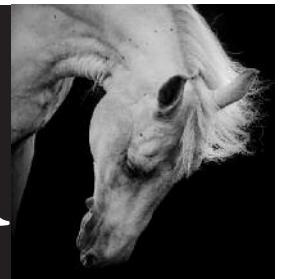




July 2017

# NEWSLETTER



**NASSAU - SUFFOLK HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**[www.nshaonline.org](http://www.nshaonline.org)**

## **Inherent Risk Legislation has passed our State Legislature!**

The next step is the Governor signing the Bill. Please take a moment to let Governor Cuomo hear from you on this issue. See **page 9** for more information.

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## **UPDATE - Sweet Hills Riding Center**

Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association has been keeping in touch with the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation concerning the Riding Center at Sweet Hills. Their Community Relations Director has confirmed that the site will continue to be an Equestrian Facility. First and foremost that was our concern. Right now, the Department is in the process of obtaining permits for the cleanup to begin. According to the Department of Parks, the debris at the site does not pose immediate danger, however, much of the debris can pose a danger with long term exposure. Providing that the clean-up can be completed this year, the Commissioner would like to have an RFP issued later this year. We will be checking in and bring you updates as they come. NSHA will do our best to keep you informed! We have set up a tour of the property with the Parks Committee Chairperson, the Honorable Kara Hahn.

**Take a look at the letter we sent The Parks Commission and their response - page 12 - 13**

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## **SWAP NIGHT 2017 - Lots to buy and win!**



On Saturday March 25th, The Nassau Suffolk Horseman's Association once again held their popular annual Swap Night at Huntington High School. As in past years, the main cafeteria was packed with people and tables offering a wide variety of merchandise. Along with the array of items for sale there were non-profit organizations, Veterinary and Health information and commercial products. Refreshments were plentiful and attendees enjoyed meeting up with old friends and making new ones after the winter.

Always the highlight of the night the Chinese Raffle was loaded with great baskets brimming with Equine related items including a certificate for 40 bales of fresh hay, bottles of wine, jewelry and a hand forged Wrought Iron Hat Rack.

Many thanks to all those who's hard work and donations make this night a continued success including Marvin Glassmann, Val Coviello, Jean and Harvey Silverman, Buddy Koerner, Suzanne Coppersmith, Wendy Butler, Michel Palacci and the volunteers from Skye Acres, Ivan and Laura Sullivan, Barbara Zimmerly and Lisa Quinn. A very special thank you to Chris tabbacco-Weber who worked tirelessly as the Chairperson and coordinator of this busy event. Please patronize our generous merchants who donated goods or services to the raffle.

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## **The Always Popular VINEYARD RIDE Celebrates 15th Years**



Photo Credit - Jamie Isaacs

It is our pleasure this fun event has reached its 15th year! The Spring Vineyard Ride is organized by two Long Island Horsemen's groups-Old Field Farm, Ltd. and Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association.

Our customary send-off toast thanking the hosting vineyards and farmers once again signaled the start of this year's ride. As usual, we raised our glasses filled with Martha Clara Vineyards sparkling Brut to wish everyone a wonderful day and ride and thank the supporting vineyards and sponsors. The Spring Vineyard Ride is a day when all different riding disciplines gather to take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the

open spaces on Long Island's North Fork and recognize the importance of land preservation-key for farming, vineyard and equestrian industries.

A well established and mapped out route, the tour departs from Martha Clara Vineyards heading to Paumanok Vineyards to be welcomed by proprietors Ursula and Charles Massoud and family. After tasting three signature wines of Paumanok, the ride proceeded to Jamesport Vineyard where owner Ron Goler hosted the riders and a series tastings were held at this bustling vineyard. Diliberto Vineyard and Winery was the next stop where riders were welcomed by Maryann and Sal Diliberto who taught us about their Italian inspired wines and treated us to their special homemade pizza. It was back to Martha Clara where under a tent in the Chardonnay field, a gourmet luncheon prepared by Christopher Michael caterers was ready for the returning riders and guests.



