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2006 Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year, Rick DeBenedetti and Faye Brophy
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, my first three months as President for the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association have been very busy and I can't believe that a quarter of the year is already over! Time is either flying because I'm having a lot of fun or because I'm getting older – I think I'll choose the first response! January's Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner was spectacular and a huge success; with over one-hundred people in attendance. For the second year in a row, it was held at the Emerald Hills Lodge and Golf Course in Redwood City, and

was catered by Dominic's at Emerald Hills. This year's recipients for the Horseman/Horsewoman of the year were Rick DeBenedetti and Faye Brophy – both equally deserving of this honor. The 2006 Board of Directors received praises and acknowledgement for their year of service to the Association; including a beautiful engraved platter from the outgoing President; Al Filice. The incoming 2007 Board of Directors were sworn in and promised to abide by the Bylaws of SMCHA and to faithfully fulfill the duties of the office to which they have been elected. It was an especially memorable evening for me for a number of reasons. First, it was wonderful spending such a fantastic evening with family and friends. Second, I had the honor of presenting the outgoing President, my husband Al Filice, his 2006 President's buckle. Last, but not least, I received my President's gavel from my beloved husband, Al. It was truly a night to remember.

February's General Meeting, which was held at the STAR Equine Medical Center, was very well attended; over 50 people came to listen and learn. Dr. Russ Peterson and his staff from Peninsula Equine gave a wonderful and informative presentation on Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1), Equine Cutaneous Neoplasia and a West Nile Virus update. The EHV-1 lecture proved to be a very timely and appropriate topic, given the outbreak on the coast-side in March. The SMCHA membership seems to really enjoy this type of venue and we look forward to providing many more lecture presentations in the future. Please feel free to forward us information that you are interested in learning more about and we will make every effort to incorporate that into a future General Meeting.

March was supposed to be a quiet month, with respects to what was listed on the 2007 SMCHA calendar, but it unfortunately was not. In fact, it was a very alarming and fear-provoking time in the lives of the equestrian community. On March 14th, the disturbing news of an outbreak of the neurotropic form of the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) in Montara was announced. Most of us became familiar with the neurotropic form of EHV-1 when it hit the Bay Area's racetracks or when we learned about it at the February General Meeting at STAR Equine Medical Center. Most of us thought it would never hit us so close to home; regrettably it did and for some it hit much harder and closer. Six horses contracted the neurotropic form of EHV-1; three had to be euthanized due to the effects of the virus on their bodies, and three were responding to treatment and were expected to recover. Our sympathy and compassion go out to all of those who have been

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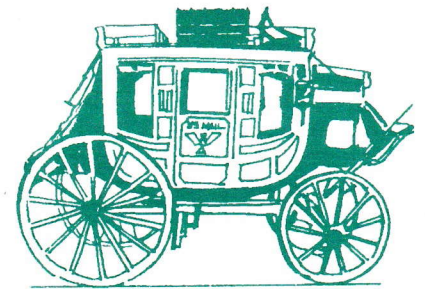
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President's message continued

personally impacted by this most tragic occurrence. Fortunately the EHV-1 outbreak was limited to only six horses; but of those six, fifty-percent (50%) suffered fatal affects from the virus. It is difficult to know how many horses lives were saved by the swift action of all those involved. A special thanks is owed to Dr. Wayne Browning of Bayhill Equine, who treated all of the horses in Montara, for his prompt intervention and diagnosis of this deadly virus. Dr. Browning also provided me with the majority of information and updates I forwarded on to the membership and equestrian community via email. He also generously donated two evenings (one on the coast-side and one on the inland side) where he spoke to and answered questions for members of the equestrian community regarding the EHV-1 outbreak. I would also like to thank the following boarding facilities – Renegade Ranch, Moon Valley, Ember Ridge, Morning Star and Moss Beach Corral – for their prompt attention to this outbreak and foresight to “voluntarily” quarantine their properties. Because of their close proximity to each other, it was imperative that these facilities all worked together to minimize the spread of this outbreak. Temperatures were required to be taken on all of the horses at these locations twice a day for multiple weeks; which is no small feat. For example, Moss Beach Corral has approximately 115 horses on their property; you do the math! The diligence of everyone involved, to make sure that any sign of a problem was caught right away, was significant in keeping the virus from spreading any further. The medical staff at UC-Davis also needs to be recognized for their participation and education regarding this outbreak. Not only did they attempt to save the two horses that were transported to their facility, but they also performed an on-site visit and evaluation of the Montara boarding facilities that were quarantined. Following the on-site visit, they met with members of the equestrian community to give them a briefing of their findings and educate them about the neurotropic form of EHV-1. Lastly, I would like to thank both the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County and Moss Beach Corral for providing the locations in which to get information out to the equestrian community. Both of these meetings were very well attended. The meeting at Moss Beach Corral had over 70 people in attendance; with only a days notice. The meeting at the Mounted Patrol Grounds had a few more days notice and was attended by over 200 people! These meetings were instrumental in getting accurate information distributed and answering people’s questions. I hope that you found my emails to the membership to be helpful, informative and somewhat reassuring during this emotional time. I received an overwhelming and positive response from the membership and equestrian community in regards to my

email letter writing campaign regarding this outbreak and I truly believe that the emails were instrumental in getting the word out to the masses. Remember, you can only receive emails if you have provided us with an email address – please take the time to visit our website and email our “webmaster” your current email address; you won’t regret it!

I am looking forward to the remainder of the year and participating in the many events that SMCHA has to offer. I hope you will consider working during one of the Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Days throughout the year. Back in July of 2000, SMCHA adopted the Clarkia Trail in Edgewood Park. SMCHA agreed to actively monitor and maintain this trail for the San Mateo County Parks Department, and it is with your assistance that we continue to make that pledge a reality. Events like the Horsemen’s Night at the Grand National Rodeo and the Friday Nite at the Races are always a lot of fun and a favorite of everyone. The Western Riding Clinic will once again be co-sponsored with the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County and held at the Mounted Patrol Grounds. At this time, we have been unable to secure a location for the coast-side, but we are still searching for a site. This eight week riding program is very well attended and a favorite amongst our membership. Plans have long been underway in regards to the many horse shows SMCHA is putting on. Be it the Western or English Schooling Shows or the Nor-Cal Open English/Western Show, there is something for everyone and every discipline. There are two scheduled rides planned for the year; the Spring Ride in April and the Presidents’ Ride in October – hopefully you will be able to ride out with the group, but if you aren’t we hope you will join us for lunch. The Jack Brook Horse Camp weekend is scheduled for July 20th-22nd. This is also another favorite of our membership and a true family event. The horse camp is a little slice of heaven in our own back yard and an opportunity not to be missed! Plans are being discussed for future General Meetings this year and I am excited about all of the possibilities that have been presented. The 2007 Board of Directors is working very hard at making this the best Horsemen’s Association on the Peninsula and I am very proud to be working with such wonderful and dedicated individuals. I am looking forward to what the rest of year has to offer and can only hope it doesn’t go by too fast!

Happy Trails,

Sarah Filice

67th Annual Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner

By Sarah Filice

On Saturday evening, January 27th, SMCHA held its 67th Annual Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner at the Emerald Hills Lodge and Golf Course in Redwood City. It is customary for SMCHA to start the year off right with an incredible evening that includes great friends, delicious food, foot stomping music, an awards presentation and the installation of the incoming President and Board of Directors. The event was very well attended and a fantastic time was had by all who came.

