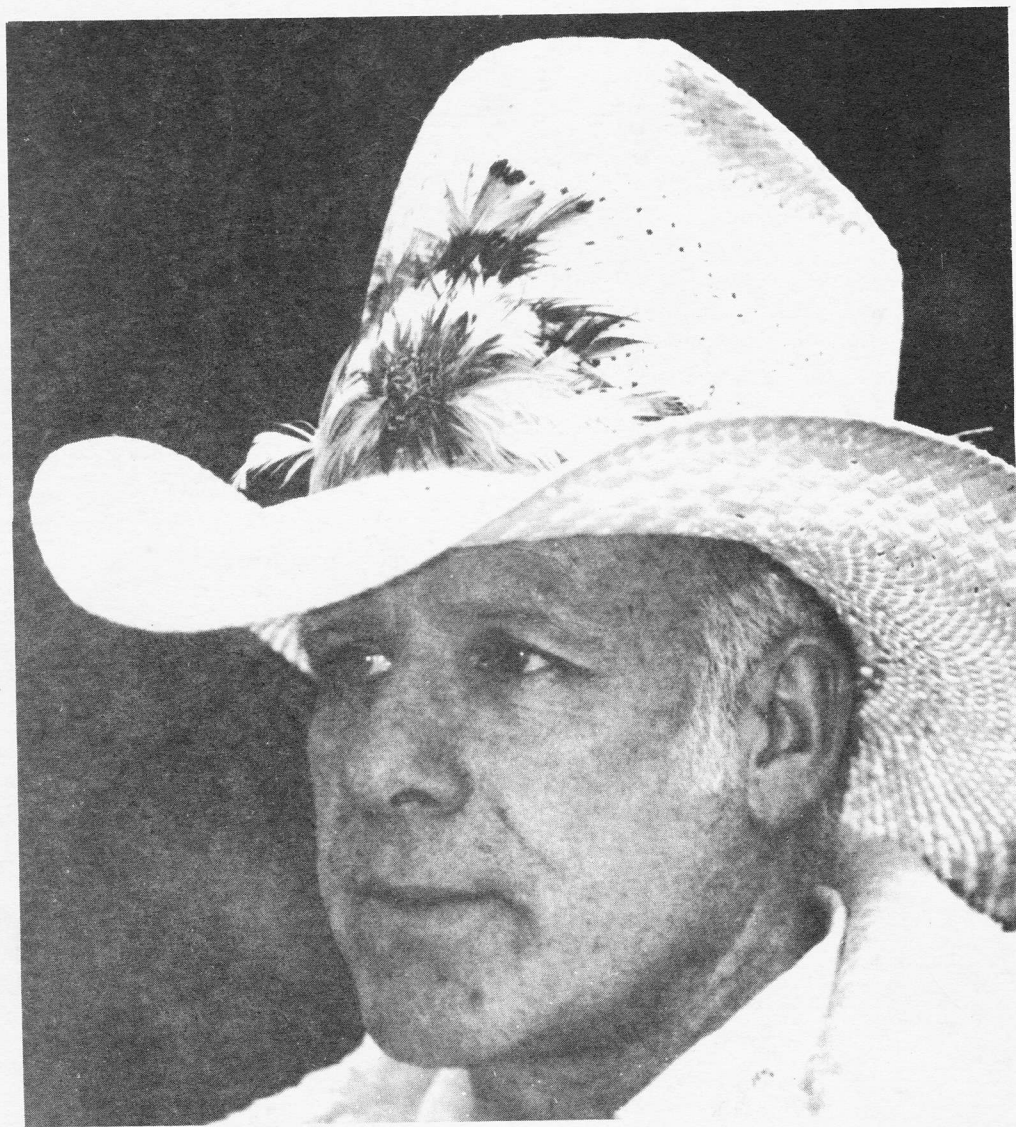


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This ORGANIZATION is formed for the purpose of sponsoring, cultivating and fostering an interest in fine horses and fine horsemanship in all types of horses throughout the State of California and in the County of San Mateo in particular; to give aid and support to every type of activity concerning horses; to sponsor any activity which will further the general purpose thereof, such as, but not limited to, horse shows and parades; to assist and encourage the acquisition, building, maintenance and supervision of bridle paths, horseback trails and the rights of way thereof, as well as accommodation for riders and horses thereon; and to do any and all things in furtherance of horsemen and horses.

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In 1985, I was asked to be on the SMCHA Board of Directors and I accepted. It was a way for me to do my part in furthering horsemanship in our community and I met many new friends with the same interests. During my second year on the Board, in 1986, the SMCHA Treasurer moved out of the state leaving the position vacant. I volunteered to take the office for the remaining seven months of the year. In 1987 Noel Moody was the President and I was asked to be 1st Vice President. I accepted and agreed to be President in 1988 if elected by the Board of Directors. Well, I made it and I will serve all of you to the best of my ability.

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If you ever have any questions about an activity or the Association, or you would like to help in some way, please call me. I would appreciate hearing from you. 365-0704.



Ron Harris

from the editors...

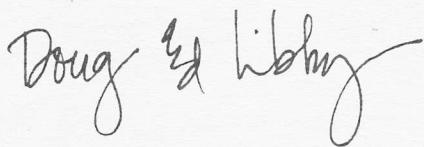
Hello horse world! A short while ago, there was some concern as to whether or not the San Mateo Horseman would survive. We are very happy to announce that our members have proven their interest and we are here with a new staff and plenty of new ideas. With the changing of San Mateo County there come changes to the future of horses in the area. We would like to see those changes be of benefit to the horse industry. We would like to be a part of that benefit. So, we have set our goals high. We want to offer a magazine that will be read from cover to cover. We plan to give you information that can be used from day to day. Article on topics of interest to both the experienced and inexperienced horseman. We plan to keep you informed of the horse related activities and legislation affecting our area.

