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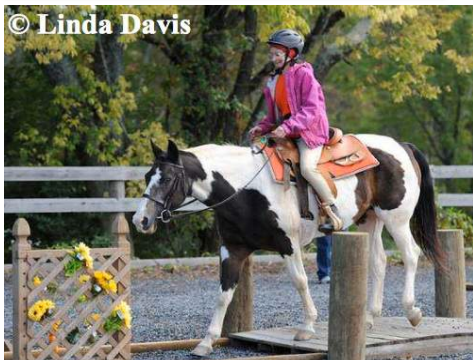
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TROT'S NON-JUDGED TRAIL OBSTACLE EVENT (TOE) IS AROUND THE CORNER

from Dana Grabiner

You've seen the Save the Date newsletter item, you've read the flyer, you've gotten the Constant Contact message, you've visited the website, you got a direct email, or a TROT friend called you. In one way or another, you know about TROT's upcoming non-judged Trail Obstacle Event -- affectionately known as TOE -- at **Schooley Mill Park, Saturday, Oct. 10.**

[See p. 2 for the registration form – fill it out & send it in today -- and see p. 3 for a history of Schooley Mill Park.]

This schooling ride is another opportunity to promote our beloved sport so that more people will embrace the importance of preserving, maintaining, and expanding equestrian trails -- and so we can have more friends to trail ride with.

Why a *non-judged* event? Here's a way to look at it: have you ever encountered an obstacle at a competition that your horse has never seen, and blew your shot at a ribbon? What if you could school under/over/through/around the obstacle, or something similar to it, without being judged? What if you could make mistakes, run out the clock, mutter under your breath, and not worry about coming in 49th out of 50?

At TROT's TOE, you can do that. Maybe, just maybe, among its 15 or so obstacles, there might be one that you and your horse could use extra work on. We hope you'll find the obstacles challenging and entertaining. We certainly had fun dreaming them up.

P.S. In the past few weeks we've fielded some fun questions as registrations have trickled in. Here are our favorites:

Q. At what age am I considered a "senior" rider?

A. When *you* say so.

Q. May I bring a mule?

A. Of course!

Q. May I skip any of the obstacles?

A. Sure.

Q. How many horses may I bring?

A. As many as you can fit in your trailer.

Q. May I hand walk my young horse around the course?

A. It'll be a long walk, but yes, you may hand walk your horse. It's why we didn't call the event "Trail Obstacle Under-saddle Ride (TOUR)."

Q. If I pay the nonmember fee (\$30) for one horse, and automatically become a TROT member, may I register a second horse at the member fee (\$10)?

A. Brilliant! And yes, you may. (After all, horses are like potato chips: you can't have just one.)



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Trail Riders of Today

A fun (non-judged) Trail Obstacle Challenge Event Saturday, October 10, 2015 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Rd., Highland, Md. 20777 - Howard County
from Rte. 32, exit west onto Rte. 108, go 2.9 miles, left at Hall Shop Road, enter park on right
[or from Rte. 216, go west onto Halls Shop, enter park on left]

This will be a fun day of schooling over a variety of objects that you often see at trail competitions.
No judges or clinicians, but we will have a monitor at each obstacle. Pre-registration **REQUIRED**.

REGISTRATION

(One entry form and fee for each horse, even if the rider is the same.)

Rider's Name: _____ Age (check one): ☐ Junior ☐ Adult ☐ Senior Adult

Full Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Email (so we can reach you in case of cancellation): _____ Phone: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Color and Breed/Breed Type: _____

Horse's Classification: ☐ Green on Trails ☐ Experienced on Trails/Never Competed ☐ Experienced on Trails/Has Competed

Note: We recommend that this event not be the first trail experience for any rider and reserve the right to excuse riders for their safety.

You'll ride to the obstacles in small groups at staggered times. Do you prefer: ☐ walk group ☐ walk/trot group ☐ W/T/C group

Fee: \$10 for current, 2015 TROT members

\$30 for non-members, which includes a 2016 TROT membership + 3 months free October through December 2015

(Proceeds support TROT's ongoing equestrian trail advocacy work on your behalf.)

Registration Requirements: Please enclose a copy of the registered horse's negative Coggins test result with your registration form and fee.

Please register by mail. If you like, you may email Dana Grabiner at grabiner1@aol.com to let us know to expect your materials.

Please sign this liability waiver statement (guardians sign for junior riders):

Waiver Statement:

"I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity. I agree not to hold Trail Riders of Today (TROT), the property owner, and/or their representative(s) liable for any injury or damage that happens to me, my horse, equipment, and/or guests during this event. I agree to abide by event rules and wear a suitable riding helmet at all times while mounted."

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Please print this form and snail-mail it with Coggins and check to: TROT, P.O. Box 506, Highland, Md. 20777

Mail early! We must receive your registration by Thursday, October 8, 2015

Questions? Please contact TROT members Dana Grabiner at grabiner1@aol.com or Priscilla Huffman at 301-646-4422

For information about TROT, please visit www.trot-md.org

We look forward to seeing you Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, at Schooley Mill Park

SCHOOLEY MILL PARK – HOW DID IT START?

contributed by Gale Monahan

The story behind Schooley Mill Park – where TROT will host its 2015 Trail Obstacle Event (see p 1-2) -- is an accomplishment of those TROT members who diligently and with persistence were able to work with Howard County Parks and Recreation and the County Government. It was no small task.

Back in the early 1980's Howard County was willing and had developed, along with a committee of TROT members, plans for an extensive equestrian facility at Alpha Ridge similar to that of the Virginia Horse Center or the Kentucky Horse Park. Ed Schull from the Howard County Parks and Rec was the lead planner for the County. Ed was not an equestrian, but was enthusiastic and led us in the design process. This took months of meetings and planning. Unfortunately, when we were ready to break ground, the County Government had been swayed, and changed their minds. They gave the land to the Howard County Police Department. They felt it would be better suited for a firing range for the County Police.