Photo Credit - Jamie Isaacs

We want to thank the hosting vineyards: Martha Clara Vineyards, Paumanok Vineyards, Jamesport Vineyards, Diliberto Winery and Vineyard, John Kujawski & Sons for allowing us to tour their scenic farmland. A very special thanks go to the wranglers and volunteers who make the day possible. We look forward to seeing you once again next year.

Jamie Isaacs was our wonderful photographer - if you would like to order prints or want more info contact her at [jamie\\_isaacs@aol.com](mailto:jamie_isaacs@aol.com)

## Don't Miss The Long Island Horse Show with a Beautiful Waterfront Setting - August 20th

By Gabby Dondero  
and Sally Lynch

The Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association Horse Show is one of the older continuously operated horse shows on Long Island. It is host to hunter, jumper, equitation horses and ponies at the show and is managed by the Long Island Horse Shows in conjunction with Old Field Farm, Ltd. The show takes place at the beautiful historic Old Field Farm County Parkland; a competition venue with action in all three rings that include excellent footing, designed by Robert Jolicoeur in the Main Ring, as well as a turf Hunt Course and sand based Pony Course. The farm also includes a grass field ideal for schooling, and various places to lunge.



Marvin Glassmann, Lisa Quinn, Sally Lynch at last year's show

The show attracts all levels of riders and spectators to enjoy the cheerful spirit of the day and all it offers. Spectators, family members, riders and trainers are welcome to sit up on the restored Grand Stand overlooking the Main Ring where they can watch and study the course and riders.

The beautiful waterfront setting by West Meadow Beach is a perfect spot for the always popular Lobster Clambake benefit that takes place during the show. Clambake guests are treated to a delicious summer seafood bucket and local bounty. Proceeds raised by the clambake help the continuing restoration of the Farm to make these legendary show grounds even better. The Farm respects its coexistence with the natural setting and serves as home to an Osprey family that serve as unofficial mascots of the show. Year after year, this pair of Osprey come and nest here in the warmer months before migrating back to South America successfully raising several generations of fledglings. Old Field Farm is also the only show venue on Long Island that offers day stalls so the horses can rest and relax before and after their classes before making the trip back to their home stables.

Another unique feature at the horse shows at Old Field Farm is that there are many vendors that come and set up so our spectators can shop and our riders can get last minute items and equipment that they might have forgotten. Old Field Farm Horse and Home is always a presence at the show, where riders can get all their last minute needs and parents can shop for horse related home goods, gifts and clothing. An especially talented artist John Rinaldo displays his beautiful horse and dog portraits under his tent at the horse show, where people can set up an appointment for a portrait. John paints in the style of the old masters and portraits are created on a custom basis. Our last vendor is a must for all pony riders, Liz Loper of her own 'Sunny Bows', handmade hair bows that every child wears in the pony divisions!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the day and look forward to the NSHA Annual Horse Show 2017.

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Steve Bellone, County Executive





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**Thank you all!**

## The Rough Riders Ride Again - Report from the Field

It was another active year for the Rough Rider cavalry unit with four parades, one as far west as eastern Queens, another as far east as Westhampton Beach, five Civil War School programs and reenactments and finally the annual Independence Day Encampment at Sagamore Hill. For the remainder of the year we look forward to a Civil War reenactment at Old Bethpage Village Restoration as well as five days of demonstrations during the county fair at the Village.

The Rough Riders consists of a group of friendly and fun loving mounted and dismounted individuals who look to broaden experiences and horizons. Some of us as riders wish to enrich our knowledge of American history and the part that the cavalry played in it, while others are history buffs who enjoy the comradery of those with similar interests. There are others who wish to experience a new dimension to their riding activity. We consist of a diverse group of woman and men, ranging in age and experience, which has been in existence for over 30 years.

We are always looking for new recruits with all levels of riding ability as well as non- riders who are interested in gaining knowledge and skills.



For more information contact Maj. Frank Bradford at [FBradford@mac.com](mailto:FBradford@mac.com) or 516-978-2503



# The President's Corner



Thank you so much for taking the time to read this newsletter and for your continued support to the NSHA and the Equine Community on Long Island! I hope everyone has enjoyed their Spring and the beginning of Summer.

