



Cross Timbers Equestrian Trails Association

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President's Column

By Deb Valencia

Wow...what a year we have had!!! Record rainfalls, the lakes are over the banks and many trails are under water. Be careful if you are planning a trail ride around Lake Trails. Most of these trails are closed. As flood waters recede, I can't emphasize enough the need for caution. Flooded conditions may have moved quick sand around to places we haven't seen it before. Exposed roots can be disastrous for our equine friends. Most of these trails will need a lot of work before they are truly safe to ride.

Pilot Knoll trails are open and rideable for the most part. The city of Copper Canyon will have a bobcat go down the Pilot Knoll trail sometime mid to late September to knock down eroded trail areas, move debris, and knock down low hanging limbs. The semi annual Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday Sept 15, with a rain date of Sunday Sept 16th.

Plan to join us for the first FALL ride Saturday September 22nd. The ride will begin at either Pilot Knoll or High Meadow Arabians. This will be a special ride since we will be certifying Trail Patrol members. Be sure and look for the details in this newsletter.

It is that time of year again, time for the annual CTETA Board meeting and picnic. Once again it will be at #10 High Meadow Arabians. CTETA will provide meat, and we are asking you to bring a side dish or desert.

It's hard to believe two years have past. This is my last article as your President; the message I hope to leave you with is the same as the one I when I started. CTETA members, get active, VOLUNTEER, "the rewards of your membership" will be in direct proportion to "what you put in". There are many areas where CTETA needs your help, think about your talents and your passions, consider volunteering for one or more of the committees. The great part about volunteering

for CTETA is you get to do something with your horse!!! So whether you volunteer to lead a ride, help with an event, work on trail maintenance or volunteer as a courtesy patrol, we need your help and appreciate your efforts.

...Oh, I almost forgot the most important part. Thanks to the hard work of our County Commissioner Andy Eades and his staff, the tenacity and perseverance of Copper Canyon's major Sue Tejml, and our volunteer efforts, WE, Denton County, Copper Canyon and CTETA have been awarded a grant by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to build a parking pad on Old Alton Road, just down from the Old Alton Bridge. This parking pad will have a light and surveillance cameras. We have long hoped for another way to access this trail system, and with 2499 about to interrupt our access at Bishop Lane, what perfect timing and what a perfect spot!!! Many thanks to all who worked hard to bring this about. We aren't finished though. Stay tuned, in addition to the parking pad we have money for a new kiosk, signage, and 5 new picnic tables. Our part will be to provide the volunteer labor to put this all in place.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO - HAPPY TRAILS

2007 Trail Ride Schedule

- September 22 Pilot Knoll with Deb Valencia
Trail Patrol Certification Ride
- October 13 LBJ Grasslands with Alice Morgan
- November 10 Rocky Point Trail with Susan Bodenmiller
- December 8 Six O Ranch, Cleburn with Alanna Sommer

SEE NEXT ISSUE FOR MORE RIDES

CTETA/COPPER CANYON 2007 FALL TRAIL CLEANUP



WHEN: SATURDAY SEPT 15, 2007
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY SEPT 16, 2007
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

WHERE: BISHOP LANE TRAIL HEAD
(PLEASE SIGN IN)

PLAN TO BRING GLOVES, CHAIN SAWS, SHOVELS, PRUNERS, WEED-EATERS, ETC. PLASTIC BAGS FOR TRASH WILL BE PROVIDED.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:
DEB 940-241-2042***

DIRECTIONS:

Bishop Lane is off Orchid Hill Lane in Copper Canyon. Although Chinn Chapel Road is closed due to construction, try Copper Canyon Road if coming from 407 or Hickory Hill Road if coming from FM 1830.

CTETA

SEPTEMBER RIDE

&

TRAIL PATROL CERTIFICATION RIDE

At the Pilot Knoll Trail

Saturday September 22nd

9:00 am (ride out)

from High Meadow Arabians

10 High Meadow Drive (off Chinn Chapel)

Copper Canyon, TX

or

9:30 am (ride out)

from the Bishop Lane Trailhead

If you have already been certified for TRAIL PATROL...

Or would like to learn about TRAIL PATROL...