TROT and the County Recreation and Parks were very disappointed but did not let that sway their resolve to have some sort of equine facility in Howard County. So they went looking for another suitable piece of property that the County owned and was undeveloped. Schooley Mill was decided on. TROT was allowed to decide trail routes, create the trails and begin using them long before the rest of the park was developed. Major help for these trails and the construction came from a wonderful local rider, Boyd Smith who had been riding the deer trails on that land for years. Boyd met with Ed, Fran Miller and Kay Gordon (founding member of TROT) for the first walk-through. Ed approved the trail routes and Boyd came back with his tractor and bush hog to do much of the initial trail clearing. Subsequent work was done by TROT and other local equestrian volunteers including our own Terry Ledley.

Plans again were drawn up, although not as extensive as the facility at Alpha Ridge would have been. The specs for the equestrian trails, horse rings and trailer parking lot were drawn up from the knowledge base of a committee of TROT members, Howard County Hunt and 4H members working with the Howard County Department of Parks and Rec. The cross country course was designed by TROT member Tamara Ostrosky (now Doloff). The open grassy trails were designed with carriage driving in mind. Carol Hysong, long time TROT member, was essential in the design of the driving trails, with personal reasons, since she had an award winning driving Morgan at the time. Members of the committee from TROT were Kay, Jane Toal (also a founding member), Fran Miller and Shirley & Al Geis. There may have been more, but after all these years memories fade.

Phase 1 of the park opened in the spring of 1986, consisting of the riding rings and the trailer parking lot. Phase 2 came in the spring of 1993. That consisted of the maintenance building, etc. There had been plans for a swimming pool but the well pressure was not strong enough (darn).

At some point during the development of Schooley Mill, Clara Gouin, with the Howard County Parks and Rec., whom I had the privilege to work with, found out that the main ring was not draining properly and it was as hard as rock. She had it dug up, drainage fields put in under the ring and under the trailer parking lot to drain away. Clara also had some nice soft sand put in the arena, which I am very grateful for. She also had the parking lot resurfaced and put in the gravel that is there now.

The old house on the property is called Marlow House. It dates back to about 1852. TROT had held many a Board Meeting there prior to the renovations of the house. The wife of the owner was a teacher and the property used to be a potato farm.

Note that the same committee of TROT members made major contributions to the design and placement of equestrian trails in many large parks in Howard County, including long trails in the park along the Little Patuxent River and in Savage Park.

TROT'S PRESENCE AT LITTLE BENNETT EVENT

kindly contributed by Pat Oliva

On July 25 TROT was invited to join the festival at Little Bennett Park, in western Montgomery County. My daughter Debbie and I set up the display and greeted the many people who stopped by. It was a beautiful day with smiling faces and little kids wanting to play. The water people had surf boards and canoes for them to paddle or surf, the trout folks had fishing rods for practicing casting into hoops, and other groups had painting and balloons.

We need an activity for the kids. I am thinking of putting up a "corral" with stick horses for them to walk and trot on. Maybe adding a few cones to weave around. This would only be an outside event. Does anyone else want to share another idea?

Let's put our thinking caps on. As a little kid we didn't want to stand and look. We wanted to play!



photo from Pat Oliva

PAT OLIVA RECEIVES THE "TOUCH OF CLASS" AWARD AT THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR

The 2015 recipient of the coveted Touch of Class Award, presented by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) to honor the outstanding accomplishments of a Maryland equestrian, was Pat Oliva, a founding member of TROT and TROT's current Howard County coordinator. Pat received the Touch of Class Award for her vast number of equestrian accomplishments, including her more than 22,000 miles of completed competitive and endurance trial rides! Yes, that is a distance equivalent to almost completely around the entire world! Pat was also recently inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Endurance Ride Conference (see the May 2105 TROT newsletter) and has received National and World Championships for her endurance riding. It is an honor to have Pat be such an active and supportive TROT member.



photo from BSW
Pat receiving her award from MHIB leaders, Sept 1, 2015

TROT HONORS ITS 2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AT THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR

This year for the first time, the Maryland State Fair featured an extensive "My Maryland Horse Festival." It included a large tent where horse-related organizations (including TROT) set up booths and interacted with the public. This tent was open for the entire fair. On one weekend day, the tent had over 1400 visitors. My Maryland Horse Festival also featured two days of an "Infield Horse Fest," which featured numerous riding demonstrations, Pat Oliva's award (see above), and TROT honored its 2015 Scholarship winners.

During this ceremony, on September 1, 2015, TROT President Maria Schwartz, Vice President Judy Thacher and Board Member Jeff Dwyer recognized TROT scholarship winners Shelby Hurley, an eventing competitor from Mardela Springs, MD, and Abby Krohn, a dressage competitor from Chesapeake Beach, MD. This was followed by Abby and Shelby riding a free style dressage tests, set to music. [See the July 2015 newsletter for more about Abby's and Shelby's accomplishments.] Both Abby and Shelby, in their acceptance speeches, noted that they enjoy trail riding.



photos from BSW
Shelby (left) and Abby (right) riding their free-style demonstrations



Maria Schwartz, Judy Thacher & Jeff Dwyer honoring winners Abby Krohn & Shelby Hurley

TAKE CARE – HUNTING SEASON IS HERE

*information kindly provided by
Amy Kimble and Ron MacNab*

Whether you are out doing trail work or trail riding, please be aware that hunting season has already here, started for deer: www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/2015-2016-white-tailed-deer-seasons-bag-limits/, and for other animals: dnr2.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf; see also www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Hunt_Traps/pdfs/2015-2016_SeasonsBagLimits.pdf. Deer hunting by bow and arrow and/or various kinds of guns is permitted through January 30, 2016, most Mondays to Saturdays, plus many Sundays in many counties, while hunting of smaller mammals and birds extends through March. See the above links for the specifics.

BIG APOLOGIES

The URLs above and later in this newsletter look correct but unfortunately can acquire incorrect characters when copied (or grabbed-and-dragged). I greatly apologize that you will need to compare and correct these glitches before using URLs copied from this newsletter. Hopefully this may be fixed by the next issue.