For this issue of our Newsletter we thought it would be fun to reach out to some of the many Equine related Associations on our Island and ask them to submit some information about what they do or events they hold. All of the many volunteers of the associations work so hard to bring fun events, shows, etc. to the horse community we thought it would be great to highlight them in our Newsletters. If we didn't get to contact you for this issue please feel free to submit articles about your association to me for our next newsletter. We want to hear from you! Thank you for all you do!!

If you would like to submit an article please email me at [lisaq@nshaonline.org](mailto:lisaq@nshaonline.org).

Please also take a moment to make your voice heard concerning the Inherent Risk Legislation that has passed our state senate. Governor Cuomo needs to hear the voices of the Equine Community. Our own President Emeritus Denise Spezio has worked tirelessly on the NYFB Committee working to get this legislation passed. We are very close!

Lisa Quinn

## Update from the New York Farm Bureau On Inherent Risk Legislation

June 14, 2017

### NEW YORK FARM BUREAU STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF INHERENT RISK REFORM FOR AGRITOURISM BUSINESSES

The bill has been a longtime priority for farmers looking to control rising insurance premiums

"New York Farm Bureau is extremely pleased that the New York State Legislature passed legislation (S.1152A/A.559A) that will provide inherent risk reform for agritourism businesses. This bill has been a top priority for our organization, as it should begin to offer relief to the excessive costs of liability insurance for diverse agricultural operations throughout the state.

This legislation establishes limited liability protections for the inherent risks of inviting the public onto farm business property. Agricultural tourism includes farms offering u-pick Christmas trees, apples and berries, along with hiking, farm and winery tours and equine operations. New York's litigious environment has diminished the number of insurance carriers willing to cover equine establishments and agricultural tourism operations, while dramatically increasing the cost for liability coverage. This legislation now brings New York's inherent risk law in line with nearly every other state in the country.

It is important to note that the legislation will not provide New York farms with blanket immunity from responsibility. Instead, it will offer owners some protection from lawsuits by an individual who is taking no responsibility for his or her own actions while visiting a farm or equine facility.

The bipartisan legislation will hopefully assist farmers looking to have a better handle on business costs in a competitive marketplace. The significance of that support cannot be understated. Agritourism is important to both the economy and lifestyle of rural communities. The benefits it offers consumers include access to local products and recreational opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. New York Farm Bureau is especially appreciative of the tenacity of the bill's sponsors, Senator Robert Ort and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, in securing its passage, and we encourage Governor Andrew Cuomo to make this long-awaited success official with his signature on the legislation," said David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President.

Our own President Emeritus Denise Spezio was one of the members of the NYFB Equine Committee that worked on this legislation.

Take a moment to send a letter to Governor Cuomo urging him to sign this legislation. Go to [WWW.NYFB.ORG](http://WWW.NYFB.ORG), click on LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS and click on E-LOBBY to send a letter directly to the Governor.

**A letter to the Suffolk County Commissioner of Parks from our First Vice President, Dr. Marvin Glassmann concerning Sweet Hills Riding Center and the surrounding trails.**



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91 Chichester Rd  
Huntington, NY 11743  
July 20, 2017

Philip Berdolt  
Commissioner of Parks  
200 Montauk Highway  
PO Box 144  
West Sayville, NY 11796

Dear Mr. Berdolt,

As a thirty year resident of West Hills, user of West Hills County Park and Vice President of Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association, I am appalled by the current condition of the Park since the closing off of many trails and the severe sequestering of Sweet Hills Riding Stables. Trees which have fallen across the bridle paths and not dealt with represent a dangerous situation, as have the deep gullies caused by storm run off. The latter is asking for trouble for horses and riders alike because of this problematic footing. Discarded soda cans and other debris have added to the appearance of neglect of this beautiful park. In attempting to protect the public from a questionable risky situation, the dumping of building materials, the county has created new safety hazards.

