



# Newsletter



**October 12 , 2016**

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## Notes from the editor

Hi All,

Happy Fall to you all! From the photos I have been seeing on FB, lots of you are enjoying the gorgeous riding weather with your Paso Finos, and are trail riding, beach riding and just plain having fun with your horses - doesn't get any better than that! (some of those images are shared in this newsletter)

In this newsletter, we have a detailed letter from our new president, Bobby Yunits, with his objectives for the club. If any of you have any time/interest to help out, contact Bobby directly - this is a community effort to spread the good word about our fabulous horses and their ability to do it all.

There is a long list of organized trail rides all over the region for the next month. Try one out - it is a great way to ride new trails that have been vetted by the organizers - and another venue to show off our wonderful horses.

As always, if you have a story to share with the members, let me know and I will help with editing and getting it in the next newsletter.

Joanne

[jcotter453@icloud.com](mailto:jcotter453@icloud.com)

## Message from the President:

As the incoming president, my goal is to bring all members together, and to remind everyone that this is about the Paso Fino Horse and how we can all work together at this goal. I feel the need to also thank all of the past officers for all of their hard work for many years. As you may or may not know, all of these jobs take up a lot of hours and time. All of these jobs are donated hours for our club and all members need to appreciate one another and work as a team. For the well being of our club, emails should not be used unless working on helping the club. The poison pen has done great destruction to Northeast and to the PFHA. Please pick up the phone if you have something of importance to discuss with another member who is donating their time, and have a conversation.

## My Goals for 2016 -2017:

### Equine Affaire

1) The Equine Affaire will be held in West Springfield on November 10-13, 2016. Paso Fino del Fuego will be the Paso Fino entertainment all four nights with our very own Michael Bruce and Dr. Irene Lipetsker performing in the Fantasia show. We will be doing two exhibitions on Thursday at 12:30, and in the main colosseum at 5:30. As of now we have four horses exhibiting and are looking for more horses. Contact Bob Yunits at 617-697- 8325 if you are available. We will need volunteers to work the booth. Let's combine our efforts as a team to make this a success.

### Membership

As you know it is time for dues. Dues are essential for club activities, Shows, Trail Rides, beach rides and clinics and hopefully some fun shows. Remember, when you become a member of Northeast we can sponsor four activities covered by insurance provided by NEPFHA. I will be looking for volunteers to sponsor a trail ride for gaited horses and get this information to our editor, Ms. Joanne Cotter.

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Partridge-  
White**

**Three Year  
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Deborah  
Ramsey**



#### **By-Laws**

We will need volunteers to rewrite the bylaws for the northeast; if you can help, please contact me @ 617-697-8325 or [pfino@aol.com](mailto:pfino@aol.com)

#### **Shows**

Lee Vulgaris will be doing research for an upcoming show for the 2017 show season. He will need volunteers to work the show. Contact Lee at 508-294-1827 or [lvulgaris@comcast](mailto:lvulgaris@comcast)

#### **Newsletter**

Our goal is to provide Joanne with articles and photos so that club members can share their experiences with each other. Remember, her hours are donated and she loves doing the newsletter when she has information.

#### **Website**

We will revamp the website for NEPFHA. Does anyone know anyone that would operate our website at a reasonable price for us? Please contact me.

Our Goals need to be accomplished for success for NEPFHA. I hope to provide you all with a feeling of unity in our club. All suggestions will be brought before the board of directors. I hope to see you all at the Equine affaire.

Here in the Northeast, Fall is a great time for that trail or beach ride, so get those Paso Finos out there and promote our breed!

Bobby Yunits  
Phone: 617-697-8325  
email: [pfino@aol.com](mailto:pfino@aol.com)

#### **Show Chairperson's Message:**

### **Congratulations!**

This is the place to celebrate your accomplishments, milestones, competition wins, equestrian honors - you name it!