The evening began with a no-host cocktail and hors d'oeuvres hour, where everyone gathered to socialize with family and friends. Throughout the entire evening, a wonderful slide-show called "A Day in the Life of SMCHA 2006" was playing for all to view. The slide-show was created by Al and Sarah Filice, and was a compilation of over 700 pictures that Sarah had taken throughout the year at the various SMCHA events. Everyone really enjoyed looking at the pictures and reminiscing about all the fun they had.

A fabulous buffet dinner was created by Dominic's at Emerald Hills. Dominic's always does an excellent job and this year was no exception. Following dinner our Master of Ceremony, Jim Keeton, stepped up to the microphone to begin the Installation Ceremony and Presentation of Awards. The outgoing President, Al Filice, presented the 2006 Board of Directors their "Appreciation" gifts and thanked them for their service and dedication throughout the year.

This year's recipients for the Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year were Rick DeBenedetti and Faye Brophy. Rick was awarded for his longstanding commitment to the equestrian community and his dedication to trail preservation and maintenance. Rick is currently the President and Trail Captain for the Woodside Trails Club, is a member of the Woodside Town Trails Council, the Jack Brook Horse Camp Ad Hoc Committee, the ETRAC (Equestrian Trail Riders Action Committee) Management Committee, the Jasper Ridge Coordinating Committee of Stanford, the Sheriff's Mounted Search and Rescue Unit, and is a Director of the Shack Riders. Faye was given the Horsewoman of the Year award for her role as ETRAC's Manager in the Huddart-Wunderlich Master Plan. Faye devoted countless hours attending meetings, making phone calls, creating letter writing campaigns and collecting data to ensure that the needs and desires of the equestrian and hiking communities were communicated to the County Supervisors, the County

Parks and Recreation Commissioners and the Master Plan Consultants. Faye is also a member of the Sheriff's Mounted Search and Rescue Unit, and is involved in the management of several other ETRAC Projects; such as a new trail connecting Windy Hill and Russian Ridge Preserves of the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District, Coastal trail opportunities, and continued equestrian access across West Union Creek. Faye was unable to attend the Installation Dinner, so President Al Filice was only able to award Rick his "Horseman of the Year" belt buckle at the event; Faye received her award the following week.

Next, the incoming 2007 Board of Directors and Officers were called up to the front of the room and were installed by Past President and Board member, Rick Payne. Everyone recited the oath and pledged their commitment to SMCHA. The Officers for 2007 were announced; Sarah Filice (President), Cheryl Basin (1st Vice President), Adeline Forrest (2nd Vice President), Gretchen King (Secretary), Dan Johndrow (Treasurer), Stan Ramirez (Sergeant at Arms) and Kathie Goddard (Historian).



Kerry DeBenedetti, Clyde DeBenedetti, Rick DeBenedetti, Regina Davis and Gaye DeBenedetti



Jake and Stan Ramirez, Annie Kennedy and Dan Johndrow

The outgoing President, Al Filice, was then presented with his beautiful President's buckle by his wife, Sarah Filice. Sarah took a few minutes to speak on the many accomplishments of Al during his two years (2005 and 2006) as President of SMCHA; then Al said a few words and thanked everyone for their overwhelming support and encouragement throughout the last few years.

Now it was time for outgoing President, Al Filice, to introduce SMCHA's incoming President, Sarah Filice. Al took this opportunity to thank and credit Sarah for all her assistance, hard work, and dedication during his Presidency. Next, Al presented Sarah with her President's gavel and wished her well in the coming year. Sarah gave a quick speech of her plan and vision for 2007, accepted the gavel and then said, "Now let's get this party started"!

The guests danced the night away and enjoyed the music of Rick Barnes, the Guitar Man! Sharon Butler's 6 year old son, Brandon, was quite the ladies (young) man out on the dance floor! JJ and Laura Raposo definitely tapped their

feet to the song of "Dueling Banjos" – very impressive! The final few left the building a little before midnight; although there were people still visiting in the parking lot as we drove away!

Many thanks to the Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner Committee; Al Filice (Chairman), Sarah Filice and Kathie Goddard (Co-Chairman), Jim Keeton (Master of Ceremony), Rick Payne (Installation Officer), Sarah Filice (Printed Program), Al and Sarah Filice (Slide Show Presentation), Al and Sarah Filice (Decorations), Kathie Goddard (Awards Buckles) and Al Filice (Board of Director's Gifts). A special thanks to those of you who came early to help with the set up and table decorations – your assistance was so very much appreciated and needed!

Lastly, SMCHA would like to acknowledge the following donations associated with the Installation Dinner – Wild Horse Winery and Vineyards for the fabulous Chardonnay and Merlot wines served during dinner, Larry Pelzner for donating the corkage fee for the table wine, and Al and Sarah Filice for donating the cost of the band. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26, 2008 -- the 68th Annual Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner – to be held once again at the Emerald Hills Lodge and Golf Course in Redwood City!



Sarah Filice (SMCHA's 2007 President) and Al Filice (SMCHA's 2005/2006 President)



Horseman of the Year, Rick DeBenedetti with family and friends



The fabulous food created by Dominic's at Emerald Hills

67th Annual Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner continued



SMCHA's 2006 Board of Directors



Jim Keeton - Master of Ceremony



SMCHA's 2007 Board of Directors



Kathie Goddard checks in the guests as they arrive



Al and Sarah Filice (President's Table) with family and friends

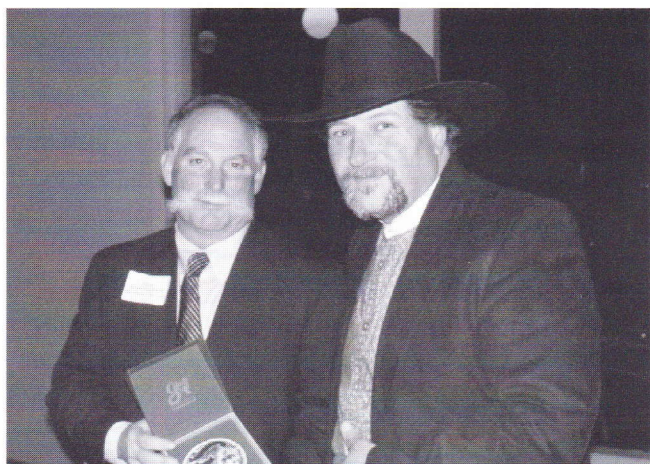




The Raposo family, the Hansen family and Joan Ravier



Everyone enjoys the music of Rick Barnes - The Guitar Man - including Brandon Butler and his mom, Sharon



Horseman of the Year, Rick DeBenedetti, receives his beautiful belt buckle from President Al Filice



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February General Meeting at STAR Equine Medical Center

By Sarah Filice

On Thursday, February 15th our General Meeting was held at STAR Equine Medical Center, at the Portola Valley Training Center. Dr. Russ Peterson of Peninsula Equine Medical Group, and his associates, graciously hosted our meeting and provided our membership with outstanding presentations on equine related topics.