The extreme fencing of the horse facility appears to be 'overkill', as it were, given the informational release by Dr. James Tomarken, Commissioner of Health Services, who indicated that the dumped material is not as much a danger as originally assessed. Given that, the fencing restricts much more parkland than seems necessary. As a tax payer, local resident, equestrian park user and NSHA board member, I and my fellow riders request remediation of the current conditions. I understand that some action is planned for by the end of the year. That appears to be a situation where there is much sitting and waiting with little being done. It appears some intermediate steps can be taken before the materials are removed.

I wait with interest for your reply. I would also be happy to meet with you to further discuss this situation. However, in the interim this letter is being sent to be published in the Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association newsletter which is distributed throughout Long Island.

As an aside, it may be helpful to update your website, listing you as the Commissioner of Parks.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

Marvin Glassmann, Ed.D.  
First Vice President

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This is the response to our First Vice President's letter. We have also set up a tour of the Sweet Hills Property to discuss the issue further with the Office of The Honorable Kara Hahn, Chairperson of the Suffolk County Park's Committee.

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK**



**STEVEN BELLONE**  
SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION**

**PHILIP A. BERDOLT**  
COMMISSIONER

August 4, 2017

Marvin Glassmann, Ed.D.  
91 Chichester Rd.  
Huntington, NY 11743

Mr. Glassmann,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 7/20/17 regarding your concerns for West Hills County Park. I agree with you that the current conditions of the Sweet Hills Riding Stables are appalling. It is a shame that someone who was well respected in the riding community could do this to a beautiful site. Because of this, it is costing tax payers an exuberant amount of money that could exceed a million dollars when remediation is complete. The Suffolk County Parks Department has been very proactive during this unfortunate incident where we (SCParks) were the ones who actually reported the illegal activities going on by the licensee. There was an extensive investigation held by the Suffolk County District Attorney's office and to my knowledge, is still an ongoing investigation that will most likely lead to arrests. In the interim, Suffolk County has hired an environmental firm to test, plot and prepare a plan for the remediation process of the hazardous material. This plan was submitted and just approved by NYSDEC. A permit was issued and we are now in the process of procuring the services needed to start the remediation. It is my intention to put out an RFP (Request For Proposal) this fall for the operation of this facility in 2018.

Regarding the "extreme" fencing and "overkill" of the fence, I would disagree with you on this matter. While you are correct in saying that the material was not as bad as first reported, it is still not the material ANYONE would want on a trail for either walking or riding. I personally walked this area with representatives of the Suffolk County District Attorney's office and NYSDEC EnCon officers and was appalled by what I saw including large pieces of glass, rebar, brick, metals and other material that could cause extreme harm to people or horses. The fenced areas are where this material was located. While some materials were exposed, others were just below the surface and covered with a small layer of topsoil. With that being said, I hope you can understand why the area was fenced off the way that it was.

Also, as park safety is a main concern, I have asked staff to check the open trails and make any necessary repairs that may be needed to ensure rider safety. As a side note, please inform your members to make sure they carry with them all the proper permits while riding on the park trails. For questions or information about the Suffolk County Parks Horseback Riding Permit, please visit the parks website at <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Parks> or call the Parks Administration Office at (631) 854-4949.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Berdolt", written over a circular stamp.

Philip A. Berdolt  
Commissioner

cc: Honorable William J. Lindsay III, SC Legislator  
Honorable Kara Hahn, SC Legislator



# ***AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT?***

**Join us on Monday evening, August 14th, at 7pm  
for a presentation about  
Equine Laws that affect You, Your Horse and Your Barn**

**Daniel Osborn of The Osborn Law Group and  
the Nassau-Suffolk Horsemen's Association will  
speak and answer questions about legal issues  
associated with equine-related activities.**

**Many horse owners and barn owners are not familiar  
with equine laws that either protect them OR  
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will provide information that you will find helpful in  
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# Connetquot State Park



Connetquot River State Park Preserve maintains 3,473 acres of land and water for the protection and propagation of game birds, fish and animals. Deer and waterfowl are numerous, rare nesting birds, including the Osprey, and Bald Eagle are present and there are numerous rare plants, and other interesting flora, such as trailing arbutus and pink lady's slipper in their natural habitats. The preserve also has 50 miles of hiking, horseback riding, cross-country ski and nature trails, as well as fishing (by permit only) on the Connetquot River.