### **Highlights from the Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association:**

[Visit the website for more information](#)

[and their Facebook link has a lot of great photos - check it out as well!](#)

## **Regional News**

### **Connecticut News**

### **Maine News**



## Massachusetts News

### From Kathy James:

Hi Joanne,  
I have 2 albums on FB that are new. One is Pine Tree Endurance, the other is Acadia NP (and of course any others you choose to use)

The Pine Tree ride was a 5 day endurance event held at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds in Maine. The ride trail went through the Saco River and huge potato fields with giant spraying irrigation systems that we had to ride under. We had a nice dinner every night but lobster night was fantastic! Pincel and I stayed 3 days, rode for 2 and did 75 miles. There's plenty of room there to set up temporary paddocks and there are nice stalls to use if you like. There are camping water and electric hookups as well as hot showers and real bathrooms (as opposed to porta-potties) which is a real luxury for an endurance ride. This is Pincel's and my second year riding there and we always have a great time!







The trip to Acadia National Park was a beautiful, scenic 4 day horse camping trip. The park is 47,000 acres of mountains, seacoast, forests and lakes with 57 miles of carriage roads all financed and built by John D Rockefeller Jr. Pincel and I rode 3 days and probably covered about 70-75 miles in that time. The big surprise was meeting two other Paso owners there. Kathy Devine and Cheryl Hiltz Moody. Paso people are always so friendly and I had a great time talking with them.







Kathy and friend Cynthia Rizzo



On one of the many cart roads





What!!! No Horses???? BOO!!

Initially Pincel had a little trouble getting used to the carriages. They were everywhere! He couldn't understand why these wheeled objects with people in them were chasing the horses! After a couple days he realized they were nothing to be afraid of so he and I were able to go off and explore this beautiful park alone. It was definitely a trip to remember and the best part was even though we were sad to come home the leaves had just started to change so the return trip was a spectacular show of bright, beautiful fall colors.

I feel like I'm the luckiest Paso rider in the world. I have a horse I love and we have some of the best adventures together. I'm sure we'll have many more to come.

Have a happy fall season!  
Kathy James

**From Facebook:**

Many members have been enjoying the beautiful Fall riding weather and getting out on the trails and the beaches - some photos below were snagged from Facebook postings:



Joanne Samuelson Chandler and her mare Lacey



Alex Matta, Joan Cassidy, and Michael Bruce







Terri Carman on Rio and Lauren Phillip on Incendio



Rio and Incendio





Kim Wallace on Centauro



Laurie Baker on Blue





Terri and Rio at the Burrage

Please join and follow the **Gaitkeepers FaceBook** page to follow events that your fellow gaited horse lovers are attending.

[Link to Gaitkeepers on Facebook](#)



## Paso Fino del Fuego Farm

Paso Fino del Fuego was incorporated for business in 1973 by Robert Yunits and Michael Bruce. These two dedicated young men had a vision for the Paso Fino horse in the northeastern United States. Located just outside of Boston, the farm has grown to fourteen acres over the past 37 years.

The reputations of Bobby and Michael have grown as well. A dream has become a reality. Together they have won multiple national and Grand National championships and are recognized as top riders by other professionals.



Ribbons and trophies from 2014 National Show

Bobby is currently Chairman of the Judges and Stewards Committee and has been chairman of the Education and Clinic committee in the past. He functions as a leader in the Paso Fino horse world nationally and internationally. He has his international judge's card and is asked to judge frequently. Bobby is often consulted by those trainers and amateurs in assessing the Paso Fino horse. Bobby is often contacted for his vast knowledge of bloodlines and breeding programs which he studied at Colorado State University. His specialty is artificial insemination and embryo transfers. He has an expertise in matching horse and rider whether in the show ring or down the trail.

Michael Bruce was voted by his peers PFHA Trainer of the Year (2006). He functions as the master trainer for Paso Fino del Fuego. Michael's diagnostic skills are second to none when trouble-shooting problems with gait or behavior. He has worked with many amateur riders bringing them success in the show ring. Whether you have one horse or many horses, Michael works with each and every rider on an individual basis to bring out the best in them and their horses.

Paso Fino del Fuego meets the needs of the show rider as well as the amateur trail rider. Known for champions as well as safe trail horses, this farm has all one needs in the equestrian world.

[Link to the Paso Fino del Fuego website](#)



Bobby and Michael at Mundial

## New Hampshire News

**From Kiki Branley:**

Hello!