We are very pleased to continue to bring you CLEM'S CORNER by Clem Carroll and TRAIL TIPS by Lew Reed. We wish to express our gratitude for the years of experience and dedication they bring with them. In addition, we plan to bring you new regular features including the VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL REPORT by Stephanie Anise and a column feature useful tidbits of information. Hopefully, many of these tidbits will come from you, the experienced horse owners. There are many excellent tips and tricks of the trade ideas that pass from barn to barn. If you have something that works for you, we would like to be the vehicle to share that with other members. Or maybe, you know an interesting bit of horse lore. We would also like to know that, too. You will most likely see us at the upcoming shows and activities. We might ask you a question or two and snap your picture for an upcoming issue.

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our previous sponsors. We hope to see them and many more in our future issues. A big thank you for a job well done goes to our staff, which you will find listed in this issue. A lot of work has been done behind the scenes, some of which we are only now beginning to appreciate. An Excellent job, everyone! Thank you to SMCHA President Ron Harris for helping to get us started. And a special thank you to our previous editor, Cynthia Baird, for setting us off on the right foot. We wish you the best of luck in your new home, Cynthia. Enjoy!

Once again, we want this to be your magazine. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and comments. If you know of an activity or event of interest, let us know. We would like to feature it early so that more of us can be aware and plan to attend. With your help, we can make the San Mateo Houseman a "proactive" rather than "reactive" publication. With that in mind, we hope to never print "wish you'd been there!".

See ya,



Editor's note: Please send any articles, suggestions, comments, pictures etc. to:

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If you wish an item returned, please include a stamped self addressed envelope. Deadline dates are one month prior to issue date. Issue dates are July, October and January, April. Thanks!

letters
to
the
editor...

Dear SMCHA:

Thank you again for the beautiful buckle you presented to me at the installation. It has the SMCHA logo on it made of jeweler's bronze. It is very lovely and everytime I look at it, I am filled with pride to be part of this great club.

Thanks again!

Love,

Noel Moody
Past President

Dear Editor:

What follows is some material you might want to pass along to the membership, on the topic of trailering safety:

Recently, a friend of mine had a horse injured in a trailering incident, and she agrees with me that the story needs to be spread around, because it points up the potential danger in a wide-spread trailering practice. As is commonly done, she had tied each of her horses in by its lead rope, using a simple quick-release knot. However, this time, as she headed down the road, one of the feed doors on the trailer popped open. The draft from the ajar door sucked the loose end of the lead rope out of the manger, so it dangled down the side of the trailer. Eventually, the wheel of the trailer ran over the end of the lead rope; the forward motion of the trailer then had the effect of vigorously reeling the rope out the open door, which finished untying the quick-release knot.

As the reeling effect continued, the horse's head was jerked violently forward, smashing his mouth into the tie ring at the front of the trailer; causing the horse to rear backward in pain, hard enough to rip the tie ring out of the trailer wall. The trailer tire continued reeling in the rope, which now jerked the horse's head sideways, into the framework around the feed door. My friend pulled over as soon as she felt the horse jumping around back there; fortunately by then the rope had snapped. Her horse had 3 upper incisors broken off at the gum line and a nasty cut on the side of his head, next to his eye, but my friend feels lucky that he didn't lose an eye or have his neck broken. It is also fortunate that he apparently did not associate his pain with the trailer, as he has continued to load dependably and ride quietly.

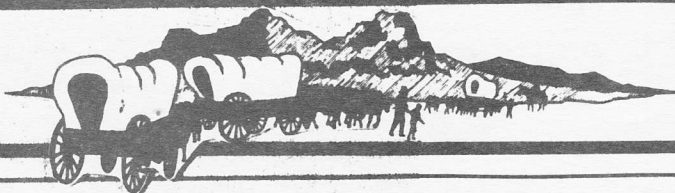
Needless to say, my friend has modified her trailering practices somewhat, and she recommends that everyone else do likewise. She now completely removes the lead rope from each animal and takes the rope out of the manger when hauling. Instead, she ties her animals in with short, premade trailer ties that have panic snaps on one end. She has also added hasps to all of her trailer doors, as well as a snap to secure each hasp shut while in transit.

I think Murphy must have been a horseman - anything that can go wrong, will!!!

Sincerely,

Marsha Jo Hannah

TRAIL TIPS



Lew Reed

The Trail Center (formerly Trail Information and Volunteer Center TIVC) organizes and promotes "Trail Days" -inviting volunteers to build, improve, and repair trails in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. They are seeking donations and grants to fund their flyers which announce trail activities, projects and training sessions.

The SMCHA urges each of our individual members to make a donation to the Trail Center, 4898 El Camino Real office 205A, Los Altos, CALIF 94022. 415-968-7065. Should you belong to another club or organization that enjoys the local trail systems promote a donation from that club as well.

Los Viajeros Riding Club at it's installation dinner dance at San Mateo Elks received a donation of a wooden horse and a bronze horse. These were auctioned off in spirited bidding raising \$77 which was immediately donated to the Trail Center.

Los Viajeros Riding Club has installed their 1988 officers as: Donna Tozi as President, Jean Hansen as 1st Vice President, June Irhazy as 2nd Vice President, Secretary Regina Davis, Sgt at Arms Bruce Doran.

