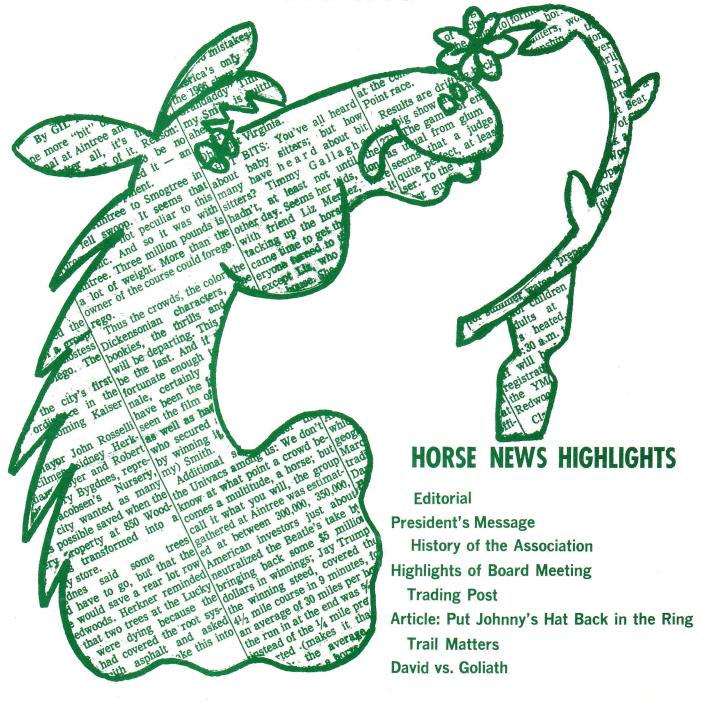
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#### TWO LITTLE LETTERS

You can't operate without 'co'. It's those two little letters in front of an operation that makes the team. We of the staff are not unmindful of the honor bestowed upon us, yet at the risk of seeming ungrateful, we need more instruments in this two man band. Especially drums. An organization needs drummers. 600 of them, to be exact.

Now it's all very well to keep the organization confidential, to mufle the beat, bask in anonymity, or whatever; but we're never going to represent horsemen until we convince them that joining the organization is a must. One way to convince them is to publish a magazine that will furnish a need. In order to do so, it must be of general as well as specific interest.

There should be something on how to recognize and treat colic, as an example, or how to keep horses from chewing fences (feed them) along with the cute stuff of how Susie fell off her horse, or advance notice of the trail ride to the Top O' the Mark.

It has been our observation that there are as many writers as there are riders in the organization, so why not try your hand at a timely article? We would be happy to arrange for pictures.

OF ADVERTISING. The better the magazine (appeal) the greater the circulation (membership) the greater the circulation, the more advertisers. We understand that the sound of money is abhorent and smacks of commercialism. Strange how these lofty ideals melt when

it comes time to pick up the check. At least let's try to have a mag that will stand on its own two feet, instead of the feet of the members. Soliciting ads should be no problem. At the outset, as an experiment, we picked up the horn one evening and made two calls. Result: two ads. The only thing that gave us pause was this: Two more ads to process, more legwork, less time to devote to the magazine itself. In other words, its not enough to have a man say: 'Sure I'll take an ad', then merely relay the glad tidings to the staff. As long as this is a cooperative effort, it's follow through that counts. Get the copy, with any mats or cuts available. Then deliver the package to the staff.



#### STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

The "year of the horse" is truly off and running. At least if the turnout for our first meeting is an indication of things to come we may look forward to an active year indeed. In spite of conflicting meetings, members laid low by the "flu-bug" and remonstrances by authorities on the subject to "avoid public gatherings," over 150 members and guests came to our new meeting place to witness another outstanding presentation by our local Veterinarians.

I am sure that in spite of the fact that we are all experts in the field of veterinary medicine and practice, that each of us learned much that will be of future value in the care and well being of our horses. It's not that we don't know the answers to the many questions put to the Vets' Panel, it's just necessary that we be reminded occasionally. Seriously, it is too bad that our entire membership of over 700 could not attend and take advantage of the opportunity to learn so much about this most important subject. We are fortunate indeed just to have these outstanding men in our midst and secondly, to find them so willing to share their knowledge with us.

Speaking of membership, renewals are coming in at an unprecedented rate and what is more important, new members are joining daily. New people with fresh enthusiasms and new talents are what make and organization grow and become successful. Let's all push toward this goal and help your Membership Committee by getting new members. Remember, this is to not only build our Association but to bring the advantages and fellowship of the Association to your friends.

Another top program is in store for our March general meeting. Details may be found elsewhere in the magazine.

YOUR committees are all hard at work on plans for coming activities; Managers for all Horse Shows have accepted their positions and are already well along with arrangements. Judges and Stewards have been chosen and have accepted. Chairmen of the many areas of concern attendant to the complex business of carrying off a successful show are now organizing details and will be asking for support — both moral and physical. Your participation is solicited and is essential to the success of these activities that generate the funds that keep our Association solvent. If you have particular desires to participate in any specific function, please contact the Show Chairman who will make your wishes known to the proper chairmen. Managers and show dates may be found in the Master Calendar. Don't wait for us to call you — Call us! And help make everyone's job easier and more gratifying.

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#### **SMCHA INFANCY AND FIRST STEPS**

The San Mateo County Horsemen's Association was now officially born as of February 1940 with the first meeting held in the City Hall of San Mateo and having a membership of 25 persons all keenly interested in horses and furthering horse activities for the community. As is usual for any organization so newly created, it is inspired to "try its wings." Everyone wanted to "get on the trail," to try new activities, to have parties and fun and most of all to be identified as belonging to SMCHA.

