



Upcoming Special Events: Regular Hunts on Wednesdays 2 PM(except for 11 AM on November 9) and Sundays 11 AM (and occasional Saturdays); all hunts at the Range unless otherwise noted. Please consult the fixture card for full information. Fixture card is on website; www.arapahoehunt.com- use your email and password 1933.

- 4 Dec. Joint Meet with Fort Carson at the Range
- 11 Dec. Joint Meet with Bijou Springs at the Range
- 14 Dec. Christmas Decorating Party at the Range
- 18 Dec. Phipps/Younglund Ranches
- 24 Dec. Highlands Ranch
- 25 Dec. No hunt
- 26 Dec. Boxing Day Hunt and Party at the Range-Formal. New Members and Juniors
- 31 Dec. Cherokee Ranch/Highlands-Formal
- 1 Jan. No Hunt

OPENING DAY

Opening Day of the Arapahoe Hunt's dawned clear and bright with ninety-five riders in the field and multitudinous members, former members, friends and guests, all gathered at the Range to enjoy the beginning of the 83rd season. A stirrup cup to the riders started the day's festivities, followed by the arrival of Erik Jensen driving his four-in-hand in beautiful syncopated time in front of one of his wonderful carriages. Harking to a bygone era, the carriage stopped near the Clubhouse to pick up the Reverend Bill Minnis, Episcopalian priest and Round Up Rider, so as to transport him in wondrous glory for the Blessing of the Hounds ceremony conducted in front of staff, the huge field, car hilltoppers and foot followers.

The Arapahoe hounds reflected the training spent over the summer and during cub hunting to deliver some exciting runs in spite of warmer than normal conditions. After the exciting hunt, all adjourned to the clubhouse for the Italian-themed Hunt Breakfast planned for 120 plus people. Many thanks to Eunie Beeman and Mary Ewing for the delicious elk lasagna and also to Becky Schmeits and new member, Wendy Anderson for their lasagna contributions as well as the many members who contributed to the sumptuous buffet.

In the newly cozy clubhouse, all admired the wonderful redecoration recently wrought by Vivien Jenner, Becky Schmeits and helpers -- warm colors, new furniture, new tables and linens, and newly arranged pictures have created a true "clubby" atmosphere. We are grateful to them for their talent and taste, resourcefulness and hard work.

The celebration also allowed 16 members to acquire "Q" puppies during a rousing Puppy Auction, conducted by photographer Linda Hanselman and auctioneer Rick Rolph. Who could resist the puppies brought in and offered by our young junior riders! Thank you to Linda and Rick as well as all the young people for their services to this event, a significant fundraiser for the hunt.

ARAPAHOE RENDEZVOUS WEEK

By Mary Ewing, MFH

The annual tradition of the Arapahoe Rendezvous – a gathering of hunts for good hunting, good fellowship, and good food - returns in November with visits from Grand Canyon Hounds and Caza Ladron. Formal attire is appropriate for all Rendezvous hunts.

On Wednesday, November 9, our friends from the Grand Canyon Hounds join us for the first hunt of the Rendezvous. Paul Delaney holds the position of Master of Foxhounds. Peter Wilson is the professional

Huntsman and is assisted in the kennels and while hunting by wife, Amanda Wilson, and James Boyle, both professional whippers-in. GCH emphasizes the chase with the thrill and beauty of working hounds.

Hailing from the area around Flagstaff, Arizona, GCH hounds are used to elevations between 5,000 and 6,500 feet; their traditional territory, comprised of several different fixtures, is vast, sparsely populated, and seldom fenced. One of the venues is marked by rolling grasslands interspersed with arroyos south of the Grand Canyon; another with pinon and juniper forests; and another in the valley of the Little Colorado River near Meteor Crater. The versatile GCH pack is comprised of various strains of American hounds including Penn-Marydel and Running Walker as well as a few crossbreds and English hounds.

Hounds go out at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, a departure from our regularly scheduled 2:00 PM Wednesday start time. Be ready for the joyful pursuit of our quarry with the excellent GCH pack of hounds.

Also in a departure from the usual schedule, the Arapahoe Hunt will host the après hunt celebration on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday, November 10, again at 11:00 A.M., our friends from northern New Mexico, the Caza Ladron Hunt, join us for another day of grand sport. Masters of Foxhounds, Brian Gonzales, Guy McElvain, and Richard Patton, have been wonderful hosts for us on our visit to Santa Fe a few years ago to see their hounds hunt their territory, consisting of mostly open and rolling spaces interspersed with juniper and pinon pine, rocky areas, sandy riverbeds, steep hills and occasional ravines. Those who joined in that visit may remember some of the formidable fences which were nothing for show jumpers, Guy and daughter, honorary whip and DU student, Chenoa McElvain, so our coops should not prove any difficulty for them at all. Other CL honorary whippersin who may be journeying to Colorado are Elsa Kloess Frost and Betsy Atchinson.