This year our membership learned about Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1), Equine Cutaneous Neoplasia and what was the currently happening regarding the West Nile Virus. First Dr. Sinead Devine, DVM, MVB spoke on the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1). EHV-1 is a virus that affects horses and has three different forms – a respiratory form, an abortion form and a neurological form; Dr. Devine spoke mainly on the neurogenic strain. The clinical signs for the neurological form are fever of 102 °F or greater, incoordination, bladder paresis, tail weakness, and cranial nerve deficits (20%). The prognosis of the horse greatly relates to the rate of paralysis development. EHV-1, like all herpes viruses, can result in latent infection; which means the virus survives in the nerves of the horse for the rest of its life. This usually causes no problem and the horse is not contagious to others. However, under periods of stress or illness, the latent virus may reactivate and cause respiratory viral shedding with or without clinical disease. At this time, the horse would again be contagious to other horses. Prior to 2003, most of the EHV-1 outbreaks were the respiratory form with occasional abortions. The neurological form was rare. Since 2003, outbreaks of a mutated neurotropic form have occurred in at least 11 states. The neurotropic form of EHV-1 was first found in a horse imported from Germany and sent down to Florida for the winter shows in Wellington. Seven horses died or were euthanized during this outbreak. One horse that was part of the initial quarantine with the horse from Germany died in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Two horses at the Los Alamitos Racetrack were euthanized recently. The three Bay Area racetracks were recently under quarantine when one horse at Golden Gate Fields was diagnosed with the neurotropic form. The treatment for a virus is different than that of a bacterial infection. Since viral infections do not respond to antibiotics, most treatments for viral infections focus on treating the symptoms rather than the virus themselves. The neurotropic form of EHV-1 causes vasculitis and fever, so non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (Banamine and Bute) are given. DMSO can also be given for vasculitis. At this time, the best known treatment is anti-viral drug

Valcyclovir (Valtrex). This medication reduces the viral load similarly as the drugs used for HIV. It is thought to decrease the amount and severity of viral shedding. To control the spreading of the virus it is necessary to isolate the infected horses, use a 10% bleach solution on all equipment and tack, give Immunomodulators to help boost the infected animal's immunity and quarantine the property. There is no known vaccine "labeled effective" for the "neurotropic form" of EHV-1. The "Rhino" vaccination is only "labeled effective" for EHV-1 (respiratory/abortive) and EHV-4. Prevention of the virus relies on avoiding exposure, decreasing stress, trailer disinfection, washing feeders and waterers, and giving the Rhino vaccination; which may help decrease morbidity and viral shedding. Vaccinating at the time of an outbreak is contraindicated; it could make matters worse.

Next, Dr. Christina Hewes, DVM, MS spoke on Equine Cutaneous Neoplasia. Fifty percent of all equine neoplasms occur on the skin; these are better known as sarcoids, squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma and papillomas. Sarcoids are the most common tumors. An example of a sarcoid is a fibroblastic tumor; which is mainly connective tissue, is the most common skin tumor, it is locally invasive and non-metastatic. Squamous cell carcinomas are the second most common skin tumor, but are the most common tumor of the equine eyelid and external genitalia. It can also occur internally as in the stomach, esophagus, nasal passages, pharynx, larynx and lungs. Certain breeds and environmental factors make horses predisposed to squamous cell carcinomas. Sun damaged skin and high altitude are some of the environmental factors. Horses that have light pigmented skin (white, grey and cremello) are



Dr. Russ Peterson welcomes everyone

predisposed. Horse breeds such as Paints, Pintos, Appaloosas and Drafts also have a predisposition. Persistent phimosis, smegma and trauma to external genitalia can also be a factor. Melanomas are a tumor from melanocytes, dendritic cells of neuroectodermal origin or melanoblasts. They are 4-15% of all skin tumors. Grey horses are the most predisposed. They are generally found around the tail, anus, perineum, throat latch and lips. A papilloma is a wart. There is no treatment, but the warts can be removed when they near their maximum size or when they are regressing in size. Treatment options for skin tumors vary, but it is important to note if the tumors are growing rapidly and the location (especially if adjacent to the rectum, close to the eye, or close to a tendon or joint). Since treatment may be lengthy, costly and cause complications it is important that the owner is ready to take on these factors. Treatment options include surgical or laser removal, local irritants, cryotherapy, radiation therapy and/or chemotherapy. With surgical excision, sarcoids generally have a 50-64% recurrence within 6 months, squamous cell carcinomas have a higher recurrence than sarcoids, and melanomas are 100% curative. Laser surgery has been shown to decrease recurrence of sarcoids and squamous cell carcinomas. Topical creams, such as Animex (a Blood Root extract), is an escharotic salve that penetrates cells and kills the affected cell. The tissue generally sloughs off in 7 to 10 days. Cryotherapy causes local swelling and edema, tissue sloughing that turns into a scab, a malodorous discharge and skin hypopigmentation. There is a 91% recurrence with peri-ocular sarcoids. Radiation Therapy, such as Iridium 192 (Gamma radiation), is done for 10-14 days. There is a 98% resolution for 3-14 years. The most common complications

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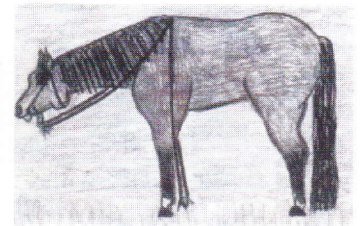
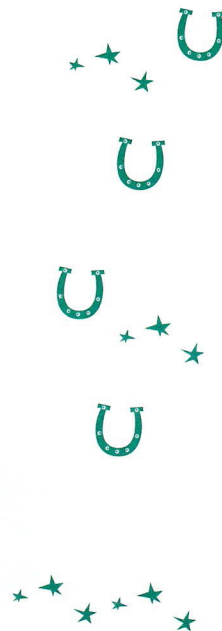
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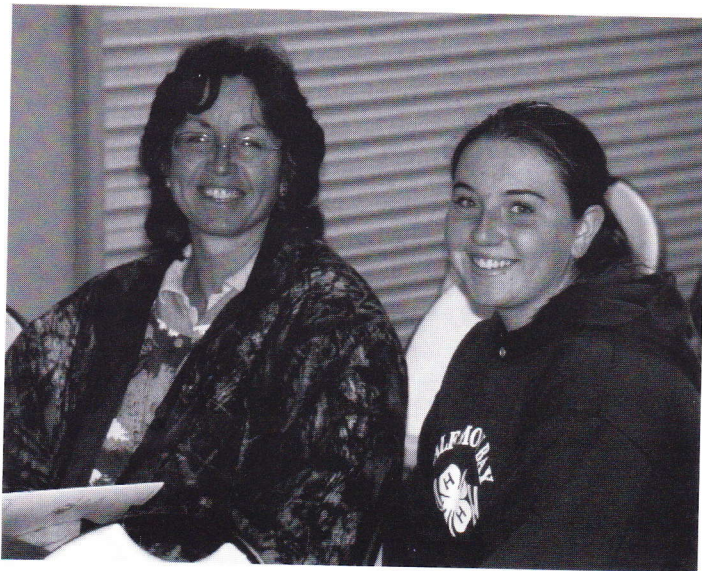


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Cindy and Anna Machado



Maryann Agosti and Guido Nanini

tumor is a sarcoid or a melanoma it is generally recommended to leave it alone if it is not growing. Early treatment is important when it comes to the treatment of squamous cell carcinomas.

