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Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc

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President's Message

Here we are with a new year for AIHA. We have some new members this year that are bringing in new ideas and enthusiasm. And we have the old steady members that have great stories from the past adventures of the club. The past couple of meetings have been fun, social, and enjoyable for the old and new members that have attended.

Today has that smell and feel of spring...a tease for what we are all now ready to embrace. With the coming of the warm weather, AIHA has plans for upcoming events for its members to share. So, come join us and have some fun.

Rose Stabile
AIHA President

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One stall is available in the Co-op Barn at Glen Farm. Stall is large and bright with daily paddock turnout. Established rotational feeding/care program in place. Beautiful grounds to ride upon including, indoor & outdoor arena, access to trails and riding instruction/training program available. Stop by to see what you are missing. Contact Barbara Plante, 846-8445 for information.

SOLD OUT AT THIS TIME

We will reorder pending demand!

ORDER YOUR AIHA WINE GLASSES TODAY.

MEMBER PRICE \$6.00

CONTACT: Laura Murphy at 401-835-2919 or

murfylmm@aol.com

We will arrange pick up or delivery!

Thanks for supporting your Club

Checks made out to AIHA



**AIHA MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2010**

This meeting was held at the home of AIHA President Rose Stabile. The club provided the refreshments of spirits, soda, snacks, and water...something for everyone!

Mary Raposa was not present to give an updated report on the Sunshine Club. Due to this, members that have had recent events...Paul Bernard had Heart Bypass Surgery...Barbara Plante had a very serious cold..and also “down”, she is sending her horse “Chill” to a retirement farm soon, after 27 years of memories riding together. Let them know our thoughts are with them.

The renewal of memberships is expected at this time, as in the past. Members present at the meeting did do so, other members not present are encouraged to download an application from the website...and mail the information to lisa Murray.

Office for secretary remains open, Lisa Murray and Evelyn Marano have agreed to take over the AIHA newsletter...so if any member has anything to contribute...please send forward to them.

The membership of AIHA has declined over the past few years....Lisa Murray and I have dug through the old paperwork to search for anyone who may be interested to keep us going. We are working on an updated list which will be available to all members when it is completed.

Barbara Plante will not be present at this years Hunterpace...she will be attending the Equine World Games. I have agreed to fill in her spot...so it will be me riding around in the golf cart. I am asking all members to be there for me as you have in the past....

Our next meeting will be at the home of member Evelyn Marano in Portsmouth R.I. Members did request a dressage rider to give a speech on this discipline....but the trainer that Sylvia Haden suggested does not do educational talks.

Our next target is to have a talk from the Director of Horseplay in R.I....this is a rescue farm that takes in horses that have no where else to go.....I will contact Deirde....she told me that she would be open to have members come to the facility to see what she is all about.

Meeting Minutes, Rose Stable

AIHA 2010 Calendar

JANUARY 28 TH	THURSDAY	AIHA MEETING
MARCH 24TH	WEDNESDAY	AIHA MEETING
200 Lepes Rd, Portsmouth (Evelyn Marano's home)		
MAY 25 TH	TUESDAY	AIHA MEETING
JULY TBD	SATURDAY	POLO EVENT
SEPTEMBER 23 RD	THURSDAY	AIHA MEETING
OCTOBER 3 RD	SUNDAY	HUNTER PACE
NOVEMBER 30 TH	TUESDAY	HOLIDAY MEETING

LOCATIONS, EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO ABOVE DATE.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
May 1, 2010

Club News

AIHA DUTIES LIST

Rosalie Stable - *President*
Loie Kessler - *Vice President*
Lisa Murray - *Treasurer*
Grace Kinnunen - *Club Historian*
Sylvia Hayden - *Federation Connection*
Barbara Plante - *Hunterpace Organizer*
Paul Bernard - *Raffle Director*
Pat Grimes - *Donations Committee*
Mary Raposa - *Sunshine Person*
Evelyn Marano
& **Lisa Murray** - *Newsletter*
Barbara Plante - *Webmaster*

Position of Secretary remains open.

Barn Goods For Sale: Paddock/Fence gates, Electric Fence Battery Operated charger. Misc rakes, Pitch Forks, Shovels, Light Fixtures. Contact Barbara Plante at 401-846-8445

Stall Available in small (3-stall) private barn in North Tiverton. One 12x12 stall with individual turnout 24x7, wood fencing. Indoor riding ring on the property. Geldings only please (the fencing setup won't support a mix of mares/geldings) No cribs.

Email Dawn: dawn.m.cabral-quimby@bankofamerica.com for details, or 401-624-3792.

Pretty, 10 year old mare for lease at Glen Farm in the co-op barn, Contact Tracy Benway at 401-829-0152 for information.

Access to trails, indoor & outdoor facilities, & riding instruction. Don't be left out in the cold this winter.



Easy Street Farm of Middletown to Be Conserved!!

The Aquidneck Land Trust ("ALT") signed a Purchase and Sale Contract with Roberta Faria to acquire a Conservation Easement, at the bargain sale price of \$75,000, on approximately 8.71 acres of her 10.71-acre farm strategically located next to other ALT conserved properties within the Middletown section of ALT's Sakonnet Greenway.

