



# TATTLE TRAILS

Newsletter of the Harding Township Green Village Bridle Path Association

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Don't forget that our newsletter is also available on line at [www.bridlepath.org](http://www.bridlepath.org)

Keep your eyes on the lookout for an email with our next Trail Clearing date and other Bridle Path activities as they are planned.

See you at the Holiday Party on December 11. Bring your best smile and horse stories!

## From the Editor

Good Golly! Where did the time go? It seems like we were just in the midst of a summer heat wave and now all of a sudden the leaves are turning and I've lit a fire in our wood stove! But now is one of the best times to head out and about on our trails - the crisp air and beautiful scenery is sure to put some pep in the step of your faithful equine companion and fill your heart with pleasure.

We still have lots on the calendar for fun activities to partake in while the weather holds. While I'm laid up for a while with recent knee surgery, I am counting on all of you to entertain us with tales from the trails and keep us up to date on what fun things you've been doing with your horses.

A Fun day was had by all at the recent Fun Show by adults & Kids alike!



Clockwise from top left: Dorothy McCann & Bella, Pat Wecht & Stoney, William Finkle & Willie, Katrina Vitale & Moose, Norene Fosse & Scout, Diane Hinds judging the next generation

## Ask The Trainer



Here we have an example of athleticism and aerial acrobatics. This gal is really showing how an all-around athlete needs to seize every opportunity to practice in order to have perfect control of her upper and lower extremities to properly execute a double twisted hump-back camel with a dual axel and big mouth pike. You'll notice the controlled twisting of the neck starting at the the lower thoracic vertebral connection. Her ability to focus her eyes almost 90 degrees laterally and the height she has gained as a result is admirable and a feat not oft seen in today's competitions.

I would like to see a bit more consistency in the foot placement, however, as the left side is slightly lower and not perfectly square. Still, this is a noteworthy example to be emulated.

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Our trainer this time is Allie Johnston. Allie is an accomplished eventer who has achieved success up to the Preliminary level. She is based out of Gooseberry Farm in Green Village where she trains with her rider, Ingrid.

## Trail News

The big news this summer is the completion of the bridle trail to Logan's Brook Equine Center. This has been an ongoing process for the last 6 months. Between plotting the path, tagging, and clearing, the end result is a beautiful and safe bridle path that we can all now enjoy. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to lend a hand and to the most gracious landowners who let us traverse through their majestic properties. I have mowed a trail from Young's Road up the hill through the Worthington property. I mowed this trail to give everyone riding it a point a reference. Since this is a hay field, I will not be mowing this particular trail on a continuous basis, but the mowed trail for now will give you a visual idea of where to ride. I ask all the boarders at Logan's Brook that know the trails to please show others how to access this wonderful trail system. If anyone ever needs help in learning the trails, please feel free to ask one of us who are out and about all the time!

On Saturday, September 12, we had a small work party clearing and mowing at two different locations. Thanks to Brita Tansey, Vicky and Ken Sroka, Lynn Kurdzliack and Dorothy McCann. Many special thanks to Jamie Miller who came to my rescue to pull the tractor out of a ditch! But we still got all the work done! Yeah!

We are out clearing and mowing when time and weather permits. If you wish to join a work crew, please contact me anytime.

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Trail Crew - Lynn Kurdzliack, Vicky Sroka, Dorothy McCann & Ken Sroka

## New Business Around the Grounds

Mare Olsen tried to repair our existing Bridle Path flag, and it held on for most of the summer breezes, but alas, it is time to retire the old girl. We will be replacing our Bridle Path flag this winter so look for a shiny new one to wave to you next spring as you pass thru the show grounds.

The Hedge at showgrounds, which has been around it seems forever recently received a haircut and well needed grooming. This fall, the dead wood and invasive plants will be removed, and the hedge will be pruned back. Next spring we will see how it looks and assess what is needed for this long-time staple to our grounds

We had a jumping clinic with Megan Finkle on October 17 at the show grounds. Two sets of riders participated in morning and afternoon sessions and, from all appearances, everyone seemed to have a great day learning and enjoying the sunshine. Here's our jump crew hard at work.



## What's Happening??

- We are thinking of having another clinic at the showgrounds possibly on December 5, 2015, if weather permits. Keep your eyes peeled for an email with details and confirmation.
- We had the Fun Show on October 24 similar to last year, which was a hoot and this year met expectations to best even than last year. There was lots of fun and games and, as always, the barrel race was the big grand finale hit.
- The date for the Holiday Party has been scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015 from 6:30-9:30pm. It will be held at the Tunis Elicks house in New Vernon. Postcards will sent shortly as a reminder. As always, this is a lively evening spinning tall tales, exciting recounts of adventures, and good food and friends.
- Our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 6:30pm @ the Tansey residence in New Vernon. All members are welcome and encouraged to join.

## Memories of Cupcake

**As I run...Memories of Cupcake Yesterday and Today**

**RIP Cupcake 4/28/90 - 4/18/15 - 3:28 pm**

**Dorothy McCann**

I ran the Harding Bridle Path Trails today;  
remembering the days before Cupcake was old and gray.  
As my mind strives to stray  
from the sadness of the news from yesterday;

But the void has tears pouring down my face,  
as I mourn and pray...  
Thinking of Memories of Cupcake,  
Yesterday and Today.

My thoughts wonder as I run,  
remembering our special bond,  
everlasting in my heart;  
And although you're gone, I know our spirits will never part.

A Bond stronger than I can say,  
with loving thoughts of all we've done;  
reflecting on the Memories of Cupcake Yesterday and Today with love and fun.  
Yesterday: Cupcake strong, galloping through the fields, never doing any wrong.

Cupcake in her prime,  
gone before her time;  
Holding her head high with pride. Cupcake caring for me with all her heart;  
without me doing any of my part.

As I run to exhaust the pain,  
trying to mend my broken heart;  
and as we begin our endless Ride,  
I know you'll be there by my side, protecting me with each, and every stride.

Cupcake's spirit will remain next to me,  
each and every step of the way.  
Knowing the wind is sweeping through her mane,  
and somewhat at peace knowing she's not in any pain.

I can hear in the distance "Cuppy" whinnying and saying "hey" ...  
please think of me from yesterday...  
Remember me with pleasure, always and forever.  
In the background as I run, With Memories of Cupcake from Yesterday and Today.

