



Newsletter of the Greenwich Riding & Trails Association

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Fall 2018

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Save the Dates!

Day In the Country Horse Show

Sunday, September 30th
Milliken Property
Pierson Drive,
Greenwich, CT



GRTA Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 8th
June Hill, Stamford,
CT



Pre-registrations required for
all events. Printable entry
forms & payments are also
available at www.theqrta.org.



*Thank you Rosary & Lisa and your fabulous
committee for a best-ever June Show!!*



Trails Report.

Since my last trails report in March, we've continued to have a challenging year with so much storm damage, some of it ongoing with the quick heavy rains. With so much damage, it was necessary to hire a helper from Arturo's gang in the Spring, and we are grateful that Sam Freedman has been available most of the summer to assist.

Nichols Preserve had very much damage. Diego has cut up many trees there, and Andy's Audubon chipper has been invaluable twice now with many hard working volunteers. Diego has kept up with the mowed paths in the flat riding areas. Many thanks to Andy and the Audubon!

There have been numerous trees down on and near the Pace course. Diego and helper have kept up with many requests from riders near Sandswept, Keefe's, Kelsey Farm, Earl's area, Susman's, etc. There has been work on Audubon Lane with more to do to the south. The Riversville Road and Dwight Lane trails seem to be OK now.

Since my last report, the Dogwood Ride course was put in excellent condition on both sides of Round Hill Road. Sadly, it was rained out.

The June Show prep and put-away was substantial as usual. Congrats to Lisa, Rosary, and the committee for the best show ever. Diego and helper have had to mow Milliken's many times this season.

The rebuilding of the 28-foot long bridge between Mickey and Robin Graham's homes was a huge job and took Diego & helper a great deal of time to replace the rotted wood..

Diego did beautiful work all through Babcock early this year and he has reopened parts on the west side.

The Jack Wong trail from Locust to Bedford Road with nice access to Audubon Lane has been reopened! North of Farms Road is in good order now up to Lionshare and east of Shulman's. Also Carrington to Stanwich to Mohawk to Stag Lane has recently been cleared.

The list of work is still long, including perfecting the Hunter Pace course. and we welcome maps on areas needing work.

Thanks, Rusty Parker

Classifieds

► **BOARDING AVAILABLE** in back country Greenwich private barn. Access to GRTA Trails, 12 x 12 matted stalls, wash stall w/hot & cold water, 90 x 180 outdoor sand ring w/sprinklers, turnouts, tack room. Friendly group. Please call 203-862-9264 or Rosary@murphybrothers.com.

► **DRESSAGE HORSE FOR LEASE** at private dressage barn, located on GRTA Trail System. Riding instruction is available. Please call Barbara Sroka at (914)403-8989 or email her at bsroka@gmail.com.

► **SEMI-FERAL CATS & KITTENS** need homes. All are fixed and vaccinated and would make great barn cats. They're not friendly/house pets – but believe they deserve a chance to live. No adoption fee – only require they have access to food, water & shelter from the elements. Currently in Norwalk & Port Chester. Contact purrsouls@gmail.com. Blake Polett of Animal Nation.

Bee careful out there!

Early in the summer, bees are busy collecting protein-rich food — mainly dead insects and animals — to take back to nests where larvae were maturing. They weren't likely to bother with humans unless their nest was disturbed.

During late summer and early fall, bees seek sugary foods and can become aggressive and persistent. When the larvae have matured, there are many more bees, all seeking food only for themselves. As a result, bee stings are more likely at this time of year.

"When people say, it's just a horse, they just don't understand."

Have you heard that 23 Carrington Drive, June Hill Farm... is for sale? It's across the road from our Greenwich trail system... What a find! A truly pre-dominant horse property of 23.4 acres of elegance and grandeur... just perfect for us horses. Let's talk to our owners and convince them to buy this special place. I understand from my friends who have stalls in that world-class barn that a life of grazing and frolicking would be ours! The home looks awesome... young and handsome with views beyond compare... lush meadowlands gentle hills and dales, two ponds and 17 century stones walls. There is also a guest house, tennis court and two pools. This property should definitely be a "Yay" - not a "Nay"!



23 CARRINGTON DRIVE, GREENWICH, CT | PRICE UPON REQUEST

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Family Horse Show

65th ANNUAL DAY IN THE COUNTRY HORSE SHOW

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Milliken Estate
Pierson Drive, Greenwich

This is a fun event for show riders, pleasure riders, families, and friends.

There are adult and children's classes
including beginner jumpers, hunters and equitation
and classes just for fun
including Bloody Mary, Costume, Sit-a-Buck and more.

For the non-riders, we have tailgating prizes, a raffle and stick pony classes.

For more information and updates,
visit us at www.thegrta.org or at [A Day in the Country Facebook Page](#)

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Now is a Great Time to Clean & Disinfect Grooming Brushes!

- Dislodge dirt by dragging currycomb through bristles or rubbing two brushes together.
- Swish each brush in warm water with a bit of shampoo or dish soap. Then, rinse with warm water.
- Soak them in solution of 1/2 cup bleach & a gallon of water. Dry in sunlight.

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Mane Event - Appreciation Party



Trail Clean-Up & Picnic Luncheon



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