no hunting at Bluff Point

**So, in CT, wear orange Sept 15 thru end of December**

### RI Deer Season:

**Bowhunting**

Oct 1 - Jan 31

**Rifles**

Nov 3 - Nov 25

**Shotgun**

Dec 1 - Dec 9

**Turkeys**

Oct 1 - 28

Arcadia, Big River, Carolina,

GWashington, Burlingame

Yes hunting on Sundays.

**So, in RI, wear orange from Oct 1 thru end of January**

**For spring 2008...**

**Spring turkeys**

CT May 2-26

RI April 26-May 28

## **ATTENTION ALL AIHA MEMBERS**

**RAFFLE FOR A PONY PARTY  
SPONSERED BY PAUL BERNARD  
TO BENEFIT THE AIHA 2008 SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

*Win a 3 hour Pony Party given by Paul Bernard*

*1 hour travel time to and from location of choice*

*1 hour with pony "Little Bits" with a cart &*

*1 hour under saddle*

*If desired will also provide a horse under saddle*

*Only \$1.00 per ticket*

*Goal of selling 200 tickets*

*Tickets to be sold by AIHA members*

*Drawing will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>*

*by the President of AIHA*



*If you are in need of tickets contact*

*Paul Bernard at 418-0208,*

*Jack Taylor at 225-1959*

*or Sharon Reynolds at 829-7002*

A brief meeting was called to order by Meredith Russo, outgoing President and the “Official AIHA Gavel” was passed on to incoming President Rose Stabile.

Rose requested that Jack Taylor speak about the Yankee Pedlar and he requested that anyone with any news for the Yankee Pedlar please forward it on to him because he is in charge of putting the monthly articles together and submitting them.

She also mentioned that Sharon Reynolds is now in charge of the Newsletter and is doing a wonderful job.

The AIHA Christmas Party will be held at Green Valley Country Club again this year on Sunday, December 16, 2007. The menu will be the same as last year and the price will be \$16.00 for members and \$21.00 for non-members. Please bring raffle items; last year was the best Chinese Auction we ever had! And the Christmas games were very entertaining. We hope to have another delicious, spirited and fun event! Please come!!

Paul Bernard spoke about a fund raiser he will be doing to help raise money for the AIHA 2008 College Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. He will, with the help of members, try to sell 200 raffle tickets for \$1.00 each for a Three Hour Pony Party. This will include a pony, “Little Bit” with a saddle and/or a cart to be delivered to your choice of locations. And he will throw in a horse if requested! What fun! Please help out with selling tickets. Joe Reynolds volunteered to have raffle tickets printed up for the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on April 30, 2007.

Sylvia Hayden was not at the meeting, she is still recovering from a knee injury. Chet mentioned that repairs have been done to the outhouse and fireplace at LeGrand’s Horseman’s Camp in Escoheag.

Dinner was followed by a raffle that raised over 70.00.



Paul Bernard taking charge of the raffle.



Grace was so happy this wasn't a Chinese auction!!! Although Paul was disappointed.

## **AIHA Wraps Up Its Year With Several Events.**

Early winter was a busy time for the Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, On November 15th the Club gathered at Whites Restaurant in Westport for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. As she has for the past several years Grace Kinnunen did a fabulous job of organizing the affair. Although Grace wouldn't allow a "Yankee Swap", we had a fundraising raffle that proved to be very entertaining. The 2008 Slate of Officers was announced that include President, Rose Stabile; Vice President, Lois Kessler; Treasurer, Anne Torres. The Club extends its gratitude to outgoing President Meredith Russo who has served in that capacity for the past two years. Meredith and Jere will be relocating to their new home in South Carolina after the first of the year. They will be missed and we all wish them the very best.

The Club wrapped up its year with the Annual Christmas Party that was held at the Green Valley Country Club in Portsmouth on December 16th. Our hosts, Mary and Ron Raposa provided an exceptional meal in the lovely setting of their restaurant and club. Paul Bernard acted as the "Master of Ceremonies" for the Yankee Swap and as usual provided a level of entertainment as only Paul can do. We all had some great laughs as many items changed hands a number of times with the silk scarf from Afghanistan being perhaps the most cherished item of the night that was finally captured by Marci Taylor. Sharon Reynolds ended up with the final pick of the night as she taunted everyone with her ability to trade for whatever she wanted. It was a great night!