LISBON OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS HORSE PARADE

from Pat Oliva

On Saturday, December 12th the Town of Lisbon is having its annual Horse Parade. I want to get a TROT group to enter the parade. We had a group for the first two years. It was a blast and everyone had a great time. There are hundreds of horses, mules and donkeys and kids riding stick horses. Let's join the fun and introduce TROT!

If you are interested, let me know. I will do the paper work. But I need to know if there is enough interest. Don't delay if you are interested. Go to the web site to see the info and the pictures. Email me at: <patolivatiqger@aol.com>.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT MANY TRAILS:

TROT members have established very good working relations with the officials and maintenance staff in charge of many of our favorite riding venues. and the staff at these venues is being extremely kind and helpful in clearing downed trees and overgrown trails, as well as orchestrating other trail work. These include:

... at Rachel Carson *from Laury Lobel*

A most appreciative shout-out to Jim Corcoran, the Volunteer Coordinator of Montgomery County Parks! On Wednesday, August 19, Jim came out to Rachel Carson and walked the trails with Nancy Osgood and Laury Lobel. There were several issues with trees down. After our walk, he took his chain saw and cleared a good deal of the problem areas. A week later, all the major tree impediments were removed. Now THAT is what you call great service!!

... at Ag Farm *from Laury Lobel and Barbara Sollner-Webb*

As reported in the last TROT newsletter, Laury Lobel has been in contact with Ted Trey (Ed), head of maintenance at Agricultural History Farm Park in Montgomery County. They always wonderfully mow the trails nearer to the parking area but some of the trails nearer Rt 108 had become VERY overgrown, almost obliterated. Ted's staff have now mowed these trail sections, and they are great riding again, too! Thanks so much, Ted!

... at WSSC *from Terry Ledley and Barbara Sollner-Webb*

Members of the WSSC Watershed group, especially Jeff Bell, have very kindly walked their entire 18-mile Rocky Gorge trail, cutting away the limited number of fallen trees that were across the trail and cutting out a large number of branches that were growing toward the trail. Removing these impediments has made the trail into an even nicer equestrian boulevard. Thank you so much, Jeff!

As noted on p. 6, WSSC is also organizing a trail work party to re-blaze the trail and do additional clipping. Yay!

and successful work at Morgan Run

At a trail work session earlier this summer, nine TROT members provided the lion's share of the 14 people who worked had on maintaining the trails at Morgan Run Park, in Carroll County. Everyone said it was a very successful, and fun, event.

also group work on the WSSC trail

As part of a week-long summer camp for youths that they lead, Debby and Jenn Poole arranged with WSSC for the 25 campers to spend a morning on the Rocky Gorge Reservoir, pruning the equestrian trail and picking up shoreline trash. WSSC provided vests and gloves; campers providing the people-power for this successful event. Congratulations!



LOOPS & LINKS

*from Deneen Martin
and Susan Gray*

Montgomery Parks invited groups to a meeting to help make the trail systems the best they can be for the Countywide Park Trails Plan. TROT's Ron and Janet MacNab, Deneen Martin, Laury Lobel, Susan Gray, and Jean and Jeff Cooper attended.

A "Tell us what you think!" about the future of trails for Montgomery Parks was held Wednesday, September 16, 2015, in Rockville. There was a comprehensive presentation for the Countywide Park Trails Plan using updated tools and strategies to plan and implement major park trail systems throughout the County.

The proposed plan amendment will introduce a new "Loops and Links" trail system designed to serve as many trail users as possible and result in a system that is more buildable and longer lasting. Park staff members were there to answer questions about the draft plans.

Visit <ParkPlanning.org/PPSD/ParkPlanning/Projects/cwptp_ammend/cwptp.amendment.shtm> for more information and to provide your comments!

It would be really helpful if members could review the new plan against the old one (see URL above). At the September meeting, TROT members noticed that a planned connection at Georgia Avenue between Rachel Carson and Hawlings River Park had been deleted in the proposed plan. There will be an opportunity at the beginning of 2016 to request the Montgomery County Planning Board to reinstate this connection. Requests to reinstate this connection can also be made at the URL given above.

TROT's TRAIL WORK PLAN

Please help clear and maintain trails, or, they can get lost.

Individual work

As always, we are asking all TROT members to take along your clippers and folding saw when you go out riding trails, and clip as you ride. Ask your riding buddies to do the same. Ideally also stop to saw a branch if it is protruding into the trail. You will be amazed how much this little effort will improve the trails' condition. And remember Laury Lobel's suggestion to attach a loop of old telephone cord to the clippers and keep it around your wrist, to not drop them.



Organized work sessions

If you prefer to do trail work with an organized group and want to help support the WSSC trails, that TROT worked to hard a few years ago to preserve, please join WSSC for their trail work session on **October 17, Saturday, 9-12 on Rocky Gorge Reservoir between Ednor Road and Tucker Lane.** We will tag and repaint trail blazes, prune back foliage, and pick up trash. Please pre-register, at:

<https://my.wsscwater.com/WSSCEvents/secured/landingPage.faces>.

Or join the work parties of the Carroll County Equestrian Council (CCEC) for its fall trail work days (www.carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org/calendar.htm):

October 11, Sunday 9-12 at Morgan Run, on Horseback or on Foot. Call Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141.

November 15, Sunday 9-12 at Morgan Run, on Horseback or on Foot. Call Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141.

Reporting your work hours

Please record the estimated hours of your clipping and other trail work, and report them to Amy Kimble (call or text 301-748-8310; AmyHkimble@aol.com). The more volunteer hours that are reported, the larger the budgets for the venues that we ride in. [As you surely know, motor-driven machines (chain saw, bush hog, etc.) are not permitted in most riding venues – Carroll County is an exception.]

UPCOMING TROT TRAIL RIDES

Come join a TROT trail ride to see first-hand the beauty of the trails we are working to preserve. TROT trail rides are fun and a great opportunity to learn new venues, meet other TROT members, and maybe meet a new riding buddy. Upcoming rides are listed on the next page.