State of California Parks and Recreation Department, Recreation Trails Committee held it's annual seminar at Asilomar on March 6, 7 and 8th. Highlighted was Greenways as Trail Corridors. The conference also focused on the future expansion of trail opportunities in California by helping to develop a statewide trail constituency that will provide great visibility and support for trail projects. Keystone speaker was Dick Trudeau from the President's Commission on America's Outdoors.

Lew Reed represented SMCHA and Los Viajeros at the meeting.

Members are reminded that the Jack Brook Horse Camp is available for groups of 9 or less during the weekdays also. Reservations are \$10 plus \$4 per night/per person. Call 363-4021. Reservations will entitle riders to use of the facility including the showers, kitchen and picnic area and corrals, if available. Should you desire to have only a day ride, park at the Sam McDonald Ranger Station on Pescadero Road and ride in to enjoy the trails of Pescadero Creek Park. There are some new ones to explore this year.

San Mateo County Trails Advisory Committee is busy meeting monthly as a group and weekly in separate committees in an effort to complete their charges. Terri Rasmussen, horsewoman from San Bruno is Chairman and Lew Reed of Woodside is Vice Chairman.

There are many organizations and trail councils and associations working constantly to improve the area-wide trail systems. One very active group is BAY AREA TRAILS COUNCIL which is endeavoring to develop a Ridge Trail around the entire bay. The Ridge Trail will be sited along the ridgeline of the hills and mountains surrounding the Bay to give access to the spectacular views on all sides. BAY TRAIL COUNCIL is planning a continuous trail adjacent to the waters of the Bay for bicyclists and walkers called the Bay Trail. These two trails will give users an unparalleled opportunity to experience the Bay Area from either the highest elevations around the bay or from the bayfront at sea level. Local pathways will be like the spokes of a wheel eventually connecting the communities throughout the region with both the Ridge Trail and the Bay Trail. The Ridge Trail is being promoted by many interested volunteers who are reviewing maps and checking for routes through as much publicly owned land as possible. The Bay Trail is state funded and is being administered by ABAG. Initial meetings of both groups have already been held and information is being gathered now. These are interesting projects to follow. Volunteers are welcome. Call Trail Center at 968-7065 to join and to receive more information.

MID PENINSULA TRAILS COUNCIL (SMCHA is a member) recently changed it's name to WEST BAY TRAILS COUNCIL. Their goals remain the same - trail promotion and compatible trail use for all users. They have just made available for distribution to trail groups and park planners a new guide TRAIL ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR DETERMINING APPROPRIATE AND SAFE TRAIL USE. Lew Reed presented a copy to San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission at their last meeting. It is being distributed to all members of the San Mateo Advisory Trails Committee.

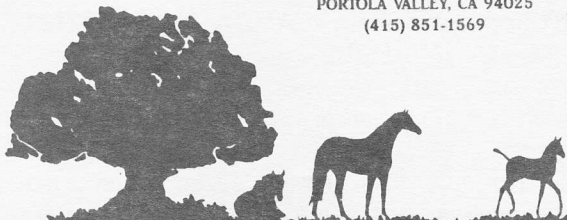
WOODSIDE TRAIL CLUB Board of Directors met on March 15th to review last year's activities and to set their plans for 1988. All horsemen should be members of the WOODSIDE TRAIL CLUB. The annual dues of \$30 really go a long way towards supporting the trail systems of Portola Valley and Woodside. Should you be using the trails with your membership key, urge your friends and companions to also join and pay. Dale Ryman is proposed to succeed Tom Harris as President.

Endurance riding has been with us for the past 20 years and there are at least a hundred endurance rides nationwide. Many local horsemen have embraced this fine sport testing the endurance of rider and animal under controlled conditions. Rides are under the supervision of American Endurance Ride Conference. Woodside Planning Commissioner Cal Gunn has just returned from their annual conference at Sparks, Nevada with stories of the learning experience he found there in their many conferences and seminars -this year with the emphasis on the leg and hoof.

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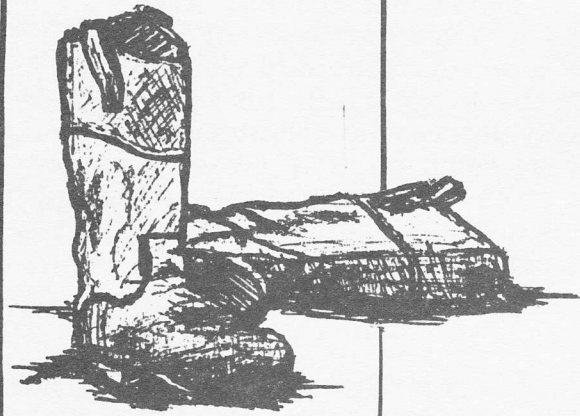
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CLEM'S

ORNER

Clementine Carroll



Hi fellow horsemen, we face 1988 hoping it is a safe year for all of us on the trails. Noel and I saw mountain bike imprints on the lovely Raymundo - Rodondo trail. It connects with the Lonely Trail, which continues up to the Skyline Blvd. There are many ways for the bike riders to enter our horse trails off the skyline. Signs are posted, but riders either ignore them or find ways to by-pass. It is a frightening experience to have one's horse bolt because of the bicyclist's silent approach, either from behind or suddenly face to face. Lew Reed is fighting a one man battle at the various trail meetings he attends. There are five men representing the bike clubs to one horseman present. Lew needs help!

