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## TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE – AN ADVENTURE WITH MY HORSE NAMED IMAGE!

Pat Merson

If you ever have to ride on a gray misty, damp, cool, not so pleasant day, then the TROT Judged Pleasure Ride on September 17th was the day to do it. Fifty-eight riders and horses gathered at the RT-3L Farm in Jefferson, Frederick County. We were met by people who showed us where to park in an open field with more space than you knew what to do with. After a short delay getting the judges in place, the riders were off and walking. There were 22 obstacles to negotiate over several miles of the nicest mowed and woodland trails.

The course started off by crossing a small creek, then proceeded to the indoor riding ring where the next two obstacles were waiting. Then we were off onto the trails that bordered each pasture. We moved in and out of the trails and wooded areas to three blue barrels which, after being handed 4 tennis balls, you had to get a ball in each barrel! Then it was on to the sign post that you had to hang eight square blocks on to spell the words "Pony Club". Then you were on to the trash bags hanging in the trees and clothes

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## TROT Annual Dinner and Silent Auction February 11, 2012

TROT's annual dinner meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Mount Airy Fireman's Activity Hall in Mount Airy, MD (same location as the last three years). If you have new or used tack in excellent condition, or can offer horse-related services, please plan to make a donation to the silent auction. We have a new volunteer coordinator for the auction – Chris Ritcher. Thanks, Chris, for helping with this important event!

More details will be available in the January issue of the newsletter – and watch the TROT web site!

Questions about the Annual Meeting? Or want to sign up to help with the set up?

Contact the event coordinator, Priscilla Huffman at 301-646-4422 or [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net).

See list of First Place winners on page 2.



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## President's Message

Ron MacNab, President

November marks the beginning of our 2012 membership drive. TROT works throughout the state to preserve trails, encourage development of new trails and maintain the safety of trail riders. What makes TROT successful is the number of members and their level of participation. We have developed a very good working relationships within most counties, the trails office within Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Horse Industry Board. Officials listen to our concerns and work with us because we represent a large, active and vocal community.



Our relationships with other trail organizations and equestrian groups have never been better. We are active with the Maryland Horse Council and the Maryland Horse Industry Board. Trail rides are conducted throughout the year. We offer a Judged Pleasure Ride in September and an Annual Dinner and Auction in February. TROT holds occasional educational presentations and keeps members aware of trail issues and events through its Yahoo Group. Bi-monthly, TROT sends out the finest equine newsletter in the State.

In 2012 family membership dues will remain at just \$20. This will be our eighth year without increasing dues. Of course expenses have risen and we are experiencing a budget deficit. The Board decided to keep dues at \$20 so as not lose members during these hard economic times. Fortunately our cash reserves are sufficient to allow us to do this for this year.

The Board will be working hard to increase membership for 2012. We need your help. Please renew your membership and encourage your friends to join us. We all have friends who appreciate what TROT is doing but are not members. Please encourage them to join.

This year members will have the option of receiving the newsletter by email in a PDF format. If you prefer the printed copy, by all means keep it that way. We want you to read it!! If however, you are comfortable reading a digital version or do not mind printing your own color copy, a digital version works great. It also makes it easy to cut and paste articles to share with others.

Please take this moment to fill out your renewal form located on page 13 of the newsletter and send it in.

Thanks, Ron

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hanging on a line. If that did not get you, the open umbrellas lying on the ground might. Watch out for the low branch or the mailbox that had to be opened, letter taken out and then put back in. Down the trail there was a black circle you had to negotiate and on to the horse trailer where you had to load and unload your horse. You had to go around the bridge you normally would walk over because it was quite slippery. Of course my horse Image could not figure out why he was not going over it, but did as he was asked. Off to the hill climb which was great, and then to the pile of hay to be walked through.

One very interesting obstacle was a straight shot through scarecrows, white sheep with black faces and ears, a tractor

and a bigggg pink pig! The pig got me, and others too. Towards the end there was a log pull, Z shaped ground poles that were side passed over, and last but not least the ground tie.

This was the first time Image and I had ever been to anything like this, and it couldn't have been a better experience for the both of us! I want to thank Maureen Henry who did the job of planning this event and went beyond the call of duty. Also I want to thank Katie Tessier who put the course together and handled everything on the farm. My hat is off to everyone who helped and judged this event. It gave me a wonderful time with my horse, whom I love so much. Thank you again!