To participate, please **contact the designated ride leader to sign up and learn the specifics of the ride, including the start time.** That way, if a ride is postponed or cancelled, the ride leader will have your contact information to notify you. All ride participants **must wear a helmet, have a current negative Coggins for the horse, and be a TROT member.**

Membership forms will be available at rides or you can join online. Since our insurance requires riders be TROT members, we offer \$5 one-day memberships at the ride to encourage non-TROT riders to join. If you need a ride to a TROT event, please contact the ride leader to see if someone trailering from your area can help. **Check TROT's website** (www.trot-md.org) for updated ride info.

Hopefully, you may also want to **lead a trail ride**, to show others your favorite venue. As encouragement, each ride leader will be awarded a TROT logo-wear item! To lead a ride, contact Deneen Martin (301-467-5335, deneenmartin7@msn.com).

from Deneen Martin and Barbara Sollner-Webb

Saturday, Sept. 26 – Fairland Park (rain date Sat., Oct. 3) **Leaders: Jenn Poole & Barbara Sollner-Webb** (bsw@jhmi.edu, 301-604-5619)

We will repeat a lovely ride that we had last fall, for the first time in many years, along the scenic Fairland trail. There will be an all-walk and a faster group, and the ride will be 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Shoes are suggested for tender-footed horses. And please bring something yummy to share for a potluck after the ride. These are great trails that too few riders know about and use. Please see related articles on this park's lovely trails in the previous issue of this edition.

Saturday, October 17 - Gunpowder Falls State Park, Sweet Air area (note location change)
Leader: Joyce Browning

Reply to Priscilla Huffman (call/text 301-646-4422, or priscillahuffman@verizon.net)

Enjoy Fall on the beautiful Gunpowder Falls State Park trails. The trails in the Sweet Air area (Harford Co.) are some of the most beautiful in the park. The ride will be 2 to 2 1/2 hours, mostly walking, with limited trotting/gaiting where possible. Horses should have boots or shoes. Most of the ride will be through wooded areas. Bring a chair and lunch if you wish to stay after the ride. *[more rides on next page]*

Sunday, Oct. 18– WSSC's Tridelphia Trail (rain

date Sun., Oct. 25) *Leaders: Terry Ledley & Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu>, 301-604-5619)*

A new ride for TROT, on a lovely new trail!

Come see this still under-appreciated trail, that WSSC kindly opened for us last year, on the Montgomery County side of the Tridelphia Reservoir. The trail runs from Tridelphia Lake Road to Greenbridge Road, through woods and open fields, on gently rolling hills, with pretty views of the water. The kind WSSC folks even built a new horse trailer parking lot for us, on Tridelphia Lake Road (access from Georgia Avenue, just north of New Hampshire Avenue). See the article on this new trail in the January 2105 issue of the TROT newsletter.

Our ride will be 2 to 2 1/2 hours, with Terry leading an all-walk and Barbara a faster group. Shoes are not needed except for very tender-footed horses. And please bring something yummy to share for a potluck after the ride, plus a chair to sit on.

Wednesday, October 21 - Doncaster State Forest (Ironsides, MD)

Leaders: Donata (<donata410@gmail.com>, 301-743-5114) & John Dow

The ride will be on woodland trails with bridge and stream crossings. The pace will depend on the group or we can split into fast and slow groups. This ride is good for horses starting out. Shoes are not needed. The ride will be two to three hours, depending on weather and the desires of the group. Bring a lunch for after the ride.

Saturday, October 31 – Rosaryville Halloween ride

Leader: Laura Colicchio (<lavenderlady19@verizon.net>, 301-856-7540)

This is a joint ride with FIRC - Frida Icelandic Riding Club, at the beautiful 982 acre Rosaryville State Park in Prince George's County. The timing is scheduled so that we should be riding through spectacular fall foliage. The terrain can be hilly but shoes aren't necessary. Laura will be hosting a delicious Bar-B-Q after the ride, so please bring something for the luncheon, and a chair.

Saturday, November 14 - Anacostia Park Ride

Ride Leader - John Angevine (301-937-0014)

A favorite TROT ride to close the season -- this is a fantastic ride with many special views, including the Lincoln Cemetery and Bladensburg Waterfront! We will travel along the Anacostia River on a very nice path, traversing over and under bridges and roads, passing playgrounds and outdoor workout equipment. A great ride to give green horses experience with hikers, bikers and strollers.

COME JOIN ON A RIDE!

REPORTS OF RECENT TROT TRAIL RIDES

at Torrey Brown trail/NCR *from Barbara Sollner-Webb*

Eleven riders enjoyed a lovely outing on the Torrey Brown trail/NCR (North Central Railroad) starting at Freeland, MD (on July 25th, led by Laura Colicchio and Barbara Sollner-Webb, and rescheduled from June, when it was rained out). This was a joint ride with the Iceland Horse Club (FIRC) and was a new ride for TROT. The NCR trail is a treasure in our Maryland trail system that riders should get to know -- a very scenic, hard-packed dirt, rails-to-trails conversion, extending over 20 miles in Maryland, from just north of Baltimore to the Pennsylvania line and then continues another 21 miles to York, Pa. (paralleling I-83). At many places the trail crosses the Gunpowder Falls River, which was great for giving the horses drinks and letting them cool down. We rode 2 ½ hours, with an all-walk group and a walk/trot group, and after the ride was a yummy potluck.



ready to ride at the NCR; photo from Barbara Sollner-Webb

at Rachel Carson

from Laury Lobel

Despite an otherwise very dry August, our Rachel Carson ride, scheduled for Thursday, August 20 and organized by Laury Lobel and Nancy Osgood, was rained out. However, on September 17. We had a beautiful sunny warm day to ride this gem in the MNCPPC park system in Montgomery County--it is so well maintained (thank you, Jim Corcoran)--perfect for walking your dog and riding your horse--or just taking a hike with beautiful surroundings. Former Presidents of TROT Ron MacNab and Pat Oliva were present, along with members Laury Lobel, Kathy Lipton, Phoebe Black, Ellen Frank, Sandee Voith, and Susanna Kane. Ron led the faster group with Pat and Sandee, and Laury led the slow group for about an hour and a half through the woods and streams. We followed the ride by sitting in the shade enjoying lemonade and cookies.



ready to ride at Rachel Carson; photo from Laury Lobel

at Gunpowder Falls State Park, starting at Graham Equestrian Center

from Priscilla Huffman, Ride Coordinator

It's hard to believe an August day in Baltimore County could be so pleasant, but we were fortunate to have cooler than normal weather for this ride on August 29th.

