

Reddington Rock

Riding Club

NOV 2018

**Upcoming Event**

**NOV 3, 2018**

**Turkey/Poker Ride**

**SANDI 860-965-2744**

**NOV 8TH-11, 2018**

**Equine Affaire**

**NOV 14, 2018**

**Meeting 7 PM Kibbee School, Somers**

**NOV 17, 2018**

**End of Year Camp Cleanup**

**NOV 30, 2018**

**Campers Removed from grounds**

**DEC 1, 2018**

**Lot Inspections**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone,

As you know we're having upcoming elections for the officers and board of directors at the November meeting. There are 3 people nominated for the board of directors on the ballot. They are Gloria Coles, Lisa Ward and Becky Smith. There are 2 people on the ballot for president, that is myself and Heather Cunningham. We are going to have the VOTE at the November meeting which is being held at Kibbe School in Somers . The Vote is the first item on the agenda so you can come and vote even if you can't stay for the entire meeting due to work or other family obligations. Hope to see you!

Holly Howlett

## **SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Carin Grakowsky	Chairman of the Board
Marion Hartman	BOD
Lisa Gallagher	BOD
Rich DiMeola	Director at Large
Sandi Hutchison	Vice President
Karen Grégoire	Camp Director
Sue Scott	Historian
Janet Keown	Treasurer
Marley Pirtel	Secretary
Carin Grakowsky	Cheer

There will be a vote at 7pm at Kibbe Fuller School, 619 Main St., Somers CT.

The first Vote will be for President, between Holly Howlett and Heather Cunningham. Should incumbent, Holly Howlett lose the President Slot she will move onto the Board of Directors and there will be no additional voting needed to fill the BOD open slot.

Vote for BOD (if needed)

Lisa Ward  
Gloria Coles  
Becki Smith

We will have 3 people count the ballots

Linda Gauthier  
Kent Hutchison  
Bob Rocconella

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## November 17th End of Season Camp Clean Up

We will start around 9 am and have coffee and donuts. If the cleaning goes into the afternoon we can have a pizza lunch. We would like to put all equipment and kitchen items away and clean the refrigerators. All the lawn equipment will be put down in the room at the barn.

Remember all members that have a lot also should clean their lots before Nov. 30th and remove their campers from camp grounds. We are asking that if there is anything that you don't need at camp to please take home or place your belongings by your wood pile or in your corals, cover and secure all items with a tarp.

Everyone has worked hard to make the camp to look very nice. We should tidy up the camp for the close of the camping season.

INSPECTION FOR THE LOTS WILL BE DEC. 1ST

Please call Karen Gregoire 413-575-6248 if you are coming to help close up the kitchen, pavilion, bathroom and put the equipment away.

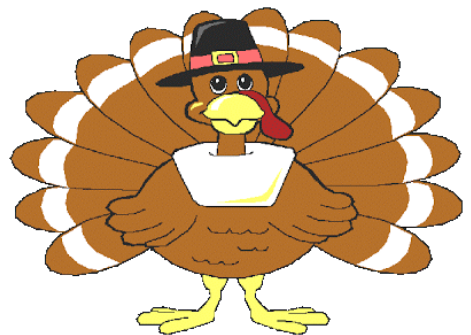
## November 3rd Turkey/Poker Run

Remember the Turkey / Poker Ride is coming up quickly. Please sign up with the dish you are going to bring using the link below or contact Sandi at 860-965-2744 before WEDNESDAY October 31st.

Please click on the link below to complete this form.

<https://form.jotform.com/82803445925158>

The event starts at 11:00 on November 3rd. Dinner is planned for around 1:30 if you just wish to eat and socialize. This is our last event at the Club grounds so let make it a memorable day! Bring your appetite! The pie contest is sure to be a good one!



## December 8th Holiday Party

LOCATION American Legion, 10 Monson Rd. SS TIME 1:00 Please plan to attend and get into the spirit of the season with your fellow equestrians. Bring your favorite appetizer to share. For the main course roast pork will be provided. I will need volunteers to bring the following, stuffing, applesauce, oven browned potatoes or other, butternut squash, green beans or corn. Also dinner rolls and butter. No meal is complete without dessert so we need to add that to the list. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the November or December meeting. Please e-mail me at [janicelutzen@att.net](mailto:janicelutzen@att.net) or call 860 684 2959. Following the meal we will have our gift exchange. Please keep the price at \$15.00 and gender neutral. Hope our club can end the year with a fun time for all.





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## FUN DAY

Well, it was a bit “iffy” but Mother Nature actually cooperated and we had beautiful weather for Fun Day. It was nice to see some new faces and hopefully more will participate next year, We had a couple of men riding too which was great – Monty and Kent, hope you enjoyed your day! Our Grand Champion was Diane Turcotte & Lottie, a guest and friend of Jan Wajda, and Linda Gauthier & Frosty won Reserve Champion. Cathy Bradway’s daughter, Isabelle also participated and won a couple of ribbons. Since expenses were minimal this year as the ribbons and items for the scavenger hunt were purchased last year, our net profit was \$268.35.