Lastly, the membership was given a West Nile Virus update by Dr. Sinead Devine. By December of 2003 the virus has been seen in nearly every state in the United States. In 2003, California had only one case verified. In 2004, 540 horses tested positive for West Nile Virus and of these 228 horses died. There were 829 reported human infections with 25 fatalities. For 2005, there have been no human or equine infections to date. There have been 11 dead bird cases that were verified as positive. Prevention remains the key to eliminating this virus. Vaccinate your horse as recommended by your vet (generally boosters are given twice a year in the late spring and mid to late summer). The virus is most prevalent from May to October, when mosquitoes are most abundant. Eliminate mosquito breeding areas to minimize standing water (bird baths, old tires, plant trays, and water buckets) or changing the water at least twice a week. West Nile is a mosquito born virus. The infected mosquito serves as the main vector, transmitting the virus while it's feeding on its victim. Birds, especially crows, serve as the most significant reservoir for the virus. Horses, humans, and other mammals are considered dead end hosts. Ill horses present with weakness (hind end), staggering, difficulty getting up, facial twitching, mild fever and lethargy. Diagnosis is confirmed by a positive blood test. Treatment is mainly supportive care. Death occurs in about 25% of all confirmed cases. There are residual effects from the virus, including muscle atrophy, behavioral changes, gait abnormalities and vision problems. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!



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OVERVIEW OF EHV-1 MEETING Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Lecture Given By Dr. Wayne Browning – Bayhill Equine, Inc. at the Mounted Patrol Grounds in Woodside.

Summary written by Sarah Filice

Special Thanks to the Mounted Patrol for the use of their facilities for this important informative meeting!

Events around the outbreak in Montara/Moss Beach

1. Timeline

- March 6th:** 4 year old mare (Renegade Ranch) becomes febrile.
- March 11th:** 4 year old mare seen by Dr. Wayne Browning (Bayhill Equine) in the morning; mare unable to stand. Another horse in the same paddock was also showing signs of ataxia (uncoordinated movement). Both horses had labs drawn: nasal swabs and blood. Horses and lab work transported to UC Davis for preliminary diagnosis of EHV-1 (Equine Herpes Virus).
- March 12th:** Diagnosis of EHV-1 (Neurotropic Form) was confirmed on both horses; based on “positive” nasal swab, blood and spinal tap.
- March 15th:** Both horses at UC Davis were euthanized after failing to respond to treatment.

Two additional horses at Renegade Ranch become febrile and were subsequently tested – one of the horses tested “positive” and the other tested “negative”.

One of these horses (Renegade Ranch) had gone on a trail ride with a horse from Ember Ridge (a neighboring ranch) one day prior to presenting with a fever.

Additionally, a 29 year old mare was euthanized on another neighboring ranch (Moon Valley) after being unable to stand – lab tests were drawn on this mare and were confirmed “positive” for EHV-1.

A second horse at Moon Valley is also tested for EHV-1 after becoming febrile and is confirmed “positive” for EHV-1.

2. Number of Cases

5 confirmed (positive) cases of EHV-1 (Neurotropic Form) and 1 “likely” (possible) case.

3 horses euthanized (all horses confirmed “positive” for EHV-1)

3 horses receiving viral drug therapy (Valtrex or Valcyclovir)

3. Measures – Quarantine, Vaccine, Zylexis

Total of 3 ranches (Renegade Ranch, Moon Valley & Ember Ridge) are currently on “voluntary” quarantine based on recommendations from Bayhill Equine & UC Davis.

There is no known vaccine “labeled effective” for the “neurotropic form” of EHV-1. The “Rhino” vaccination is only “labeled effective” for EHV-1 (respiratory/abortive) and EHV-4.

Zylexis is an immune booster that may help horses who have been exposed.

EHV-1 : An Overview

The EHV-1 virus we are currently dealing with is a large, heavy virus. The virus is not readily transmissible by aerosol. It is thought that the virus can only travel 5-10 feet; instead of the 35-40 feet as previously thought.

At this time, there are two theories on how the virus was spread to the horse at Renegade Ranch. The first theory is that this is a “latent infection” resulting after stress. It was noted that no horse treated at UC Davis ever got the neurotropic form of EHV-1; even though many of these horses are under considerable stress – such as surgery, low white blood cell counts, etc... The second theory is that of a horse shedding the virus, but who is asymptomatic – a “Typhoid Mary”. Mules, llamas and alpacas may be asymptomatic shedders of the virus. A mule was boarded at Ember Ridge prior to the outbreak. This mule has since moved, but has been located and tested for viral shedding; the mule tested negative.

The virus affects the lining cells of the blood vessels. This causes hemorrhage and infarcts (blood clots), causing death to those cells of the brain and spinal cord. The incubation period is 1-12 days, but the average is 3-7 days. The most common sign is a fever of 101.5-102.5°F. There may be little or no nasal discharge. Neurological signs such as weakness, incoordination (ataxia), sitting like a dog on their hind end, difficulty urinating and tail weakness can also be present. There may also be small hemorrhages in the gums and puffy eyes from the blood vessel lining being damaged.

Overview of EHV-1 Meeting continued

Shedding of the virus through the nasal passages can begin one day prior to the horse presenting with a fever. The horse can shed the virus for up to 14 days past the last day of fever; but one horse was found to shed for 21 days. Horses shed the virus to other horses through direct nose-to-nose contact and the viral load, or degree of shedding, must be high or heavy. The virus does not survive long after leaving the horse's body; dying within a few minutes when exposed to direct sunlight, dry air, etc... The virus is not passed through urine or manure. If an article of clothing comes in direct contact with a horse that has "heavy" virus shedding, the virus is now thought to only survive up to two hours. The virus does not survive on the ground for any notable length of time. It was noted that the virus can not be spread by auto tires or wheelbarrows.

Identification of the Virus

The veterinarian will perform a nasal swab (1-7 days) and blood collection (7-21 days) and send it to a laboratory where an assay (Polymerase Chain Reaction or PCR) for neurological EHV-1 can be performed. At this time the most rapid testing is by PCR. The nasal swab PCR indicates active shedding of the virus and the PCR of blood (white blood cells) is to detect the virus in the blood; called viremia.

Gluck Equine Center in Kentucky and California Health and Food Safety Lab can differentiate between the neuropathogenic and non-neuropathogenic varieties of EHV-1. Lucy Whittier Core Molecular Diagnostic Lab at UC Davis doesn't have this capability at this time – you have to use clinical signs to differentiate.

There is one problem with the PCR test; you can get up to 25% false positives due to viral amplification for the test or from getting non-replicating (dead) cells. A second quantifying viral load test is important to identify horses that are non-contagious shedders; they have begun using this test at the Lucy Whittier Lab. Random testing is not indicated due to rate of false positives; such as picking up dead viral DNA or low numbers and then amplifying them.

Treatment

At this time, the best known treatment is anti-viral drug Valcyclovir (Valtrex). This medication reduces the viral load similarly as the drugs used for HIV. It is thought to decrease the amount and severity of viral shedding. The treatment is expensive; approximately \$2300 for seven days of treatment. There is a better success rate if the treatment is started early. Isolation or removal of sick horse, segregate exposed horses and quarantine property is crucial to stopping the spread of the virus.

Prevention**1. Vaccines**

No vaccine has been labeled approved for the neurotropic form of EHV-1.

Modified Live Vaccine (MLV) vs. Inactivated Vaccine

One study indicated that the modified live vaccine (MLV) may reduce the shedding load and duration.

Vaccinating at the time of an outbreak is contraindicated – could make matters worse.

2. Zylexis – Immunomodulator

May help horses exposed in an outbreak or under other stressful conditions such as showing, shipping, etc...

Short lived protection – only 14 to 28 days

Will not stop infection, but may reduce the chances of getting neurological signs.

