



Vermont Trail Trotters

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newsletter

1. The Vermont Trail Trotters First Annual Family Hunter Pace was held at Pullman Farm Ltd. (formerly Trumbull Mtn. Stables) in Shaftsbury, Vermont. With the retirement of Ride n' Shine we were happy to step in and resurrect this great and well known horse event. Many people commented that they had missed it and were happy to see it come back. Due to threatening rain and lightening, we opted to postpone to our rain date of Sunday, October 4 and were blessed with warmer temperatures and sunny skies. Twenty-six teams participated in 3 divisions. Winners for the A Division were *The Sexy Speeders*, Lisa Bonacquisti and Cynthia Nixon. Taking home honors in the B Division were *Green Girls Go*, Tara Lowary, Jaime Murphy, Bailey Michaels and Robin Tichnor. Congratulations to Marlene Bottesi and Elizabeth Wall on winning the Margaret Pennebaker Sportsmanship Award. The entry fee to the pace included a years membership into VTT and we're happy to announce we gained 70 new members! For a complete list of participants and photos please visit our Events page at www.vermonttrailtrotters.org. Special thanks goes to Edie Devens Tschorn for allowing us the use of her farm to host this event and to the Bennington Rescue Squad for donating their time in providing medical care when needed.
2. This past summer VTT volunteers worked with GMNF in maintaining the trails within the forest system that we were granted. Activities included, brush removal, culvert cleaning and the removal of the knotweed at the trail head leading from the Pine Valley parking area. We are in need of more available volunteers for next year's trail maintenance and events. Please fill out a volunteer agreement (on the web site) if you can donate some of your time in any way.
3. VTT will be meeting with GMNF shortly to ask for more trails in the Somerset area to create riding loops.
4. We are looking for more e-mail addresses from our members. Our ability to electronically keep you up-to-date will help us save on printing and postage costs. Please e-mail Kelley at Kelley_VTT@yahoo.com if you can receive your newsletters and such by e-mail.
5. The next open VTT meeting will be held after the first of the year. We will be planning the events schedule for 2010, setting up work days for trail maintenance, electing a board of directors and other club items. We will be posting the date on the web site and by e-mail, so be sure to visit www.vermonttrailtrotters.org. We look forward to seeing you.

Happy Holidays to all.

Our Mission: Vermont Trail Trotters shall encourage public interest and support for the preservation, development and the enhancement of equestrian trails in the state of Vermont.