The first Trail Ride and Barbecue started from the Old Homestead Stables, San Mateo, trailing through Spring Valley Lake properties, thence back to the Crystal Springs Stables, where Sal Casillas served a very delicious barbecue. This is a tradition we have truly followed almost to the letter during the last 20 years, so what a nice tradition to have started.

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# J. C. ALDIGE, JR. PRESIDENT SCHA 1966

Bud, a 5th generation Californian, was born in Los Angeles, raised in Northern and Southern California, Washington, Oregon, and Louisiana. At present he resides in Woodside with his wife Polly and daughter Julianne.

Bud moved to Northern California after World War II, founded his own electronics business. Later he joined Applied Electronics Co. as Executive Vice President. After the purchase of this company by Raytheon, he continued on in administrative capacities, including Industrial and Public Relations, Facilities Planning and Management, and Value Engineering.

To say that his career was "checkered" would be correct. As a high school student he mucked stalls at a riding academy in order to earn riding and polo playing privileges. As a Marine, he was assigned to the Mounted Patrol in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and conducted the management of the stables and riding school.

In his twenties he worked as a movie extra and "double", playing with impartiality either cowboy or Indian, (sometimes both in the same day.)

Before the War, during which he served in the Field Artillery, he attended UCLA, and became a Production Planning Engineer in the aircraft hydraulics field.

After living in El Cerrito, where he served for 7 years on the City Planning Commission; Bud's innate yearning for horses overcame him and he moved to Woodside. He was Secretary, and is now a Director of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, as well as serving on the County Hiking and Riding Trails Committee. In his present capacities his background has been singularly helpful in developing communication and telephone systems, and public address facilities for horse shows held at the Mounted Patrol Grounds.

#### MANY THANKS

To Lou Davis for the excellent line darwings that appear throughout the pages of the *San Mateo Horseman*. We hope you feel as we do that they brighten things up. Anybody else with talent? We're scouting, especially in the photography line.

## VIRGINIA McCARTY SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Virginia, also a Cal Bred, was born, raised, and schooled in San Francisco. She moved to the Peninsula 13 years ago, has one child, a son.

She joined the SMCHA in 1951 and has held various offices in the organization over the years. A true horse enthusiast, she has belonged to the San Francisco Horsemen's Association, the Colma Rangers, and the El Camino Club when it was a San Francisco Parade group. For 3 years she was, together with her husband, a junior advisor for the latter group.

At a time when the San Mateo County Horseman's magazine had to be all typed by hand and mimeographed, Virginia happened to be the 'lucky' editor.

Meanwhile, she found time to work for Olsen-Nolte for a 15 year period.

She is presently Secretary-Treasurer of Los Viajeros, and this will be the 4th year that she has been Horse Show Secretary for SMCHA.



#### SICK AND WOUNDED LIST

Our Hospitality Committee co-chaired by Dottie Harper and Polly Aldigé, has agreed to take on another ractivity. For lack of a better name we have borrowed a title used so aptly by the good old Army. However, we will deviate from Army format by eliminating the distinction as to whether casualties were received in "Line of Duty" or just in the course of having fun. We wouldn't want to embarrass anyone!

The purpose is to let the membership know about those who are under the weather and to let the "casualties" know we care.

The Association will send cards, and we know that friends will wish to do the same or call on them to render whatever help might be needed. In this connection, your Committee wishes to be informed whenever you know of an illness or accident. You may call Polly at 851-0442 or Dottie at 591-1706.

The thought has occurred that in some instances a member family might be able to use help such as caring for animals, etc. in times of emergency. It will be appreciated if those willing to help in such situations would send their names and phone numbers to either of the above mentioned committee members so that they can be registered by area to be called upon to assist a neighbor when and if such an occasion should arise.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY BASIL A. WILLETT, JR. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Bas, together with wife Soddie, and son Kevin, are all native Californians, and live in Redwood City. Bas is a teacher and vice principal of the Woodside Elementary School.

He was an avid exhibitor at one time, however, son Kevin, is now doing the exhibiting for the family, having shown in lead line classes for the past two years. For the past fourteen years Bas has been actively engaged in ringmaster, judge, and manager for various local shows. For the last six years he has been a recognized AHSA Steward.

During 1966 he will not only have his responsibilities with the SMCHA, but will be Horsemastership Chairman of Region 6 for the C.S.H.A.

More than this he won't admit to.



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#### **ACTIVITIES—SPRING RIDE—1966**

Our first Association activity will be the best Spring Ride ever. The committee, chaired by Buck Weaver, has planned a ride designed to please everyone. Details will be announced in a letter to the membership at a later date which will also serve as a reminder to send in your reservations in order that food requirements may be adequately planned and provided.

Two routes will be planned: One for the hardy souls who want a long ride and another shorter one for those who have mounts that are not yet quite conditioned. (We know the riders can take anything but we must consider the horses who might not have had sufficient riding during the winter months. *Their* hind quarters must be considered!) Either way, we will all meet for lunch at the same time and place.

Let's get behind our hardworking committee, meet our new members and join in the fun. Mark your calendars for SUNDAY, APRIL SEVENTEENTH—you'll be glad you did.

#### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

7:45 P.M. Wednesday, March 30th at the Woodside Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

So "Dressage" is for the Olympics, for the flat saddle boys and girls, or "for the birds." These are the three common answers when you ask the question, "What is Dressage?"

None of the foregoing answers are correct, podner, because whenever you throw your leg over a horse, be it an English saddle, Western saddle, McClellan or even a saddle on a camel, the ancient art of Dressage is employed. You gotta use dressage even if you wish to pose you and the horse for a statue.