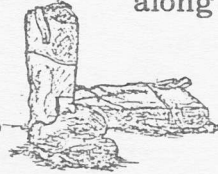
Sorry to hear that our friend and long time horseman, Merv Keegan passed away. Mr. Perry, of Perry Feed Company, also died. We were told that the business will not close down and will continue to serve their customers.

Three things I learned about in 1987.
1. An old Indian cure for arthritis in horses and dogs. 2. Squirrels can live under the hood of a car with motor running. 3. And bubble gum placed down gopher holes will keep them away.

Okay, about the Indian cure: Several years ago, Dr. Tom Harris was concerned that one of his polo ponies had arthritis and was considering "putting him down". He started reading up on natural cures and came upon information mentioning the Yucca plant. There is a product in the stores called SOLID GOLD. It is in powder form, Yucca plant and anise. Within several months, Dr. Harris' pony was again used for polo and over 20 years old at that! I was told of two families each having older dogs with walking problems who were both helped. The dogs lived an added four years. My German Shepherd, nine years old, was x-rayed last year, and Dr. Schulte explained why she was limping - arthritis of the spine. Panda seemed to move without any signs of pain but every step taken was with a decided limp at the shoulder. Three months later, her limp is hardly noticeable. The powder is placed in her dinner and in the morning, I dissolve it in a cup of milk. Friends started mentioning, "why not use it for their ailments?" I checked in several health food stores and there are capsules of Yucca for human consumption. There are 200 varieties of the Yucca plant but only two are beneficial to man and animals. Don Davis spoke with a representative of the company and she mentioned taking the Solid Gold product herself because of Bursitis.

About squirrels: One week-end, Doug asked to use my car and trailer to bring his horses to the Circus Club (his rig was being repaired). I parked under a eucalyptus tree at home, ready to head out. Suddenly the dogs "tree-ed" a squirrel but it ran under the car, I thought... We drove off, then stopped to pick up his horses at the Woodside Stables and proceeded to the horse show. Several hours later, the show over, horses loaded and ready to pull out - car just refused to start. After ten minutes or so, Doug lifted the hood to look for problems and out jumped the squirrel! It had chewed off a wire connected to the distributor. So, with a flash light and a pen knife, Doug spliced some wire and we arrived home safely.

Now, the gopher story: Jean Brook wrote me a note from Auburn Lake Trails stating as follows, "To kill gophers, carefully place round bubble gum down into their holes. They eat it, can't digest it, and they die!". Jean guarantees it. Haven't tested this out as of now, but certainly will try her system. In my garage hangs a dozen or more steel traps. Wouldn't it be great to just push down some candy balls and forget the traps. Will report later.

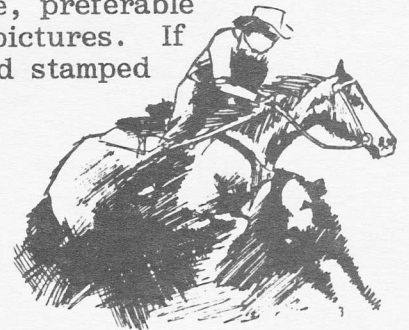


In May, I shall be touring Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. Am SO looking forward to visiting Lexington, Kentucky because of the International Museum of the Horse. Donna Tozi and Bruce Doran visited it two years ago and said it was fabulous. My tour includes visiting many horse farms, and ends in Nashville to see the Grand Ole Opry. Wish you could come along. See ya!

Publish your event...

We will be glad to publish information regarding your group's activities, at no cost to your organization. Keep in mind that our deadline dates for information is the first of the preceding month before issue dates. Issue dates are: July, October, January and April. Please try to picture coverage of the events that you report. We may not always use your pictures but they do enhance a story. Be sure to fully identify all horses and people in the picture, preferable on the back of the picture. We prefer black-and-white pictures. If you want prints returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

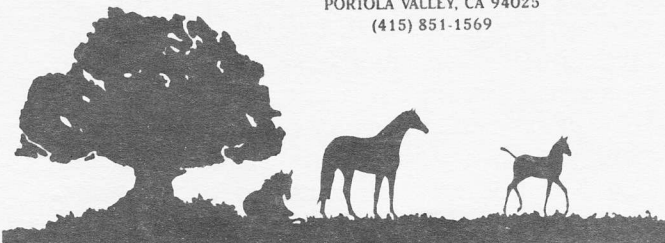
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BOOKS

RIDE FOR THE HIGH POINTS

The real Story of Will James

by Jim Bramlett (Mountain Press, \$24.95)

Phil Ray

This is the second Will James biography. The first, by the late Anthony Amaral, was more scholarly and searching. It was about Will James, the man, the artist, and his tragic fight with himself and with alcoholism. Bramlett's book is about the cowboy, the bronc fighter, the rancher and sometimes family man. The lively text is augmented on almost every page by strategically-placed drawings or photos, many of them supplied by James' nephew, Clint Conratt, which depict James after he abandoned his life as drifting cowboy and settled down in his marriage to Alice Conratt.

The book also contains many of the classic L.A. Huffman rangeland photos which are illustrative of range life in the northwest in the post turn-of-the-century era of Will James cowboying days.

During his short life (he died in 1942 at age 50) Will James authored 24 books, all of them about cowboys, cattle and horses, all of them illustrated with his marvelous pen-and-ink and pencil sketches, and all of them written in James' salty cowboy vernacular, sometimes awkward, but always pungent. James' cow-country classic, Smoky the Cowhorse, was in print for almost 60 years. During the twenties and thirties he enjoyed wide popular readership. Many a young man of that era, and in later years too, was inspired to pattern his life after this colorful cowboy.