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS RIDE!!

**We will review changes in the program & re-certify
current patrol members following the ride**

Call Leslie Olsson (972-977-7018) or Deb Valencia (817-919-4121) for more info.

VOLUNTEER TRAIL PATROL PROGRAM

by Leslie Olsson

We're ready to kick off our newly revised Volunteer Trail Patrol Program this month. We'll have our first re-certification and qualifying ride for existing patrollers on Saturday, September 22, following the CTETA Trail Ride at Pilot Knoll (if you can't make it, let me know). We'll follow that up with an October date to be announced for certification of new volunteers. If you're interested in renewing your certification or becoming a new volunteer patroller, please contact me so I can keep you updated with the latest info.

For those of you new to CTETA, the Volunteer Trail Patrol Program is a joint venture of U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and CTETA for patrols on the Lewisville and Grapevine Lake trails. Our volunteers act as ambassadors for the Corps to others on the trails, providing them with information and assistance. We also report to the proper authorities on trail conditions, including hazards and maintenance requirements. The hours we spend on patrol are summarized and reported to the Corps, which helps justify their budget for trail development and management.

Major changes for the program include:

- More emphasis on how friendly and helpful we are. We must remain calm and courteous, even if the situation is tense. Our demeanor should always reflect well on the Corps and on CTETA.
- More emphasis on trail knowledge. You should be very familiar with the trail(s) you'll be patrolling so you can help others and report problems as needed.
- More emphasis on rider than horse. You'll need to show basic skills on your horse, but if you ride more than one horse, you don't have to be certified on each horse. In fact, you don't need to ride at all; pedestrian patrols are encouraged, especially when the trail is closed to equestrians.
- Production of a new DVD that will introduce the program to prospective members who are interested.
- While on patrol, each volunteer must wear a red USACE vest (supplied by the Corps) and carry a cell phone. If you want to ride for pleasure, just don't wear the vest or report your hours.

- Volunteers should report their patrol hours each month and confirm their certification annually.

This is an important program for the community and for our trails. Through the Volunteer Trail Patrol, we help the USACE increase public safety, monitor trail conditions, and report on potential environmental problems. We also help foster a better understanding between equestrians and pedestrians while we're having fun and enjoying the great outdoors. What a great way to volunteer!

We hope to have at least two volunteer patrollers designated for each of our major trails: Pilot Knoll, Sycamore Bend, Rocky Point, and Cross Timbers. (Walnut Grove Trail patrol is under the supervision of Southlake's Department of Public Safety, and not part of this program.) If you're on the trails frequently, you have a desire to serve, and you think you qualify, please consider applying for one of these important positions by contacting me, Leslie Olsson, at 972-977-7018 or lolsson@tx.rr.com.

Welcome New Members:

Jana Bear – Euless, TX
Karyn Bliss – Haslett, TX
Linda Courts – Wichita Falls, TX
Kristen Fisher – Corinth, TX
Jennifer Flores – Irving, TX
Jonni Jewell – Decatur, TX
Susan & Jim Langford – Argyle, TX
Callie Manning – Flower Mound, TX
Jon McSwain – Keller, TX
Dolly Miller – Decatur, TX
Dick Riedel – Southlake, TX
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Spring TRAIL CHALLENGE

By Julie Landesberg

Now it seems amazing we were even able to hold the Trail Challenge, but the weather was sunny and breezy, the Walnut Grove trails were still above water, and we had a terrific event. This year, 16 riders participated on a course that was fun and versatile.

Riders and horses were judged crossing streams, backing around a tree, dragging an object, hanging a rain slicker on a post, side passing over a log, walking (calmly) through mud, and traveling up and down a steep hill.

The hardest obstacle turned out to be walking and standing in Grapevine Lake, as the wind was whipping up white caps that many horses just didn't appreciate!