## TROT Judged Pleasure Ride September 17, 2011

Congratulations to Margie Smith for Overall Top Score!

### List of 1st Place Winners

#### **Class Winners**

Advanced .....Margie Smith  
Junior.....Bella Pellet  
Novice .....Michele Bensky

#### **Category Winners**

Arabian.....Terry Ledley  
Gaited.....Margie Smith  
Grade.....Sue Donaldson  
Non-Gait/Non Reg.. Katherine Coviello

Pony.....Bella Pellet  
Quarter Horse .....Linda Gakinaitis  
Warm Blood .....Michele Bensky  
Oldest Horse.....Terry Ledley  
Oldest Rider.....Terry Ledley



## UPCOMING RIDES – Season finale.

**November 26, Anacostia Park. Ride Leader John Angevine.**

In the saddle at 10 am. This is a favorite TROT ride that traditionally closes out our riding season. Folks who have attended this ride say they are amazed with the spacious trails and beautiful scenes along the Anacostia River, so close to downtown DC. The ride may encounter bikes,

fishermen, and some asphalt. Riders may be treated to a scenic view of the historic Lincoln Cemetery. Ride leader will provide water and granola bars.

Contact John at 301-937-0014 to reserve a space and for more information and directions.

All ride participants must wear hard hats, be a TROT member (membership forms will be available for non-members), and show a current negative Coggins for each horse.

## TROT Ride - Upper Patuxent River State Park , Damascus, Oct. 8, 9

Ride leader Suzanne Anderson

*Suzanne Anderson*

**Saturday's ride** of Laury, Russ, Jen, Leah, Melanie, Dana, and Sally was a lovely, relaxing ride of 2+ hours, 6 miles. We hit some mud, backtracked, and cleared away one fallen tree (Thanks Russ!), but otherwise it was smooth riding (and no bees!). Upon returning to the trailers, we shared some cookies (Laury) and Sponge cake (Sally), cider and caramel chocolate covered popcorn, cell numbers and emails, making plans for future rides.

**Sunday** saw more of my gaited horse buddies come out.

Jacquie, Mariann, Sheila and Randy, Joyce and Ray, Karen, Deb, me, and two trotting riders, Stephanie and Judy. I'm glad they were on Arabs. Those girls (the horses and the riders) kept up well with the pack of gaited folks. We pulled up to my usual spot for lunch, on the gas pipeline at the end of Elton Farm Road, where Karen immediately found the most poison ivy. I came away with a couple chigger bites after answering nature's call. We had 1 backtrack (hit a nasty ditch no longer navigable), but it was otherwise very smooth riding. Back at the trailers we shared some munchies until the stink bugs annoyed the heck out of us and we packed up to go home, weary but happy.

Thank you all for coming out to ride with me and Cuppa Joe!



### Saturday

Jennifer Morris Black,  
Leah Hadley-Kunzelman, Sally Suder  
Laury Lobel

Russ Glass, Jennifer Morris Black and Leah



### Sunday

Joyce Miller, Judy Artman, Mariann Heritage, Jacquie Cowan and Karen O'Connor Koback



## Please Welcome TROT's New Members

*Margaret Scarff, Membership*

Lynda McKinney .....	Carroll County, Maryland
Stephanie Cacapardo and Richard Elliott .....	Frederick County, Maryland
Pamela Jean and Mike Welch.....	Frederick County, MD
Tammy and Charles Albrecht - also Heidi and Chelsea Albrecht.....	Montgomery County, Maryland
Lynn Mozolic .....	Montgomery County, Maryland
Kathy Georganas Valis .....	Montgomery County, Maryland

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## County Updates

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### Need volunteers

as contacts or coordinators for **Baltimore, Calvert, and Talbot Counties**. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact Ron MacNab, TROT President, [rmacnab@comcast.net](mailto:rmacnab@comcast.net) or call (301) 622-4157

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### Howard County

*Pat Oliva*

The Howard County Police Dept. is forming a mounted volunteer unit. See details below! The trails at Western Regional Park are ready for riding - whenever it dries out. The special trailer parking area is the second entrance on

Carrs Mill Road, west of Route 97. Please be sure to put manure back in your trailer to take home. I wanted to do a ribbon cutting opening for this beautiful new trail, but it has been too wet! Thanks go to the many folks involved in planning, engineering, clearing, and advocating for this wonderful new riding destination.