As Bramlett points out in his book, Will James' works were generally well-received by critics of the day. There were some, however, who controverted his authenticity. No less a personage than J. Frank Dobie expressed his frustration and suspicion over James' irritating

habit of leaving out names of people and places in his stories. The Texas writer felt James was an upstart who had never known the old "real" west. And western historian C.L. Sonnichsen has more recently characterized James as a "purveyor of the legendary west.

But cowboys who looked at James drawings could see that he "knew his riggin'" and horsemen who knew horses would agree that James never missed in his depictions of their movements. Both his fiction and his drawings were often highly dramatized, but no one could deny they were from real-life experiences or that James was anything but pure cowboy.

Jim Bramlett is himself a cowboy-artist who seems to have been influenced by the Will James lifestyle. Throughout the book he shows his admiration for his subject, although there are no apologies for James' behavior during those periods when his almost Jekyll-Hyde character turned him into an alcohol-ridden Punic. It was a facet of his character which eventually led to the forced sale of James' Rocking R Ranch near Pryor, Montana, the loss of Alice and probably the abandonment of his publishers at Scribners who had given him much needed support throughout the years, but who also profited by his talent and who may have pushed him too hard during his productive period.

Although James' popularity waned after World War II, there seems now to be a resurgence of interest in his work, probably influenced by the Amaral book, first published 20 years ago but more recently revised and reissued, by the University of Nebraska Press which is reissuing several James titles, and by the Nicolaysen Art Museum of Casper, Wyoming, which in 1985-86, co-sponsored a 7-city exhibition tour of Will James' art. Bramlett's book will appeal to many readers and will probably add to the revival.



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SMCHA AWARD presented to Phil Ray

Noel Moody

Always ready to help, always ready to contribute, and usually ready to abstain from taking the credit characterizes our OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR TO SMCHA recipient, Phil Ray.

A past president, Phil has also been a board member, headed the SMCHA summer Western Riding Clinic, the Horse Show Committee, and contributed greatly to the SMCHA magazine.

Well known for his equestrian articles, Phil has contributed to the California Horse Review, the AQHA Journal, Horse and Rider, and the Western Horsemen Magazine. He participated successfully for years in horse shows and is a recognized CSHA judge. He has judged throughout Northern California. He is particularly well known in Trail Horse and Equitation events.

Personally, when the magazine seemed about to falter, what would arrive but unsigned articles with a Palo Alto address which would rescue the issue. On show days, who would show up and save the day for the manager and bring additional help in the process? None other than Phil! He would even come through while struggling with crutches.

In addition, throughout the years Phil has brought many new members to SMCHA and nominated many of the present day board members.

We of SMCHA are pleased to honor our own Phil Ray!



TRAIL CENTER

Opportunities for outdoor recreation amid the natural beauty of the San Francisco Peninsula, the South Bay and the Coast are important ingredients in the quality of life we enjoy here in the Bay Area... and trails are the cornerstone of that recreational experience.

The local network of recreational trail in this area is continually growing through the efforts of city and county parks department, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, the State Parks Department, and the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and area citizen organizations.

The Trail Center was established in 1983 as a non-profit organization to encourage public enjoyment of local trails by:

Providing information about recreational trails and trail activities in San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco and Santa Cruz Counties.

Recruiting, training, and organizing volunteers to build and maintain trails.

The Trail Center serves as a clearinghouse for information about local trails and trail activities. Among the publications available from the Center are:

Maps and books on the trails, parks, open space preserves, and wildlife refuges in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and San Francisco Counties.

A monthly Activity Schedule which lists upcoming hiking, running, equestrian and bicycling events; trail-related meetings; and trail building and maintenance projects in this area.

A bibliography and index of local trail guidebooks.

In addition, the Trail Center is currently preparing for publication a composite map showing all major public trails, parks and preserves within San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco Counties.

A major objective of the Trail Center is to encourage volunteers to help public agencies build and maintain local trails.

To date, the Trail Center has recruited volunteers to build or maintain over 16 miles of trail within San Mateo and Santa Clara County parks, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves, State parks, and the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

To train volunteers to build and maintain trails properly and safely, the Trail Center conducts special workshops to teach trail building and maintenance skills to people interest in volunteering to perform trail work.

The Trail Center is a non-profit organization. Contributions to the Trail Center are tax deductible. For more information, please write or call.

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1988 EVENT CALENDAR

April

5 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL
Orientation 7:30pm. Info:
415-363-4020.

8-10 PORTOLA VALLEY THOROUGHBRED
TRAINING CENTER: Nick
Karazissis (Hunter-Jumper
trainer, AHSA judge) presents a
riding clinic. Info:
415-854-4880.

7-8 SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA CHAPTER
CALIFORNIA DRESSAGE SOCIETY
SPRING SHOW at Webb Ranch.
Info: Hilda Willis at
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10 LOS VIAJEROS Montebello Ridge
Ride. Snacks after the ride
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Tumors, etc. No charge but
please reserve a space. Call
364-9793 for meeting place.

16-17 TRAIL DAYS. Info: call the
Trail Center at 415-968-7065 or
Ron Harris at 415-365-0704.

17 CTETA Schooling Show.
Dressage, Show Jumping and
Horse Trial. Featuring a New
Entry Novice HT.

24 SMCHA Spring Ride in Portola
Valley. Call Rick Payne at
415-342-8804 or 415-851-2446.

HIDDEN VILLA Black Mountain
Beagles Show. All English and
jumping classes. Entry fee
\$6.50.

STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Judy
Shaw 415-363-1561

27 SMCHA GENERAL MEETING. Info:
Dick Convery at 851-2911 or
watch for your announcement in
the mail.

30-1 LOS VIAJEROS Overnight ride
Jack Brook Horse Camp. Full
catering. Info: 415-368-8785.

May

1 CTETA Horse Park "Carrousel of
Horses" Polo Cup Match -
Driving & Pony Club Exhibitions
- Rolls Royce Classic Car Rally

7-8 CTETA Linda Allen Show Jumping
Clinic (to be confirmed...)

8 STANFORD STABLES
Hunter/jumper/flat English
schooling show. Open to the
public. Call Constance
Kilmartin at 415-322-5713.
Shows will also be held in
August or September.

9 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL Meeting
7:30pm. Info: 415-363-4020

15 English hunter/jumper/flat
show. Sponsor is TIEDOWN at
Webb Ranch.

HIDDEN VILLA Westwind 4-H Horse
Show. All English classes.
Info: 415-941-4808.

17 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL
Orientation. 7:30pm.
Info: 415-363-4020

22 CTETA Portola Valley Pony Club
Spring Horse Show.

VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL
qualification ride. 11am
Info: 415-363-4020

HIDDEN VILLA Spring Show.
Western English and cross-
country. English and Western
high point. Entry fee \$7.00

27-30 CTETA Spring Three-Day Event
and Horse Trials.

31 CTETA Sally Graburn Combined
Driving Clinic.

June

4 SMCHA English
hunter/jumper/flat horse show
at Webb Ranch. Info: Noel
Moody at 415-322-6545.

5 SMCHA Western horse show at
Webb Ranch. Info: Noel Moody
at 415-322-6545.

HIDDEN VILLA Josephine Duveneck
Memorial Horse Show. English,
Western and cross-country.
English and Western high point.
Entry fee \$7.00

STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Diana
Thomas 415-949-2148.

LOS VIAJEROS Catered Ride to
Ano Nuevo. Info:
415-368-8785.

12 SMCHA ride to Skyline for
lunch. Call Rick Payne at
415-851-2446 for info.

CTETA Schooling Show.
Dressage, Show Jumping and
Horse Trials

14 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL
Orientation 7:30pm Info:
415-363-4020.

18-19 CTETA Brian Sabo Comined
Training Clinic

19 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER
Schooling English
hunter/jumper/flat horse show.
Info: 854-4880

23 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at
Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info:
Karen Rowley 415-365-2229.

23-26 LOS VIAJEROS Four-day ride.
Graham Hill. Corrals and
showers available! Info:
415-368-8785

25-26 CTETA Richard Meade Combined
Training Clinic.

26 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL
Qualification ride 11am.
Info: 415-363-4020

30 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at
Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info:
Karen Rowley 415-365-2229.

July

2-4 CTETA Combined Driving Event

4 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE in
Redwood City.

7 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at
Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info:
Karen Rowley 415-365-2229.

8 SMCHA GENERAL MEETING. Outdoor
BBQ. Call Dick Convery at
415-851-2911 for more
information or watch for your
flyer in the mail.

9 WEBB RANCH: English Schooling
horse show.

9-10 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL Jack
Brook overnight. Info:
415-363-4020

10 Western schooling show. Joan
McLaren at Webb Ranch.

STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Fifi
Holbrook 415-346-2600

10 CTETA Schooling Show.
Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse
Trials.

LOS VIAJEROS Ride at Fort
Chronkite. Box lunch social.
Info: 415-368-8785.

14 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at
Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info:
Karen Rowley at 415-365-2229.

16-19 CTETA Brian Sabo Comprehensive
Combined Training Clinic. Four
days.

17 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER
English schooling show. Info:
415-854-4880

HIDDEN VILLA CSHA Region 6
Horse Show. Western, English
and jumping. High point for
each division. Entry fee \$7.00.

21 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at
Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info:
Karen Rowley at 415-365-2229.

23 SMCHA English horse show at
Webb Ranch. Info: Noel Moody
415-322-6545.

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August

6 SMCHA Junior Play Day at Webb
Ranch.

WEBB RANCH: English Schooling
show

7 Western Schooling show. Joan
McLaren at Webb Ranch.

LOS VIAJEROS Ride in Woodside
ending at Doris Lantz' house
for swimming and fun. Info:
415-368-8785.

HIDDEN VILLA Summer Show.
Western, English, jumping and
cross-country. Entry fee \$6.50

12-14 CTETA Horse Park SUMMER HORSE
TRIALS.

14 SMCHA Western Schooling show at
Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info:
Noel Moody 415-322-6545.

19-21 CTETA United States Pony Club
Regional "C-A" Rally.

20 CTETA Arabian Horse Exhibition.

21 STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info:
Cathy Moran 415-328-5094.

PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER
English schooling show. Info:
415-854-4880.

27-30 CTETA Jim Wofford Comprehensive
Combined Training Clinic 1-4
days.

27-28 SMCHA Overnight Ride at Jack
Brook Horse Camp.

September

3-5 CTETA Horse Park COMBINED
DRIVING EVENT

3-5 LOS VIAJEROS Three-day ride.
Jack Brook Horse Camp. Full
catering. Info: 415-368-8785.

4 HIDDEN VILLA 51st Annual Hidden
Villa Horseplay. English,
Western and cross-country.
Info: 415-941-3086.

10-11 CTETA Brian Sabo Combined
Training Clinic

16 SMCHA "Night at the Races".
Bay Meadows Turf Club.

17 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL Fall
Barbecue 1pm.
Info: 415-363-4020.

18 STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Sara
Saxe 408-736-9540.

18 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER
English schooling show.
Info: 415-854-4880.