Richard Patton, Ph.D. and CL MFH, is a recently published author on the paradox of animal nutrition. His research suggests that more harm can be done through excess than by lack. No opinions expressed, however, on human nutrition!

Caza Ladron will host the après hunt celebration on Thursday afternoon.

On Friday, November 12, the Arapahoe Hunt hounds go out, again at 11:00 A.M. With the home team advantage, watch for some awesome hound work after the elusive Charley. Need I say more?

Grand Canyon Hounds will host the après hunt celebration on Friday afternoon to accommodate the arrival of JoAnne Delaney, wife of Paul Delaney, MFH, Grand Canyon Hounds.

On Saturday, again at 11:00 A.M., the three packs will be combined! It might seem to promise nothing but chaos but it is amazing to see the hounds coming together to do what they are trained to do and they do it so well.

After the Saturday hunt, there will only be what remains from the three previous days of feasting so that all may adjourn to get ready for the **Huntsman's Dinner and Auction at Inverness Hotel**. Inverness Hotel is a beautiful venue with delicious food. The auction, both silent and live, is an opportunity to purchase something special, something unique or even something that you just plain need.

On Sunday morning, for those inveterate hunters who are still ready for more, come on out! AH will go out as usual at 11:00 A.M.

New this year is a special offering for AH members with limited hunting memberships and members of recognized hunts other than GCH and CL. These hunters are invited to participate in Rendezvous Week with no capping fee if a visitor, or if on a limited AH hunting membership then without credit against hunt limit so long as a ticket to the Huntsman's Dinner (\$70) is purchased before the start of hunt week!

Five hunts in five days. Get that extra horse ready!

Some of Our New Members Fall 2011-More are in Process of Approval by Board

Rod and Katie Saunders - Sponsored by Lawrence Phipps. Introductory members. Rod and Katie from Denver, friends of Dub Winn, have been recreational riders for some time. Katie has an interesting equestrian past, having been a professional jockey for nine years in New York, Florida, Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Rod is chief technical officer of Pey Simple downtown.

Wendy Anderson - Sponsored by Lawrence Phipps. Introductory member. Wendy Anderson hunted with our old friends and members, Grosvenor and Rosemarie Merle-Smith of the Tennessee Valley Hounds, who

suggested she contact us. She rides a gray Frisian-Arab and she and her retired Air Force husband live in LaPorte.

Samantha Kappin - Sponsored by Jennifer Rogers. Junior member. Samantha, studying at CSU, hunted with us last year and helps Jennifer with training new hunt horses. She is also a barrel racer.

Kay Green - Sponsored by Fritzi Riahi and George Straw. Introductory member. Kay moved to Colorado from Texas last year with her husband, Rex Smith; they reside with their three horses in Indian Hills. She is CEO of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International, which certifies and accredits therapeutic riding centers and instructors around the world. Kay has had a lifelong riding career all over the country. She horseshowed in Nevada and California, taught riding in college, and was a member of the Potomac Hunt in Maryland and the Hickory Creek Hunt in Dallas, Texas. Husband Rex, who rides western, says he will cheer us on from his truck.

Celeste Komodore -Sponsored by Lise Stevens and Rick Lontin. Junior member. Celeste, a student at Front Range Community College, has been riding R&L's horses and has an impressive resume of instructing and riding and training horses in a variety of disciplines-hunter-jumpers, cross country, dressage, western rodeo events-for several trainers and organizations, such as Whinnina, Highline Horses, Bit Of Class and Happy Hooves 4-H clubs. She was certified as a riding instructor before she was 16!

Anna Blakney -Sponsored by Rick Lontin and Lise Stevens. Junior member. Anna, a senior at CU in Boulder, majoring in Chemical and Biological Engineering, rode at Coventry Stables and in local jumping shows as a child. At CU, she works with polo ponies 4 or 5 days a week and spent a week this summer in Jackson Hole helping to exercise ponies and taking polo lessons. A volunteer at the Rocky Mountain Horse Therapy once a week, she is also seriously academic, serving on the Engineering Excellence Fund board and as a research mentor for the Engineering Honors Program.

John and Belinda Seville-Sponsored by Rick Lontin and Lise Stevens. Supporting members. John and Belinda have many hunt friends, who welcome them to membership this year. They boarded and rode with Rick and Lise for several years until they moved to Elizabeth and moved their horses to their own place; they continue to improve their English riding skills and recently hired Pam Hedges to provide weekly riding lessons. John is CEO of Chief Technology Consultants, Inc. downtown and Belinda works with Home Real Estate in Centennial.