The news from NH is pretty much the same! Lots of trail riding! We've had great riding weather all summer! Last week I went on an trail ride to benefit Gerta's Animal Aid, located in Vt., a non profit that rescues slaughter bound horses. I think around 70 riders participated. Check them out on facebook.

## New York News

**From Hannah Stack:**

Hannah, and her horse Sparticus de RHF, took third place national champion in country pleasure at the PFHA Grand National show in Perry Georgia!



**Hannah Stack** has started a Northeast Paso Fino Horse Association Face Book page - check it out and join this page for more news going in in the Paso Fino community:

[Link to NEPFHA Facebook page](#)

## **Pennsylvania News**

**From Nola at No-Ro Ranch:**





Ro-No ranch sign and Hunter (Nola's son)

Nola Hauptert-Keill  
570-351-7966

[Click here for more info on Ro-No Ranch](#)

## Rhode Island News

## Vermont News

## Trail Riding - Where are we going next?

### Oct 16 Bay State Trail Riders (BSTRA), Robinson State Park Ride Agawam, MA

10 +/- miles; \$20 BSTRA/Scantic Valley members, \$25 non-members, jr ½ price; check-in 9:30 am; ride-out begins 10 am; pre-reg by 10/12 for lunch; refreshments after; no phone/email reservations.

Sharron Cochran, Phone: (413) 668-7606  
[hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net](mailto:hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net) [www.bstra.org](http://www.bstra.org)

### Oct 16 Linda Murray/Steve McCallister: Jean McNeill Memorial Trail Ride Borderland State Park, Easton, MA

6/12/18 miles; \$25; check-in 8:30 am; ride-out 9:00-12:30; refreshments before, after; \$5.00 parking fee.

Linda Murray, Phone: (339) 364-0927  
[lindajmurray@aol.com](mailto:lindajmurray@aol.com) [www.thejeanmcneillmemorial.weebly.com](http://www.thejeanmcneillmemorial.weebly.com)

### Oct 16 Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center; Cider Ride (Rain date: 10/23) Treasure Hill Farm, 523 Old Colchester Rd (Rt 354), Salem, CT, 06420

4/8 miles; \$40; check-in 9:30; ride-out 10:00-12:00; pre-reg req'd by 10/13; refreshments after; benefit ride to support equine assisted therapy programs; lovely forests/fields; HELMETS REQ'D; Coggins and rabies certificate req'd.

Sarah Castellini, Phone: (860) 685-0008  
[manesandmotions@hfsc.org](mailto:manesandmotions@hfsc.org) [www.manesandmotions.com](http://www.manesandmotions.com)

**Oct 16 Moswansicut Riding and Driving Club: 1st Annual NEHT  
Washington Park 345 Jackson Schoolhouse Rd, Pascoag, RI, 02859**

10/15 miles; \$20 members, \$25 non-members; check-in 9:00; ride-out 10:00-5:00; refreshments before, after; Washington Management Area.

Irene Watson, Phone: (401) 568-7512 [iacw20@cox.net](mailto:iacw20@cox.net)

**Oct 16 Pomfret Horse and Trail Assn: Fall Foliage Ride  
Ragged Hill Farm, Pomfret, CT**

10 miles; \$40 members, \$20 jrs, \$45 others; check-in 8:00 am; ride-out 8:30-10:30; refreshments before, after.

Penny Foisey, Phone: (860) 963-7036  
[penfoi@yahoo.com](mailto:penfoi@yahoo.com) [www.pomfrehorseandtrail.com](http://www.pomfrehorseandtrail.com)

**Oct 16 RISPCA: Horse & Rider Versatility and Trail Ride Series #3 "Halloween"  
Goddard Park, Warwick, RI**

6/12 miles; \$25 before 10/12, \$30 after 10/12; check-in 8:30 am; ride-out begins 9:00; refreshments after; judged obstacle course, raffles, year end awards.

Denise Anthony, Phone: (401) 862-2621  
[turtlerockfarm@aol.com](mailto:turtlerockfarm@aol.com) [www.rispcar.com](http://www.rispcar.com)

**Oct 16 S.M.A.R.T.  
Newfield, ME**

15 miles; \$20-\$25; check-in 9:00, ride-out begins 10:00; refreshments before, after.