CTETA Schooling Show.
Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse
Trials.

HIDDEN VILLA Point to Point.
Using a map, partners ride over
a 2-3 mile course and pick up
objects at designated points.
Bring a backpack or saddle
bags. Entry fee \$15.00

24 TALLY HO

25 SMCHA Senior Play Day.

CTETA Woodside Pony Club FALL
HORSE SHOW.

~~October~~

1-2 CTETA Jim Wofford Combined
Training Clinic.

2 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER
Sport Horse Show. Noon.
Wine/Cheese/Tour/Demonstration.
Info: 415-854-4880.

7 CTETA Fall Dressage Show I.

8 CTETA Fall Dressage Show II

14-16 CTETA Fall Horse Trials.

16 SMCHA Presidents Ride

23 STANFORD DRESSAGE: Info:
Bonnie Hong 408-996-0577.

30 CTETA Schooling Show.
Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse
Trials.

~~November~~

6 LOS VIAJEROS Portola Valley
famous "Carl Burgers".
Everyone invited.
Info: 415-368-8785

13 CTETA Schooling Show.
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Trials.

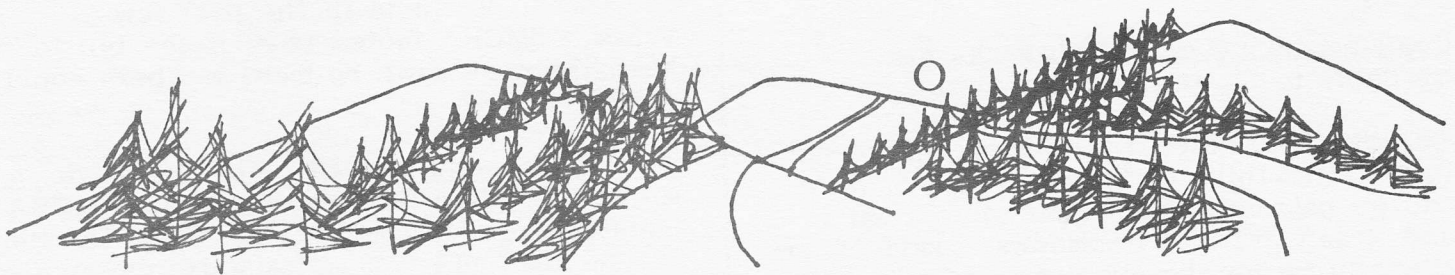
16 SMCHA General Meeting.
Election of new board members.

~~December~~

10 SMCHA Installation Dinner.

TRAIL DAYS

The third annual statewide TRAIL DAY is on Saturday April 16. There will be more than a dozen local trail building projects ranging from new trails to trails for people with special needs. Once again, embroidered patches will be available for all participants. For more information, call THE TRAIL CENTER at 415-968-7065 or Ron Harris at 415-365-0704.



PORTOLA VALLEY PONY CLUB

What is that mixed crew of young people and adults doing at C.T.E.T.A., the horse park in Woodside on most Saturday mornings, spring through fall? They are the members of PORTOLA VALLEY PONY CLUB, instructors and parents. The members are being coached in jumping, dressage, cross country, games, you-name-it, by professional trainers who are donating their time. Not only do they coach the Pony Clubbers, many of them (along with some Pony Club parents) are also up at the crack of dawn to trailer many of the Pony Clubbers' horses in. You might also check Portola Road, some of the kids trail ride to C.T.E.T.A.

Now you know who these people are - but what is Pony Club? And some of those "ponies" sure look BIG! Pony Club is an organization that had it's start in England. And in England all horses ridden by young people are ponies! The PORTOLA VALLEY PONY CLUB is a member of the United States organization which is part of the international group.

The thrust of Pony Club is to teach young (8-21 years) equestrians about RIDING - on the flat, over fences, and in the open - and HORSE MANAGEMENT - proper turn out, longeing, travel safety, recording horse health and immunization information, conditioning the horse, conformation and soundness, veterinary knowledge, horse nutrition, shoeing etc. and general stable management.

P.V.P.C. is holding it's annual fund raising Horse Show on Sunday, May 22 at C.T.E.T.A. The show is for English Hunter/Jumper riders with one major exception - lead line, 6 years and under is open to both English and Western riders. Adults are particularly invited to participate in our many open classes. For a premium list and additional information, please contact Valerie Freeman at 324-0696 (work).

All young people with a horse to ride and avid interest in horsemanship are invited to join P.V.P.C. For more information about membership or volunteer activities with Pony Club, please call Karen Shore, District Commissioner, at 851-1203.

Spring Ride

Rick Payne

This year, our SMCHA Spring Ride will be on April 24th in Portola Valley. We will gather at the Portola Valley Town Center Parking Lot at 9:30 in the morning and ride out at 10 o'clock sharp!

Trailer parking and hitch racks are available to us at the Town Center.

Our ride will start out through the forested foothills of Portola Valley. We will go past huge sequoias, stately oaks and green grassland meadows. Part of our ride will be on the old Spanish Trail leading to the Ancient Indian Coal Mines.

As we meander gradually up past the boulders toward the meadows, Dick C. promises to point out the hidden passage to where "it's rumored", is supposed to be a buried treasure. Seems he discovered this little secret hideaway while out riding and sowing wild oats...

Shortly after our midway point, from where we will have spectacular views, we will descend on a dark narrow shaped path near King Faisel's Estate and over a creek on a small wooden bridge. As we complete our loop, through Portola Valley Ranch and across Willow Brook, we will return to the Portola Valley Town Center Picnic Area.