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### Howard County Police - Volunteer Mounted Unit

*Lt. Tim Black, Howard County Police*

The Howard County Police Department is starting an all Volunteer Mounted Police Unit, and we are currently seeking experienced riders with their own horses, tack, trucks, and trailers

The volunteers will perform uniformed (non-confrontational) horse patrols at County parks and other large events. The program will fall under the Auxiliary Program, and mounted volunteers are considered Auxiliary Police Officers. The county will furnish some equipment such as uniform shirt, badge, nameplate, saddle blanket with

HCPD logo, radio, and other misc equipment. The volunteer must furnish the horse, trailer, and all related horse equipment. There are no state or county residency requirements.

Those interested will complete an application, agree to a background investigation, complete a successful horse and rider evaluation, sign a liability waiver, and participate in four, eight hour classes being conducted this spring (dates to be determined).

Call Lt. Tim Black, Howard County Police, at 410-313-2306 with any questions, or email at [tblack@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:tblack@howardcountymd.gov)

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### Montgomery County Report

*by Ron MacNab*

Montgomery County Parks established a Trails Working Group (TWG) to assist the Park Stewardship Division in planning for paved and natural surface trails in the county. The TWG will last for six to nine months while preparing a detailed plan for approval by the Planning Commission. The TWG consists of park management and planning staff as well as representatives from major groups using Montgomery County trails. I was invited to represent equestrian trail riders. The TWG will meet three hours each month and is expected to discuss and come to consensus regarding:

#### Vision 2030 Strategic Plan

- identifying gaps in trail corridors that should be completed
- identifying possible loop trail experiences
- recommend trail renovation priorities
- designing more multi-use trails

#### Implementation Difficulties

- applying environmental requirements
- applying ADA requirements
- resources for development and maintenance
- identifying and prioritizing land acquisitions
- identifying alternate routes

#### Trail Easements

- identify the most pertinent to trail linkage
- enforcement and legality issues
- maintenance and policing
- who is allowed
- liability issues

#### Master Plan Consistency for bikeways and trails

- identify inconsistencies in master and sector plans
- recommend resolutions for inconsistency issues
- recommend changes needed to link with other jurisdictional master plans (counties, State, WSSC, PEPCO)

#### Reorganize and Clarify

- reduce "Issues needing further study"
- reduce trail corridor overlaps
- Identify improbable trail plans

#### Appropriate Uses

- identify trails for multi-use
- identify trails for single-use
- use of mobility devices

#### Trails & Transportation

- design issues
  - operational issues
  - policy issues
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## WSSC Update: Strength in numbers -- TROT members needed to help re-open the WSSC equestrian trail

Barbara Sollner-Webb

It is now nearly six months since WSSC unexpectedly posted signs closing the long-established equestrian trail along the Rocky Gorge Reservoir (from Laurel to Ashton). Horses were rerouted to the perimeter roads, portions of which are steep and badly eroding, making them difficult for riding. WSSC also banned winter riding, banned entering the perimeter road from individual barns (even though WSSC had previously issued official permission letters to area barns allowing direct access), and closed the safe Rt. 29 underpass, forcing riders to cross four lanes of high speed Rt. 29 traffic. WSSC has asserted it is making these changes because "nutrients, sediments...substantially impair drinking water supplies...and...the biggest factor is horses."

Conversely, WSSC's previous General Manager (who was very environmentally concerned) determined the equestrian trail posed no problem for the water supply, while riding the perimeter road would exacerbate its erosion. Also, calculations of possible sediment from equestrian trails, as well as an extensive environmental study by the State (the Total Maximum Daily Load analysis) demonstrate the equestrian trail has a negligible contribution to the sediment and animal wastes in the reservoir. Furthermore, equestrians have a long history of acting as valuable stewards for the watershed - acting as eyes and ears of the WSSC, and at one time even identifying a massive sediment flow into the reservoir from a negligent road construction contractor.

