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Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc



AIHA has a new treasurer. Lisa Kershaw comes highly recommended. She is a new member who rides with Roseland Acres.



Scholarship Committee Formed

At our April meeting a committee was formed to prepare specifications and advertisement for a \$1,000 scholarship/stipend to be awarded to an AIHA member who submits the best true story about how horses contributed to his or her education or life story. Rose Stable will chair the committee.

Be sure your membership is up to date, See page 3 for membership form. and start writing!

Plans are underway for our annual polo tailgate party, which will take place at Glen Farm when Ireland plays on July 16th. Be sure to save the date. Newport Polo's first international game will be June 4th with Egypt.

RIDART is offering a course to its volunteers on first aid for small animals on 5/14. They have included us in their email list and are planning a class for large animals including horses to be announced soon.

Horse Play will have Open House on May 28th. They are located at 143 Gilbert Stuart Road, Saunderstown, RI

For more information about what is planned at Horse Play go to horseplayri@msn.com

Calendar of Events

AIHA MEETING

May 19,

6:00 p.m. Glen Farm
Sandwiches for supper

May 14,

Glen Farm Show

Hunter Jumper Show

RI rated

(Glenfarmstables.com)

May 28,

Horse Play Open House

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May 28,

Polo Glen Farm

Rotary Club Charity

June 12

Glen Farm Horse Show



Rebel...My Best Friend

I love my horse. It is plain and simple. I love him on his good days. The days he responds to my leg and I am not working hard. He is paying attention to me when I am riding. We are one. I love him when his head flies up in the air, startled over WHAT and he spins because a bird flew in front of him. I love him when he is clean and shiny. He stands still enjoying my grooming or is it the carrot treats he gets as he just hangs on the cross ties. I even love him when he is happily caked in mud. He is a vision with mud caked around those brown eyes as my roan Appy wants to become a dark bay! There is a quality in these animals that speak to our hearts. My horse, Rebel has spoken and won mine. Rebel is a 28 year old Roan Appaloosa. He has lived at Glen Farm since he was 13 years old. He was a horse that I drove to Vermont with a friend Kathy Fitzgerald to look at. I walked away from the purchase. He had not been ridden in about a year and he was a little rambunctious to say the least. The owner called assuring me that the horse I saw was not the horse I would have. I trusted her as she was willing to free lease him to me for 6 months. She was right. Rebel and I became best buddies.

We did everything together. Rebel has taken me to places I would never have been to. We have camped at the Horseman's Legrand section of Escoheag, trail riding through the woods. We have hunter paced in the most beautiful areas in New England from Carlisle, Ma to Old Lyme Ct. We have spent weekends on Cape Cod, riding through the state forests and on the wide expanses of beaches. My horse Rebel has made me feel like the most special person in the whole world.

Now we cannot keep up that pace like we used to, but then again he will prove me wrong when he squeals, gives a ballet buck and off we run! OR we trail ride and he starts humming! YES he hums; I want to believe that the habit started from me singing made up songs to him on trail rides.

Karen Razza is enjoying Rebel, trail riding him at the Glen and taking him on rides to Goddard Park. His wild days may be over but he enjoys a great trail ride and a few trips around the riding arena. Rebel may not be able to tell us that he feels lucky, but his calmness, reliability and willingness to do anything we ask reflects that he is a happy little horse!!!

I think I am going to saddle him up and take him out for a long hack tomorrow morning! We have experienced some great sunrises.

I love my HORSE!!

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Membership Form

Support Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Individual (\$15)

Family (\$20)

Print and mail this form with your check

Make checks payable to: AIHA

Mail to:

AIHA c/o Loie Kessler

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What are you interested in?

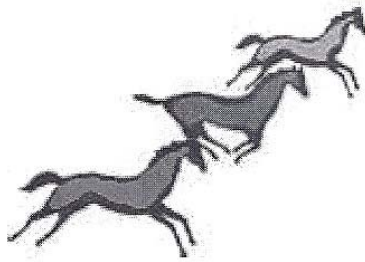
Trail Riding

Clinics

Jumping

Dressage

Other: what can AIHA do to enrich your horse activities?



Horse Play

Equine Rescue & Sanctuary is having their

Annual Open House

Saturday, May 28, 2011

*Rain Date June 4 2010

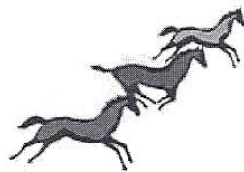
11:00am - 5:00pm

at the farm - 143 Gilbert Stuart Rd.

Saunderstown, RI

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There will be raffle prizes, silent auction - stuff for everyone, food, drink, meet-n-greet the horses, live music, vendors (handmade jewelry, herbal products, henna artist, horsey stuff, crafts, and more), demos - Intro to Evolutionary Horsemanship - de-mystifying the Natural Horsemanship methods, Barefoot Trimming, Liberty Playing, Yoga for Horses, T'ai Chi for Riders (and non-riders too!) and others.

Come visit and experience some Horse Play!