Dressage is the avenue through which your mount receives every command by which it is motivated.

Al Cryer and Creed Haberlin have succeeded in arranging still another meaningful program for us. An outstanding and well known horseman will be on hand to make us all better informed.

Red Lott, the operator of the Fremont Hills Stables, will be our guest speaker.

Discussion will cover bitting, and various types of bits for the horse. Reining, cueing and leg signals will also be covered in what promises to be a very interesting talk.

Mr. Lott is well known in the San Mateo and Los Altos area and will be remembered by many of the members for the wonderful display of horsemanship and western dressage at the Horsemen's Clinic which was held at the Patrol Grounds last year.

Mr. Lott is now President of Chapter 4, Professional Horsemen's Association and Vice-President of the Pacific Coast Hunter and Jumper and Stock Horse Association. He is very active as a judge and ring steward of many of the West Coast horse shows.

He has earned a very respected reputation as an instructor of western equitation and also in the top western classes as an exhibitor of both stock horse and trail horse classes.

He has been located at the Fremont Hills Stables for the past several years and prior to that time was in the Sacramento area for 14 years. Before moving to Sacramento he spent a good deal of time in Southern California and operated some well-known stables there.

We can all learn much from Red's experience—so take advantage of this rare opportunity and join us at our new meeting place, West of Canada Road in the village of Woodside.

Response to your renewal notice will be appreciated!!

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#### **DAVID VERSUS GOLIATH**

A. P. COLADARCI

Your president has asked me to comment briefly on the current status of the disagreement between the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association and the California State Horsemen's Association. This is a modern version of the biblical battle between the small lad and the big giant. The essential difference, however, lies in the fact that, whereas David won handily, we have lost the first two rounds.

Until 1965, CSHA provided a graduated dues structure for member clubs. Under that structure, a club of our size paid the largest assessment—amounting to a little more than \$200 per year. Because the State Association was in need of more income, the dues structure was changed in February 1965 (retroactivity) to a flat two dollars per senior member. Although we had already paid our 1965 dues (under the old structure) we agreed to help the State Association by coughing up the extra \$800 for 1965). At the February

Convention, however, we fought the increase in dues, arguing for a reasonable maximum dues for the large clubs instead of the straight two dollars per member. We lost—despite the dedicated and experienced efforts of our Delegate, George Dean.

This year, at the February Convention, we offered a Resolution in favor of a dues structure of \$2.00 per member up to a maximum of 250 members. Again, we lost. Our SMCHA Board voted unanimously that we would not retain membership in CSHA unless such a Resolution was adopted. Therefore, we are not now members of CSHA.

Our position is, in our view, both simple and honorable. We wish our SMCHA to include *all* the people in this County who have interest in the cause of horsemen. We feel that this purpose can be accomplished only with a low dues structure. However, most of the Clubs and Associations in California are very small (less than 50 members) and apparently

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wish to remain so. These small clubs, sometimes with dues of more than \$35.00 per member, do not understand our position. Since they are in the clear majority, we are on the losing end of the argument.

The President of CSHA has appointed a committee to study the status of the problem and to come up with an answer satisfactory to both small and large clubs. This committee is now working; we will cross our fingers and hold our breath until they report in November.

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# JUNIOR ROUNDUP

#### JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March signals the start of the horse show season, at least for the S.M.C.H.A.

—Mounted Patrol joint Schooling Show at the Mounted Patrol Grounds on Sunday, March 20.

The first Schooling Show to be put on by the SMCHA was held last year at the same place. The purpose of this early show is to give people a chance to get ready for the Junior Cow Palace (April 2-7) and the other shows that follow.

Our organization and its members, even if they don't wish to show, also benefit greatly. The members gain valuable experience for other shows held later in the year.

Juniors will be needed in the ring and ground crews, at the post entry desk and possibly in the announcer's stand. You may remember the great success that we made of last year's Schooling Show, in both turnout and enthusiasm. I hope that we will all be willing to work and those who demonstrate the greatest enthusiasm and ability at the Schooling Shows will receive the higher and more responsible jobs at the bigger shows later in the year. This is your chance to get ahead! (All those interested in working at the second Schooling Show to be held on May 1st and/or the Work Day necessary to prepare for it, April 30th, please call Eric Davis at 851-7416). Sorry that we couldn't get this pitch for help to press in time for the first Schooling Show, (our apologies, Manager Howie Sonnicksen) so let's get twice as many out to help Manager Art Coladarci with the second one.

Please respond to your renewal notice!!

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The next meeting will be on March 30th at 7:45 p.m. We will meet in the Social Hall at the Woodside Village Church for our business meeting and then adjourn across the street to the Woodside Elementary School Multi-purpose room for the program, followed by refreshments. Be there!

#### JUNIOR HOOFBEATS

The first Junior meeting of the year was held February 23 at the Woodside Village Church. President Eric Davis announced the following dates for horsemen activities.

March 12-13—Work Day for Schooling Show

March 15—Horsemastership meeting

March 20—Schooling Show; Howard Sonnicksen, Chairman

March 30—General Meeting

April 30—Work Day, Second Schooling Show

May 1—Second Schooling Show

June 11-12—Junior Overnite Ride— Eric Davis, Chairman

July 12—1st Junior Playday — Angie Kunzelmann July 22, 23, 24—Junior Horse Show— Noel Gallagher

The first Junior Playday is going to be held at the Zwierlein Ring in Huddart Park. It will be fun for all especially the dinner and dance afterwards.

#### HORSEMASTERSHIP:

When—March 15, 1966—First Meeting

Where—Mickey Burks

Who-Instructor-Mickey Burks

Students—Any Junior member interested in participating in the State Horsemastership competition.