Placating a large outpouring from equestrians and several

caring elected officials this spring, WSSC offered to work toward a mutually satisfactory solution in a timely manner. They called one meeting, where equestrians offered to re-route any trail sections they deemed problematic. Equestrians also corrected WSSC staff misconception that the equestrian trail runs near the water, when in fact the trail in question was not a horse trail. At that meeting WSSC offered a don't-ask/don't-tell policy for riding the equestrian trail while they reassess the situation. Subsequently, a local newspaper reported that a WSSC official was rescinding that offer. WSSC again offered continuing dialogue, but in the ensuing three months, nothing has been scheduled.

So what can TROT members do? We need more, and continued pressure, from individuals, and more importantly, from our elected officials. Because WSSC action threatens the livelihood of many small boarding facilities, and the businesses that support them, local politicians have taken an interest in this issue. But earlier supportive statements from Senators Roger Manno and Karen Montgomery, Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Councilman Will Campos, and possibly others, may have been forgotten. Please contact your elected officials and ask them to urge WSSC to reinstate the previous riding rules immediately. This will allow time for another study WSSC now claims it needs to reach a final decision. This effort is at the heart of TROT's mission to preserve equestrian trails - and we need every TROT member to take an active role. Below are the addresses of a few helpful elected officials.

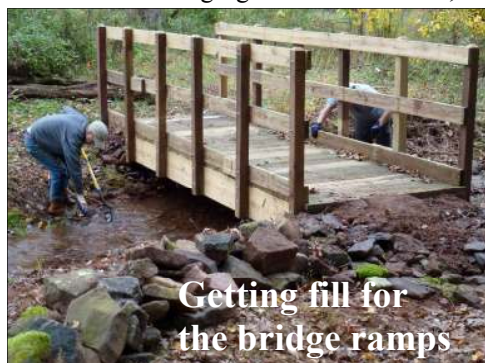
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## Trail Clearing at Seneca Valley State Park, October 22

Nancy Osgood

A multiuse trail is being developed to connect the parking lot on Rt. 28 (near Whites Ferry road) with the Dry Seneca Creek trails, with access all the way to Poole's Store. Our trail leader, Bonnie Bell, directed an enthusiastic team in clearing about a mile of trail, and finishing the trail interface with a new bridge that was previously installed. A particular highlight: Discovering a large salamander and two different snake species under a single large rock! We gently replaced the rock - being sure not to squish any of the wildlife we had uncovered. We also met a woman riding a mare, who thanked us profusely for working so hard on the new trail. After only a few hours, with help from a mower/bush hog, a chain saw, and our industrious State Park official, our work scope was very nearly done. There are plans for two more work days in November. With gorgeous clear weather, beautiful fall colors, and a very congenial group of people, it was quite a nice way to spend a Saturday morning!



*From an email posted on Greatfallshorsenetwork, Friday Oct 7.*

The hay on a truck which was being delivered to The Madeira School, McLean VA started smoldering, at the start of Madeira's property on Georgetown Pike. It burned one of the straps holding the hay onto the truck. Some of the smoldering bales fell out of the truck onto the street and then caught on fire. The driver of the truck kept on driving until he reached Madeira's entrance, turned into Madeira and drove down towards the barn while bales of smoldering

## Spontaneous Combustion

Excerpt from Prevention of Hay Fires, by Dr. Don Ball,  
*Extension Agronomist/Professor, Department of Agronomy*  
*and Soils, Auburn University, AL 36849.*

Spontaneous combustion can occur in hay if it is baled at too high a moisture level. The general recommendation is that small rectangular bales should be baled at 20% moisture or less and that large round bales should be baled at 18% moisture or less. The exception to this is when a hay preservative such as propionic acid is applied to the hay prior to baling. When this is done, hay may be safely baled at 25 percent moisture or higher.

Heating of hay is caused by the activity of microorganisms. Dry hay does not heat excessively because it lacks the

See more information on hay fires:

⇒ <http://www.aces.edu/dept/forages/hay/hayfires.html>

⇒ <http://msucares.com/newsletters/safety-mafes/10/0823.pdf>

hay kept falling from the truck. Luckily the driver finally stopped before turning into the barn. As soon as he stopped the rest of the smoldering bales burst into flames. An adult who was leaving the barn called 911.

