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Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc.

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President's Message

AIHA

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Hello everyone,

Thank God this winter is almost over! I'm sure all of you feel this way too. And with spring coming, so are equine events that may be of interest to our members.

Marcie Taylor is making arrangements with Steve from Allie's Tack Shop to come speak with us about western saddles, history, design, new technology, proper fit and overall comfort for both the horse and rider. The date and location is to be announced, possibly later in April, hopefully using real horses for demo purposes. And, at the request of some members, I have talked to Ted Torrey at Glen Farm to have another jumping clinic. Also, for an audit fee, other people may join the event who do not want to ride, but watch...where he will give a demonstration and answer any questions people may have. Time planned for this event will be about the last week in March, further details will come soon. And there is a horse shown set for April at the Glen. Members of AIHA have enjoyed participating in the past, and this is a great time for the young riders in our area to show off their talent that they have worked so hard for.

Other ideas have been sent to me that we can make arrangements for. Donna Rose could possibly give us a demonstration in TaiChi, which could help in fitness and balance. And Cynthia Sheldon has suggested her equine dentist, George Hussey, has volunteered to come give us a talk on any questions we may have about a horse's mouth. And the list goes on!!

It has been great to see the response from the group showing a desire to have informative and educational events that the members of AIHA could attend. And with the variety of requests submitted, we will be sure to have something for everyone. Thanks again to the people who have given their time and energy to help to arrange these events.

So, with spring coming...we have equine related activities we can look forward to.....Rose Stabile President AIHA

"It takes a wise man to understand that strength lies in a gentle hand"

Lyric from "A Trail Less Travelled"

AIHA 2008 Calendar

Meeting	Tuesday, March 25 th “501”Restaurant in Portsmouth R.I.
Deadline for sales of raffle Tickets for the Paul Bernard “Pony Party”.	Wednesday, April 30th
Meeting	Wednesday, May 21st
Meeting	Tuesday, July 22nd
Steak Cookout	Saturday, August 23rd
Meeting	Wednesday, September 17th
20th Annual Hunter Pace	Sunday, October 5th
Holiday Party	Sunday, November 23rd

JACKI O RIDE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND SAVE THE DATE JUNE 15TH

ONE HOUR RIDE STARTS
AT 8 AM WITH LAST RIDER AT 9:30
BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 9:30 AM UNTIL 11:00

AT

HORSEPLAY RESCUE
SAUNDERSTOWN, RI
COST \$20 FOR MEMBER, \$25 FOR NON-MEMBER

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED JACKIE O!

DIRECTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION
IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

ANY QUESTIONS
Email Laura Murphy at
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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 30th

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

AIHA Meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 2008
37 Parker Avenue, Newport – Lois Kessler's house

Minutes were taken by Rosalie Stabile.

Opening remarks for the meeting were stated by Rosalie Stabile, AIHA President. It was noted that this was the first meeting of the calendar year, and was nice to see a good turnout. Lois Kessler was thanked for the use of her home, and the wonderful spaghetti dinner she had prepared for the group.

The Treasurer's Report:

Anne Torres gave an updated Treasurer's Report.

Sunshine Report:

Mary Raposa was not present so there was nothing reported.

Old Business:

It was noted that Lois Kessler was the new Vice President for AIHA... Paul Bernard's raffle of a "Pony Party" with Little Bits was discussed. Members were encouraged to sell tickets for the raffle, deadline was set for April 30th, 2008.

AIHA commitment for 3 fund raisers in 2007 to help towards the restoration of Glen Farm was announced as achieved. All 3 events produced a profit not only for the Glen, but money was added to the AIHA account as well. The Thanksgiving Dinner at Whites and the Christmas Party at Green Valley Golf Course were a fun time for all of the Association who attended. Thanks were given to Grace and Mary for their hard work in making these events happen. The Annual AIHA Hunter Pace was held this past fall, again was a great success. Thanks were given to Barbara for her continued hard work.

New Business:

The date for the annual AIHA Hunter pace was announced by Barbara Plante to be held on October 5th, 2008.

The date for the Annual Steak Cookout is set for Saturday, August 23, 2008. Again Barbara Schenck took this task on.

It was decided to combine the Holiday Parties for the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, all of our members have stated they have a full calendar for this season and it would be easier and more fun to just have one party. The AIHA holiday party will be held on November 23rd, to celebrate the entire holiday season. We will discuss at the next meeting where the party will be held.

