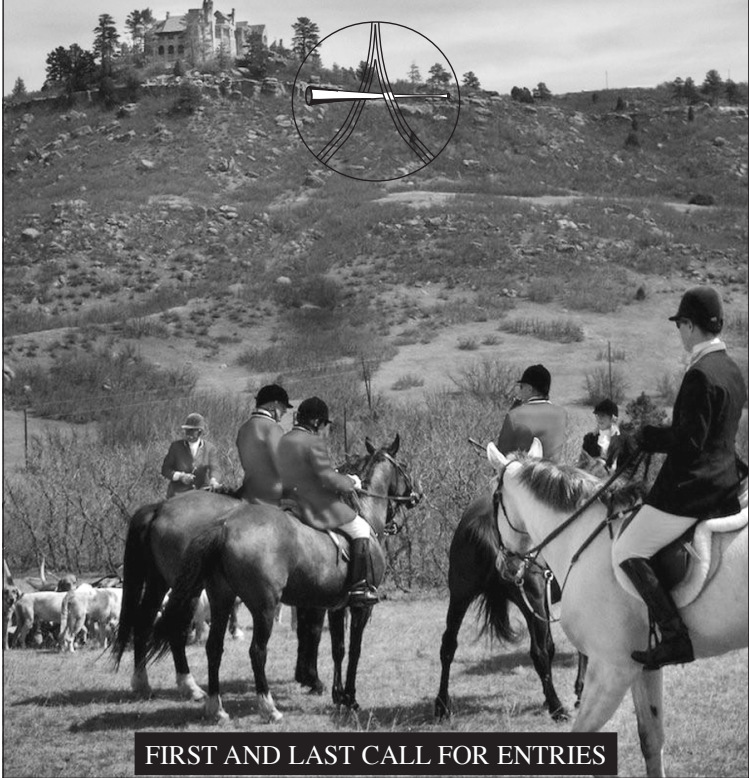


ARAPAHOE HUNT 2009

FINAL HUNT, POINT-TO-POINT & CALCUTTA



FIRST AND LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Point-to-Point

April 25, 2009 – 9:30 AM

(Rain Date: April 26, 2009)

Entries Close: April 15, 2009

All Point-to-Point Events will originate from the Range Club House

Calcutta Party

April 19, 2009 – 12:15 PM – Cherokee Ranch Castle

Closing Hunt: 9:00 AM

Betting Starts at 12:15; Auction at 1:00 PM followed by lunch

About the Point-to-Point and Calcutta

The Point-to-Point and Calcutta Party traditionally close the hunting season. It is a time to test some of the skills that we have developed during the year and have a little friendly competition. Bragging rights last for a whole year! Fun is the operable word and we have an event for every level and interest.

Your participation is important as it won't be any fun without you, so sign up now!

We also encourage members of neighboring hunts, pony clubs and guests to join us in the events.

POINT-TO-POINT

The POINT-TO-POINT classes are for teams of **two riders**, including at least one adult. Additional un-scored riders may be added to a team. A team can participate in any class, **but to be eligible for a division prize it must enter THREE of the four classes in that division.** The Rider's Championship Pool consists of optional \$20 bets with \$100 going to the winning Division Championship teams providing there are enough pool participants. The Point-to-Point consists of the Huntsman's Division and the Master's Division events, the Tailgate Competition, and the Hound Race.

The HUNTSMAN'S DIVISION with four classes is open to hunt members in good standing on fairly hunted horses (six hunts this season). Jumps may be included in any Huntsman's class, except the Trotting Race.

For **MASTER'S DIVISION** four classes, one team member must be a member in good standing of any hunt or have capped at least **TWO** times with the Arapahoe Hunt in the 2008-2009 season. Jumps are optional, if offered. Any horse is eligible.

"THE RUN FOR THE NOSES" is a **hound race** on a drag scent course. The hound crossing the finish line first is declared the winner. Temporary, exclusive "ownership" for individual hounds for this race can be purchased at the Calcutta for \$45, with first option to buy going to members who "purchased" a hound in the annual puppy auction. The winning hound pays a \$750(!!!) purse to the lucky owner. See or call Lyn Robinson to purchase a hound, 303-795-2241.

THE TAILGATE COMPETITION – Information follows on page 4.
Late entries permitted.

RIBBONS AND TROPHIES – Ribbons and prizes are awarded through 4th place for each class, and for the overall winners of each division, and there are several perpetual trophies.