No one was injured, none of the horses were injured and none of the structures were harmed. Thank you McLean and Great Falls fire department

*Editor's note: At the time of the email, it was suspected that the fire was caused by uncured green hay. It has not been confirmed.*

necessary moisture to support any significant microbial growth. The microorganisms that cause heating are naturally present on forage and they will become active if conditions are suitable.

Spontaneous combustion is more likely to occur in tightly baled hay as opposed to loosely baled hay, and packing newly made bales tightly together in a barn also makes it more difficult for heat to escape. However, there could be danger anytime the recommended moisture levels for baling are exceeded, although if the moisture level is no more than a few percent higher than recommended it is likely that the main negative result will be moldy hay. The higher above recommended levels that the moisture level goes, the greater the likelihood of extreme heating and fire.

⇒ [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=1272](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1272)

⇒ <http://www.heralddemocrat.com/hd/Wreck-Fiervloadofhay>

## **TROT Ride - Agricultural History Farm Park,**

October 23, Ride Leader Christiane Ritcher  
*Nancy Osgood*

The weather could not have been better, and the foliage could not have been more beautiful! There were eight riders that enjoyed a spin



around the Ag  
Park – always  
a great venue  
for a ride. We  
ran across a  
new and  
treacherous fox  
branches in the  
back after the ri  
first time TROT  
pumpkin bread t



treacherous fox hole in one of the field trails. We placed some branches in the hole as a marker, then Chris and Leigh Ann went back after the ride to repair it. Many thanks go to Chris for being a first time TROT ride leader (oh, and also for making that delicious pumpkin bread to share)!

**The TROT license plates are in,** we have ours and they look great! Many thanks to Susan Railey who worked very hard and navigated the bureaucracy of the Motor Vehicle Administration to get our great organizational plates with the TROT logo. If you missed out – it is not too late. Email Susan ([susanrailey@verizon.net](mailto:susanrailey@verizon.net)) and she will get an application to you. Return the completed application to her with the fee (only \$25), and she will forward it on to the MVA.

Oh – and be sure to honk and wave if you see a fellow TROT member on the road!





# FALL DEER HUNTING SEASON HAS STARTED

Nancy Osgood

Keep some simple safety tips in mind while trail riding during hunting season:

- Be aware of the hunting seasons in your area.
- Make sure to wear something fluorescent orange during the entire hunting season. There are vests, jackets, and helmet covers to choose from. It is remarkable how well these items can be seen from long distances. Many riders have their horses sport a bell to let hunters know they are approaching.
- Try to stay in open areas, where there is good visibility. If you see hunters, be sure to let them know where you are riding – and remind them that other riders may be in the area.

Please always be respectful to lawful hunters – their

licensing fees provide important funding for our parks.

Maryland State hunting dates for 2011-12 are outlined below. For more detailed information, you are encouraged to check the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov> – or go directly to the hunting schedule page <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/2011%e2%80%932012-white-tailed-deer-seasons-bag-limits/>. In Maryland there are two hunting regions, Region A (Allegany and Garrett counties and the western part of Washington county) and Region B (all other counties). In most cases, the dates are nearly the same but the bag limits differ. Individual counties may have managed hunts and special requirements. Since most TROT members live and ride in Region B, the following dates were compiled for that region.

**Hunting hours:** One half hour before sunrise to one half  
(*Fall Deer Hunting continued on page 8*)

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## Parks Managed Hunt Dates | Park Police Sharpshooting Dates

### Montgomery Parks Managed Hunt Dates

For public safety, the Department of Parks closes select park locations to public access for the duration of deer population management operations. The following is a schedule of park closure dates and specified locations for Managed Deer Hunting and Park Police-based Sharpshooting operations for Fiscal Year 2012. These park closures are enforced, under park regulation (Chapter III, Section 2, Letter B.), by the Department's Park Police Division.