Why—So the winners from Region 6 are all from the S.M.C.J.H.A.

If you did not get to the March 15th meeting and are interested call Mickey Burks for information at 851-0118. It's not too late to join the group.

On February 11 the Junior Horse Show Committee met at Mr. Willett's house to discuss committee chairmen. The following were selected.

Announcer: Dr. Coladarci, Eric Davis Manager: Noel Gallagher, Mr. Willett Secretary: Mary Reese, Linda Gibbson Ring Masters: Peter Primiani, Mike Romelfanger

Ring Crew: Chairman Carey Nelson Donations: Linda Gibbson

Food Shack: Ellen Smith

Contributions are needed for ribbons and trophies. Please call Linda Gibbson, 366-0622.

Volunteers are needed for Ring Crew; please call Carey Nelson, 851-5338, and Food Shack workers; please call Ellen Smith, 591-1138.

The following Horse Show Classes were added to the Junior Show List:

Tennessee Walking Horses

Tennessee Walking Horse Equitation

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Hunter Hack 13 and under

Lead Line 5 and under

The famous State Champion Drill Team, the Eden Colts will perform Sun., July 24, in the Junior Horse Show.

The Junior Horse Show will be approximately the same except due to the large classes, ribbons will be to eighth place.

The next Junior meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30 at the Village Church in Woodside, please attend.

# THESE TO REMEMBER

#### 1966 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### APRIL

2-Sat. to Junior Grand National-

7-Thurs. Cow Palace

3-Sun. Los Viajeros Half Moon Bay

Ride

Mounted Patrol Invitational 9-Sat.

Ride

10-Sun. Mounted Patrol Invitation

Easter Brunch

16-Sat. Children's Home Society "Bugle Blow" Dinner Dance

17-SUN. SMCHA SPRING RIDE

23-Sat. Mounted Patrol Men's Over-

24-Sun. night Ride

24-Sun. Pony Club, Blue Hills, San

Jose Show

27-WED. SMCHA GENERAL MEETING

Woodside Elementary School 30-Sat.

May Day Parade

30-SAT. SMCHA-MP WORK DAY AT

MOUNTED PATROL GROUNDS

#### MAY

1-SUN. SMCHA-MP SCHOOLING

SHOW No. 2

1-Sun. Los Viajeros Water Co. Ride

SMCHA-MP SCHOOLING 7—SAT.

SHOW No. 2, RAIN DATE

7—SAT. Santa Barbara Ranchero

14-Sat. Ride

8-Sun. Los Altos Hunt "Day in the

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11-WED. SMCHA DIRECTORS MEETING 14—Sat. Mounted Patrol Work Days at

15-Sun. Patrol Grounds

21-Sat. Mounted Patrol Horse Show 22-Sun.

22-Sun. Pony Club Pebble Beach Horse Show

25-WED. SMCHA GENERAL MEETING



#### JUNE

4—Sat. Mounted Patrol Overnight-

5-Sun. Members and Wives

5-Sun. Los Viajeros Woodside Ride

SMCHA JUNIOR OVERNIGHT 11 SAT.

12-SUN. RIDE

13-Mon. to Sonoma Trail Blazers

18-Sat. Ride

19-Sun. La Honda Parade

25-SAT. SMCHA JUNIOR WORK DAY

at Mounted Patrol Grounds

26-SUN. SMCHA JUNIOR RODEO

29-WED. SMCHA GENERAL MEETING

#### JULY

4-Mon. Redwood City 4th of July

Parade

7-Thurs. to Tag-a-Long Ride

10-Sun. (Mrs. Grepe)

12-TUES. SMCHA JUNIOR PLAYDAY #1

13-WED. SMCHA DIRECTORS MEETING

16-Sat. Mounted Patrol Overnight,

17-Sun. Father-Daughter-Son

16-SAT. SMCHA JUNIOR WORK DAYS

17—SUN. at Mounted Patrol Grounds 22-Fri. Calif. State Horsemastership

Exam. at Mounted Grounds

23-SAT. SMCHA JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

24-SUN. 21—Thurs. to 'Los Viajeros 4-Day

24-Sun. Ride

27-WED. SMCHA GENERAL MEETING

30-SAT. SMCHA MOONLIGHT RIDE

30-SAT. SMCHA WORK DAYS 31-SUN. at Mounted Patrol Grounds Please respond to your renewal notice!!

#### **AUGUST**

6-SAT. SMCHA HORSE SHOW 7-SUN.

7-Sun. Los Viajeros Woodside Ride

13-SAT.

SMCHA OVERNIGHT RIDE 14-SUN.

17-Wed. Horse Study Group Horse Show (3ill & Barbara Duncan

17—Wed. to Pony Club, 3-Day Event,

21—Sun. Pebble Beach 21—SUN. Junior Posse Fair

24-Tues. to Calif. State Horse Show,

27—Sat. Santa Rosa

28-Sun. Woodside Jr. Riders Horse

Show (Myra Duncan)

29—Mon. Cannery Row Sierra Ride 31—WED. SMCHA GENERAL MEETING -OUTDOORS

#### **SEPTEMBER**

1—Thurs. to Mounted Patrol 5-Day

5-Mon High Sierras

2-Fri. to Pony Club 3-Day Event,

4-Sun. Pebble Beach

3-Sat. to Los Viajeros 3-Day Ride,

5-Mon. Santa Rosa

10-Sat. Woodside Lions Club "Gar-

land of Roses" Horse Show

11-SUN. SMCHA SENIOR PLAY DAY

11—Sun. Los Altos Hunt Hunter Trials

14-WED. SMCHA DIRECTORS MEETING

17-Sat. Stanford Convalescent Home

"Tally-Ho" Horse Show Duveneck Ranch Horse Show 18-Sun.

