

# Maine Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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## HOOFBEATS

*Official Newsletter of The M T R A*

**THE NEXT MEETING IS OUR  
ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2011**

### President's Stall

It is hard for me to believe, but an entire year has gone by since you elected me as your President. I hope you have had as much fun as I have! I would like to thank you ALL for your support and patience as I learned the protocols and rules. This has been a great year, with a great group of people.

It is now time to get set for a new year, and we need your support yet again. Please try to come to the November meeting so your voice can be heard. The nominating committee will present to you a recommendation for the election of the officers for the coming year, and for three board of director positions. You are then given a chance to ask questions and to provide nominations from the floor if desired, and vote where needed.

The riding season is winding down, with just three affiliated rides remaining for this year. We have had some great locations this year, and one more new one is up-coming on November 6, in Wales. The West Gardiner ride that was rained out in October is going to be attempted on November 20. And let's not forget, Popham Beach Ride is on October 30, where you can walk, run, and have some fun. Let's hope for good weather on all three rides!

Your trail committee has begun the process of planning the year end banquet. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact any committee member. We are holding a trail committee meeting at 6PM on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Trudy*

**Our Next Meeting is  
November 5, 2011 at 7:30PM**

## Notice to Members



**Junior member meeting - November 5,  
7PM at the clubhouse.**



**Trail committee meeting – November 5,  
6PM at the clubhouse.**



**Annual election / installation of officers  
and board of directors will take place at  
the November 5 meeting.**



## Junior Notices

Due to the cancellation of the fall Horse Show, some of you have been left short on volunteer hours. I would like to meet with you as a group at 7:00 before the November meeting. The reason behind this meeting is to discuss ideas for the volunteer work so those of you who are short can get the hours you need for year end. See you at 7.



October 3, 2010

## Upcoming Events

**Please note:** the event calendar will be posted at the clubhouse prior to all meetings. The calendar will not be read at the meetings.

Club meetings are at 7:30 P.M. unless posted otherwise.

Oct 30 - \*\* Popham Beach ride sponsored by Karen Brown

Nov 5 – Trail committee meeting, at the MTRA club house at 6PM

Nov 5 – Junior meeting, at the MTRA club house at 7PM

Nov 5 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Nov 6 - \*\* Wales ride sponsored by Stephanie Brownell

Dec 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

**Jan 14 – Yearly awards banquet**

## Ride Information

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's rides successful!

### October ride information

**October 30 - Popham Beach Ride sponsored by Karen Brown:**

Ride will start at 9:30am from the Popham Beach State Park parking lot. (not by the Fort).

Ride will be at your own pace so amble along or take a nice gallop. It's up to you!

Lunch will be back at the trailers at 1pm (ish). Bring your own lunch.

Let's do our part and help keep this nice beach open to horses by being mindful of others and pick up all manure and hay from the parking lot and walkways leading down to the ocean.

Low tide: 8:02am

High tide: 2:22pm

**Directions:**

From Route 1 in Bath, take ramp for High Street (State Route 209), go 2.4 miles bear left (south) with State Route 209, which turns into Bridge Street. Keeping on 209 go approx 4 miles then bear Left onto Parker Head Road. Go 5 miles and turn left staying on 209 still. Go 2.9 miles and the Park entrance is on the right. There are State Park signs most of the way in. There is also a \$1.50 day-use gate fee at the entrance of the park.

Any questions, contact Karen @ 207-671-4082.



**November ride information**

**November 6 - Wales Ride sponsored by Stephanie Brownell:**

This ride will start at 10:00am.

Hello Fellow Trail Riders,

I just wanted to give you a little information about the trail ride you may soon be attending at our farm. We have plenty of space for parking and camping! However, I just want to make everyone aware that we do not have electrical or water hookups. We are very open to having campers if you so wish but we just wanted to make sure you knew that there are no hookups. We also do not have bathrooms, there are more than enough woods, but nothing that flushes!! I just want to make sure that if you come to camp you are prepared for what facilities we lack. You are more than welcome to set up temporary fencing if you spend the night or even if you don't.

I would like to tell you a little bit about the ride we are going to take. I would highly recommend that you bring your camera! We will get to a few scenic points that will have great views and I am sure there will still be some beautiful fall foliage happening. Taking this ride with my father will be like no other you have ever taken. It will be fun, adventurous, and he has lived in this area his

entire life and knows a great deal of history about it that, as Trudy can attest to, he loves to share.

If you have any questions, concerns, or anything, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 207-212-1811, email [steph.brownell@yahoo.com](mailto:steph.brownell@yahoo.com), or on facebook Stephanie Brownell. We are very excited to have you all come ride with us in "our neck of the woods".

**Directions:**

From Lewiston/Sabattus: Take 126 East towards Waterman's Farm Machinery. From Waterman's go 3 miles to Avenue Road on left. Take Avenue Road on left, drive over the small bridge, thru the crossroads, and continue straight up the hill. About one mile up the road on the left hand side, after a sharp corner to the left and a short steep hill, there will be a hayfield on the left. This is where you will be parking and tacking up.

From South Monmouth/Gardiner: Take 126 West to South Monmouth Market; continue straight past the store, after approximately 2 miles take right onto Avenue Road. Drive over the small bridge, thru the crossroads, and continue straight up the hill. About one mile up the road on the left hand side, after a sharp corner to the left and a short steep hill, there will be a hayfield on the left. This is where you will be parking and tacking up.

We look forward to seeing you and riding with you!!

