

# The Hunters Valley Rider

*Newsletter of the Hunters Valley Riding Club*

January 2003



*Santa and his helpers go caroling on horseback.*

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON HORSEBACK

*We met at the dressage ring on Sunday, Dec 15th and had a great turnout. We hope to turn this event into a new tradition.*

### Riding:

Santa Claus Pearson  
Amanda LaHaie  
Beverly Dickerson  
Jim Spencer  
Lauren Marfurt  
Laura Roberts  
Retsy Holliday  
Barbi and Rachel Hamblen  
Betty Fink  
Penny Henon  
Lisa Mulville  
Jean Myrah  
Mary and Tom Johnson  
Kerry Longenecker

Marilyn and Amy Copans  
Peggy and Nicole Mayhew  
Melissa Jenkins

### Walkers:

Judy Durham  
Patty Pearson  
Lisa Marfurt  
Diane LaHaie  
Barb Gillispie  
Tricia Roberts

## *Upcoming Events*

### *January 19*

Trail Clearing. Meet at the Dressage ring, 10:30 am. For more info email Judy at [jdurham@awinet.org](mailto:jdurham@awinet.org).

### *February 10*

7:30 pm. HVRC Board Meeting at Barbie Hamblen's house. 10605 Hannah Farm Road. From Hunter Mill Road, turn onto Vale Road west, then take 2nd left onto Hannah Farm Road. For more info, call Barbie, 703-242-8759.

## SECOND ANNUAL CROSS COUNTY TRAIL CAUCUS

### PLEASE ATTEND!

The Second Annual Cross County Trail Caucus, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority in cooperation with area trail user groups, will be held at Fairfax High School on Monday, January 27, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting presents trail enthusiasts with a chance to meet local volunteers, gain an understanding of trail creation and development, and hear a status report on the progress of the Cross County Trail.

The Cross County Trail will run 33.5 miles from Great Falls and the Potomac River south to Pohick Road and eventually connect through the

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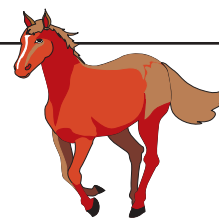
For sale: Wintec 2000 AP saddle with fittings. 17 1/2 inch Black, 2 years old, great shape \$275. Mens dress boots, Eiser size 8 1/2 great shape, \$50. call Bea 703-287-9487 W, 703-256-2487 H

House for sale in Oakton's Fairhunt neighborhood. 10856 Flowerstone Street. Nice, close-in equestrian property with 3-rail fencing and run-in shed. 7 acres adjoining large ring and overlooking Difficult Run stream. House has 4BR, gas heat, public water, lots of windows. Schools: Flint Hill Elem, Thoreau Middle, Madison HS. 703-716-0055.

Boarding: Beginning December 1, I will have room for one, and possibly 2 boarders in my barn. We are located in the North Fork area of Purcellville, with access to numerous trails. I plan on leaving horses turned out with access to their stalls 24/7, unless it's icy or otherwise dangerous. The barn is still under construction (tack room and hot water wash facilities will become available as we complete them), but the stalls will be complete with bluestone under mats and bedding, and the turnout is 5+ acres of well maintained pasture with brand new 3 board fencing. I am looking for a reasonably quiet horse (we have a chill! d and dogs), who will get along well with my young 23 yo gelding. He loves to play, but is kind, gentle and has always proven to be great with pasturemates. Full board would include all feed, hay, shavings/mucking, pasture maintenance and daily blanketing. Great location for foxhunter or pleasure rider. Please contact me at 540-338-7074 or via email at [adrienne.gardner@bateswhite.com](mailto:adrienne.gardner@bateswhite.com) if you are interested.

Lovely grey 2-year-old Appendix Registered Quarter Horse Filly "Jedi's Classy Magic" Extremely athletic, great mind, and ready to start under saddle. Will mature to 16 hands. Placed 2nd at Upperville 2002 in the 2-year-old non-TB fillies class \$7500.00. Contact Patricia Ramey at Hunt Ridge Stables for further information. 540-687-3934. Other quality prospects and broodmares for sale.

## Classifieds



Toliver: 16:1hh chestnut (four white socks and blaze) thoroughbred gelding. 11 years old, sound, sane, no vices. A "special horse" currently a staff member of Snickersville's field hunter. Ideal for novice or advanced rider. Honest jumper, scopey, great trail horse, lovely mount and temperament. Sadly for sale..."one in a million". \$9,500. Phone Todd: 540 722 9184 [dickk@shentel.net](mailto:dickk@shentel.net)

Self Care: 5 acre pasture, all grass & flat with year-round water (2 streams) and 2-stall barn with tack and feed room are coming up for leasing in January/February. Split-rail fence with supplement of electric/solar. Front paddock for jump and dressage. Fronts on Stuart Mill Rd. NO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY OR SHOWS, TENANT TO CARRY TENANT/LANDLORD LIABILITY INSURANCE CALL HOWIE GREEN AT 703-620-3412

"Tracing a Path of Fairfax History - The Story of Hunter Mill Road". Video now available at Appalachian Outfitters (corner of Hunter Mill Road and Rt.123/Chain Bridge Road in Oakton). \$19.95 plus tax. Stock up on local history while supplies last! This history video is a joint project of the Hunter Mill Defense League and the Oakton Women's Club.