Six riders and our ride leader, Nancy Philip, had a beautiful 2 ½ hour walking paced ride on varied terrain through Gunpowder Falls State Park. Riders were: Carolyn Rhodes, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Stephanie Brennan, Priscilla Huffman, and two new TROT members for the day, Donald Maring and Heather Buchanan.

There were several water crossings on the Jennifer Branch. What a perfect place for photos! More trails meandered through the woods, and up some fields by the power lines. The ride culminated in a long wide grassy aisle along the property fence and back to the trailers.

We were fortunate to coordinate with Jim McDonald's clinic "Helping People Build a Trusting Relationship with their Horses" on the same day. The clinic had six participants between riders and auditors. Way to go, Carolyn, for completing both the morning clinic and the trail ride!

Graham Equestrian Center is located within the GFSP boundaries, and the park is open to the public. There is a large field available for trailer parking. Come enjoy this park at 10301 Harford Rd, Glen Arm MD, 21057.



a cooling stop in the Gunpowder River



*photos from
Barbara Sollner-Webb*

at Ag Farm (in Montgomery County)

On Thursday, August 27th, Laury Lobel led a delightful ride for seven riders at Ag Farm. We enjoyed the nicely cleared trails, courtesy of Ted Trey (see p. 5), a lovely day, great camaraderie of the other riders, and a yummy pot luck after the ride. Laury's horse, Ace – an amazing survivor (see next page) – enjoyed munching on the corn they have planted there (below).



*photo from
Barbara Sollner-Webb*

at Reichsford Farm & Rachel Carson

Despite an otherwise very dry September, Joy Ferno's ride at the beautiful Reichsford Farm, scheduled for September 12 in Joy's 240 acre farm, and Deneen Marin's ride at Rachel Carson, scheduled for September 13, unfortunately were both rained out. The rescheduled rides will take place while this newsletter is in production and will be reported in the next newsletter.

Testing your horses for worms

Now is a good time to test your horses for worms, a simple procedure involving microscopic examination of a stool sample. While regular worming every 6 or 8 weeks used to be considered a health must, it is now generally recognized that this is not necessary for most horses. Indeed, overuse of wormers causes worms to develop resistance, reducing the wormer's efficacy. Instead many veterinarians now recommend determining each horse's worm load by a fecal egg count and treating the "low-shedder" horses (which generally are most of the horses) much less frequently than the relatively rare "high-shedder" horses. [Please see <www.vetmed.vt.edu/emc/clinicalservices/docs/parasitecontrolandresistance.pdf>.]

This service is offered by many veterinary practices. At the highly reputed Virginia Tech, it is inexpensive (\$8/horse) and convenient. Just mail in a stool sample from each horse plus their form (<www.vetmed.vt.edu/emc/clinicalservices/docs/FecalEggCountForm.pdf>), and in two days they e-mail you the results; they will also give you a helpful phone consultation.

A BRUSH WITH DEATH - cancer treatment success, hopefully lasting *from Laury Lobel*

Kudos to Dr. Richard Forfa of Monocacy Equine for his treatment and care given to my 25 year old Quarter Horse, Ace, when he developed cancer in his sheath.

While in Florida this past winter, I got an upsetting phone call from my friend, Nancy Osgood, who had been delegated to watching over my horse Ace. Nancy's horse, Newton, and my horse Ace were boarded at the time at Luck n Love Farm in Lisbon. They are inseparable buddies and have been together many years.

During a routine visit from our farrier, Cowboy Hopkins, he noticed quite a large amount of swelling in and around the sheath. Thinking this was an infection, Nancy immediately called Monocacy for Dr. Forfa to come look at the situation. She was informed that he had just returned to Monocacy in Dickerson from our area. Upon her insistence (due to a pending snowstorm), Dr. Forfa got back in his truck and returned to the farm in Lisbon. He knew immediately that this was not an infection, but cancer.

On the telephone, he described 3 options to me:

- 1 - Taking the horse to Leesburg, Virginia and having a complete surgical procedure done. Lay him down, knock him out, and try to get as much of the cancer as possible. Because of the expense and age of the horse, this option was not an option to me.
- 2 - Have a stand-up procedure done at his clinic in Dickerson--also trying to get as much of the cancer as possible.
- 3 - Put the horse down, which also was not an option to me.

After much discussion, we opted for Option #2. Surgery was performed by Dr. Forfa and Dr. Eads in March. Ace spent the better part of a week there, and returned to Luck n Love to recuperate. Lisa Fierro, who ran Luck n Love, and Nancy handled all of this--and my gratitude is endless!! I was dealing with a husband who fell in January and broke his hip while we were in Florida. (When it rains, it pours!!)

At the beginning of June, nearly three months after the surgery, Ace developed a huge abscess, which Dr. Forfa felt was the result of the cancer cells being sluffed off by the three rounds of chemo. It blew before we got to the clinic in Dickerson. But Dr. Forfa continued to drain it, and put two drains in, which Ace kept in for four days. He was also pleased when he felt what was left of the tumors--they were smaller than he expected.

Now over half a year after the surgery, Ace is enjoying good health and feels more like an eight than a 25 year old. I attribute his good health, vigor and whatever additional time he gets to enjoy to Dr. Forfa and his Associates at Monocacy Equine. "Thank you" doesn't say enough!