A series of three shots – series costs around \$200

3. Biosecurity – Most Important

Easily inactivated with quaternary ammonium or 10% bleach solution

Hand washing and soap/water washing of equipment will minimize contamination

The virus is readily killed by sunlight

Do not handle other horses or allow your horse to have nose-to-nose contact with other horses; especially new horses.

Period of ranch quarantine will last for 21 days after the last horse determined to be infected no longer has a fever or symptoms; after that the ranch is considered clear. It has been found that it does not "flair up" or re-occur later. At this time, it is thought that all of the quarantines will be cleared in 30 days – one horse is still shedding the virus, but is physically improving.

Follow additional biosecurity measure recommendations at the USDA-Aphis website (www.aphis.usda.gov/) or from www.aaep.org (do a search for EHV-1).



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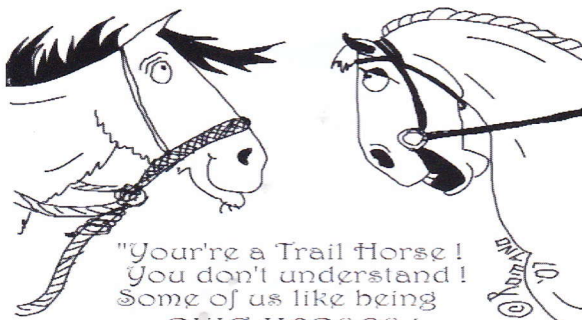
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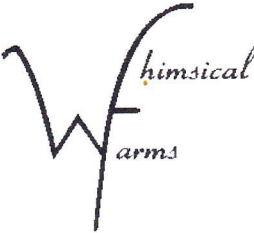


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**William (Bill) Lee Guinn,
Aug. 1, 1944 – Jan. 12, 2007**

By Norma Tucker

(Bill passed with a heart attack, no warning)

Bill was born in Los Banos Ca. his father was in the Marines and upon his return in 1946; he moved his family to Redwood City. When Bill was 10 he fell in love with horses. When he turned 11, he came up with the idea to his parents that if he could get a horse he could keep it in their garage. At that time they realized their best bet would be to move to horse property rather than try to explain to the city why a horse is tied in their garage. That's when the Guinn's moved to Wilmington Way in Redwood City. That's also where Bill got his first horse a mare named Chiquita and this is the horse people would see Bill riding everywhere, he was well known as the young man seen riding his horse thru Woodside without a saddle, bridle or halter. When he wanted his horse to turn left he would snap his fingers on the left side of the horse and on the right side to turn right. Bill would ride his horse up into Huddard Park get off and let his horse graze while he did his school homework. When finished, he called his horse over to him, hopped on and rode home.

The Guinn's then moved to Woodside where they still reside and Bill graduated from Woodside High School.

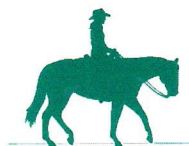
When Bill went into the Navy he now owned three horses Chiquita, her son Coco and Stormy.

Bill was a very active equestrian having belonged to many riding clubs. Before enlisting in the service in 1968, he was a member of the Los Altos Hunt Club earning his colors by the many hunts he rode on his beautiful mare Stormy. After returning home from the CB's, he rode Stormy on the 100 mile Tevis Cup having finish the Tevis under 24 hours and winning the Tevis Belt Buckle, he rode with the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, Happy Hoofers Riding Club, Los Viajeros Riding Club in which he held the office of Sergeant of Arms for several years and The Four More Mile Club which consisted of a group of close friends. Bill also had a horse and antique cart that he drove. Bill and his family (Guinn Masonry) donated their labor and masonry supplies for the restrooms, showers and fire pit at Jack Brook Horse Camp in San Mateo County.

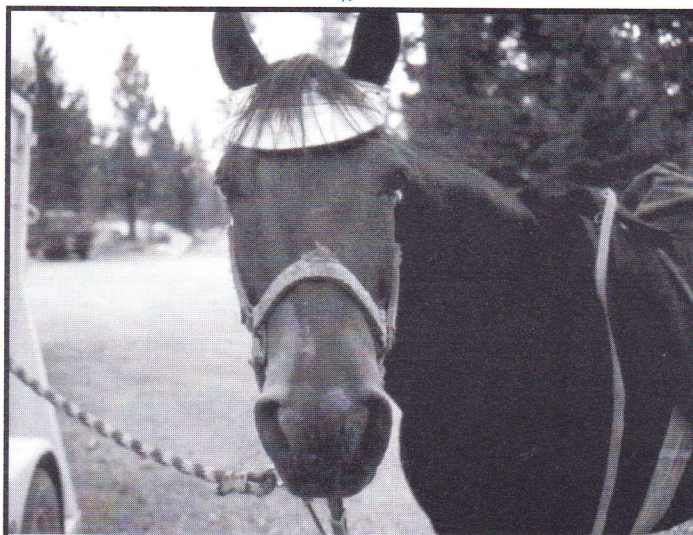
Bill loved his present horse Dee that is in her twenties and is lame, so he had not been able to ride lately.

Bill will not only be missed by his parents Oma Lee and James Guinn, brother and sister-in-law Wayne and Jan Guinn, but by nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends and fellow equestrians. .

Bill's ashes were buried at San Joaquin National Cemetery on Feb. 26, 2007 with a 21 gun salute. If you would like to make a donation, please make the donation in Bill's name to an animal rescue organization of your choice.



Our Condolences to Pat and Aggie Grady for the loss of their Miniature Stallion, Blazer.



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Our Condolences to Bruce Puckett and Chris Romano-Puckett on the loss of their horse, Snorty.

Latest Trails Up-date from ETRAC!

by Jen Basiji

Been out riding those equestrian friendly trails lately? If so, you know that slipping and sliding was the norm for a while. An experience my horse and I had on a relatively gentle [and innocent looking] down-slope, rendered him a furry, four legged-toboggan! His gear shift into equine four-wheel-drive wasn't working, so our "skid" marks were quite impressive!

Not all of our projects have been skidding along, but a few bits and pieces are worth mentioning. So....shifting into first gear.....I'll start with the already partially funded year-round trail in Huddart Park, which is still d-a-n-g-l-i-n-g. Faye Brophy has been in discussions with Don Pugh and our tireless trails advocate, Adda Quinn and they recommend hiring the California Conservation Corp. [at \$14.00 per hour] to get the job of rocking certain portions of the trail done. (Specifically along the Crystal Springs Trail after it crosses McGarvey Gulch, on up to Skyline Trail). ETRAC is awaiting Director Holland's response to [our] letter containing this suggestion.

Director Holland will actually be in the saddle on April 21st! Pescadero Park is the venue for participation in his informational trail ride. He will also enjoy a good look at the Jack Brooks Horse Camp during this VHP scheduled workday. Why? To bring Dave up to speed on exactly what VHP – and other horsemen - have been contributing in time and money to County Park funds. Ultimate goal? To encourage the installation of more [preferably inter-connecting] horse-camps from within Santa Clara County through San Mateo County and into San Francisco County. 20 miles apart sounds about right! What an awesome goal. I've already got my sleeping bag rolled up and ready to go! Anyone coming?

Still idling in San Mateo County Parks, the eagerly awaited Blue Ribbon Committee has not yet materialized to solve the Huddart/Wunderlich to Skyline trail use issue. ETRAC is very committed to getting this essential committee formed and is also eager to ensure that the horse community is included in ALL future pertinent meetings. We'll keep you posted. Horsewoman of the Year – Faye Brophy is on it!