Stephanie & Bill Brownell



**November 20 West Gardiner sponsored by Cathy Small:**

Since the West Gardiner ride in October was cancelled, I've decided to try again. This ride will be on Sunday, Nov 20th, beginning at 9:30 and be about 4 hours with a lunch break out on the trail. Remember your halter and lead lines and your saddlebag lunch. This ride will take place only if good weather permits it. Any questions contact Cathy @ 582-2093.

**Directions:**

From 295 and 95 Exits, head east towards Lewiston on Rt. #126. Go 3 miles to a yellow blinking light at Spears Corner. Turn right onto Spears Corner Road. Go 1/4 mile in and turn right into a driveway with a metal gate. Parking is in a small field. Follow the MTRA signs.

Coming from Lewiston come out Rt. 126, go past the Dennis Hill Road (the turn to go to the clubhouse) stay on Rt. 126 passing 126 Citgo Gas Station and go over the Cobbossee Stream Bridge (this is the Litchfield/West Gardiner line). Horseshoe Pond will be on your right. When you come to the yellow blinking light at the intersection of Bog Hill Road (on your right) and Spears Corner Road (on your left) take the left onto the Spears Corner Road. Go 1/4 mile in and turn right into a driveway with a metal gate. Parking is in a small field. Follow the MTRA signs.

**Wanted!****Headboard**

Nancy Weeks is looking for a queen size headboard reasonable. Call 207-557-3302

**Propane Stove**

Nancy Weeks is looking for a used apartment size propane stove for the cook shack. If anyone knows of one free or reasonable, call 207-557-3302.

**Trail Horse Wanted!**

I've been looking for a well seasoned, sane trail horse for my husband. Do you know of anyone in your trail riding group that may be looking to place their horse in a great home? My direct line is 207-692-7418 if you are willing to help we could discuss in detail. Thanks so much.

Karen Falla  
201 Hostile Valley Rd.  
Palermo, ME 04354

**Classified Ads****Boarding available in new barn**

10x12 stalls, 15 acres of pasture, trails available without going on the road first. Includes hay, grain, bedding, daily turnout. \$225/month.

Location is 1/16 mile from the Maine Trail Riders clubhouse in Litchfield.

Call Julie Anderson: (207) 446-1604

**Horse equipment for Sale!**

We no longer have horses and have many items for sale that have been purchased over the years. We have a Tucker Gen II saddle that includes breast plate and bridle, pads, a round bale feeder, two watering tubs (one that is insulated), many buckets, fence posts and rope fencing. All are in excellent condition.

If you are interested in anything or just want to call to see if we have something, please do. Make us a reasonable offer and let's talk.

Bud and Pam 207-685-4796.

**Boarding & Lessons**

Available at Greene-Horse Farm & Livery, Inc.

We are privately owned and operated and offer all our guests a 10 X 12 box stall in a newly built barn. Horses are turned out daily in individual paddocks or herd pasture depending on compatibility.

Board includes: stall, tack cubicle, feed and basic grooming. There is a round pen on site for your use, and miles of trails and dirt roads for your riding pleasure.

We are conveniently located 4 miles off Route 202 in Greene between Lewiston and Augusta.

Also offering beginner lessons and training.

Please call for more information and pricing, (207) 576-2721. References are available upon request.



### Barn in Dexter available!

Some friends have a gorgeous barn with about 4 acres of pasture and running water and electricity. They could provide some help with feeding etc. But neither is what I would call a horse person. The barn has six large box stalls if I remember correctly. It's got cement floors and a huge hayloft. They'd be open to any proposals! If interested email me and I will hook you up!

Patti Dowse

Erda ([Www.ErdaLeather.com](http://www.erdaleather.com))



### Brookside Wash and Mend

Horse blanket washing and light mending.

Rates and Services:

Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.  
 Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10  
 Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10  
 Saddle Pads (light) - \$8  
 Fly Masks - \$3

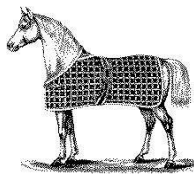
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

\*Please note that all items will require a wash before repairing.

\*All MTRA Members – 10% off and 10% will be donated to the club

Contact: Donna LeBlond

32 David Drive, Auburn, ME 207-577-6063



### JL Custom Fab

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### Tip of the Month

Information found under the Tip of the Month may be on the Junior Test at the end of the year.

Minty mouth wash is an effective tick repellant. You can either transfer it into a spray bottle or soak a cloth and rub it on your horses coat. Cheap no name brands work as effectively as name brands.

### A Little Humor!

I did not know this...

When you drink vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.

When you drink rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.

When you drink whiskey over ice, it can give you heart problems.

When you drink gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.

Apparently, ice is really bad for you.

So I'd warn all your friends...

(Submitted by Cathy Small)

### A New Take on Apple Pie...

Apple Pie

1 gallon apple juice

1 gallon apple cider

3 cups sugar

8 cinnamon sticks

Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and cool completely. Strain through cheesecloth. Add 1 fifth of Everclear 190 proof grain alcohol. Stir and store in a glass container (makes 2 1/2 gallons). Hint: Make in the evening, strain and put in containers in the morning.

(Submitted by Cathy Small)

### General Information

#### Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

If you have info to submit to the website, please contact Marsha Polley: [mpolley@fts-ne.com](mailto:mpolley@fts-ne.com).

#### Hospitality

Please help Audrey by keeping her informed on anything where the club should send out a card or more. She can be contacted via email at:

[fullhahn@fairpoint.net](mailto:fullhahn@fairpoint.net).

#### Publicity

Please contact Rachel Jalbert-Palian if you have publicity suggestions:

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### Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the September issue is **November 23**. Send your email address if you would like to receive this newsletter via email. Photos and tips are welcome! Send to:

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