*Ace's abscess, pre-draining
[photo from Laury Lobel]*

NOTE ABOUT THE NCR TRAIL ENTRANCES

kindly contributed by April Smith

[Editor's note: following the description in the last newsletter about TROT's NCR/Torrey Brown Trail ride that started at the Freeland Road parking lot in Baltimore County, TROT member April Smith kindly provided this information about the suitability, or lack thereof, of various other entrances to the NCR trail for horse trailer parking. Thanks much for sending this, April!]

I enjoy reading the newsletter, especially about different trails. I frequently ride on the Torrey Brown trail and thought I would let other riders know that there is no trailer parking at Ashland or Monkton. In fact, I have seen No Parking signs on the road near the parking lot as well. Sparks has 3 large painted places for trucks and trailers but no signs explaining this, so small cars are always parked there. Occasionally you will see cars parked in the trailer spots at Phoenix and White Hall, even though there is a sign. [I pointed it out to one guy who parked there and he said, "You mean it's trailer parking all the time?" Hilarious!]

WARNING – RAZOR BLADE BOOBY TRAPS IN TRAIL IN FREDERICK

Jeff Dwyer provided the link to a scary warning about razor blades set in a trail in the Frederick watershed, near Fishing Creek. For information, see: <www.fredericknewspost.com/news/environment/razor-blade-booby-traps-found-in-frederick-watershed/article_4a04f7f8-9f00-566e-acc3-5b2b4f7531d1.html> Hopefully no riders will encounter them!

[If wanting to open this URL, see note on p. 4 bottom]

WINTER IS COMING

from Pat Merson

I hate to say it but winter is really coming up on us fast and that means it is time to get out our horses' blankets and wash them. After washing them at a Laundromat (rug machine), I take them home and put them wet on my riding ring fence and let them dry. After that, I take some kind of water sealant for tents and spray them real well, and let them dry again. Last step is to put them into something to keep them clean -- like a trunk, a 55 gallon drum with a top, or a plastic garbage bag. When the weather turns bad, you will be ready.

COUNTY/AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS

Carroll County Update

from Judy Thacher, Carroll County Coordinator

Fifteen Carroll County TROT members met on August 18 for a "Meet and Greet" at TROT member Kyle Jossi's house in Sykesville. A light fare was served with guests bringing the side dishes. TROT Board members Maria Schwartz, Judy Thacher, Pat Talbott and Deneen Martin were in attendance. Two Howard County TROT members attended the meeting and asked if they could join the Carroll County TROT group. Everyone agreed and welcomed our guests. Later that evening Judy received an email from one additional Howard County and one Baltimore City resident saying that they had planned and were actually on the way to Kyle's house for the meeting when they had car trouble and had to return home. They asked if they could attend future Carroll County TROT meetings because they ride Carroll County trails more than anywhere else. As of September 1 there are 65 TROT members who have joined the "Carroll County area TROT members".

The agenda discussed included the next trail clearing day at Morgan Run is on September 5th. For more information or to sign up to help trail clearing call Carolyn Garber at 410-549-5141. Judy updated all about the status of both the 2015 and 2016 TROT Scholarship programs. Judy and Maria also discussed the Maryland State Fair especially the "My Maryland Horse Area". Judy announced that TROT's two 2015 scholarship winners will be introduced and honored at the State Fair on September 1st and will be performing their musical freestyle in center field at 6 PM. The fair starts on August 28th and runs through September 7th. Judy also announced that there is a Trail Obstacle/Pleasure Ride planned for October 10, 2015 at Schooley Mill Park in Highland. Deneen addressed the group and said she is looking for more trail ride leaders and additional trail rides for the fall as well as volunteers to work the Trail Obstacle/Pleasure ride at Schooley Mill.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM. The next "Meet and Greet" date was not decided but will be announced in the future.

Laurel/Burtonsville Area Update

from Barbara Sollner-Webb, Area Coordinator

WSSC Appreciation Luncheon:

Riders who appreciate all that the WSSC Watershed staff have done to reopen the Rocky Gorge Trail and keep it in great shape, and to open a Tridelphia Trail, held an appreciation luncheon for WSSC's Watershed staff. It was a beautiful day, great camaraderie, yummy food, and everyone seemed to enjoy interacting with each other. After the luncheon, WSSC's Jeff Bell took several of us on a fascinating tour inside (yes, INSIDE!) the Tridelphia Dam. Such luncheons with the WSSC staff responsible for the trail were begun by TROT's founding members about 25 years ago, and remain a great idea today, to increase understanding and further our working together.



At the close table in this photo (people moved around during the luncheon, to favor more interactions) is Eddie Franceschi (WSSC's watershed Manager), and TROT's Nancy Osgood, Ron MacNab, Denis Webb and Terry Ledley.



WSSC's Jeff Bell begins our tour; photos from B. Sollner-Webb

WELCOME, NEW TROT MEMBERS

from Pat Talbott, membership chair

Wendy Emblin
Tracy Guringo
Brenda Gause
Kim DiPietro
Alison Meyer

Howard County
Baltimore County
Baltimore County
Frederick County
Howard County

We look forward to interacting with you in our efforts to support trails!

HORSE TRAILERING INSURANCE

information from Gale Monahan

What would you do when you are trailering your horse, maybe in the middle-of-nowhere, if your truck or trailer breaks down? Many equestrians who frequently trailer their horses, as well as ones who less frequently trailer their horses but want to avoid getting in a jam when problems arise, have emergency roadside assistance insurance with equine benefits. Check out <<http://www.usrider.org/about>>.

Update on Gunpowder Falls State Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol

Contributed by Bruno Conticello

On August 29th, five volunteers completed their horse assessment which is a critical phase in the certification as a Volunteer Mounted Patrol. Held at Graham Equestrian Center in Baltimore County and led by Jim McDonald, the assessment determines how a potential VMP horse would react in a variety of situations similar to what they might experience while on patrol. The horse must successfully negotiate every obstacle in the course.

The assessment consisted of walking over tarps and a wooden bridge, negotiating moving objects e.g. a bicycle and baby carriage, walking past waving flags, coming up to a police vehicle, walking through "balloon alley" and other obstacles. Volunteers for the assessment included Wendy Boehner, Karen Ferris, Peter McConaughy, Cindy Titus and Dan Wise.

