

FROST on the PUMPKIN

Hunter Pace

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 40<sup>TH</sup>  
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# Newtown Garbage Removal

Roll-off and Garbage Removal



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In loving memory of Fred J. Pendergast, Sr.  
A true friend to NBLA, he is greatly missed



Fred and his favorite haul, his grandchildren



## HUNTER PACE 1978 – 2018



The NBLA... an idea, a project, a dream. A dream realized a little at the time, year after year, until four decades later, 2018, the fortieth Frost on the Pumpkin Hunter Pace is starting again at 8:30 am.

The trailers are parked in an orderly manner, nervous horses call to each other as excited riders wait at the start line. The new generation of NBLA custodians are seeing to the infinite details of this great enterprise. Is the food tent standing up well? Are the prizes lined up? Should we call the caterers to make sure they arrive on time? Is the weather going to hold? The trails would have been spruced up for weeks, logs and stones moved, branches cut off, signs put up on trees.

"We are ready", they say, but I will not be there, I live too far away. So many years have gone by and they have taken their toll on me. Yes, I was one of the founders of the NBLA, however, frankly I had no clear idea about our mission (did we have any?), we were just a group of neighbors who kept horses on our property and wished to keep trails available to us for riding.

Life has taken many of the people who founded the organization away from Newtown, CT. I imagine that their thoughts at the end of each October would likely go back to Mt. Nebo Road, to the friends who rode with them, to the heady prospect of a long canter in the woods - our woods, the ones we protected with such diligence, begging landowners for permission to trespass, while the autumn leaves are falling yellow and red on the ground.

It's a rite of passage - look into your heart, be one with your horse, he knows your soul and you know his. Be kind to your horse, ride him with soft hand, and may the wind be at your back.

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