THE CALCUTTA

The Calcutta, April 19, is a party at Cherokee Castle at which you bet on the outcome of the **Point-to-Point** events occurring one week later. It is a chance to make a generous donation to the Hunt with a fair chance of getting some of it back. Bets can start at \$10. Raffle tickets are also available for quick wins. Each \$10 side bet placed on your favorites at the Calcutta enters you into the para-mutual pool to share their winnings. We will auction off teams competing for the Division trophies and the Arapahoe Race, guaranteeing the “owner” of the winning teams a handsome return. The Calcutta Luncheon Chairs are **Pam Hedges** and **Jonathon Townes**.

All Huntsman's and Master's Division entries
must be received by April 15,
the Wednesday before the Calcutta!

**Email (preferred) entries to arapahoehunt2p@gmail.com
and/or post check to Dave Wedmore, 1550 Larimer Street,
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Event Information

General: Formal hunt attire is required for all Hunt events except the Arapahoe Race, which allows either formal hunt attire or racing silks. **Course information** for races and paces will be available at the Tack Room on April 12. **Parking** along the fence next to the Tack Room is reserved for Tailgate Competitors.

Times: All teams will be timed based on the slowest rider, except the trotting races, in which placement will be determined by the average of the two riders' places. Trotting ties will be broken by the placement of the fastest finisher of the team.

Classes:

Trotting Race (Both Divisions): Horse and riders will trot a prescribed course in heats with other competitors. If a horse breaks a trot, it must circle before continuing the race or be disqualified. **COMPETITORS MAY NOT PRE-RIDE THE COURSE BEFORE THE EVENT.**

Handy Hunter (Both Divisions): This event will test the horse and rider on common hunt situations. The Huntsman's Division is a **race**. The Master's Division is a **pace**. Opening and closing a hand gate may be included in both divisions. Jumps will be mandatory for the Huntsman's Division and optional for the Master's Division. **COMPETITORS MAY NOT PRE-RIDE THE COURSE BEFORE THE EVENT.**

Hill Topper Pace (Master's Division): A walk/trot paced event simulating a pleasant day hill topping. Team closest to the unannounced ideal time wins. **COMPETITORS MAY NOT PRE-RIDE THE COURSE BEFORE THE EVENT.**

Cherokee Pace (Huntsman's Division) and Fieldmaster's Pace (Master's Division): Pick your own line and match a typical hunt pace that has been preset. **The Cherokee Pace** is out from the clubhouse to a pre-announced point and back. **NO PRE-RIDE ALLOWED.** **The Fieldmaster's Pace** will be from an unannounced point (field escorted to start point) back to the clubhouse. Winning team is closest to ideal time. Jumps are optional.

Huntsman's Arapahoe Challenge Cup Race: This traditional hunt race runs between points on our established hunt country. The race will include jumps and will be approximately 4 miles in length. Points will be announced April 12 in the Tack Room. **NO PRE-RIDE ALLOWED.** The fastest team wins a perpetual trophy engraved with the name of the winning hunt club and names of the winning riders.

Tailgate Contest: Teams may have a maximum of three culinary contributors (cooks). Competitors will be judged on presentation, originality and cuisine quality. The Tweet Kimball Tailgate Trophy is at stake, so break out the candelabras and join in the fun. Prime parking spots in front of the Club House will be reserved for Tailgaters. After the judging, tailgate picnics will be open to the audience with a **\$5** contribution to the Hound Fund on a first-come, first-served basis with no guarantee that there will be enough for latecomers.

Order of Go - 2009 Point-to-Point

Riders Meeting 9:30 AM, April 25, 2009 (April 26 – Rain Date)

10:00 AM Huntsman's Division - Trotting Race followed by Master's Division Trotting Race

Masters Division – Handy Hunter Pace (After completion, Hill Topper riders go directly to Hill Topper start.)

Huntsman's Division - Handy Hunter Race

Master's Division - Hill Topper Pace (starting directly following your completion of the Master's Handy Hunter Pace - different starting points)

Lunch – Tailgate Judging, 1 hour

Hound Race (during lunch break)

Master's Division - Fieldmaster's Pace (starting at the same time as Huntsman's Division-Cherokee Pace from different starting points)

Huntsman's Division-Cherokee Pace (starting at the same time as Master's Division-Fieldmaster's Pace from different starting points)

Huntsman's Arapahoe Challenge Cup Race

See Point-to-Point Rules on following pages.

Point-to-Point Rules

Strict enforcement of all rules can be expected. Length of all courses and paces may be modified to suit existing weather conditions or other circumstances at the discretion of the Committee. In addition, the Committee may cancel, combine or change the order of events.