The only remaining certification step for some volunteers is to complete a ride-along in a vehicle with a park ranger. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the efforts of the mounted patrol unit. Start looking for us soon in the Gunpowder park!

TROT BOARD MEETINGS

Meeting of July , 2015

summarized from notes of B. Sollner-Webb

The meeting was at a lovely outdoor gazebo, at Jeff Dwyer's Ebb Tide Farm, near Annapolis. **Participants** were: Maria Schwartz (President), Judy Thacher (VP), Nancy Osgood (Sec); BD members: Terry Ledley, Laury Lobel, Dana Grabiner, Priscilla Huffman, Jeff Dwyer, Susan Gray & Barbara Sollner-Webb; also Jenn Poole, Sim Shanks & Dick Huffman; via Phone: BD members Deneen Martin & Pat Talbott.

Reports were provided from Susan Railey (**Treasurer**) and by Pat Talbott (**Membership**).

County Coordinator Reports:

- **Carroll County.** Judy Thacher reported a saddle fitting clinic in Carroll County and the Morgan Run work effort (p. 5).
- **Baltimore County.** Priscilla Huffman reported on the VMP and the upcoming "lunch and learn" meeting (next column).

Old and New Business.

- **TROT activities.** A committee was established for getting TROT again involved in the sub-division process, to preserve trails (Susan Gray, Laury Lobel, Judy Thacher, Dana Grabiner).
- **Scholarship.** Judy Thacher reported on awarding the 2015 scholarships. There was strong sentiment that any 2016 scholarship would have significant focus on trial stewardship.
- **Trail Obstacle Event.** Dana Grabiner reported on this event she is organizing with Priscilla Huffman and Jenn Poole (see page 1 & 2).

Save the date: Next TROT annual dinner -- March 19, 2016.

Meeting August 4, 2015

summarized from minutes of Nancy Osgood

Participants. Judy Thacher (VP), Susan Railey (Treasurer), Nancy Osgood (Sec), Terry Ledley (BD), Laury Lobel (BD), Br. Roger Nelson (BD), Gale Monahan (BD), Priscilla Huffman, Jeff Dwyer (BD), Susan Gray (BD), Deneen Martin (BD); via Phone: Maria Schwartz (Pres.), Dana Grabiner (BD), Pat Talbott (BD).

Reports: Susan Railey presented the **Treasurer's Report**, Pat Talbott presented the **Membership Report**, and Deneen Martin the **Trail Ride Coordinator Report**.

County Coordinator Reports.

- **Anne Arundel County.** Diana Ayers, coordinator for that county, provided a written report describing riding venues in Anne Arundel, including Seven Run Natural Environment Area that has some trails but no public parking and Kinder Farm Park and Downs Park that are small with paved multi-use trails and require poop pick-up. There is a currently stalled effort with the county to develop sustainable trails on the 600 acre Bacon Ridge Natural Area.
- **Baltimore County.** Priscilla Huffman reported on an upcoming "lunch and learn" meeting on smart phone apps to do trail tracking. She also reported on the upcoming two rides she is organizing.
- **Carroll County.** Judy Thacher reported on an upcoming get together for county riders at Kyle Jossi's house.

Old Business.

- **Trail Obstacle Event.** Dana Grabiner reported on this event she is organizing with Priscilla Huffman and Jenn Poole (see page 1 & 2).
- **Trail Contacts.** There was much discussion about how to go about having a "Trail Maintenance Coordinator" for each major trail system, a great idea recently suggested by Mary Prowell (also discussed at the July Board meeting)

New Business.

- There was discussion about publicizing TROT through the Maryland 4H Foundation, a proposed residential development in Sykesville that would impact trails leading to a park, and TROT applying for a MD Horse Industry Board grant to redo its video. Two youth scholarships for 2016 were approved, and the criteria will specifically address aspects of trails.

SUGGESTIONS ON NEWSLETTER??

The newsletter editor would greatly appreciate hearing from you, with any comments or suggestions you may have on the newsletter. Also, contributions of articles would be super! Send to Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu>).

SPECIAL THANKS!!! *from B. Sollner-Webb*

Enormous appreciation to Terry Ledley, Denis Webb, Dana Grabiner, Susan Gray, Priscilla Huffman and Laury Lobel for most helpfully proofreading this newsletter!

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 (between Folly Quarter Road & Tridelphia Road, Ellicott City, MD) Sandy Brewer sandbrewer@aol.com

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on the Canal at Violettes Lock, MD) Naomi Manders naomimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop (Boys, MD) an easy 75 minutes. Naomi Manders naomimanders0@gmail.com

Codorus Park (Hanover, PA) Ivy Smink smink.ivy@gmail.com (410) 875-5691

Croom, MD area (South of PG Equestrian Center, MD) Ride from my farm to Jug Bay, the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am the area trail historian and we can ride different trails for 6 hrs! Available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon. Carol CAAuletta@aol.com or (301) 579-2342

EPIC Trail At Dry Seneca Creek (Poolesville, MD) 10 miles round trip, mostly private land with a sanctioned public route; exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for winter exercising. This is NOT the Great Seneca Greenway Trail. Naomi Manders naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park (Harford County MD) Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165 / (443) 966-0249

Liberty Reservoir trails (off Deer Park Road, Baltimore County, MD) Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or smink.ivy@gmail.com

Little Bennett (Clarksburg, MD) Jim & Maureen Henry (301) 676- 5298

Morgan Run Trails (Carroll County, MD) Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or smink.ivy@gmail.com

North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge (Laurel, MD) Barbara Sollner-Webb bsw@jhmi.edu or (301) 604-5619

Patapsco State Park (off Marriottsville Road, MD) I am available during the week and weekend and would love to show other TROT members the trails. Elizabeth Baran H: (410) 442-5006; C: (410) 245-8942

Patuxent River State Park (Montgomery County side, MD) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Rachel Carson Conservation Park (Brookeville, MD) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Rock Creek Park (Montgomery County, MD and into DC) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Rosaryville Park (Upper Marlboro, PG County, MD) Laura Colicchio (301) 956-7540 or lavenderlady@verizon.net

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail (Carroll County, MD) Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or smink.ivy@gmail.com

WSSC's Rocky Gorge & Tridelphia Reservoirs (PG and Montgomery County) Barbara Sollner-Webb bsw@jhmi.edu or (301) 604-5619

Woodstock Equestrian Park (Beallsville, MD) Karen Kraushaar (301) 208-0767 or kraushaar@verizon.net

If your favorite trail is not listed and you would be willing to occasionally show it to other TROT members, please contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu>, 301-604-5619) to join this list of generous volunteers.