Ellen Ross, Phone: (207) 247-4108  
[ellenr@securespeed.us](mailto:ellenr@securespeed.us) [www.smartriders.net](http://www.smartriders.net)

**Oct 22 Derry Trail Riders: Pawtuckaway State Park Benefit - RAIN DATE OCT 23  
Rosenfield Farm, Deerfield, NH/Ride in Pawtuckaway State Park**

8/16 miles; \$30 sr, \$25 jrs; check-in 8:30, ride-out 9:00-10:00; refreshments before, on trail, after; pre-reg to guarantee meal; camping; BRING YOUR OWN HORSE WATER.

Patricia Darmofal, Phone: (508) 641-0612  
[patdarmofal@msn.com](mailto:patdarmofal@msn.com) [www.derrytrailriders.com](http://www.derrytrailriders.com)

**Oct 22 MSPCA at Nevins Farm: Horses Helping Horses Fall Beach Ride  
Crane Beach, Ipswich, MA**

8 miles (multiple loops ok); \$30 to register, \$100 minimum donation; check-in 8:30, ride-out 9:00-11:00; pre-reg req'd by 10/20; refreshments before, after; snacks, hot cider at check-in, hot lunch after.

Julia Pesek, Phone: (978) 687-7453 x6161  
[jpesek@mspca.org](mailto:jpesek@mspca.org) [www.mspca.org/events/horses-helping-horses-beach-ride-2016/](http://www.mspca.org/events/horses-helping-horses-beach-ride-2016/)

**Oct 22 New England Arabian Trail Organization: Fall Colors Ride (Rain date 10/23)  
Pattaconk Pond, Cockaponset State Forest, Chester, CT**

3/8/10 miles; can ride 2 loops, maximum mileage 18; \$10-25; check-in 9:00; ride-out begins 9:00; refreshments after; Rain date 10/23.

Roxanne Winslow,  
Phone: (860) 460-0851 [roxannelwinslow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roxannelwinslow@sbcglobal.net) [www.orgsites.com/ct/neato](http://www.orgsites.com/ct/neato)

**Oct 23 West Greenwich Horseman's Association (WGHA): Ghost Ride NOTE RIDE DATE CHANGE TO THE  
23RD Goddard Park, Warwick, RI**

6/12/18 miles; \$varies; check-in 9:00, ride-out begins 10:00; see website for all details.

LuAnn Grafe, Phone: (401) 397-2292  
[wghanews1984@gmail.com](mailto:wghanews1984@gmail.com) [www.orgsites.com/ri/wgha](http://www.orgsites.com/ri/wgha)

**Oct 23 MWV Mobile Veterinary Clinic: Laura Foundation Poker Benefit (rain date 10/30)  
Madison, NH**

10 miles; \$25; check-in 9:30, ride-out begins 10:00; refreshments before, on trail, after; poker prizes, mug to participants.

Sandra Brown, DVM, Phone: (603) 447-8311  
[mwvmobilevet@gmail.com](mailto:mwvmobilevet@gmail.com) [www.mwvmobilevet.com](http://www.mwvmobilevet.com)

**Oct 23 Pepperell Horse Owners (PHOA): PHOA Fall Frolic  
Nissitissit Meadows, next to 150 Prescott St, Pepperell, MA 01463**

6/12/16 miles; \$25 sr, \$15 jr; check-in 8:30, ride-out 9:15-10:30; refreshments before, on trail, after.

Judy Lorimer, Phone: (978) 433-2384  
[jmlorimer@verizon.net](mailto:jmlorimer@verizon.net) [www.phoa.info](http://www.phoa.info)

**Oct 29 Hartland Riding Club: Trick or Treat Trio  
18 Mace Rd, Hartland, VT 05048**

10 miles; \$35 members, \$45 non-members, \$45/\$50 post-entry; check-in 9:00 am; ride-out begins 10 am; refreshments before, on trail, after; poker ride, costume, Halloween treats on trail.