There was a very intense discussion on future speakers for our meetings to educate the AIHA membership. Amy Rice was present and stressed the fact that education of the AIHA association involving various areas of horsemanship was needed to maintain the status of a non-profit organization. Many ideas were voiced. All members were encouraged to send their researched areas of interest to Rose Stabile or Lois Kessler so that we would try to fit these requests into future meetings.

It was decided that the 2 areas of fundraising for the 2008 calendar of AIHA would be the Paul Bernard Raffle and the Annual Hunter Pace. Members were asked if anyone had a request for any other venture, none was offered.

Next meeting location is set to be the "501" Restaurant in Portsmouth R.I.

The completed AIHA calendar for the 2008 year will be sent out shortly

New Members:

No new members for January or February.

Scholarship and Donations Committees:

Marcie Taylor announced that she has gotten the volunteers needed for the Donations Committee and the Scholarship Committee. Marcie Taylor will head these committees, and was noted to be able to do the job well.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

**Paul Bernard
Sandy Carney
Liz Franks
Pat Grimes
Laura Murphy
Sharon Reynolds
Barbara Schenck
Marcie Taylor**

DONATIONS COMMITTEE:

**Liz Franks
Pat Grimes
Karen Razza
Sharon Reynolds
Marcie Taylor
Anne Torres
Mary Weaver**

FYI

If you become a member of USEF (United States Equestrian Federation), you are entitled to \$1 million in personal excess liability insurance for horse-related accidents that cause riding injury or property damage to third parties. Contributing members that are non-showing is only \$25. There are also a bunch of other "perks: for becoming a member. Read all about it at www.usef.org <www.usef.org> .

LEGAL BITS by Amy Rice, Esq¹: Equine Liability? (Part One)

To encourage participants in a multi-billion dollar equestrian industry, as of 2006, 46 have enacted Equine Activity Liability Acts (hereinafter referred to as "EALAs"). EALAs typically limit liability against equine professionals or horse owners for injuries sustained in equine activities. Rhode Island's reads as follows:

"Except as provided in § 4-21-3, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation or partnership, shall not be liable for an injury to or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities unless the equine activity sponsor, professional or other person are demonstrated to have failed to exercise due care under the circumstances towards the participant and, except as provided in § 4-21-3, no participant nor any participant's representative shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the inherent risks of equine activities unless this equine activity sponsor, professional or other person shall be demonstrated to have failed to exercise due care under the circumstances towards the participant." R.I.G.L. § 4-21-2

Rhode Island's law requires its EALAs to be posted and included in contracts as described below:

"(a) Every equine professional shall post and maintain signs which contain the warning notice specified in subsection (b). These signs shall be placed in a clearly visible location in the proximity of the equine activity. The warning notice specified in subsection (b) shall appear on the sign in black letters, with each letter to be a minimum of one inch in height. Every written contract entered into by an equine professional for the providing of professional services, instruction, or the rental of equipment or tack or an equine to a participant, whether or not the contract involves equine activities on or off the location or site of the equine professional's business, shall contain in clearly readable print the warning notice specified in subsection (b). (b) The signs and contracts described in subsection (a) shall contain the following warning notice:

WARNING: Under Rhode Island Law, an equine professional, unless he or she can be shown to have failed to be in the exercise of due care, is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to this chapter." R.I.G.L. § 4-21-4

Naturally, there are exceptions. Below are those stated under Rhode Island law:

- (a) This chapter does not apply to horse racing meetings to which chapter 3 of title 41 is applicable.
- (b) Nothing in § 4-21-2 prevents or limits the liability of an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person if the equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or person:

(1) Provided the equipment or tack, and knew or should have known that the equipment or tack was faulty, and the equipment or tack was faulty to the extent that it did cause the injury; or (B) Provided the equine and failed to make reasonable and prudent efforts to determine the ability of the participant to engage safely in the equine activity, and determine the ability of the participant to safely manage the particular equine based on the participant's representations of his or her ability; (2) Owns, leases, rents, has authorized use of, or is otherwise in lawful possession and control of the land, or facilities upon which the participant sustained injuries because of a dangerous condition which was known or should have been known to the equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or person; (3) Commits an act of omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant, and that act of omission caused the injury; or (4) Intentionally injures the participant." R.I.G.L. § 4-21-3

I will explain more on this topic in part two in the next newsletter.

Feel free to email me any equine law questions: amy@amyricelaw.com

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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.

With a couple of months left to ride on the beach Grace Kinnunen thought it would be a good idea to post the rules again, so here is a copy of the AIHA Informational Brochure regarding riding on the beaches.



