



Newsletter of the Greenwich Riding & Trails Association

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Winter 2016

## Save these Dates!

### Annual Dinner

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

**J-House, Riverside, CT**

**6:30 PM**

**Online invitation only!**

Pay/reserve at [www.theGRTA.org](http://www.theGRTA.org)

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### Annual Program Kick-off Luncheon

**Monday, January 23, 2017**

**Lindsey Thune**

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## You're invited ....

The GRTA Annual Dinner

A celebration of

open space, a love of horses & friendship

Guest Speaker: John C. Fine



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**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

The J House

1114 E Putnam Ave

Riverside, CT

\$80 per person by Jan. 13th

\$95 per person at the door

Pay online at [www.theGRTA.org](http://www.theGRTA.org)

**6:30 cocktails (cash bar)**

**7:30 dinner**

**Dress informal**

Send checks payable to GRTA to:  
Heidi Matonis, 47 Hillside Rd,  
Greenwich, CT 06830

## Please join our Program Committee...

... and come to our kick-off luncheon on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Lindsey Thune, 10 Round Hill Club Road, Greenwich. Please ask your service providers for program ads – salons, restaurants, caterers, jewelers, farriers, brokers, vets, liquor stores, et al. Rosary Murphy ([rosary@murphybrothers.com](mailto:rosary@murphybrothers.com)) has all selling materials.

See you there!

## GRTA Cleans up at Bedford Fall Pace!



## 2017 Calendar of Events

### Annual Program Kick-off Luncheon

Monday, January 23rd

Lindsey Thune

### Trail Clean-up & Picnic

Saturday, April 15th

Locations TBA

### Dogwood Ride

Saturday, May 13th

Sabine Farm, Greenwich

### Barn Tour

Monday, May 22nd

Sandswept Farm, Greenwich

### 96th Annual Greenwich Horse Show

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Milliken Property

Pierson Drive, Greenwich

### Day In The Country Horse Show

Sunday, September 24th

Milliken Property

Pierson Drive, Greenwich

### Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

June Hill, Greenwich

### Hunt Ball

October

Location TBD

### Annual Membership Dinner

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Location TBD

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*We are going towards paperless.  
Be sure to look for registration  
and payment options for these  
events at [theGRTA.org](http://theGRTA.org).*

## Trails Report

Since early September, Diego was quite busy for many days preparing for-, attending-, and putting away- for the three wonderful events - Day in the Country, Stetsons & Stilettos, and the Hunter Pace.

Meantime trees continued to fall all around town. He continued to mow Milliken's, fixed several matters near Kelsey's, in Conyers, and near Keefe's. The fallen tree on GLT property on Close Road was the biggest ever!

The area between Taconic and North Streets was cleared and mowed. The RHC area trails were mowed and cleared with one loose end for the Club to fix near Newell Rock. He inspected the underneath of the bridge near ex-McTaggart, fixed trouble on the trail north of Nives and cleared the Boys and Girls Club trails.

There was confusion on the new trail near the expanded cemetery next to the Boy Scouts and he was able to restore the diverted trail. There was more new cleanup work in the Sabine Farm, and Doverton Drive areas, as well as at Nichols— including a new trail to the right just inside the West Lane gate. Diego checked and fixed trails east of Kingdon's and north of Nemser's.

These were 4 weeks of intense work. Now Diego has time for your requests of catch-up or new work. He will soon go north of Farms Rd., then recheck numerous areas for fallen trees and debris which is ongoing. Fortunately, the burdens of seasonal weed-wacking are over.

Thanks, Rusty Parker



## A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Kelsey Merrow, our new chair of this event, did a great job, of running the show. And, she got more GRTA riders to actually participate this year than ever!



Bloody Mary Class



Young Rider & Friend

**Give the gift of a GRTA membership.  
There's no wrapping and it's tax deductible!!  
Details on next page.**

***“A pony is a childhood dream.  
A horse is an adult treasure.”*** Winston Churchill

***“A horse loves freedom, and the weariest old work horse will roll on the ground or break into a lumbering gallop when he is turned loose into the open.”*** Gerald Rafferty

**RENEW, BUY, or GIFT A GRTA MEMBERSHIP - Also available online at [www.theGRTA.org](http://www.theGRTA.org)**

The GRTA is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization supported entirely by its membership and generous contributors like you, who recognize the importance of conserving our natural heritage of open space, trails and horseback riding for future generations. Please fill out this form and send it, along with your check or cc information, to our address below.

**Thank you for your support!**

Please choose from the following memberships:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Young Equestrian (under 21)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 Equestrian Center                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50; <input type="checkbox"/> \$100; <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Social | <input type="checkbox"/> \$400 Conservationist  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 Individual Rider   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500; <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Patron of the Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Trail Preservationist Family   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500 Individual Life Member                               |
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