18—Sun. Santa Cruz Horse Show 25—SUN. SMCHA OLSEN-NOLTE RIDE

28-WED. SMCHA GENERAL MEETING

#### OCTOBER

1-SAT. SMCHA JUNIOR PLAY DAY

2-Sun. Los Viajeros Lake Pilarcitos

9-SUN. SMCHA HORSEMANSHIP

CLINIC in lieu of reg. meeting. 16-SUN. Horsemanship Rain Date

16-Sun. Mounted Patrol Play Day

23-SUN. SMCHA FALL RIDE

29-Sat. Mounted Patrol Holloween Party

28-Fri. to Grand National Horse Show--

Nov. 6- Cow Palace

#### NOVEMBER

9-WED. SMCHA DIRECTORS MEETING

30-WED. SMCHA DIRECTORS MEETING (ELECTION)

#### **DECEMBER**

14-WED. SMCHA DIRECTORS DINNER MEETING

#### JANUARY, 1967

21-SAT. SMCHA INSTALLATION DINNER DANCE

#### PUT JOHNNY'S HAT BACK IN THE RING

The English Division of horse showing is rapidly becoming a world without men. In the event you can tell the difference between sexes at the junior level (by their hair you shant know them) we are advancing, at no extra cost, two means of eliminating completely the taint of 'male-hood' which yet remains. The first way is to post a cordon of police around the show ring and forbid male entry at gun point; the second, and perhaps most effective, would be to continue our merry way, retaining unsullied, all the rules designed for the showing of horses by women and girls.

What keeps our Johnny away? Perhays it's more like girlcott. The kid just doesn't like to compete against 'sissies' (yet we keep forcing him to do so); or Johnny is interested in other sports. (Of course. Other sports are bound to become more interesting as we make horse showing less interesting); or Johnny is to big, to awkward for the competition. (Then why not create big, awkward classes exclusively for big, awkward boys?) or girls are naturally better riders (something we'll buy when girls have better footbal teams, baseball teams, set faster track records, than boys.)

At the outset of his riding career, a boy is given every encouragement. Emphasis is placed on ponies and Pony Club activity. International team competition is offered at A, B, and C levels of horsemanship. Abruptly, after this great fanfare, a boy of any size finds himself all dressed up and nowhere to go. In the show ring he finds he is playing the losing game. The cards are stacked. In equitation classes his size works against him. But he soon discovers what the judges are looking for; a single image in which he does not figure, that of the cute little girl on the fine Thoroughbred.

Of course, one might say, the answer is obvious. Let him be judged in a class with his peers. Yet even the obvious becomes infeasible before the frown of the American Horse Shows Association Rule Book. There is no provision for Men Only, or Boys Only classes, a condition that holds true for Hunter Classes as well. Poor Johnny. His only chance is to find

#### SHOW BUSINESS

#### HORSE DOINGS

|                   |                           | April   |                               |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 2-7               | Horse Show<br>(PCHJSA)    | Junior Grand National<br>Ed. Diraŋ, Mgr.  | Cow Palace<br>San Francisco   |
| 14-17             | Horse Show<br>(PCHJSA)    | Channel City Horse Show<br>Frank Jordani, Jr., Mgr.<br>745 Puente Dr., Santa Barbara        | Santa Barbara<br>Fair Grounds |
| 16                | Trail Ride<br>(NATRC)     | Concord-Mt. Diablo Trails Riders Assn.<br>101 Poshard, Pleasant Hill                        | Club Grounds<br>Clayton       |
| 16                | Horse Show                | Napa County 4-H<br>3085 Coombsville Rd., Napa   | Napa                          |
| 23                | Horse Show<br>(PCHJSA)    | Flintridge-La Canada<br>745 Puente Dr., Santa Barbara                                       | Pasadena                      |
| 24                | Horse Show<br>(AHSA)      | Concord-Mt. Diable Trail Riders Assn.<br>G. Cardinet, Mgr.<br>5301 Pine Hollow Rd., Concord | Club Grounds<br>Clayton       |
| 24                | Horse Show<br>(Pony Club) | Blue Hills, Mrs. Peter Lert<br>14900 Karl Ave., Los Gatos, Calif.                           | San Jose                      |
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judges with double images. (They do have them sometimes if they've been out in the sun too long).

Foiled, our boy's only recourse is to turn to a type of showbiz which would tend to eliminate his female competition by a process of, shall we say, natural selection? We refer to the Junior Jumper Division. Now here is a sport to match our Johnny, requiring all of the skill, nerve, and coordination of the most exacting of sports. We do not mean to imply that the need for such credentials rules out our girls. Lord no. They've got more nerve than they'll ever need. We simply say this: Here is a Class in which a boy or a man has more of a chance, as opposed to his chances in the more 'tailored' and stylized Equitation and Hunter classes. But even here Atlas shrugs. The rule is that in the Jumper Division, in an A or B rated show, the junior exhibitor must make a selection between the Junior Jumper Class, or the Open Jumper Class. He cannot enter both. On the other hand, in the 'judges darling' Junior Hunter Division, the exhibitor may appear in both Junior and Open. With the rules running against him, Johnny's wonder must grow that rules are made by mares and fillies.

To logic all this, the argument is advanced that Junior Jumper classes do not fill, and that is why there are so few. This is where the dog starts chasing his tail. There are so few because they do not

fill because there are so few . . . a rose is a rose is a rose . . . It is our opinion that if there were more Jumper Classes, the word would get around fast enough. Maybe we should give it a try.