Formerly the Southside Sportsmen's Club of Great River, established in 1866 as a hunting and fishing preserve, the park also retains a collection of historic club buildings and 18th century grist mill.

Connetquot River State Park is located in Oakdale, New York within Suffolk County. Directions: From western Long Island: Southern State Parkway east to exit 44 (Sunrise Highway), east to the Preserve. From eastern Long Island: Sunrise Highway west to Oakdale. The Preserve is located on the north side of Sunrise Highway, just west of Pond Road. The park is not accessible on the south side so if you are headed to the park from the west, you'll pass it and come back around.



Vehicles are charged an entrance fee, however pedestrians may enter for free through several gates along the park's perimeter. A permit is required for horseback riding within the park. The park is a carry-in carry-out facility, as there are no garbage bins along the trails.

## A Fun Day at the 20th Annual Friends of Connetquot Trail Ride/Hike



Our 20th annual trail ride/hike went very well on May 7th 2017. Twenty-Five or so hikers arrived by 10am and were greeted by a sunny, albeit chilly morning and Forty riders joined them with perfect weather for a ride/hike in beautiful Connetquot River Preserve. Bagels from the Terrace Bagelry, cream cheeses from B&B Bagels and munchkins from Dunkin' Donuts, coffee, tea and hot chocolate were ready and waiting. Riders began arriving shortly later and soon the parking area was filling up. Lunch was served after noon, headlined by 5 gallons of The Snapper Inn's award winning bisque, a creamy

mild chili from Bagels & Brunch deli, penne alla vodka from Mary's Pizza, antipasto from Martino's Pizza, pinwheels and pizza pops from Francesco's Trattoria, heroes and salads from the New Idle Hour Deli, sandwiches from Puente D'Oro, cookies from Keith Snedecor and a sheet cake from Rita Trapani. The staff of Connetquot preserve and environmental office, Gil Bergen and Teri Simeone pitched in to clean the garage and set up the tables for the food and 50 raffles donated by many local businesses and friends. Jacob Levesque provided music throughout the event.



## Paumanok Driving Club at Old Bethpage - 2017



The weather gods smiled on us for 2017 for our annual trip to Old Bethpage Village over Memorial Day weekend. Vice President Scott Carter and Polly organized the weekend of fun. On Saturday the Carters, Wyatt and Griffen, Matt Fiorletti, Rita and Jerry, Paul and Andi Emmert, Gail and Gene Butta, Cindy and Ray Scalzo, Pat Draker, Robin Foster and Vicki Giroffi came to have fun. Jerry designed and set a cones course and marked the ring with dressage letters and all tried their hand at cones and dressage in preparation for John and Maribeth's fun day on June 18th.

Sunday Cathy and Kenny Wilvert and the Andresens joined in. We drove through the village and the folks enjoyed seeing our turnouts. Memorial Day weekend is much less crowded and we can easily drive safely without dodging strollers and balloons. Each day the period band played from 12-2 and there was always music on the porch of the General store. Another bonus is being in the flight path of Republic Airport and being able to see the antique planes overhead on their way to Jones Beach. Sunday we joined the parade on the Main St. up the hill past the church. Each day we also made a great BBQ lunch supplemented by great salads, desserts and snacks donated by all. Thanks to all the members who came by and those who didn't miss a great time, and we hope to see more members next year and during the LI Fair in September.



***SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>***

***6:30 pm***

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# **CARING FOR YOUR NEW HORSE**

## **Good advice for the beginner as well as the experienced equestrian**

By Patty Messina, Skye Acres Equestrian, Patchogue, NY

The day is soon arriving when your new horse will be coming home! You are so excited you can hardly contain yourself as you make all the preparations to welcome your new equine partner into your world.