### Managed Deer Hunting Program (Shotgun)

Parks Closed from Sunrise to Sunset

#### October

- 28 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 28 – Woodstock Equestrian Park (Beallsville)

#### November

- 2 – North Germantown Greenway (Clarksburg)/Great Seneca Stream Valley Park (Gaithersburg)
- 4 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 4 – Woodstock Equestrian Park (Beallsville)
- 7 – Rachel Carson Conservation Park (Olney)
- 8 – Blockhouse Point Conservation Park (Darnestown)
- 12 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 16 – North Germantown Greenway (Clarksburg)/Great Seneca Stream Valley Park (Gaithersburg)
- 18 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 21 – Rachel Carson Conservation Park (Olney)
- 22 – Blockhouse Point Conservation Park (Darnestown)

#### December

- 2 – Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 2 – Woodstock Equestrian Park (Beallsville)
- 3 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 7 – Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- 8 – Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- 9 – Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- 9 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)

- 12 – Rachel Carson Conservation Park (Olney)
- 13 – Blockhouse Point Conservation Park (Darnestown)
- 14 – North Germantown Greenway (Clarksburg)/Great Seneca Stream Valley Park (Gaithersburg)
- 17 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)

#### January

- 4 – Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- 5 – Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- 6 – Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- 6 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 13 – Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 13 – Woodstock Equestrian Park (Beallsville)
- 14 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)
- 21 – Hoyles Mill Conservation Park (Boyds)

### Park Police-based sharpshooting locations 2010-2011

Parks Closed from 5:30PM – Sunrise daily, January 1 – March 31

- Agricultural History Farm Park (Derwood - including attached segments of Rock Creek Stream Valley Units 12 & 16)
- Needwood Golf Course (Rockville)
- North Branch Stream Valley Park Units 2 & 3 (Norbeck)
- North Branch Stream Valley Park Unit 4 (Olney)
- Northwest Branch Recreation Park (Aspen Hill - including Layhill Local Park in Wheaton)
- Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park Unit 7 (Norwood)
- Northwest Golf Course (Wheaton)
- Rock Creek Regional Park (Rockville)
- Rock Creek Stream Valley Park Unit 7 (Aspen Hill)
- Sligo Golf Course (Silver Spring)
- Wheaton Regional Park (Wheaton)
- Woodlawn Special Park (Sandy Spring)

### Tenant-Based Managed Deer Hunting Program

Park Closed to Public Access Year Round  
Goshen Recreation Park (Goshen)

(*Fall Deer Hunting* continued from page 7)  
hour after sunset.

**Bow season is currently in progress** and ends Jan 31. Bow hunting season is October 24-November 25, December 12-16, January 2-5, and January 9-31.

**Muzzleloader season is currently in progress** and ends December 31. Muzzleloader season is October 24-29, December 17-31.

**Junior Deer Firearm Season:** November 12 and 13 (Sunday junior hunt day on private land only).

**Regular firearms season** - Nov 26-Dec 10; and Jan 6-7.

**Sunday Deer Hunting.** Sunday deer hunting (bow and firearms) is permitted on private lands in many Maryland counties. The dates vary from county to county, so check the Sunday hunting schedule for the two regions at <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/2011%e2%80%93932012-white-tailed-deer-seasons-bag-limits/>.

**Managed Hunts and Park Police Sharpshooters.** The state

and several counties have deer management programs that include managed hunts on public lands, as well as police sharpshooters. State parks that have managed hunts include Fair Hill (Cecil County), Gunpowder Falls (Baltimore and Harford Counties), and Ft. Frederick (Washington County), Patapsco Valley (Baltimore), and Seneca Creek (Montgomery), Blossom Point Army Research Lab (Charles County, junior hunters only), Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (Anne Arundel County). Montgomery and Howard Counties have managed hunts and police-based sharpshooting in many county parks, as do other counties. The dates for managed hunts are posted in parks, and may be listed on county websites. Make sure you are aware of park closures for these events. Park closures in Montgomery and Howard Counties are listed on pages 5 and 6 of this Newsletter.