Easy Street Farm is a small but growing farm off of Mitchell's Lane run almost single-handedly by an impressive and hard-working woman named Roberta Faria. The farm consists of a horse boarding operation, the raising of chickens and sale of eggs locally, and vegetable gardens. Most of the farmland at Easy Street Farm consists of Prime Farmland Soils, the United States Department of Agriculture's highest rank for farm soils. Ms. Faria has done a good job managing her farm and, as a result, this past summer she was able to purchase an abutting 3.5-acre field to add on to the farm.

<http://www.enflyer.com/app/file_root/2280/Images/EasyStreetscenicINCOPY.jpg>

"It has been my dream to be a farmer since I was in college. You do not meet too many women with this goal. I also believe in the importance of protecting our Earth, her forests, wildlife, farmland and water, so that our future is a sustainable one. Thus, I am deeply pleased to have partnered with the Aquidneck Land Trust so that I can grow and protect my farm with the sale of a Conservation Easement," stated Ms. Faria.

A Conservation Easement is a perpetual legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified organization, such as the Aquidneck Land Trust, that restricts future activities on the land so as to protect the land's conservation values (wildlife habitat, important agricultural soils, scenic vistas, etc.) while also allowing the landowner to continue owning the land.

Easy Street Farm is located within ALT's Sakonnet Greenway that runs along the eastern side of Aquidneck Island from near Glen Road in Portsmouth south to Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge. A Greenway is an area with a critical mass of nearby and connected open spaces which together afford a community substantial benefits such as wildlife habitat corridors, sweeping scenic vistas, recreational corridors that can support outdoor recreation opportunities such as ALT's Sakonnet Greenway Trail, long buffers for critical water supplies, and agricultural corridors. Fragmentation of agricultural land, caused primarily by

It's time to renew your membership to the Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association!

Send your renewal check-- \$15 individual, \$20 family--

to:

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c/o Lisa Murray

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Your membership ensures that the AIHA can fulfill it's mission to enhance the riding pleasure and knowledge of horsemen in the area.

This past year we have supported a college scholarship, contributed to a girl scout troop earning their horsemanship badges, helped the 4-H club and enabled Newport students the ability to ride. We have also supported Horse Play in their efforts to rescue and protect unwanted horses.

development, is one of the greatest threats to agricultural viability in

New England. As shown on the map below, Easy Street Farm is located next to a number of ALT conserved properties within the Sakonnet Greenway, including Commonwealth Farm which is contiguous with the eastern boundary of Ms. Faria's farm.

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An engineer's conceptual subdivision plan demonstrated that the area of Easy Street Farm to be conserved could have supported 6 residential lots if not protected. Various studies show that it costs a municipality between \$1.04 and \$2.00 for every dollar of tax revenue to provide services to a typical subdivision. Subdivisions require schools, roads, police, water, rescue and fire department services, storm water management, etc. Based on the Trip Generation Handbook, 7th Edition, published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers, such a 6-lot subdivision would generate almost 60 additional vehicle trips a day on the already busy and dangerous roadways of Aquidneck Island.

Regarding today's signing, Ted Clement, ALT Executive Director, stated, "It has been a pleasure and honor working with Roby to conserve her beloved Easy Street Farm. Conserving adequate agricultural resources is what is required as part of the long-term sustainability equation for Aquidneck Island. When we close on the Easy Street Farm Conservation Easement in December per the Purchase and Sale Contract signed today, ALT will have protected almost 20 local farms with our good partners. An Easy Street Farm Conservation Easement in December, what a perfect green holiday gift for our island community!"



Last June the AIHA gave a grant to a local girl scout troop to help the girls earn their horsemanship badges. Now, they've done it! Over eight weeks this winter the troop members spent Tuesdays and Thursdays at Glen Farm. Under the tutelage of Nikki Tolpa, the girls learned basic skills including proper techniques of grooming and tacking. Only one of the troop had ridden more than once or twice before, but by the end of the eight weeks they all were riding a good posting trot, had learned how to do an emergency dismount, had gone on a trail ride and were starting to canter. They all had a marvelous time, and several voiced an interest in continuing lessons. More to the point, however, the girls have now a firm appreciation of horses and horsemanship, and their horsemanship badges.

Horse Stalls for Rent

Clearview Farm is conveniently located
10 minutes from Route 24 in Tiverton, RI.

24 hour barn management on premises

Matted stalls, Automatic waterers
Grass Turnout, Large indoor ring
Large outdoor sand ring, Close to trails

Board- \$650.00 per month

Call Pam Jackson 401-559-9070



The following members have our thanks and appreciation for their time spent as editor of our newsletter. Without them our club most likely would have not thrived as well as it has because the newsletter serves to hold us together as a group. The younger members will look at the early issues and wonder what child was the editor . . .the early cut & paste was a challenge!

1984 to 1990--Grace Kinnunen

1990--Grace Kinnunen, Editor; Kristen Russell, Production

1992--1993 Grace Kinnunen

1994--1995 Ledd Berard

1996--Bonnie Paulin

1997--Jr Bullis

1998-2003 Roger& Judy Menard

2003--2004 Jennifer Raby, then Karen Razza, then Dee Dee Harris

2005--2006 Lynn Kaye

2007 Dorie Burner

2008 Sharon Reynolds

2009 Barbara Plante

Our thanks to Lisa Murray and Evelyn Marano for taking up the reins this year!

Information provided by Grace Kinnunen, Club Historian