Although there are never any guarantees when it comes to choosing a suitable horse, hopefully you did your homework to a "T" to give you the best edge possible in your selection and purchase: You worked with your trainer and spent months horse shopping. When you and your trainer found the perfect or almost-perfect mount for you, you had him thoroughly vetted out. You asked the seller for all his registration papers such as breeding, and his show records and USEF information or any other organization in which he may be recorded. And you have in your possession a list of his feed requirements and supplements that you can hand over to your trainer and/or barn manager because you know that a sudden change in his diet can affect him adversely.

You've also decided on the barn where he will be boarded, one that is managed by an experienced and knowledgeable staff that will help you and your horse settle into your new partnership with ease and comfort. You chose this barn because it has all the amenities your horse needs such as a roomy, clean stall, paddocks and/or pasture for daily turnout, maintained fencing to keep your horse safe, 24-hour on-site caretakers and—very importantly—either a trainer on premises or the option of your free-lance instructor being welcomed there so that you and your horse can become the best team possible.

With all these preliminaries under your belt, as a first-time horse owner, you still may have dozens of questions...such as:

**Q: How often do my horse's feet need to be cleaned?**

A: Every day! As careful as stable management may be in sifting the paddocks and rings where your horse will be turned out or ridden, there is always the chance that a stone may lodge in your horse's foot. Even a stone the size of a pea or smaller could produce a bruised foot or result in an abscess. Should this occur, your horse will be unrideable for several days and you will also be faced with additional vet and blacksmith bills. So get in the habit of cleaning your horse's feet before and after each ride and when you bring him in from turnout.

**Q: What about my tack? How do I care for it?**

A: Look at your tack as you would look at your own skin! If you played in the mud, you would want to clean it up immediately, before the mud dried up and hardened. The same with your tack! If you rode by a lake or pond (or even jumped in) and you got wet, you would want to dry yourself off immediately before the slimy water had a chance to dry on your skin. The same with your tack! And even if you don't play in the mud and don't jump into lakes, you still take a bath or shower, so you should do the same for your tack—and clean it at least once a week.

**Q: What if my horse starts to misbehave after he settles in?**

A. Most new horse owners cannot understand why the school horses they rode were so obedient and docile and sometimes their own horse turns into a brat. The main reason is that school horses are used several hours a day, even if they are not worked hard and only do walk/trot. That kind of exercise keeps them calm and steady. Very often when we get our own horse, we find with our busy schedules that we cannot get to the barn every day. As a result, our horse is not kept in a steady working program and his energy gets stored up. This translates into playing and bucking when we get on and the horse even taking off—not a fun situation!

However, you can easily remedy this problem in several different ways:

Ride your horse every day for at least half an hour. If you cannot do this, lunge him for 15-20 minutes before you get on. This will give him a chance to play and get the bucks out as he uses his stored-up energy. If you are not comfortable lunging him, try turning him out in a paddock and chasing him around for 15-20 minutes before you ride. This will also give him the opportunity to get those bucks and plays out.

If you find it impossible to get to the barn daily, you may want to consider having someone else ride your horse. First choice would be your trainer and you may want to explore the possibility of putting your horse on a regular training schedule with him/her. Remember, every time someone rides a horse, the horse is either getting trained or untrained--so be sure NOT to ask someone with less experience than you! You will see that the fee you pay a professional is well worth it when you take your next lesson on your obedient, improved and willing horse!

If the cost of professional training is truly out of the question, then talk to your trainer about the possibility of finding a half-boarder for your horse. Your trainer may have a talented student who cannot afford to purchase her own horse and would appreciate the opportunity to half board yours or just take lessons on it. Be sure to cooperate with your trainer on this important decision as you don't want someone to ride him (even a good friend!) who may be detrimental to your horse's training. Again: Every time someone rides a horse, they are either training it or UNtraining it!

So that's it in a nutshell the most common situations that new horse owners face. I hope you have found the information helpful! Ω

**ABOUT PATTY MESSINA:** Patty Messina has been teaching and training on Long Island for over 25 years. She teaches children and adults of all levels and over the years her students have been highly successful at the local, zone and national levels. In 2016 and 2017 she was awarded the Long Island Professional Horsemen's Association (LIPHA) Leading Trainer Award which was earned by the success her students had at the annual A-rated LIPHA Horse Show.

