



## FAIRFIELD BRIDLE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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# WINTER NEWSLETTER 2010

### 2010 MEMBERS "KICK-OFF" WINE + CHEESE PARTY

*Mark your Calendars!*

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

5-7pm

At the home of Ariane Mermod  
101 Clapboard Hill Road, Westport

Please join us to meet fellow members and introduce potential new members to the FBTA. We will review the schedule for the year and discuss some new initiatives. Special door prize!

### PASSING OF THE BATTON

Caps off to past president **Susan Barnett**, who has provided the FBTA with years of leadership and experience. We are very grateful for her service to the FBTA. This year she has passed her baton to Ariane Mermod, who will continue to work with Dorothy Porter as co-presidents. Fortunately, Susan will stay with us as a member of the board. Deborah Webb has joined our board as well, welcome Deborah!

### TRIBUTE TO SUE ECKERT

Martha Sue Eckert, a past president of the FBTA and faithful advocate for the riding community, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2009, in her home with her devoted family by her side after a courageous eight year battle with cancer. She was a teacher for over 25 years, and was respected as an accomplished horseback rider who also raised Arabian Horses and Jack Russell Terriers. Sue was actively involved in Fairfield politics and represented District 3 for six terms on the RTM. She will be greatly missed. The FBTA extends our condolences to her family and all who were close with her.

### TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Our thanks to **Dan Burhans** for tirelessly coordinating trail maintenance. If you encounter any impediments on the trails that you cannot move yourself, please contact:

**Dorothy Porter** for North of Dupont Woods/Merwins Lane @1-203-256-0052 [dmeekporter@optonline.net](mailto:dmeekporter@optonline.net)

**Ariane Mermod** for South of Dupont Woods/Merwins Lane @1-203-856-3460 [ariane@optonline.net](mailto:ariane@optonline.net)

### SEEN ON THE TRAILS

Put on those snow pads and studs and hit the trails! Winter riding is invigorating! Member Ginny Gartland sent us this fabulous photo of her riding Hershey on the beach:



### DID YOU KNOW?

That board member Bonnie Kreidler wrote a book about employment in the equine industry?

That a cider vinegar and water mix sprayed on your horses frog will keep thrush at bay?

## 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY PICTURES!

The moment you have been waiting for! Many thanks to Deborah and Deej Webb for hosting our holiday party this year. Everyone pitched in and fun was had by all ~ Here are a few snapshots from the evening:



## CLASSIFIEDS

LOCAL, QUALITY AFFORDABLE BOARD  
Banks South Farm in Fairfield, CT has three places available for retiree, lay-up, "underutilized" or pleasure/trail riding horses as of February 2010. If you would like to leave the "training facility" environment for economic or other reasons here is your opportunity. Many client and vet references, owner lives on premises with over 30 years' experience. Unique facility with superior management. Please call Anne Wokanovicz at (203) 216-4947 to discuss your needs.

### VERY NICE TACK FOR SALE

Laced leather reins (British) \$10.00-\$15.00  
Leather draw reins-\$15.00  
Leg wraps- set of 4 \$7.00  
Leather girths sizes 48-52 \$20.00 each  
Breast plates-\$15.00- each  
Sheepskin pads-(the real thing) \$20.00each  
Standing martingale-\$15.00 each  
90 by 96 mesh walking cover new \$25.00  
Saddle pads from Dover brand new \$10.00

No reasonable offer refused. Everything is clean and well maintained. Call Joanne 203-246-6735