Eventually manhood sets in, and our Johnny grows into 180 pound John; but he is as pound foolish as ever if he thinks his lot will improve with the horse shows. He is too big, regardless of his skill, to ride horses for others. Besides, the job has already been let to slim, trim, Linda Leadbottom in the Hunter Division; and to Harry Hardhand, a light-weight professional, in the Jumpers. John cannot wait around for a Men's class. It would be like waiting for a river to go by. He could hold out for an Amateur to Ride class; but he'd be tripping over his beard by the time it arrived. (The same argument is used against the Amateur to Ride class as is used against Junior Jumpers. There are so few because they do not fill because there are so few . . . That pesky dog is after his tail again.

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He plans to do extensive renovating of the rings, cross country course and the barn; and to give instruction in all types of horsemanship to beginning as well as advanced students.

Jack is not only well known to us as an outstanding instructor to both our local juniors and adults, but has a long and illustrious history as an exhibitor, instructor to the Cavalry and in several colleges, where one of his most famous students was Jackie Kennedy.

Colonel Alex Sysin who has in one way or another touched on the lives of all of the horsemen in this area is "retiring." If he has not trained either us or our children he has added immeasurably to our enjoyment of the many shows locally and in the Cow Palace in the designing of the Hunter and Jumper courses or as a Steward par excellence. For more years than we like to admit to he has been a familiar figure wherever competition can be found, and it is our bet that we will continue to see him frequently officiating at shows in one capacity or another for many years to come.

So, good luck and the best of all good things to both of you!



#### DRILL TEAM DRIBBLE

By ANGIE KUNZELMANN

Plans are underway for our fifth annual Posse Fair and Playday which will be held in August this year instead of our usual September date. By doing this, we hope to have a larger turn-out by avoiding conflicting dates. So everyone keep that date open and come join us and have some fun.

For those of you who like to show, the Playday will feature the usual Western Pleasure, Equitation, and Trail classes—plus that alltime favorite, "Toots'" "Crazy Class." Those of you who have competed in this class in the past know that your horse probably enjoys the class, too!

Besides the Playday, there will be all the game booths, the food booths, and the bazaar both where you can do all your Christmas shopping early! You'll find something for everyone on your shopping list.

More plans for our annual monthly activities are also underway. Mostly, they consist of letting everyone know what they have to do and making the general plans; such as, fixing dates, etc.

On March 13, we went to San Francisco for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. All who attended had fun. Some of us are even learning the parade route. That is really an accomplishment after going to that parade for around four years! Oh, well . . . 'till next month . . .



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#### PADDOCK PATTER

ARTHUR COLADARCI

The rewards of Good Samaritanism: Dave McCarty, noting a loose horse on the highway, stopped to gather up the stray and ended up with a forty-stitch gash on his right hand. Reminds us of the fifth-grader's essay on Socrates: "Socrates was a famous Greek man who went around helping people; the people poisoned him."

The practice of medicine was really thriving around the County during the past few weeks. Among SMCHA-ers on the sick list were: Jane Anne Conley, with a painful back; Hap Harper, whose horse decided to become a bronc; Creed Haberlin, with a neat hoof print on his leg; Art Coladarci, with double virus pneumonia; Fred Kemm, with bronchitis; Al Dunn, graduating from a cast; Roger Piers, recuperating from leg surgery.

#### RIDERS OF THE SHACK

Every Saturday and Sunday 'round about noon, there gathers at the little green shack above Searsville Lake, a group of the roughest, toughest looking guys this side of the Rio. Why you could empty your TV set of all the bronco busting cowboys, the desperados, and the gunslingers; but they'd all look like English professors beside the shack hombres. This motley crew is led by a man whose hat is a legend. The story goes that it originally came from Mexico, having been dragged behind a horse as far as the Rio Grande, towed across the river by a wet back, and kicked the rest of the way to San Mateo County. Sometimes the leader recounts his narrowest escape. It seems that one of the new members of the crew offered to have the hat cleaned and blocked. The stroke the leader suffered was unfortunately mild, enabling him to recover in time to clutch the lid to his breast and say: 'I'll see it disintigrate before I allow it to be sullied by soap. The name of this fearless leader is Bob Blythe.

The 'Shack' was instituted by Bob O'Dell back in the 30's. Needing a place where his riding friends could gather and let their hair down, O'Dell built his hut on the hill. In its original form the Shack didn't have much of a future; but it didn't really need one. It was symbol, a rallying point. Here men could practice their manly rites, apart from wives and family. Here they could cuss freely, drink corn liquor, argue, and swap yarns that nobody believed. Then go home and tell their children not to do all the things they'd just done.

The routine has not changed. Only the management. Under the inspired leadership of Bob Blythe, the Shack has gone on to greater glory. The old digs even got a face lifting. With new paint (or maybe just 'paint') new singles (the drip pans were removed from the floor) steel sides (to keep two legged prowlers from stealing in) and three locks on the door (in case the prowlers preferred the more conventional entree) the old joint lapsed into disgusting respectability. With membership zooming to an even 100, activities increased. In addition to the weekly bull

sessions, those conferences of global significence, the organization threw barbeques, lunches (catered, yet) gave trail rides, hayrides for children, and a night party for adults, although no self rdespecting Shacker would admit it, women were known to descecrate the sacred soil. And the Shack does a party right. When it has a blast, the shock waves are felt in Istanbul. We do not hesitate to recommend, therefore, their forthcoming Tassajara Hot Springs Ride of May 12, 13, 14 and 15. This will feature a weekend of trail riding and steam bathing, along with a side visit to the Indian Caves.