Patty teaches beginners through advanced riders at Skye Acres Equestrian in Patchogue...either on their own horses or on school horses. She is also available to help you find the perfect horse for YOU!



# The Islip Horsemen's Association Mounted Drill Team



## "The Spirit of Long Island"

The Islip Horsemen's Association Mounted Drill Team "The Spirit of Long Island" has been performing their precision drill throughout New York and New Jersey since 1978. The team consists of 4 - 12 horse and rider pairs who practice weekly. Members of the drill team have changed over the years, but the enthusiasm and dedication to perfection has remained constant. The drill itself contains classical dressage movements as well as the thrill of traditional cavalry routines. The Spirit of Long Island Mounted Drill Team always enjoys going to new

places. If you are interested in having The Spirit of Long Island at your event, please contact Loretta Hall at [info@thespiritof-longisland.com](mailto:info@thespiritof-longisland.com)

### ~~ Our Mission

To entertain and demonstrate sportsmanship, horsemanship, team work and dedication.

### ~~ Overview

Founded in 1970, The Islip Horsemen's Association Inc. is a non-profit organization sponsoring the continued appreciation and education of horsemanship for both its members and the public. "The Spirit of Long Island" was formed in 1978 by IHA member, John Jorgensen who was a member of the New York City Mounted Police Unit.

Riding in a drill team improves both riding skills and connection to the horse. The patterns and music require riding your horse precisely and with control. Timing and synchronization are key elements. You must adjust your horse's speed, make exact turns and ride accurate patterns to keep time with the music and other horses and riders. It is excellent training for the horse as well. He/she must listen for cues and respond to your requests immediately. In addition to improving horsemanship skills, working as a team member with a common goal for the whole team promotes cooperation and consideration. The focus is on unity rather than competition. Team members learn to support one another and help each other be successful in order to create a pleasing pattern. Riding with the team encourages good communication and compassion. Drill riding is one of the oldest forms of organized riding, and dates back to Cavalry soldiers who needed to coordinate with each other as they rode into battle.



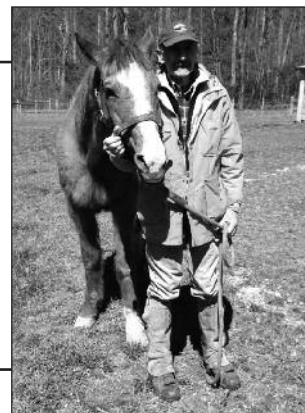
The Spirit of Long Island is currently being coached by Loretta Hall and assisted by Suzanne Kettle who continue with the team's tradition of keeping the American spirit alive. The drill team is made up of riders of all disciplines, our horses range in age from 5 years to an impressive 31 years old and they include such breeds as Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Appaloosa, Paint, Tennessee Walking Horse, Hanovarian cross, Morgan and Zweibrucker. The riders and their horses maintain a high level of discipline, resilience and a strong determination to achieve excellence. Throughout the year the team performs at local fairs, various horse shows and participates in parades across Long Island. We have had the privilege of performing at both Belmont and Saratoga Race Tracks as well as for the Make A Wish Foundation, Pal O Mine and HorseAbility. Each year on Labor Day we have the Honor of performing for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport. From 2004 – 2006 we held the title of Northeastern Regional Drill Team Champions and in 2009 more than a few dreams were realized when we were invited to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "The Spirit of Long Island" Mounted Drill Team enjoys showing that a little hard work and lots of fun can result in a performance that not only entertains but is also an excellent example of good horsemanship.



~~If you are interested in becoming a member of The Spirit of Long Island or just want to learn more about us, please contact Loretta Hall at [RettHall@aol.com](mailto:RettHall@aol.com).

### A Note in Passing

Buster, a warhorse has passed onto Fiddler's Green, July 2017 and is interred in the vicinity of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where he was involved in several Civil War reenactment battles. He was a brave and cooperative partner. He will be missed.  
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