The Club will increase the annual scholarship award to \$1,000. This scholarship is presented each spring to a high school senior who demonstrates their educational plans as they relate to the mission of AIHA. To support the Scholarship Fund, Club member Paul Bernard is providing a Pony Party starring "Little Bit", his beautiful little pony. The Party will be at the location of your choice and will include 2 hours with "Little Bit" pulling a cart or under saddle. Donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00 will provide you with the opportunity to be the recipient of this once in a lifetime party. This can add real excitement to a birthday party or event and at the same time support this very worthwhile cause. The drawing will be held on April 30, 2008 and the winner will be notified. Tickets can be purchased from Club members or by contacting Jack Taylor at (401) 225-1959, Paul Bernard at (401) 418-0208 or Sharon Reynolds at (401) 829-7002.

***Written By Jack Taylor***



The Famous Chinese Auction



*In Memory of Artex by Karen Razza*



***FROM ARTEX TO KAREN AND JULIE***

Grieve not,  
Nor speak of me with tears,  
But laugh and talk of me  
As if I were beside you.....  
I loved you so-  
'Twas Heaven here with you.

IslaPaschaRichardson

***"I will listen for your hoofbeats in Heaven" Karen***

## LEGAL BITS by Amy Rice, Esq.

### <sup>1</sup>.: Unpaid Board?

Many people have asked me this question. Related questions arise as to care, use and ownership. Stables and boarders alike should be aware of their rights and the law. Rhode Island was one of the last states to address this issue, which is referred to as an “Agister’s lien law.” An agister’s lien law is a security interest in horse that arises out of operation of law when a horse owner or agent leaves a horse with a person or stable for its care and keeping. Agister’s lien laws do not allow stables to simply sell off a boarded horse and pocket the proceeds. Agister’s lien law differs from state to state. The pertinent part of Rhode Island’s law is as follows:

#### **“34-48-1 Lien on animals for their keep - Transfer of abandoned animals.**

(a) When an agreement has been made between the owner of any animals, including, but not limited to, horses, birds and fish, and any person who keeps and feeds the animals, regarding the price of keeping, the animals shall be subject to a lien for the price of the keeping, in favor of the person keeping the animals; and the person keeping the animals may detain them until the debt is paid; and, if it is not paid within thirty (30) days after it is due, he or she may sell the animals, or so many as necessary at public auction, upon giving written notice to the owner of the time and place of the sale at least six (6) days before the sale, and apply the proceeds to the payment of any debts, returning the surplus, if any, to the owner...” R.I.G.L. §34-48-1 (a)

So without any written agreement, this law addresses the situation of when a boarder fails to pay board. But as horse owners we know that there is a lot more to board and care of a horse. There are other laws that pertain to care of an animal including horses. However, none specifically address emergency, veterinarian, farrier, or other types of care. Absence of specifics does not limit a stable to providing simply food and shelter as the law imposes what we call reasonable care, which would depend on the circumstances. Suffice to say, however, if additional expenditures were made on a horse, it could be added to the bill. In a boarding contract you can and should address as many issues as you can anticipate. This is also why I always recommend one where you could include the monetary value of the horse.

I have personally been involved in and read cases where people have both kept and sold horses but failed to follow the agister’s lien law. Failure to follow said law may subject a stable, who may have been patient and lost money, to civil and even criminal liability. Consider for example the following Rhode Island statute:

#### **“11-41-8 Stealing of animals.**

Every person who shall steal or attempt to steal any horse or other domestic animal shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or both; in case a fine is imposed, one-half (1/2) shall inure to the use of the complainant.” R.I.G.L. § 11-41-8

Additionally, a buyer should beware because if the correct procedure was not followed, they could have problems with obtaining papers, lose their horse, or worse be accused of theft also.

If the debt exceeds the horse’s value, then the stable could seek the balance in a collection suit, which could also be used in lieu of utilizing the above lien law.

Many of you have probably heard of a story where a horse was taken in the night to avoid paying past board. This should therefore be anticipated when you have a non-paying boarder. The best way to anticipate and address issues in advance is in a thorough boarding contract!

Feel free to email me any equine law questions: [amy@amyricelaw.com](mailto:amy@amyricelaw.com)

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<sup>1</sup> And Northeast Equine Law, LLC


# The AIHA Classifieds

## HOMES NEEDED FOR BARN CATS

In need of a warm, safe barn home, three adorable black and white, four to five month old kittens that are just not tame enough to live in a home. They are in my "cat room" for the winter, or until I find a home where they will be cared for in exchange for mouse and rat duty. They have been spayed and had all their shots by Pawswatch. They will need to be contained for a month to get them use to their new home and Pawswatch will help with a cage and advice.

For more information please call me, Janet Skinner at 401-683-6490 or my cell at 401-225-7902 I'd appreciate it if this was passed on to anyone who might also be interested.

**TED TORREY**



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