We need second gear now to travel up to Skyline Blvd. ETRAC has proposed a land exchange to benefit a wide, multi-use trail connection 0.7 mile long, between Windy Hill OSP and Russian Ridge OSP. Landowners' involved are the Audubon Society and MROSD. This brainchild of Ernst Meissner, is a complicated project - and the long and fine details ought to be saved for another day. Suffice it to say

that if this trail ever comes to fruition, Audubon could have more optimized habitat for their preservation of native plants and animals, and the general public would have a safe and much needed inter-connection of two well-used trail systems. The possibilities just make you smile!

Third gear brings us to Ernst's recent trail action in Arastradero Preserve. Owned and managed by the City of Palo Alto, this 609 acre Preserve has been open for many years to the general public on a year-round basis - unlike the adjacent Foothill Park which has only been open to Palo Alto residents. All 10.2 miles of trails allow multi-use, equestrians representing a large percentage of users.

A recent policy change allows pedestrians (no horses or bikes yet) to enter Foothill Park at the south end of Arastradero Creek Trail regardless of residency. Unfortunately, in the process of change, a sign was erected along Arastradero Creek trail, near Woodrat trail prohibiting horses and bikers from using the last 0.6 mile of the trail. Bad news for those of us who rely on that nice, steep bit of trail to keep our horses fit during the muddy months when so many trails are un-ridable or closed. However, ETRAC enjoys a cooperative relationship with Greg Betts, Parks Director, City of Palo Alto, and after a few communications, the restriction has been lifted and we can, once more, ride the entire length of the trail.

Into fourth gear we go to discuss our General Meeting held March 7th. Ana Ruiz of MROSD attended and spoke about various projects:

- Stakeholder meetings have already taken place for the Driscoll Ranch/La Honda OSP master planning process. Horsemen, local residents and bikers have been included to date, and a draft plan is scheduled to be finished by the Fall.
- Trailer parking at El Corte de Madera is being addressed.
- Horse person, Kurt Raffle has joined the MROSD Board, serving the Los Altos/Mountain View area.
- The Bear Creek Stables (Sierra Azul) still need their site plan, and for the time being operate on a month-to-month lease.

Joyce and Faye will be busy attending some important related meetings in the coming weeks more details in the next article....

Our General Meeting also included a talk by Kerry and Rick De Benedetti on the important subject of the saving of the historical Folger Stable. ETRAC supports fundraising for this project and encourages all parent organizations to fundraise separately. Folger Stable is situated within the much-loved

equestrian trails of Wunderlich Park, and needs financial help to be restored appropriately. If you can offer some grant-writing skills or ideas about additional avenues to bring in money, please contact the De Benedetti's at 650 851 9360.

Overdrive brings us up to Rancho Corral de Tierra, situated between Montara and Half Moon Bay. An official transfer of these lands to GGNRA is imminent. ETRAC is pleased to welcome Lyndie Martinson as Project Manager for this and all other coastal issues. Welcome Lyndie, and thank you!

Shifting down to those projects that keep on "incubating": The Huddart-Wunderlich Master Plan: The Stanford S1 and C1 trail possibilities. Let's assume no news is good news. ETRAC's next article may have more to say on these two projects.

Time to apply the brake and wrap up this issue. ETRAC meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month, and if you want to know where we are meeting next month, give - Carole Bridgeman - [ETRAC's hard-working Secretary] a call at 650 593 2134. If you would like project details, here's how:

www.etrac.melinameissner.com

Or call Chairperson, Joyce Halpin, 650 747 0209 or co-chair Faye Brophy, 650 365 4492.

And don't forget those terrific maps Ernst initiated of all currently active projects. Viewable on the website, and gorgeous! In the meantime, I hope to bump into you while out there enjoying our many and exceptional trail systems. We are truly fortunate.

JenB

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DISAPPEARING PUBLIC TRAILS AND EQUESTRIAN USE RIGHTS

by Jennifer J. Hagan, Esq.

The clock is ticking and equestrians are in danger of losing long held trail rights. Every day in California sees the erosion of the public's ability to use trails for recreational purposes. One of the reasons is because California does not have a Recreational Use Liability Act like other states that encourage private landowners to make open spaces available to hikers, bikers, and equestrians. In the Bay Area, the main reason is that precious little rural land remains. We are now a society of fences and "No trespassing" signs due to landowner concerns for privacy and exposure to liability.

Recently, there was a Woodside Town Hall meeting convened to discuss what protective measures, if any, the Town of Woodside could take to protect the equestrian user rights of a trail long used by horses located between Fox Hollow and Why Worry Road. A residential land owner has indicated that he will not agree to dedicate a trail easement across his driveway for equestrian use. Therefore, the Town was considering a lot line adjustment to secure rights to the trail for the public benefit. While the land owner has stated that he will not close the trail and will allow use by permission, this situation does not secure any public use rights for equestrians in the future because permission may always be revoked.

As an example of how bad a permissive use situation can get, the case of the Barnabe Mountain Fire Road (the "Dickson Trail") is instructive. For over two years, the County of Marin has been battling with property owners David Mease and Catherine Salah over a public trail connection on the Dickson Ridge in Nicasio. The Barnabe Mountain Fire Road has been in use by public hikers, bikers and equestrians for over 50 years and is the crucial connection of the continuous 40 miles of public trails that run through Samuel Taylor Park, and Point Reyes National Seashore all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Although the fire trail is shown on the County Trails Map as a "proposed" trail, Mease and Salah bought their 39 acre property on the ridge line in 1999 intending to build a winery and dream house. A 2000 foot section of the Dickson Trail run across the Mease/Salah private acreage. Mease and Salah didn't like the public tramping through their property and immediately posted "No Trespassing" signs, and erected a chain across their driveway barring equestrians from access to the fire road. This led to numerous confrontations with equestrian users who were

shocked to discover that they were cut off from trail access. Mease and Salah then applied to the County for a variance so they could build their house on top of the ridge so it would be afforded a majestic view.

Environmental groups and trail advocates attended many Marin County hearings en masse and objected to the requested variance and demanded that Mease and Salah reopen access to the fire road. The Mease/Salah stretch of the fire road is the only piece of the trail that has not already been dedicated for public access through an easement. But, Mease and Salah refused, and they publicly stated that they will not ever grant or dedicate a public easement on the fire trail. (You may read about the dispute at "www.SaveDixonTrail.com").

For two years, the County of Marin has refused to grant the permit to build their house unless Mease/Salah agreed to dedicate a 20 foot wide multi-use public trail easement. Mease and Salah have threatened a lawsuit for a public taking. They have argued that the County doesn't have the right to force them to dedicate a public easement.

In mid 2006, the Historic Ways Conservancy, a non-profit group in Marin County, brought a lawsuit against Mease and Salah arguing that that the public had acquired the right to use the fire road for recreational purposes by virtue of its long standing, continuous and adverse use against the property owners under the doctrine of implied dedication set forth in Civil Code Section 1007. That case is currently making its way through the court system.

Alternatively, the County of Marin explored costly plans to build a bypass connection to the fire trail, but the plan was scrapped because it passed through steep terrain and was unsuitable for the public.

In early March, 2007, Mease and Salah agreed with the County to allow the public to use the fire trail by permission only. This permissive use may be rescinded or restricted at any time on an capricious basis, and indeed, Mease and Salah allow hikers to freely pass on the road but frequently bar equestrians.