Bring overnight kit, but no cots or bed rolls are necessary. All guests are welcome, and they will be taken in order of the date of their deposit. Total cost is \$75.00. If you plan to come, send in a deposit of \$20.00. Refunds if the ride has to be canceled. Deadline, April 1st. Mail deposits to Bob Blythe, 245 Atherton Lane, or Call DA 2-2302.

A cryptic postcard from Marie and Bud Gasivoda, aboard a cruise ship off South America, says, "We are eating ourselves into a thirty-day diet." They should be back in the middle of this month, tanned, sassy . . . and fat.

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Recently seen on Mexican highways and byways: Blanche and Rich Delucchi (official SMCHA gourmets); Shirley and Al Cryer, pulling a well-stocked house trailer.

Congratulations to the new Region Six President (M. Earl Chenoweth) and his officers. After several years of inactivity, it looks as though we finally have a hot Region group!

The grapevine says that our Juniors are off and running this year. Basil Willet apparently has rallied their support and energy, with judicious claps on the back (and lower, when necessary). At any rate, there is much activity; the Junior Horse Show clearly will be a model for such events.

Our efficient grapevine also tells us and the world that 1966 is going to be a banner year for our Association. The Officers and Committees, sparked by an unusually talented and popular President, are giving so much time to our affairs that one wonders how they find time to earn a living and maintain a home life. The first general meeting was almost "standing room only," the renewals are coming in at a record rate, those responsible for rides, shows and other events are "planning big," and interest has never been higher.

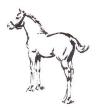
The Association now chose a fancy Western type shirt for their Uniform. It was old rose or pink in color and selected by Lillian Jones and Lenore Facciolla, both of whom obviously had an eye for what might be generally flattering to both men and women. At a later date and during the formation of the Association, a monthly bulletin was printed which carried all the interesting events. Being printed on pink paper, it was called simply "The Pink Shirt" and became symbolic of the Association.

The first Rodeo was held at Kavanaugh's Ranch, located on Dumbarton Road below the Bayshore Freeway. This was fun, but not a financial success. However, time corrected that error in later years.

The Second Trail Ride was held on October 20, 1940, in which a group of riders rode over to the coast and had lunch at Miramar. The idea was to Bally-Hoo the new organization to those who lived on the coast and thus add to the membership. They evidently realized right at the beginning that there is indeed strength in numbers, that a large democratic group working with good-will on a common interest can truly forge ahead. The success of their projects is better assured with an adequate number available. for work, and then having been successful, can win further impetus through that initial success. The end is a happy one for they are so much better able to advance good legislation for trails and other worth while programs. This then was such an important basic for the success and continued long life and enthusiasm of SMCHA.

Next time then, I will tell you about—well, something I had always thought fairly recent in origin, but seems it wasn't! Don't need to remind me, just feel "Anticipatory" which is a kind of quivering excitement. You could send in your own 1966 membership and carry on this fine old tradition of many members working happily together though.

### T I P P Y (A True Story)



My name is Tippy. I am a Quarter Horse. My mother says that I have great heritage from my ancestors who were famous foundation horses of our breed. I was sired by a very famous stallion, Poco Deuce, Junior; who is an AQHA champion. He looks and acts like a King. Mother says he gets that proud look from his mother, Shady Dell, who is called "Mother of Champion" and from his grandfather Poco Bueno and his great grandfather, King P-234.

I was born, excuse me, foaled, on the Rancho Rodeo in California. It is nestled in a sunny valley not far from the ocean and when mother took me up on the hill back of the barn I saw the blue ocean stretching far, far away in the distance. I was foaled in April, 1963, and as you must know from my name I am a colt, fillies don't have a name like Tippy.

The first thing I remember is lying in a nice clean bed of white shavings with mother standing over me, whinnying softly and talking to me. Of course I didn't understand what she was saying at that age but I knew she was my mother and I felt very safe. I also heard what later turned out to be human voices. Mother says they were talking about me and were very happy to see me arrive safely. Mother says that I tried to get up right away; all I remember is that I was very hungry, and I knew mother had milk for me. She says I got partly up and fell back several times before I managed to stay balanced on all fours. My legs were pretty wobbly I guess but after many tries I finally made it.

My owners did not interfere until I had found my legs and had my first meal. Then a man and a woman came into the stall and put a rope on my mother's halter and tied her up. I was very curious about them, they seemed very tall to me and smelled strange. The lady talked to me in their language and the man ran his hands over me very gently. Then he kind of scared me because he wrapped his arms about my front and lifted my front feet off the floor, steadying me by pressing down on my backside with his right arm. The lady knelt beside me with a little glass of dark stuff and held it against my stomach. Mother later told me it was over my navel and the lodine sealed it against infection from the stall. Mother was a little upset about their handling me and she pawed and scolded all the while but it was over in a moment and they untied her and left us alone again.

Not much happened for the next two days. I slept a lot and woke up to eat and exercise. On the third day my friend the man came into the stall and caught me just like he did before there was no lodine this time. Instead he put a little halter on my head. He was very gentle and I didn't mind very much although I couldn't help jumping up and down a few times when I felt the restraint of the halter. But at that age I was no match for this giant and after a few lessons in the stall I learned to follow him on the rope and to stall and caught me just like he did before. There stop when he pulled. The halter was removed after each lesson so that I would not get it caught or put my foot through it and hurt myself.