The results of the event are as follows:

- Juniors: 1st Callie Manning & Angel
- 2nd Ashley Smith & Gypsy

- Adults: 1st Linda Courts & Hollywood
- 2nd Tracey Smith & Amira
- Tie for 3rd Dolly Miller & Tique
- Dick Reidel & Leta
- 4th Tammie Mayfield & Joker
- 5th Joni Jewel & Rocky
- Tie for 6th Carolyn Smith & Allegro
- Annette Watkins & Gypsy
- Anette Thurlow & Miss Daisy
- 7th Leslie Olsson & Romeo
- 8th Karyn Bliss & Buddy
- 9th Bill Thurlow & Frisco
- 10th Terry Tiernan & Dakota

Many people made the event possible including, Susan and Diana Bodenmiller, Sam Ketchersid, Roberta Gierhart, Ray Sommer, Jim Melhorn, Julie Landesberg, Robin and Diana Bird, Leslie Olsson, and Tracey Smith.

Our very special thanks, again this year, go to Alanna Sommer. Alanna has put tremendous effort into this each year – and every one is better than the last. Thanks for master minding a great event, Alanna, everyone had a lot of fun!



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**LOCAL RIDING INSTRUCTOR
PHILIPPE GUILLET
by Leslie Olsson**

Philippe Guillet is a dressage, jumping, and cross-country eventing instructor based in the Copper Canyon/Double Oak area. Internationally certified by the Swiss Government, Philippe has been training riders for over 30 years. He began dressage and jumping competitions in 1973 in his native homeland of Switzerland. He received his R license in dressage and jumping in Switzerland in 1973, and his M license the following year. Philippe (whose name is pronounced "Phil-EEP Gwee-YAY") was accredited by the Swiss Government with a masters degree in teaching and riding.

In 1977, Philippe traveled to the United States to manage a dressage, jumping and 3-day eventing horse farm in Santa Rosa, California. He actively campaigned the stable's horses throughout California at Pebble Beach, Mont Diablo, Redding, Santo Rosa and Wild Horse Valley Ranch in Napa Valley, where he was also an instructor for horse and rider at the Napa Country Club.

The DFW metroplex is now home to Philippe, where he has been training horses and teaching riding lessons in dressage, jumping, and cross-country since 2005. Among his students are members of CTETA who can readily attest to his skills and teaching methods.

Whether your interest is in beginning horseback riding lessons or in more advanced instruction in dressage, jumping, hunter/jumper, or cross-country eventing, Philippe Guillet is available for personalized lessons at your barn or elsewhere. He can also ride your horse to help assess its level of training.

You can e-mail Philippe at tintindfw@hotmail.com or call 469-583-2335 for references, pricing, and availability.



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Cross Timbers Equestrian Trails Association
Phone: 817-430-4077

Established: January, 1993

Purpose: To develop and maintain equestrian trails in the community and to promote trail safety and responsible trail use through membership and volunteerism.

Trail Stewardship: In cooperation with, and under the guidelines of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and area municipalities for the following trails: Pilot Knoll at Lewisville Lake; Rocky Point Trail, Cross Timbers Trail, and Walnut Grove Trails at Grapevine Lake

Volunteer Patrol: In cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to function as a courtesy service on designated equestrian/hiking trails

Quarterly Newsletter: Published January, April, July, and October.

Bulletin Board: Five lines free to members. Ads must be received by the end of month prior to publication. Call Julie Landesberg at metro 817-430-4077

Activities: Monthly trail rides, volunteer trail maintenance and patrol, quarterly Board meetings, annual educational meeting, and annual BBQ

Membership: Annual dues - \$25-Single; \$35-Family; \$50-Business Card

Cross Timbers Equestrian Trails Association
Membership and Change of Address Form

Renewal New Member Change of Address

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please add my e-mail address to CTETA's E-Mail Group so I can keep current with news and events.

I wish my name/address to be withheld from published CTETA membership rosters.

Membership: Single (\$25) Family (\$35) Business Card (\$50)

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Sept. 15 – Pilot Knoll Clean Up

Sept. 22 – Pilot Knoll Ride and

Mounted Patrol Check Off Ride

Oct. 13 – LBJ Grasslands Ride

Nov. 3 – Annual Meeting & BBQ

Nov. 10 – Rocky Point Trail Ride

Dec. 8 – Six-O Ranch Ride

VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR!

**Call Your Trail Coordinators for Upcoming
Trail Maintenance Projects**