Such disputes are cropping up with increased frequency throughout California as property owners build homes in areas that were once open space or very rural. Hundreds of dirt trails historically used by the public are now crossing through land which is private property. Private property owners are knowingly buying land with long term existing trails on them and closing them off to public use, especially equestrian use, in order to create their own oasis. While counties and cities work to obtain easements through negotiation, very often, they are unsuccessful and

are forced in some cases to abandon trails or build bypasses to connect public trails bisected by private land. That is exactly the case now facing the County and SCHMA in Woodside.

THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO USE PRIVATE LAND

The ways for the public to take back its trails are extremely limited and may be costly. In California, the public may acquire a right to use private land without the owners' consent only on an implied dedication theory. (See *People v. Sayig*, 101 Cal. App. 2d 890 (1951)). To be clear, a public easement over private land can never be established by prescription, but only by dedication. A dedication is implied by law when the public use of a trail is (1) adverse to the property owner, (2) continuous for a period of at least five years, and (3) the use must have occurred before 1972. An "implied dedication" can be defeated by the property owner taking requisite steps to interfere with the public use.

American courts have freely applied the doctrine of implied dedication in order to establish streets, parks, squares, commons, road, and trails subject to public use.

In the landmark case of *Gion v. City of Santa Cruz*, 2 Cal. 3d 29 (1970), the California Supreme Court reaffirmed the doctrine of implied dedication to find that a public easement for recreational use and access had been created on two shoreline properties. In that case, the Court held that the public could prove "adverse use" by demonstrating that "persons used the property believing that the public had the right to such use."

Because it could be demonstrated that people used the land as a recreation area as the public would have used public recreational land, the Court determined that the public had acquired a dedication of that land by right. The matter of significance was that the public used the land when they wished to do so and as they wished.

When a road or trail is involved, litigants must show that the road/trail was used as if it were a public road/trail. Therefore, if a trail has been used openly by the public on a continuous basis prior to 1972, then a public easement may be declared by a court granting future rights to use the trail over private property rights.

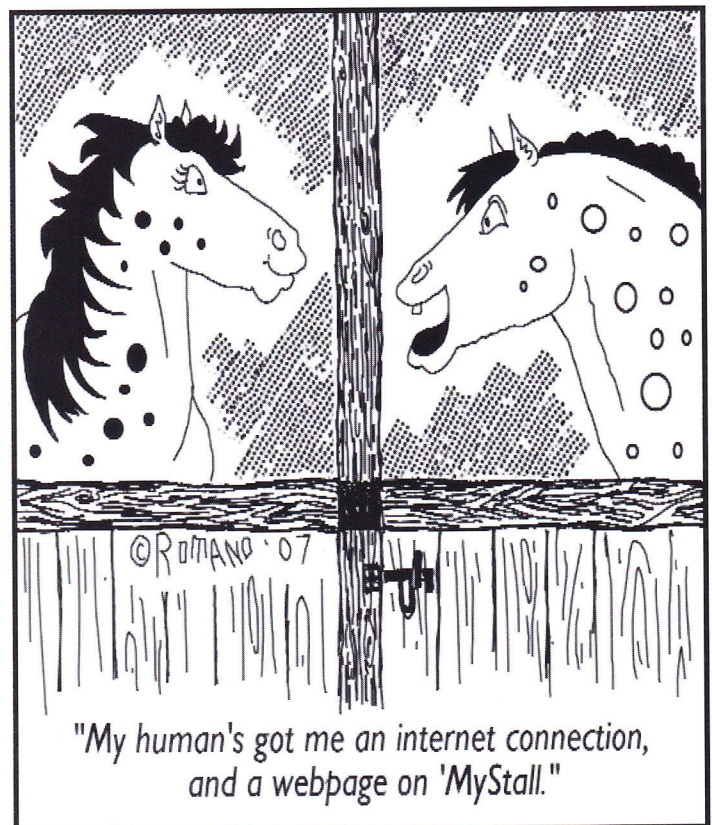
An important aspect of the doctrine of implied dedication is that subsequent efforts by a property owner to reclaim land previously used by the public cannot defeat the dedication. Thus, once the public is able to prove that it used the property adversely and continuously for a period

of five years before 1972, nothing that a property owner does afterwards to revoke the dedication can strip the public of its rights. "The rights of the public, once acquired, can not be defeated by later acts or omissions of the owners." *Smith v. Krantz*, 201 Cal. App. 2d 696 (1962).

THE URGENCY OF ESTABLISHING PUBLIC TRAIL RIGHTS

There is an urgency regarding the establishment of public trail rights by implied dedication. The danger of failing to act quickly will result in the public's loss of significant rights forever. Due to Civil Code Section 1009, implied dedications must be proved for the time period prior to 1972. The California statute bars any public dedication of private land after 1972. Thus, the witnesses and evidence required to prove a public dedication of land are getting older every day, and indeed, disappearing.

Environmental, trails and equestrian groups who wish to preserve the public's right to use private land for recreational purposes must take legal action to vindicate the public rights now, or in the alternative, create historical archives of witness declarations, photos, and maps in order to protect the public's ability to prove its rights in the future. California's rural areas are quickly disappearing, and with them, the public's ability to use long cherished trails.



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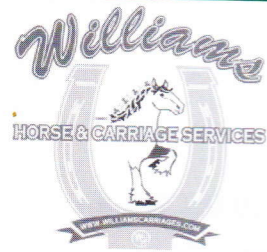
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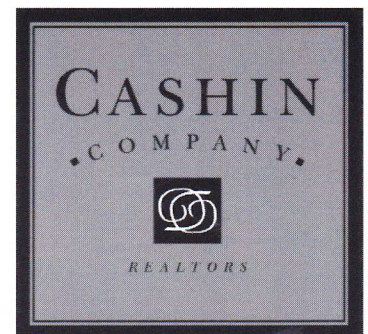
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LOCAL EQUESTRIAN GROUPS "PONY UP" TO SUPPORT THE FOLGER ESTATE STABLE PROJECT

by Susan Green and Donna Poy

Local equestrian groups are joining the effort to support our horse heritage by contributing to the renovation of the historic Folger Stable. WHOA! (Woodside-area Horse Owners Association) was started in 2000 and has had a renaissance through the work of Donna Poy and Fentress Hall who spearheaded 2 very successful Day of the Horse events. At a well attended WHOA event on March 25th at Independence Hall in Woodside, the Folger Estate Stable Project was presented with a very generous donation of \$17,000, representing a portion of the proceeds from Day of the Horse, 2006. Also honored at that event were "all time winningest jockey" Woodsider Russell Baze, and Rosalind ("Rosie") Ross, vaulting silver medalist of the World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. For more information, visit WHOA at www.whoa94062.org, or email whoa94062@sbcglobal.net.

The Woodside Trail Club was formed in 1923 by a group of women dedicated to preserving and expanding the community's system of riding trails: Mrs. William Duncan, Mrs. Lawrence Harris, Mrs. Daniel Jackling, Marjorie Josselyn, Mrs. Nathaniel Messer, Elsa Schilling, and Mrs. Selah Chamberlain. For trivia buffs, it's interesting to note that Mrs. Selah Chamberlain's house was designed by Arthur Brown, Jr., the same architect who designed the Folger



Mr & Mrs Russell Baze and Becky Witter

Stable. We owe these women our gratitude as we continue working to preserve these same trails. In spite of enormous changes in our community both the Trail Club and the Folger Stable have endured to represent our horse heritage and legacy. The Woodside Trail Club Board of Directors has generously pledged \$10,000 from the Trail Club to the Folger Project if its members make donations to match that amount. For more information, contact Rick DeBenedetti at 650-851-9360 or email rdeben@sbcglobal.net.

