

Reddington Rock

Riding Club

OCT 2018

### **Upcoming Events**

**OCT 10th**  
**CAMP MEETING AT**  
**7PM**

**OCT 14th**  
**BAYSTATE RIDE**  
**ROBINSON STATE**  
**PARK**

**OCT 20th**  
**WORK PARTY TO CUT**  
**AND SPLIT WOOD FOR**  
**THE PAVILION**

**OCT 21st**  
**KNIGHTVILLE DAM**  
**WRC**

**NOV 3rd**  
**TURKEY / POKER RIDE**  
**POT LUCK**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi All, Just letting everyone know we had a great weekend up at camp for Fun Day. There was some concern late in the week before the event that we would have to cancel due to all the recent rain, but mother nature helped us out and the day turned out to be awesome. The spaghetti dinner was fantastic too. Thank you to everyone for the help to pull it off.

I will see you all on the trail. Holly Howlett

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## **SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The proposed officers for 2019 are:

Carin Grakowsky – Chairman of the Board

Marion Hartman – BOD

Lisa Gallagher – BOD

Lisa Ward – BOD

Rich DiMeola – Director at Large

Holly Howlett – President

Sandi Hutchison – Vice President

Karen Gregiore – Camp Director

Sue Scott—Historian

Janet Keown – Treasurer

Marley Pirtel – Secretary

Carin Grakowsky – Cheer

Nominations we be at the October meeting and voting will take place at the November meeting.

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## **OCT 20TH 10AM. WORK PARTY**

We will have a work party for fire wood cutting for the pavilion. We will need chainsaws, wood splitter, trucks or trailers and people to help load up and stack firewood. Pizza will be provided by the club.

Please call or text Karen if you plan to attend and help out.

1-413-575-248

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## FOUR TOWN FAIR PARADE



RRRC had another fantastic showing at the Four Town Fair parade this year. We took second place as an organizational entry. We had 15 riders and a number of walkers and poop scoopers. Special thanks to everyone who participated and made our event such a success. So many people commented that the horses were their favorite part of the parade!

Someone yelled out they save the best for last



## Pasta Party & Wine Tasting

We had a great turnout for the pasta party. Approximately 40 people were served and we raised over \$785 (after expenses). The raffle prizes were great and ranged from a saddle pad, a bird feeder, Monty's canned goods from his garden to pearl necklaces. There was truly something for everyone. Special thanks to Janet Keown for making a last minute food and supply run and assisting with the event. The wine tasting was a lot of fun for the 18 participants who learned how to pair certain foods with certain wines. We hope to have Traveling Vineyards back again so others can partake in the fun.

Heard through the "grape vine" that a there maybe a few members hosting wine parties in the winter months. Certainly something to look forward to.



Sue Scott, thank you for hosting the wine tasting portion of this event and providing all the paring goodies.



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## 2019 Dues, Lot Rentals and Suggested Donations

At our September meeting, the subject of membership categories, dues and fees for 2019 were discussed along with the need to ensure we bring in enough funds to cover some of the maintenance needs at Camp Glazier (tree removal, road repair, lawn mowing, etc.) It has been reported by the Vice President and other members that the requirement for married couples to join as a family has been a barrier in recruiting new members when one is a non-rider.

This subject is one of interest for many members. Members continued exchanging thoughts and ideas when gathering for the events held after the September meeting. It was also discussed at a meeting earlier in the year. Based on those discussions, the takeaways seem to be:

- Married couples should not be required to join as a family esp. as there are many instances where one or more members of a family do not participate in equine activities.
- We need to remove barriers to membership.
- Some of our dues should go up.
- We want to present ourselves as a family-friendly organization even to family members who are not involved in equine activities.
- Lot rental fees should go up but not too drastically.
- We should be competitive with our dues, lot rentals and event fees.
- We provide a lot of value in that members (including those who do not rent a lot) have unlimited access to grounds outside of events.
- Non-members (including non-member family and friends) need to pay more than members for events.
- We should provide day corrals for a fee for members and non-members who wish to spend the day without keeping their horses tied to a trailer.
- Keep it simple with respect to dues, lot rentals and suggested donations for events and lot rentals.
- We need to recognize that maintaining the building and grounds takes money and time, both of which are in short supply, and ensure that we are able to generate the funds necessary to take care of the property, buildings, systems and equipment.