**Game other than Deer.** There are legal hunting seasons throughout the year for game other than deer. Consult the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping at <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/>

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## **Howard County Managed and Sharpshooting Hunt Schedules**

**Managed Hunt:** The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its fall/winter schedule of managed deer hunts. The hunts will be held in an effort to help maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population in our parks where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity. This year's managed hunts will include a combination of bow and shotgun hunting. Hunting hours are from dawn until 12 noon, and each park will be closed for all other uses during this time. The hunting schedule is as follows:

### **Schedule for Managed Hunt:**

Alpha Ridge Park (Bow & Shotgun) November 4; December 9

Blandair Park (Bow Hunting) October 6; October 27; November 10; December 8

David Force Park (Bow & Shotgun) October 14; December 15

Fulton South Area (Shotgun Hunting) October 19; December 7; January 20

High Ridge Park (Bow & Shotgun) October 20; November 16

Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (Bow & Shotgun) October 7; October 28; November 11; December 16; January 13; February 10

North Laurel Open Space Area (Bow & Shotgun) October 12; November 2; November 23;

Schooley Mill Park (Shotgun Hunting) November 9; November 24; December 14

West Friendship Park (Shotgun Hunting) November 18; February 3

Wincopin Trail Area at Savage Park (Shotgun Hunting) October 13; October 26; November 17

**Sharpshooting:** In addition to this managed hunt program, in which specially screened and selected hunters are allowed daytime access to certain parks, the Department also operates a sharpshooting program. The sharpshooting program utilizes licensed and qualified marksmen and precise, accurate, noise-suppressed firearms at night in areas where the managed hunt is not feasible.

### **Schedule for Sharpshooting:**

Alpha Ridge Landfill - November 4 and December 9 (Dawn to 11:00 a.m.); February 9; March 15

Belmont Conference Center - January 4, 7, 25; February 1, 17

Blandair Park - January 18; February 11; March 11

Centennial Park - January 11; February 4

Daniels Mill Overlook Open Space Lot - December 21; February 22; March 8

Gray Rock Open Space Lot - November 3 (8:30 a.m. to Noon); January 14; March 1

Hollifield Farm Open Space Lot - December 21; February 22; March 8

Mt. Hebron Open Space Lot - December 21; February 22; March 8

Rockburn Branch Park - January 4, 25; February 17

Timbers at Troy Golf Course and Troy Mansion Historic Site - January 7; February 1

Worthington Park - January 21; February 15; March 4



## Trail Guides

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. Contact them to arrange a personal guided trail ride.

**Benson Branch Park** Sandy Brewer  
Email [sandbrewer@aol.com](mailto:sandbrewer@aol.com)

**Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)**  
Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Breezy Loop Boyds, MD** an easy hour and 15 minutes.  
Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett**  
Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

**EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville**  
This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greeway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip  
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**Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)**  
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**Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park,** Laury Lobel  
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**Sugarloaf Mt.** Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

**Sugarloaf Mt.** Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

**Union Mills/Kowomu Trail**  
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**Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD**  
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If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:  
Nancy Osgood at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net)

## LOOKING FOR RIDING BUDDIES and NEED A RIDE/SHARE A RIDE

This section of the Newsletter is for folks who are looking for riding partners – either for meeting up on the trail or for sharing a trailer ride. Linking up with other trail riders is fun – and economical! We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net).

**Do you have a second horse?** I'm a new member of TROT and very interested in joining in on some of the trail rides, but I'm only leasing a horse right now and he doesn't trailer very well. Also, I don't have my own trailer. So I am interested in any members who might have a second horse they'd like to get out and about on the trails. I'd be happy to share expenses, etc., and I do have my own tack.  
Donna Kinsella [kinsgold@aol.com](mailto:kinsgold@aol.com)

**Share a ride:** Well behaved, easy loading 10 y/o paint gelding and his owner would love to rideshare (and pay gas) to TROT rides. Located off hwy 301 in Upper Marlboro. Call or text 240-547-8618 or email [ellen.lichtenstein@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.lichtenstein@gmail.com). Also welcome visitors to my trail-accessible farm for weekend rides. 5/11

**Looking for a horse** to go on TROT rides. I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a TROT trail ride. I rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. I would be happy to share

all expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas 443-842-0811 .  
email: [sdoukashorse@yahoo.com](mailto:sdoukashorse@yahoo.com)

5/11

**Hi There!** I recently joined TROT but am one of those unfortunates who does not own a trailer (yet). In the meantime, I am trying to get my guy (Wiley Boy) out and about as much as possible on the trail. Here is the address where he currently lives (boarded) and my information should someone like to pick us up to go for a ride. Current Coggins if needed.  
Lynn Mozolic, 301-367-4971, [Lynnmozolic@aol.com](mailto:Lynnmozolic@aol.com)  
Deer Creek Farm, 6717 Mink Hollow Rd, Highland, MD 20777

**Looking for Riding Companion:** I have 2 wonderful, uncomplicated QH & fabulous trails. I am looking for a person who would **basically like a free lease** & join me in some wonderful ride time. I am in the Upper Marlboro/Croom area (near PG Equestrian Center).  
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#### Electronic or Hard Copy?