Thank you to all my helpers, it wouldn’t be a success without you!



## WELCOME A NOT SO NEW MEMBER

Many of you recall Lauren Szeszowicki growing up at RRRC and riding with her grandfather, Stanley. Lauren is now all grown up and has joined as a regular member! Although she is a busy young lady, riding and horses still play a big role in her life. Most recently, she rode in the Four Town Fair Parade. Please Welcome Lauren to the RRRC family!

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## MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors has received a lot of questions regarding memberships and fees for 2019 that was discussed at the October meeting. The Board feels we should have further discussion before we go to vote, since any changes will require a complete rewrite of several sections of the Constitution which was just done last year.

There are two aspects of membership that need further discussion.

First, the current definition of Family Membership, refers to a "husband and wife". It has been the "practice" of the Club to "require" a married couple to join as a family membership even if only one of the adults owns or leases a horse. Many believe that married adults should have the option to join as an Individual, since their spouse or children may not be "horse people" and would not use the facility in a family capacity.

The consensus at the last meeting was the definition of "Family" needs to be expanded to recognize all types of unions between two adults, not just "Husband/wife, but to include all unions irrespective of sex. (Civil unions, domestic partnerships, same sex marriages, etc. legally joined)

Second, there was a proposal made to change the membership to simply single individual memberships (regardless of marital status). Kids under eighteen (18) would be free.

Some additional matters to consider when making changes to our membership status are:

- The Club has permitted the parent or parents of a child who rides to join either as a Single Adult or as a Family even when that parent does not ride. Our current definition of member does not address this. The proposed membership definitions do not allow for this either. Those parents have been considered regular members with the ability to vote.
- When the Club created the category of Supporting Member some questions came up re: whether or not a Member's status must change to Supporting Member when they no longer own or lease a horse. This concern was brought forward after the addition of Supporting Member and has not been addressed. This needs to be resolved as Supporting Members are not eligible to vote.
- If we move to offering only Individual Membership, what would be the status of current spouses and family members who do not ride? (Over the years, the Club has benefitted by the participation of many spouses such as in clean ups, projects, camp maintenance, helping with events, our website, etc.) The ability to vote on club matters is also a consideration in eliminating family membership. Currently, both married persons are eligible to vote.

In closing, RRRC has held itself out as a "Family Oriented" club and if we vote to change our membership definition to "Individual" only, is that move going to impact our overall mission and vision?

One way to resolve all of the above concerns is by:



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1. Keeping the Family membership, with a change to the definition of "family" as two "joined" adults in the same household (husband/wife, civil union, domestic partners, etc.)
2. Change the Definition of "Single" membership (currently defined in the constitution as any single person age eighteen (18) or older with or without children), to "Individual" meaning any individual age eighteen (18) or older.
3. Children under age eighteen (18) would be free, no matter which membership level is chosen by the parent.

By changing one word (from Single to Individual) and not mandating the type of membership you must join, appears to work without affecting a complete rewrite of the constitution and would continue RRRC to promote our Club as a Family Oriented organization.

Please consider these so that we can finalize the membership definitions prior to instituting any additional fee changes.

## Some Sad News

Robert "Bob" Beaverstock, 92, of Ellington, passed away on Friday, September 28, 2018. Bob was born in Ellington on October 24, 1925 to the late Nelson and Lena (Kellner) Beaverstock. In 1943, he graduated from Rockville High School and started work at Hamilton Standard, where he worked until his retirement. Bob was an avid horseback rider and part timer farmer. He enjoyed traveling and took many wilderness horseback riding trips around the United States, in Ireland and New Zealand. He rode in the Rose Bowl Parade for several years and was the founding member of the Reddington Rock Riding Club and a member of both the CT Trail Riders Association and Granby Horse Council. Bob enjoyed volunteering for many organizations, and for over 50 years he was the Director and past President of the Four Town Fair. He is survived by his sister-in-law Janice Schaeffer of Ellington and many cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his sister Doris Schaeffer and brother-in-law Charles Schaeffer. A special thank you to Bob's caregivers Darlene, Tiffany, Tammy, Roxanne, and the North Central Hospice nurses for their support. Memorial donations may be made to the Four Town Fair, PO Box 24, Somers, CT 06071.

Karen and Paul Bacon are prior members of RRRC and attended our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Karen founded Second Chance Ranch, a horse rescue and placement center. Paul passed away a few years ago and Karen this October.

A celebration of Karen and Paul's life will be held on Saturday, November 24, 11:30 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 383 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT. Please consider honoring Karen's memory by donating to Second Chance Ranch, P.O. Box 452, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