Carol and Stan Goodstein from Springdown in Portola Valley have made a substantial personal donation to the project and plan to host an anniversary and silent auction event over Labor Day giving the proceeds to the Folger Project. Other equestrian groups are considering various ways to support the Project. The Folger Stable Committee is enormously appreciative of all these efforts.

Why should we as equestrians support the effort to renovate the Folger Stable and increase public access to this 100 year old historic site? There are several important reasons:

The Folger Stable is unique as there is no other equestrian facility on public land in San Mateo County and as a public facility is not subject to closure as are private and commercial stables. At the whim of ownership changes and loss/change of lease many other equestrian facilities are vulnerable; i.e. The Woodside Horse Park, Portola Farms, Portola Valley Training Center, Webb Ranch, Isola Stables, Portola Pastures, Rancho Viejo, among others, are all on Stanford leased land. In the past 5 years, boarding space in commercial barns has disappeared. At Charter Oak, 60+ horses; at Four Winds Farms, 35 horses; and Piers Ranch 150+ horses. Boarding space in private barns is also disappearing.



WHO group leaders Donna Poy and Fentress Hall (right), co-organizers of Day of the Horse, present a \$17,000 check to support the Folger Stable Project to Jill Daly and Susan Lang, Co-Chairs of the Folger Stable Committee.



Joe Egenes and Rosie Ross

The presence of horses in Wunderlich Park helps to keep the park and trails equestrian friendly. The Folger Stable offers accessibility to trails without conflict with vehicular or bicycle traffic. In addition, many other key trail systems and parks can be accessed from this facility.

Public access will perpetuate continued interest in equestrian activity. With the number of horses in our community declining, planned

children's programming such as "Meet the Horse" will spark an interest and vitality in a new generation of riders. The Jan. 3, 2003 edition of the San Jose Mercury reported that in 1993 there were 1,245 officially registered horses in Woodside. As of today, that number stands at 717. The number of horses in Portola Valley is also declining.

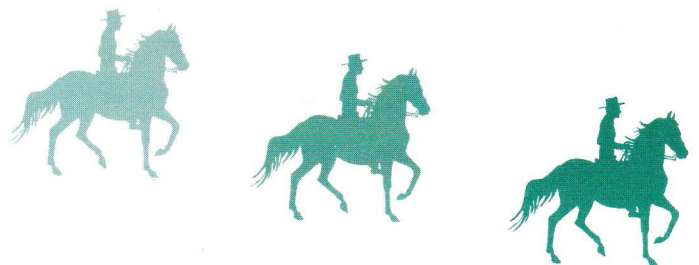
The plan for public programs at this facility will allow adults and children to share in the understanding of the important equestrian heritage present in this community. Programming will include historical and architectural tours for adults and children. The San Mateo County Historical Society will develop educational programs for children and also provide a rotating exhibition of carriages from the collection of Mrs. William P. Roth, which will be housed in the original carriage room of the stable.

This is a one-time opportunity to save this equestrian treasure! The Folger Stable is now listed on the National Registry as a Historic District. The county is clear that there are no funds to renovate this stable and has declared that it will be destined for "demolition by neglect." Six years of effort by the Folger Estate Stable Project Committee has allowed this privately funded, public partnership to materialize and now requests your financial help. Other charities will always be there. This project will not. Please help us ensure that the Folger Stable remain as a symbol of both our equestrian past and our future.

The total cost of this project is \$5.2 million. \$3.3 million will go to renovating the main stable building, of which \$2.4 million has already been raised. \$900,000 will be used for facility upgrades (grading, arena improvements, ancillary building repairs), \$500,000 of which has been pledged by the County of San Mateo in the form of in-kind services, and \$1 million will go to an endowment for

ongoing maintenance and program operations, of which \$150,000 has already been raised.

The Folger Estate Stable Committee is very grateful for the contributions that these local equestrian groups have recently given. If you would like to become involved, either by giving an event or contributing individually, please call Anne Wellner deVeer, Development Director, at the office of the Friends of Huddart & Wunderlich Parks at (650) 851-2660. Checks to support the project may be made out to Folger Stable Project and sent to the Friends of Huddart & Wunderlich Parks, P.O. Box 620767, Woodside, CA. 94062.



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If you are interested and would like more information, please contact
Kathy Goddard, Senior Color Guard, kgoddard2001@yahoo.com

or

Cindy Machado, Junior Color Guard, iengrave@aol.com



2007 Calendar of Events

Tentative

January

- 11 Board Meeting
- 27 Kick-Off Gala & Installation Dinner

February

- 8 Board Meeting
- 15 General Meeting

March

- 4 Los Viajeros: Ride
- 8 Board Meeting

April

- 1 Los Viajeros: Ride
- 6-14 Grand National Rodeo
- 7 Horsemen's Night at the Grand Nat'l Rodeo
- 12 Board Meeting
- 20 Friday Nite at the Races (Bay Meadows)
- 21 Jack Brook Clean-Up Day
- 29 SMCHA Spring Ride

May

- 5 Woodside May Day Parade
- 5-6 Los Viajeros: Overnight Ride
- 10 Board Meeting
- 12 Clarkia Trail Clean-up Day
- 17 Western Riding Clinic
- 20 Western Schooling Show & Play-Day (Webb Ranch)
- 24 Western Riding Clinic
- 31 Western Riding Clinic

June

- 2-3 Woodside Gaited Horse Show (The Horse Park)
- 3 Los Viajeros: Ride
- 7 Western Riding Clinic
- 8-10 Horse Expo - Sacramento
- 9 Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Day
- 12-17 Reining by the Bay (The Horse Park)
- 13 Board Meeting
- 14 Western Riding Clinic
- 21-24 Los Viajeros: 4 Day Ride
- 21 Western Riding Clinic
- 28 Western Riding Clinic

July

- 3 Mt. Patrol: Rodeo Dinner & Dance
- 4 Mt. Patrol: Junior Rodeo
- 4th of July Parades: Redwood City & Half Moon Bay
- 7 NCEFT Poker Ride-a-thon
- 8 Los Viajeros: Ride
- 11 Board Meeting
- 12 Western Riding Clinic
- 14 Western Riding Clinic Show & Dinner
- 20-22 Jack Brook Horse Camp Weekend

August

- 5 English Schooling Show (Webb Ranch)
- 9 Board Meeting
- 19 Nor-Cal Open English/Western Show (The Horse Park @ Woodside)

September

- 1-3 Los Viajeros: Overnight Ride
- 8 Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Day
- 13 Board Meeting
- 20 General Meeting
- 20-23 Grass Valley Draft Horse Classic

October

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Woodside's Day of the Horse
- 21 SMCHA Presidents' Ride

November

- 4 Los Viajeros: Progressive Ride
- 8 Board Meeting
- 29 General Meeting - Elections

December

- 7 Board of Director's Dinner
- 16 Holiday Barn Party

January

- 10 Board Meeting
- 26 Kick-Off Gala & Installation Dinner

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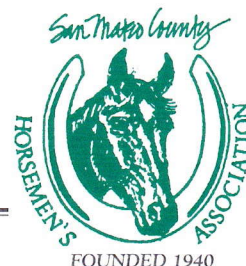
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