*Nancy Osgood*

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If you would like to change your Newsletter format to electronic only please contact Margaret Scarff, our membership chair, by sending her an email: [mdanews@aol.com](mailto:mdanews@aol.com). Put in the Subject Line: TROT News Electronic Only, and be sure to include your full name in the body of the email (not just your email address). Please be sure to indicate your preference on your 2011 TROT renewal Application. See Page 13.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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#### Equine Properties for sale:

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For further info: Contact Vera Fontana 301-633-8372 or email [Vera@VeraFontana.com](mailto:Vera@VeraFontana.com)

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Several nice horses available for lease to adults, 21 years and older, on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena, cross country field, and direct access to trails. \$175/mo. half lease. Different lease options are available. Contact Jennifer at [befarmgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:befarmgirl@hotmail.com) or call 301-641-8903 5/9

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### Saddles for Sale:

**Stubben Gaited Pleasure Saddle**, black, 20" seat and wide tree. These very comfortable, well made Stubben gaited saddles cost \$2,000 new; used ones are hard to find. Saddle is nicely broken in, with a few scuff and wear marks but overall in very good condition. Asking \$900 + Buyer pays shipping. Contact us at 301-972-7838 or email to [vandijm@aol.com](mailto:vandijm@aol.com). Pictures emailed upon request.

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**A fox hunting special:** Kingston Thoroughbred Deluxe 2-Horse Trailer with Dressing Room. I put in all the extras to make fox hunting and showing more fun. Included: 20-gallon water tank with pump and hose, varnished wood bar with cup holders, porta potty, folding canvas chairs in dark green to match trailer trim. Wheel blocks conveniently located on fenders, teak hand grips to hold when climbing onto trailer fenders for mounting, non-skid surface on fenders. Always kept inside so condition is like-new. \$9,900 or best offer. Call or email Tyler 301-926-2191 or [mgrfarm@verizon.net](mailto:mgrfarm@verizon.net) 9/11

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# Annual Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal for Year 2012

\*Name of Applicant (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Sig Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other family members \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*County \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Alternate hone \_\_\_\_\_

\* Required information. Most, but not all of our communications with members is done by email.

*Please circle any information you do not want included in our Membership Directory. All membership information is for the private use of TROT members. We do not release any membership information outside this organization.*

Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

One year membership	\$20.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
Contributing member	\$30.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
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Additional contributions	\$ _____ (tax deductible)		

Number of membership cards required \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership is for the calendar year. All individuals included in a family TROT membership must be members of the same family living at the same address. Additional contributions are welcome and help to preserve the trails you ride on.*

*TROT is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization and contributions are tax deductible.*

Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today and send this form and your check to:

**Margaret Scarff, TROT Membership**  
**4406 Carico Lane, White Hall, MD 21161**

Phone: 410-692-6921 (home) 410-459-0798  
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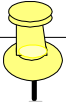
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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.

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*from the Newsletter Staff*

**SAVE THE DATE – February 11, 2012 – TROT Annual Meeting – Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction.** Don't miss our fun annual meeting, which will again be held at the Mount Airy Fairgrounds. Start thinking now about items you could donate to the Silent Auction! Watch for details in the January Newsletter.

**HORSE WORLD EXPO** is coming to the Timonium Fairgrounds, January 20-22, 2012. Volunteer now to help TROT staff our booth. Get a free day's admission to the Expo if you sign up by December 14. Contact Susan Gray at [susan@campsusan.com](mailto:susan@campsusan.com) or 240-426-1655.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR TROT MEMBERSHIP.** Dues for 2012 again remain an incredibly low \$20 per year for an individual or a family. Show your support for preservation of equestrian trails. Be sure to fill out the application and send it in. Don't forget to indicate your preference for Newsletter format (hard copy or electronic). See *Annual Membership Application on page 13*.



### TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY

Margaret Scarff, TROT Membership  
4406 Carico Lane White Hall, MD 21161

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