Sue Esty, Phone: (802) 299-1172  
[sesty1964@hotmail.com](mailto:sesty1964@hotmail.com) [www.hartlandridingclub.org](http://www.hartlandridingclub.org)

**Oct 30 Horse Play: Horse Play Benefit Ride, Versatility and Fun Show  
Goddard Memorial Park, Ives Rd, East Greenwich, RI**

6/12/18 miles; \$20 ride only, \$35 ride/versatility/fun show; check-in 8:30 am; ride-out 9:00-10:00; refreshments before, after; lunch included; versatility and fun show after lunch.

Deidre Sharp, Phone: (401) 864-2943  
[horseplayri@msn.com](mailto:horseplayri@msn.com) [www.hptrc.org](http://www.hptrc.org)

**Oct 30 Sunrise Stables: Harvest Ride  
Holden Rd, Shirley, MA**

6/12/18 miles; \$25; check-in 9:00 am; ride-out by 10; refreshments before, after;  
Renee Trakimas, Phone: (508) 494-7283  
[shicinder29@comcast.net](mailto:shicinder29@comcast.net)

**Oct 30 New England Arabian Trail Organization NEATO - Orange Halloween Trail Ride  
Pachaug State Forest, Voluntown, CT**

6/7/14 miles; different loops, can be ridden for a total of 21; \$10-\$25; check in 9:30; ride out 9:30; pre-register by 10/27 for lunch; refreshments after.  
Celeste Santos Rivera (860) 235-1098  
[morgan.cb@att.net](mailto:morgan.cb@att.net) [www.orgsites.com/ct/neato](http://www.orgsites.com/ct/neato)

**Nov 5 West Greenwich Horseman's Association (WGHA), Turkey Trot  
Goddard Park, Warwick, RI**

6/12 miles; \$varies, see website; check-in 9:30; refreshments after.  
Celeste Santos-Rivera, Phone: (860) 235-1098  
[morgan.cb@att.net](mailto:morgan.cb@att.net) [www.orgsites.com/ri/wgha](http://www.orgsites.com/ri/wgha)

**Nov 6 Bay State Trail Riders (BSTRA): Turkey Trot  
Myles Standish State Forest, Carver, MA**

5/10/15 miles; \$varies; check-in 9:30; ride-out 10; refreshments after; pre-reg req'd by 10/30 for lunch; no phone/email reservations.  
Rose Zariczny, Phone: (401) 762-4805  
[rzariczny@verizon.net](mailto:rzariczny@verizon.net) [www.bstra.org](http://www.bstra.org)

**Nov 6 New England Arabian Trail Organization (NEATO), Turkey Trot  
Silver Mine Horse Camp, Natchaug State Forest, Eastford, CT**

5/10/15/20 miles; \$15-\$25; check-in 9:00; ride-out 9-10; refreshments before, turkey dinner after.  
Cheryl Mastele, Phone: (860) 349-1200  
[cmastele@gmail.com](mailto:cmastele@gmail.com) [www.orgsites.com/ct/neato](http://www.orgsites.com/ct/neato)

**Nov 6 N. Brookfield Sportsmen's Club 17th Eastern Regional Trail Ride  
North Brookfield, MA**

8/17 miles; \$35-55; check-in 8:00 for 17 miles, ride out by 8:30; check-in 8:45 for 8 miles, ride-out by 9:45; judged (optional); refreshments before, BBQ after; many prizes & raffles; pre-reg by 10/30 for judged, by 11/3 unjudged, early entry discount by 10/20; no post-entries.  
Larry Underwood, Phone: (508) 867-7855 [eregtrailride@yahoo.com](mailto:eregtrailride@yahoo.com)

**Nov 6 S.M.A.R.T.  
South Berwick, ME**

15 miles; \$20-\$25; check-in 8:30; ride-out begins 9:30; refreshments before, after.  
Julia Fortier/Corvine Elios, Phone: (603) 817-9583  
[fortierjulia@yahoo.com](mailto:fortierjulia@yahoo.com) [www.smartriders.net](http://www.smartriders.net)

**Nov 13 Tanheath Hunt: Turkey Trot  
Gager Hill Rd, Scotland, CT**

7 miles; pre-entry \$40 (by 11/10), day of ride \$45; check-in/ride-out 9:30-12:00; drinks after; prizes; lunch included for pre-entries, available \$8 if post-entering; hard hats and boots req'd!  
Leslie Cashel, Phone: (401) 949-2910  
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