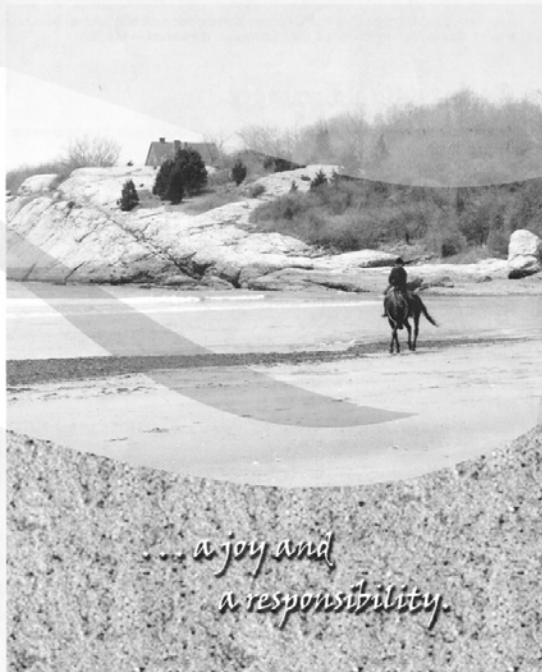
Town of Middletown, Ordinance No. 94.32 (1)

1. During the period from May 1st to September 30, no person shall ride any horse upon Sachuest or Third Beach.
2. No person shall ride any horse in areas located at Sachuest or Third Beaches designated as sand dunes or upon paths or walkways providing pedestrian access to the beaches, or upon any portion of any building or structure located at Sachuest or Third Beaches.
3. No person shall ride any horse upon Sachuest or Third Beaches except upon that part of the shore between high and low water marks adjacent thereto.
4. No person riding any horse shall enter or leave Sachuest Beach except from the ramp area located to the west of the west parking area at 'Rock,' so-called.
5. No person riding any horse shall enter or leave Third Beach except from the boat ramp, so-called.
6. No person shall ride any horse upon Sachuest or Third Beaches upon that part of the shore between high and low water marks adjacent thereto in such manner as may create a hazard to himself/herself or as may endanger the lives or safety of any member of the public or the lives or safety of any member of the public or their property. Any person in control of horse which defecates on the beach or public property must remove the waste as soon as circumstances allow, having due regard for the safety of horse, rider and general public. Penalty, see 94.99 (D)



Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association (AIHA), Inc. has created this informational brochure as part of its ongoing effort to educate and sensitize equestrians to the responsibilities and expectations that are associated with riding on the beach. AIHA is a horse and rider-oriented club dedicated to maintaining the sport in harmony with the island's ecology and environment so that the beach experience will continue to be available and enjoyed by all.

Rules for riding horses on Middletown Public Beaches



Middletown beaches are an attraction for many people for numerous reasons. Because the beach area is environmentally fragile, care must be observed by everyone to ensure that the beaches are used and enjoyed in a sensitive and responsible manner.

To this end, the Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association (AIHA) Inc. has created this informational flier for distribution to all horse owners on Aquidneck Island and surrounding areas.

It is AIHA's expectation that BEFORE any person rides on Middletown beaches, she/he completely understands the information contained in this flier.

Rules and etiquette

When planning to ride on the beach and/or surrounding areas, please observe the following:

PARK ONLY in DESIGNATED areas (see images to right)

ENTER and **EXIT** the beach **ONLY** at DESIGNATED areas. (see images to right)

RIDE horses **ONLY** between the high and low water marks on the shore or adjacent to the high water mark.

DO NOT GALLOP past people walking on the beach. Remember that many people find horses **BIG** and **FRIGHTENING** and may react - frightening the HORSE.

MEET WALKERS in a calm manner, perhaps introducing yourself and your horse.

REMOVE ALL MANURE FROM BEACH AREAS AFTER RIDING even if it means sending someone back for it.

REMOVE ALL MANURE from **PARKING AREAS** and **DO NOT CLEAN OUT** your **TRAILER** in the parking area.

REMOVE ALL MANURE that has been dropped on **ROADS**, ensuring that your vehicle does not create a traffic hazard.

DO NOT ride **ON** or **THROUGH SAND DUNES** or **SEA GRASS**, they are integral to beach ecology and preserve the natural coastline.

DO NOT ride **ON** or **NEAR BOARDWALKS**, they are off-limits to horses.

DO NOT contribute to **LITTER** on the beach.

Provide a **GOOD EXAMPLE**.



Sachuest Beach

(West end of Sachuest Beach also known as 'Surfers End')



Trailer parking.

Beach Entrance and Exit for riders.



Third Beach

(South end of Third Beach also known as the 'Boat Ramp')



Trailer parking.

Beach Entrance and Exit for riders.

