



FAIRFIELD BRIDLE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

March 8, 2010

Re: 2010 FBTA Membership Appeal

Dear Members and Friends,

Though it may seem hard to believe, there are still many, many miles of trails that wind through Southport, Fairfield, and Easton that are open to horseback riders. It is because of your generosity that we have been able to sustain this tradition of riding across this beautiful countryside. We could not do this without your help. Please join us again this year, or for the first time. Either as a rider or as an enthusiast, we welcome you and appreciate your contribution.

For riders we are offering more “group rides” this season to introduce riders to the different areas of the trail network. Please refer to the calendar on our website: www.fairfieldbridletrails.org for more information. Riders are also encouraged to participate in our yearly Hunter Trials at the Fairfield County Hunt Club. This is our principle fundraiser and we rely on a good turn out, as well as member support, to be able to cover our annual expenses. It is also great fun to watch and, as the event is now held on a Sunday, the Hunt Club offers their fabulous brunch to members and non-members alike.

For all of our members, we would like to create more opportunities to bring us together. With this in mind we are inviting all members and potential members to a “Kick Off” party on Wednesday, March 24th, in order to review our schedule and exchange thoughts about potential activities. Some suggestions have been “dogging” walks to clear the trails in the Spring, a tack exchange, horse-themed movie nights, excursions to horse related events, another Derby Day party and of course we already have our popular and well attended holiday party.

Please be aware that landowners require all riders across their properties to be members of the FBTA, because we carry liability insurance to cover our members and protect the landowners. For this reason all riders must sign a liability waiver as well. A membership form and liability waiver are attached which you can mail to our tireless treasurer, Caroline Sicilian. The cost of insurance and trail maintenance does add up, so every little bit counts. We thank you so much again for your support.

We hope to see you on March 24th. Feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in getting involved. Happy trails to you!

Sincerely,

Ariane Mermod and Dorothy Porter
Co-Presidents, Fairfield Bridle Trail Association