We would like to finalize this discussion at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is necessary as any membership categories and fees need to be finalized, published in the November Trail Rider and voted upon at the November meeting. We prepare renewal and 2019 membership information in December. Renewal notices go out right after the holidays. To start the discussion at the next meeting, please consider the following informal proposal:

### Member Dues & Fees

Family Membership - \$50 (current dues are \$70)\*

The definition of a family would change to married adults (to include domestic partners, civil unions, etc.) with or without dependent children plus single adults with dependent children

Single Adult only - \$40 (current dues are \$35 with or without dependent children)\*

Lot rentals - \$120 or \$125 (current seasonal rental fees are \$90)

Stall rentals - no discussion of change (current seasonal rental fee is \$25)



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Member day corral rental - (\$5.00 per day)

\*Supporting Members in these categories pay the same dues as members.

## Recommended Guest (Non-Member) Donations

Event participation - additional \$10 (currently non-members contribute the same as members for events)

Day stay with horse - \$10 per day (current rate is \$5/day)

Corral day stay - \$10 per day (current rate is \$5/day)

We hope to see as many members as possible at the next meeting so that we can prepare for 2019!

## New Members

Our second application for Supporting Member is in!

Dave Massaro has applied as a Supporting Member. To many, he already seemed like a member as he has attended numerous events with Samantha Moretti. Over the past couple of seasons, he has also helped us with camp clean up, mowing, you name it! Most recently he helped with

## Upcoming Events

Scantic Valley Riders and Drivers along with Bay State Trail Riders are having a fall ride on *October 14th* at Robinson State Park at 428 North Street Agawam MA. Ride registration starts at 9:30 and ride time at 10 am with a delicious meal after. To Register for the ride go to [BSTRA.org](http://BSTRA.org). We are also looking for volunteers to help with the ride and to bring desserts. Please reply back to let us know if you can help. Hope to see you there :) Happy Trails, Jenn Jacobson

Westfield Riding Club is having a ride on *October 21st* at Knighville Dam in Huntington MA. Visit [www.westfieldridingclub.org](http://www.westfieldridingclub.org) for more information or contact Hazel Holman at [hmhma-vis@gmail.com](mailto:hmhma-vis@gmail.com) or phone 413-896-4429

*New for 2018—RRRC Turkey/Poker Ride/Pie Contest*

*Change of Date: The event will be on Saturday November 3rd 2018*

We are trying something new this year for the annual Turkey Ride. The Poker Ride will start off our event with registration and ride out between 11 & noon. You will receive a map and need to ride to a specified location to pick up your hand (in a sealed envelope). You can choose to ride to a second location to pick up a sealed "Wild Card" Envelope to possibly enhance your secret hand. Each rider can play up to 3 hands (cost is \$5 per hand). You will return to the pavilion by 1:00 for Showdown. Each person will open their hand and the top 3 hands will receive a prize. All envelopes should remain sealed until it is your turn to play your hand. Following the poker game, we will celebrate and give thanks for all our blessings with the annual put luck thanksgiving meal. Around 3:00—3:30 we will have the pie contest, with Monty Moses offering to be our judge. There is no cost for this event other than the card game. Please watch the website and your email for sign up information and additional details. Questions: Contact Sandi Hutchison at [sshutch@hotmail.com](mailto:sshutch@hotmail.com) or phone 860-965-2744.

Help will be needed to set up and cleanup. Please let me know if you can assist.

**Plan on wearing ORANGE when out in the forest. Not sure when hunting season starts, but we want everyone to be safe.**



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