Nicole Punicki -Sponsored by Lawrence Phipps. Introductory member. Nicole hails from Elizabeth and resides in Highlands Ranch, has been active riding in the Colorado hunter-jumper scene in years past and joined our popular polo group with Rick and Lise last summer. A busy lady, she is the Production Manager and Sound Engineer at the Pepsi Center.

Ed McKenna - Sponsored by his sister, Becky McKenna Schmeits. Supporting member. Ed's immediate family includes son, Ty, also a new member, wife, Tammy, and three daughters, Lindsay, Kelli and Shawn. Ed is a Colorado native, reared in Douglas County, and now living in Castle Rock with the family's three horses and an English bulldog. Professionally, he is the owner of Castle Rock-based Frontline Medical, an orthotic/prosthetic supply company that distributes to care providers nationally. Ed's involvement with horses began in childhood and continued in bits and spurts. Presently, he is the Treasurer of the El Jebel Shrine horse parade unit, the Drovers. Ed also contributes his time as an active volunteer and sponsor of numerous disabled veteran charity events and has served as past president of the Colorado Chapter of Children's Hospital Volunteers and as a rugby coach for Douglas County High School.

Ty McKenna-Sponsored by his cousin Vinny Sangaline. Junior member. Ty McKenna was born in the Anhui Province in Eastern China and came to the McKenna family when he was seven years old. Ty excels in academics at Castle Rock Middle School, but like most young men his age, finds gym class his favorite! Ty's

dedication to achievement includes a black belt in karate. He also has other interests in skiing, hunting, fishing, golf, volunteering for disabled veteran charity events, and the Colorado DeMolay, High Plains Chapter. With his athletic background, Ty's focus is now on foxhunting which he takes to with passion, hoping to perfect his riding skills while learning all aspects of our sport. Look for Ty on the hunt field riding his trusted paint horse, Rebel, and as wing man to his cousin, Vinny Sangaline.

Wyoming Cattle Drive and Opening Cub Hunt

The annual Wyoming Cattle Drive and Opening Cub Hunt August 27-28, hosted by Rob and Barbara Deline at their scenic and historic Flag Ranch near Laramie, drew a large, enthusiastic crowd of members. Fifty visiting horses were stabled at the ranch. Friday night the Arapahoe Hunt contingent filled a large dining room at the Cavalryman Restaurant. Saturday, riders set out early to ride to the Willow Creek Ranch, rounded up yearling replacement heifers and herded them on the Overland Trail back to Flag Ranch in time to prepare for a gala evening in the party barn where all enjoyed a steak dinner and dancing to Pete Martinez's guitar. Sunday morn a field of about thirty riders gathered at 9 AM for two good runs and great views off the top of Red Butte with no involuntary dismounts. A delicious breakfast buffet welcomed riders and followers back at the ranch party barn. Many, many thanks to Rob and Barbara Deline for their warm hospitality, to their hard-working foreman Chuck and his family and to the Saturday lunch ladies, Barb Deline and Fritzi Riahi and friends.

SUMMER JUMP CONSTRUCTION AT PHIPPS AND YOUNGLUND RANCHES

By Marie Phipps

The summer project on the Phipps-Younglund Ranches to build jumps to facilitate hunting during December and March took place during July and September. A total of 16 jumps were constructed. We want to thank our incredible work force and "tool pushers" (auger operators), who made this miracle happen; it is a project that has been close to our hearts for many years. Here is a list of our hard-working volunteers; those with (2) came in July and amazingly came back in September!!!

Tool Pushers: Dave Barton and his canine assistants (2); Marshal Younglund (2) Telephone poles cutters: Kurt Kissman, (non-hunt neighbors) Chris Hopwood and Bill Mock, Marie Phipps, Dan Michaels and Marshal Younglund.

Two days of picking up and hauling telephone poles given Spring Gulch: Kurt Kissmam, Jon Townes, Chris Hopwood (2) and Marie Phipps (2)

Work Force for construction days: Kurt and Hunter Kissman, Gregory Young, Heather Potters and her mother Kathy Callendar and very enthusiastic friend Maureen, Marianne Mitchell, Karen McGee, George and Jeannie Straw, Eric Golting (2), Mary Ewing, MFH, Kelly Mulligan(2), Patty Ann Maher, Tamara Pollack, Laura and Steve Roberts, Vivien Voehl, Dan Michaels (2), Ann and Marshal Younglund (2), Marie Phipps (2). Lunch crew Lawrence Phipps, MFH (2) and Fritzi Riahi (2). Steve Currey and Irvin Manuelito set the 6 jump poles in place on other days.

The jumps are stunning-looking and hopefully the coyote will go nearby so we can enjoy most of them. THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING A DREAM COME TRUE!!!

25th Annual Arapahoe Hunt Pair Pace



What a day we hosted! 170 Riders and over 45 volunteers!