Tools: McCulloch Eager Beaver 3.7 chain saw with 19" guide bar. Additional chain, 2.5 gal gas/oil can. Original price \$330, priced to sell, \$150 obo. 30' aluminum extension ladder \$100 obo. Compare at Home Depot \$250. Black & Decker Vac n' Mulch, \$40. 703-716-0055.

## Thank you

We had a light turnout on this cold Sunday morning (December 8), following the Hunters Valley party the evening before, but those who did come were prepared and ready to work! Paul Pearson and Eric Beattie brought the chain saws; Penny Henon, Judy Durham, Retsy Holiday, Beverly Dickerson, and Elizabeth Phillips came prepared to lug logs out of the way and remove small debris and trees.

We cleared the big tree that was down on the Burnett Trail and three trees that were down in various spots on the Gravel Trail. Even though Paul was under the weather and Eric's chain saw broke half way through the event, we got a lot

accomplished and as promised everyone received freshly baked Xmas cookies!

Thanks to our trail clearing regulars in 2002! I really appreciate your support and those of you who benefit from our trail system -- remember us next year and please come to one of our trail clearing parties. It is a great way to work together with your fellow club members!

Happy Trails and Happy Holidays!

-- Judy

## Fairfax4Horses Update

Those of us in HVRC are fortunate in that we either own a horse, lease a horse, or have access to a horse for lessons. However, many county residents aren't as fortunate as we. There are many searching for a place to take riding lessons, either to try a new interest, to brush up on old riding skills, or to continue a sport that they started elsewhere.

Unfortunately, the options for these people are very limited in Fairfax County. By comparison, Montgomery County has four public riding lesson facilities to meet this need. Fairfax County, with its rich heritage of horses, has zero! Private lesson facilities have long waiting lists, so there is a great, if unrecognized, demand. Fairfax4Horses was formed in June 2002 to work with the county to address this need,

Here are the mission and goals from their website: [www/fairfax4horses.org](http://www/fairfax4horses.org). Please go to the website and sign up so that the equestrians in the county can have their voices heard and can support each other.

### **Our Mission:**

Fairfax4Horses is a group of concerned Fairfax County residents seeking to secure a public equestrian facility on Fairfax County park land. Some of us

own our own horses; some of us lease horses; most of us ride horses and all of us love them. All of us are concerned about the steady loss of farmland, private barns, and other places for horses in Fairfax County.

All of us want to ensure that children and adult residents of Fairfax County will have affordable, permanent access to riding and boarding facilities in Fairfax County.

### **Our Methods:**

We seek to unite toward our goal pony clubs, equestrian societies, 4-H clubs, horse owners, horse riders, horse lovers, and anyone who has ever thought about riding or enjoyed a drive down a country road alongside grazing horses. We will work with the Fairfax County Park Authority to identify a suitable property and raise the necessary funds, from public and private sources. We will reach out to like-minded groups of environmentalists, hikers, bird-watchers and other advocates for open space. We will seek cooperative, common ground solutions to this and related land-use issues with real estate developers as well as golfers, soccer and softball clubs, and others who have a need for park facilities in Fairfax County.

**For more information on Fairfax4Horses, go to the website or contact Beverly Dickerson, [beverlyd@spectrum-systems.com](mailto:beverlyd@spectrum-systems.com), 703-620-4689.**

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Lorton/Laurel Hill property to the Occoquan River. The State of the Trail status report and packets of new trail maps will be distributed at the meeting. HVRC and other participants in the various volunteer projects completed during the year will also be recognized. A variety of displays and information will be presented. This is an opportunity to get familiar with volunteer groups and their activities and to assist in planning for National Trails Day next summer.

Fairfax High School is located at 3500 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. The meeting will be held in the auditorium. For more information about this meeting, contact Trails Coordinator Jenny Pate at 703-324 -8726 or Beverly Dickerson, HVRC, 703-620-4689, [beverlyd@spectrum-systems.com](mailto:beverlyd@spectrum-systems.com).

## **DUES RENEWAL:**

PLEASE MAKE ALL DUES CHECKS OUT TO HVRC AND MAIL TO: Beverly Dickerson, 11003 Oakton Woods Way, Oakton, VA 22124

As we start the new year, please remember that HVRC dues are on a calendar year basis. As you know, your HVRC dues include membership in HVA (with its great picnics, parties, etc.!) When you send HVRC a check for \$100, we check you off on our mailing list, notify HVA, and then we send them a check for \$20. We make every effort to keep our membership list up to date, and the best way to help us is to make your check out to HVRC and mail it to Beverly Dickerson at the address above. (Note that there can be a delay if you send your membership dues to HVA instead of HVRC, so if you do that, please let me know, so I am sure to mark you as paid. You can send email to [beverlyd@spectrum-systems.com](mailto:beverlyd@spectrum-systems.com) or leave me a phone message at 703-620-4689.)

If you have signed a waiver in the past, you don't need to sign one again, nor fill out the form! Just send the check and we will know what it's for.

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