1. All starts will be from a halt. Except for the Trotting Races, teams will be started at two minute intervals.
2. At least one member of each team must be an adult. At least one competitor for the Master's Division and all competitors for the Huntsman's Division must be members (regular, provisional, introductory or supporting) in good standing and with all accounts current with any organized hunt in the Rocky Mountain Region.
3. All horses entered in the Huntsman's Division must have been hunted **at least six (6) times with any organized hunt in the Rocky Mountain Region** during the 2008-2009 hunt seasons.
4. Divisional Champions will be calculated on the best placing of a horse and rider team. No horse and rider team may enter more than three events.
6. A horse and rider may compete in up to three events, but two of the events must include the Trotting Race (either Division), and the Handy Hunter (either Division) .
7. Starting order will be the reverse order in which entries are received, allowing adequate spacing for riders entering more than one horse in an event.
8. In all timed events, time starts when the timer says "go," and ends when the nose of the trailing horse of the team crosses the finish line. All events will be timed to tenths of seconds. Ties will be resolved with the flip of a coin.
9. No sound rider may be replaced after the Calcutta, unless the date of the Point-to-Point is changed from the event date or rain date to a new date. If a rider substitution is necessary due to illness or injury, a substitute rider may enter with the permission of the stewards.
10. No horse may be replaced or withdrawn after the Calcutta Auction without a Veterinary Certificate of Unsoundness and the permission of the stewards. No refunds for any no-shows.
11. No Calcutta bids, wagers, or tickets will be refunded.
12. Any rider willfully obstructing or interfering with a competing rider shall be disqualified.
13. Failure to close any gates opened by a rider will be cause for disqualification.

14. All horses must be sufficiently fit for the event in which they are entered. Horses shall be examined by the event veterinarian at the completion of each endurance event. Should a horse finish lame or not within the pulse and respiration criteria previously set by the veterinarian, the veterinarian will submit the disposition of the horse immediately to the stewards to determine whether that horse will be disqualified. Failure to proceed to vet promptly upon completion of the ride will result in disqualification. Disqualification, for any reason, eliminates a horse from the event and from contention for Point-to-Point Champion.
15. All protests must be made to the stewards within 30 minutes of the finish of an event upon deposit of \$25.00, non refundable, unless protest is upheld by stewards. Decisions of the stewards shall be final.
16. An individual rider may compete for Point-to-Point Divisional awards with as many horses as there are Trotting Race qualifying heats. If a single rider qualifies for the Championship Trot-Off with two or more horses, five minutes will be allowed to locate and mount the additional jockey(s) needed. Points earned will be attributed to the entering rider and their horse.
17. Points toward Point-to-Point Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded for the first five places in each class according to the table below. In the case of a point total tie, first place will be awarded to the horse and rider team placing highest in the Arapahoe Cup Challenge Race, Cherokee Pace, Fieldmaster's Pace or Hill Topper Pace, in that order. Only horses qualified for Point-to-Point Champions by entering three events with the same rider will earn points toward the Championship for that Division (Exception: see rule 14).
18. Competitors may not pre-ride or school any course in this event.

Event	Points				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Trotting Races (both divisions)	90	72	54	36	18
Handy Hunter (both divisions)	90	72	54	36	18
Hill Topper Pace	45	36	27	18	9
Fieldmaster's Pace	90	72	54	36	18
Cherokee Pace	100	80	60	40	20
Arapahoe Pace	100	80	60	40	20

Betting

Ways to support the Hunt

(which gets 40%)

\$2 Raffle Tickets – A new raffle system has been established this year. Prior to the Calcutta, tickets will be on sale in the club house with weekly drawings for cash prizes plus a kiss. No tickets will be drawn on teams at the Calcutta.

\$10 Side Bets – Anyone can bet on any team with a \$10 side bet. All members will be assigned a betting number. To make a side bet, write this number on the Calcutta betting board corresponding to the team that you have special feeling will win. Each time you write your number, you are making a \$10 bet. Winning bets are paid a portion of the pool, with a guaranteed profit.

Auction – “Ownership” of each team competing for the Master’s Division and Huntsman’s Division Championships, and in the Arapahoe Race will be auctioned at the Calcutta. Winning team owners will win \$\$\$\$\$. Betting syndicates are encouraged.

Rider’s Pool – Riders may “buy in” with a \$20 side bet on the overall Championship in their division. Winning Championship teams receive a \$100 prize providing there are enough pool participants.