On that first day after the lesson we were turned out in a small grassy pasture and imagine my amazement! I thought the world was like the inside of a box stall, with barred walls, a window and a nice soft bed! The bright warm sunshine exhilerated me and there were so many things to investigate I almost drove mother out of her mind. What fun to run in wider and wider circles with my unhappy mother trotting after me and scolding. When I tired I dropped in the soft grass and stretched out my legs for a good nap. So passed the first two weeks of my life, I was haltered and led out to pasture with my mother each morning and once I got the hang of it I felt pretty important and pranced like a champion.

(Next time I write I'll tell you about being turned out with the other mares and foals and about some of my friends at the Rancho Rodeo, Pescadero—879-0161.)

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At last meeting the following actions transpired:

- The ad hoc Stabling Committee recommendations concerning the Weaver stable were discussed, after which it was unanimously agreed that they be forwarded to the Wooside City Council for their consideration.
- 2. Dr. A. P. Coladarci reported that during the State Convention of the California State Horsemen's Association negative action was taken on our proposal to alter the dues structure to place a limit on the maximum dues assessed member clubs. However, the CSHA had appointed a committee, in

which we are well represented, to study the dues structure and develop a resolution acceptable to the Association. (Further information on this subject appears elsewhere in this issue of the HORSEMAN).

- 3. Dennis Hession volunteered his services as legal counsel and advisor to the SMCHA on matters pertinent to the *ad hoc* Stabling Ordinance Committee.
- 4. The *ad hoc* Stabling Ordinance Committee was changed in status to be a standing committee to be known as the Civic Liaison Committee.
- 5. It was announced that the Association participated with a riding unit in the "Chicken's Ball Parade" in San Carlos on February 4th.

- 6. The Board authorized formation of a committee to prepare recommendations for an Association Color Guard uniform.
- Approved Horse Show dates were announced and approved by Board. (See Master Calendar in the HORSE-MAN).

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#### LOS VIAJEROS CLUB

By JEANNIE TRAVERSARO

The Los Viajeros held their 1966 Installation Dinner on February 19th, at the Charming Vista Del Mar Restaurant on the Skyline Boulevard. A good time was had by all and it was pleasant to see such a large turnout.

Live music was provided by Marge and Hap Maillard and Ricky Traversaro.

Bill Cresta was Master of Ceremonies, did a wonderful job of installing the new officers for 1966 as follows: President, Ernie Hout; First Vice President, Al Allison; Second Vice President, Ray Terrill; Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia McCarthy; Sergeant-At-Arms, Harry Weidenkoffer. Board of Directors, Frank Iacona, Dave McCarty, A. Nicolai, Gene Doran, Ricky Traversaro, Clemtine Carroll and Cox Christenson.

Lovely Corsages were presented to the ladies and Co-Hostess Dottie Allison distributed programs which she had made up herself.

The next event on the Los Viajeros agenda is their trial ride, on March 6th to the 23 Club in Brisbane.

Their April 3rd, ride will be from Half Moon Bay to the Vista Del Mar Restaurant on Skyline Blvd. We would like to invite any one who would like to join our ride in April to please contact a member of the Los Viajeros Club for reservations, with all the events that they have planned for this year, it sounds like nothing but fun and success.

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Z'berg said that although the "abrupt conclusion of our 1965 trail program was discouraging, I am paradoxically optimistic that 1967 will truly mark the beginning of this long-delayed and sorely needed program."

Z'berg bases his optimism on three factors:

- 1)—Organized opposition to the program appears to be softening. There is "a growing realization" of the rising recreational needs of Californians, he said, and opinion is building rapidly to preserve natural beauty.
- 2)—A reapportioned Senate "should prove to be much more responsive to the public will and far less susceptible to the pressures of special interests."
- 3)—He is confident that this Association, other groups and individuals will provide their "best efforts once again to gain support for the trail authorizations" in the 1967 Legislative session.

The assemblyman's committee is holding regional hearings throughout California, "examining recreational needs and funding problems at every level of government." Z'berg believes these sessions will lead to an orderly and continuing state program to meet projected recreational needs.

The convention also heard from Frank E. Sylvester, regional director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The bureau prepares a continuing plan for outdoor recreation, promotes coordination of Federal programs for outdoors and provides technical assistance to states and their recreation plans.

Sylvester reviewed progress of national trails studies and discussed funding prospects through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The proposed "National Scenic Trails System" incorporated four trails totaling 7,845 miles in length. Estimated original cost is nearly \$67 million. The proposal

includes a Pacific Crest Trail through parts of California.

Sylvester lauded the California trails activities. He complimented the California Association for its cooperation and accomplishments, including special assistance during the national study from George M. Dean and George Cardinet.

Mr. Dean organized and served as chairman of a special luncheon during the convention at Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim.

Sheriff James Musick of Orange County presented an Equestrian Trails Patrol Badge to Gale Harmon of Region 12. Also honored at the head table were Jess Summers, first vice president of Equestrail Trails Incorporated; Ralph Hudson of the Beaches and Parks Department of Orange County, and Cliff Stevens, district ranger, Cleveland National Forest.

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#### "TRAIL MATTERS"

The future of riding and hiking trails in California and the nation appears more encouraging now than at any time in the past two years.

Speakers at the 24th annual convention of the California State Horsemen's Association in Anaheim said there is an upsurge in public opinion for conserving the use and beauties of the outdoors.

President Johnson also has sounded the call. In his message to Congress on natural beauty he commented:

"The forgotten outdoorsmen of today are those who like to walk, hike, ride horseback, or bicycle. For them we must have trails as well as highways."

Assemblyman Edwin L. Z'berg of Sacramento County outlined hopefully what may be expected from the 1967 Legislature. As chairman of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Planning, and Public Works, Z'berg long has been aware of the values of trails. He compaigned actively for the trails program during the 1963-65 interim and throughout the legislative session.

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