TROT LICENSE PLATES - ORDER YOURS TODAY!

from Susan Railey

Have you driven down the road and noticed TROT's beautiful license plate with a black horse and rider silhouetted against a sun? Don't just admire everyone else's - get your own.

It's very easy. E-mail me at <susanrailey@verizon.net>, and I will send you the simple instructions along with MVA's application, which you complete and send back to me with a \$25 check. I confirm your membership, forward it to MVA, and your classy new plates arrive in a few short weeks. You do not need to wait for your current plates to be renewed. The new stickers are pro-rated so you do not lose any registration time for which you have already paid.



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<www.trot-md.org>

Harold Goldstein, Webmaster

TROT Newsletter:

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<www.trot-md.org/newsletters.php>

Barbara Sollner-Webb, Newsletter Coordinator

(<bsw@jhmi.edu>, 301-604-5619)

Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo group (and to join):

<groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/join>

TROT Yahoo group (and to join):

<<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/TROT-Members/info>>

Facebook page

TROT Trail Riders of Today

<www.facebook.com/groups/127953560568829/>

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad, email: [<bsw@jhmi.edu>](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu).

TROT Members: One regular (100 word) ad FREE! All TROT members' ads will run for one issue. They can be run again for free in subsequent issues, **BUT ONLY IF** you notify the Editor by the 15th of the month before the next newsletter is dated (e.g., notify by April 15th, June 15th, etc.)

Non-member rates:

100 words	\$6.00	(each additional word - \$0.10)
Business Card	\$6.00	1/2 page ad \$40
1/4 page ad	\$25	Full page ad \$75

Saddle for sale

For Sale - Dressage Saddle, excellent condition. It is a Hanover Passier 16 1/2 inch seat (although it is closer to 17 inches - hand made). Medium tree. It fit my Spotted Saddle Horse. Sadly, he now has cushings and no longer has the energy for trail or show. I have loved this saddle and find it very comfortable to ride in. New cost would be around \$3000. Asking \$1000. Can email pics. Gale Monahan [<gale.email2@gmail.com>](mailto:gale.email2@gmail.com) or 301-854-3852.

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2 Horse trailer for sale

For Sale: ADAM 2 Horse Bumper Pull Trailer - Steel Frame Aluminum Skin Yulite "Built to Last". Call Ingrid 410-531-2374

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Horsemanship clinics

Horsemanship clinics at Graham Equestrian Center, [<www.grahameq.org>](http://www.grahameq.org). "Dressage For The Trail Rider" in a focused two hour session with Jim McDonald, AQHA Professional horseman and CHA certified instructor. If you work with a horse the tuition is \$55.00 or you can audit for \$35.00 Clinics will be held Saturdays on October 10, 17 and 31. Hours are 10 AM to noon. Pre-registration required. Contact Jim at [<Jim@JimMcDonaldHorsemanship.com>](mailto:Jim@JimMcDonaldHorsemanship.com) or 410-627-4243 for more information and to register.

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Brendan Wise Clinic

Fabulously talented horse whisperer Brendan Wise is conducting a two day clinic at the Colicchio residence in Rosaryville, MD, November 7 and 8. He works with any breed and any discipline. Maximum five riders with one-on-one attention. \$250.00 for the clinic and \$10.00 per night board fee at the farm. \$275.00 total for clinic and lunch, drinks, and snacks for the two days. Please contact Laura Colicchio at [<lavenderlady19@verizon.net>](mailto:lavenderlady19@verizon.net) if interested or any questions.

Boarding abutting Rosaryville Park

Seeking upbeat and personable horse boarder on small, private full-care farm at Tony and Laura Colicchio's in Rosaryville, MD. Small outdoor riding ring and ride out directly into Rosaryville State Park with over a thousand acres of beautiful trail riding. Contact Laura Colicchio at [<lavenderlady19@verizon.net>](mailto:lavenderlady19@verizon.net) if interested.

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in Poolesville, Maryland**

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If interested, please contact Julie at 301-922-6581.



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but really should be**

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To facilitate your renewal we currently offer two suggestions:

PAY BY PAYPAL (You do not need a PayPal account and **NO POSTAGE REQUIRED**):

Go to <http://www.trot-md.org/membership.php> and follow the directions.

Upon notification of your payment the Membership Registrar will send you an email with an email form to be completed and returned.

COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM AND PAY BY CHECK:

Complete the **Application form**

Check -- please make checks payable to
Trail Riders of Today

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TROT Membership, PO Box 506, Highland, MD 20777

Date: ____ / ____ / 20 ____ Membership Renewal ____ New Membership

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(Most, but not all, of our communication with members is preferred to be done by email.)

**Required information.*

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Complete only if you have not paid by PayPal

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TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY
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Inside this issue:

- Non-judged Trail Obstacle Event, October 10 – sign up now
- The history of Schooley Mill (the venue where the Trail Obstacle Event will be held)
- Pat Oliva receives "Touch of Class" award
- TROT honors scholarship winners
- Hunting season information
- Plan for the Lisbon horse event
- Good news for several beloved trail riding venues
- Upcoming TROT trail rides – plan to come, to see the value of the trails we are working to preserve!
- Reports of recent great TROT trail rides
- Upcoming trail work events
- And lots more