Arapahoe Hunt hosted our 25th Annual Pair Pace on Sunday, October 9th, despite the 4 inches of snow that fell the prior day. With a 2 hour rain delay decision, the day was sunny, warm, and the footing at the Colorado Horse Park was good. Walking the course on Saturday, between 3:00 and 6:00 pm, riders were very speculative about whether they would be competing the next day at all. The sandy soil allowed drainage, and when walking the course early Sunday morning, we confirmed it was a go!

This year we had a decent turnout of riders, with few teams scratched due to weather. Riders and horses ably met the challenge of the David O'Connor course. I would have thought more would have spooked when seeing some of the costumes, and Grant's blue wig was one of them!

Volunteers drive this event. We had a number returning from prior years and a few new ones. Many of the jump judges asked to come back next year which is awesome. The hunt members who volunteered for the day were:

Ring Steward: Marianne Mitchell
Announcers: Lawrence Phipps,MFH, Bruce Albright,
Timers: Bill Wilbur, Dub Winn, Steve Roberts

Everywhere else, doing everything else: Tammy and Mike Brislin, Dave Starman, Pam Buffington, Eunie Beeman, Lenore and Don O'Connor,MFH, Albert Vaquez, Jon Townes, Pam Hedges, Bonnie Grenney, Genie Homrighausen, Fritz Riahi, Holly and Sean Griggs.

Thanks also to Marvin Beeman, MFH, for acting as hunt master and vet on call, along with visiting intern, Dr. Dane Tatarniuk and to the Arapahoe Hunt staff and hounds, who performed and took a run on the course.

Returning this year were Zina Balash, and newcomer from Australia, Aidan MacKerracher, who took jumping photos, and our own Karen McGee was snapping off pics of the costumes.

See the following websites to see their story of the day:

Zina Balash Photography www.zbalash.zenfolio.com

Aidan MacKerracher [\(720 626 5457\)](tel:7206265457)

www.flickr.com/photos/imagesbyaidan/collections/72157627710882947/

Thanks to Fritz Riahi, who was the foundation of knowledge of this fundraiser. I was totally unaware of the work she does, beginning the prior year end, with placing ads, and coordinating with many other associations that print the Omnibus, and get our Arapahoe Hunt name out there. She works tirelessly, and sponsors many of these ads out of her own pocket, without reimbursement.

Next a thank you to Mary Ewing, MFH, who also worked angles and was a champion from our Board of Directors. Liz Andrews, our pace secretary, overcame emergency surgery, and with her son, Steve, and Judi Tobias of Bijou Springs Hunt, provided updates and guidance to me throughout the summer.

Thanks also to Vivien Van Buren, BSH and AH member, who was committed to providing us the best from the Colorado Horse Park. She and her team (Jose, Jennifer and Nicole, to name a few), were there for planning and execution to the last detail.

Thanks to all, your hosts this year - Lise Stevens and Rick Lontin

PACE RESULTS

Division A

1. J. Vivant
2. D. Shake

Division B

1. J. Vivant
2. D. Rothman
3. G. Smith
4. E. Wagner
5. R.Clemmens, E. Oliver
6. W. Wilhide

Division C-1

1. T.Hieb, M. Faunce, K. Murphy
2. M. Folsom, P. Robson, J. Sketers, J. Amundson
3. D. Rothman
4. M. Ewing
5. L. Taubenheim, A. Hudson, E. Czapram6. B. Marsielles, J. Vierthaler

Division C-2

1. J. Charlwood
2. S. Rogers-Bohnenstiel, L. Bohnenstiel
3. M. Martin, J. Uphoff
4. Burk Team
5. Unknown(65)
6. E. Gandomcar, K. Murphy, K. Murphy, D. Lay

Costumes

Division A-None awarded

Division B

1. Alice in Wonderland-J. Greene, M. Mack, K. Turner
2. Dr. Seuss-G. Carey, C. Baumgarten, A. Salas, K. Neal
3. Zommies-A. Neuens, M. Brock, A. Lynton
4. UFO-E. Wagner
5. Super Heroes-K. Koslosky, E. Ceagleske, A. Cott

Division C-1

1. Snow White and the Prince Penny-R. Lamke, B. Lamke
2. Bronco and Referee-B. Fiorino, H. Melick
3. Horton-J. White, C. Merone
4. Stripes-#111

Division C-2

1. Fight for Breast Cancer-M. Martin, J. Uphoff
2. Leopards-E. Gandomcar, K. Murphy, K. Murphy
3. Angels-S. Rogers-Bohnenstiel, L. Bohnenstiel
4. Gladiators-V. Sangaline, T. McKenna
5. Devils-K. Bohnenstiel, K. Bohnenstiel

6. Team Burk

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There you will find the group called "Friends of the Arapahoe Hunt." This is a great place to post your horse ad, notify others of events, etc. See you online!



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