The food for lunch will be excellent! We'll have B-B-Q chicken, two kinds of salad, Dutch Crunch bread, cake for dessert and a complimentary soda. Beer and wine will be available.

Since lunch will be catered, make your reservations early. The price is only \$7.00. Call me at 342-8804 or 851-2446.

Invite your friends and bring a guest. Everyone is welcome and we're going to have a great time!

Awards Announced

Noel Moody

The Villa Chartier was the scene of the SMCHA Installation and Awards Banquet on December 11th. Ninety-two members attended, making it one of the most successful banquets in the past few years. SMCHA footed part of the bill to keep the cost down so more members could come.

Two and Second seemed to be the magic words as Walter Kirk received the "SMCHA Outstanding Horseman of the Year" for the second time and two ladies were chosen "SMCHA Horsewomen of the Year".

Christine Eppstein was chosen because of her untiring work on the western shows. She not only tallied the points for the series high point awards, she also hired the judges and designed the entries. Developing a five-show series in conjunction with Webb Ranch was also her idea. Pat Caraway raised over five hundred dollars in donations for the western shows and served as show secretary at all the shows, western and english. She volunteered to do horse show mailings, regular SMCHA mailings, and helped to organize this year's banquet. She was always there when needed.

Walter Kirk again proved himself as one of our most loyal and helpful members. He was the chef and bartender par excellence all year long. He never missed a SMCHA ride and he held our flag proudly on Guy in the parades as he represented us.

The installation ended with the swearing in and passing the gavel to Ron Harris from Noel Moody. The 1988 officers are: First V.P. Rick Payne, 2nd V.P. Dick Convery, Secretary Nancy Van Zwol, Treasurer Melissa Convery, and Sgt. at Arms Marv Twissleman. It's going to be a great year!

QUICK BITS

Doug Reed

Remember, the horse can see from side to side but not what is in front or behind him. Always work where he can see you and as near his shoulder as possible.

Why mount from the left side? The tradition developed centuries ago. The knights wore their swords on the left side which made it difficult to swing into the saddle from the right.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the oldest reliable age for a horse is 62 years. For a pony - 54 years. The heaviest horse lists as a Belgian at 3200 lbs. The tallest was a Percheron-Shire cross standing 21.1 hands (7 feet 1 inch). The shortest, a miniature horse at 18 inches.

Horses have an extremely keen memory for good and bad experiences. Always end a bad experience immediately with a known pleasurable one. Your horse may not be so likely to retain the experience as bad.

Tie your horse short and high. Why? Horses are grazing animals and if given a long rope will wander. This can lead to entanglement and injury. Tying high keeps the horse's head off the ground and lessens the chance of being startled by a rope over the head. Remember to tie the rope so that it can be released quickly in an emergency.

Six or seven cuttings (harvests) can be made from a single planting of alfalfa. The cuttings considered best for horses are the third and fourth. The first cutting contains too much protein and can cause colic. The latter cuttings in the harvest year deteriorate in nutritional value.



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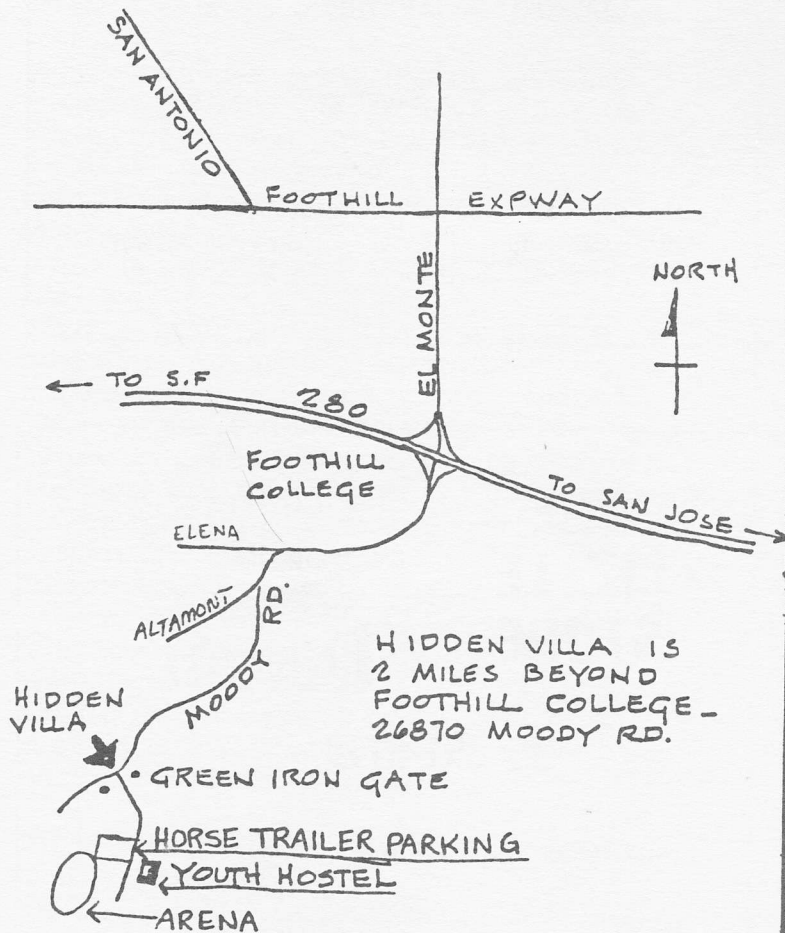


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We have quite a few events coming up and you'll find them listed in the Calendar Section. Hope to see you there!

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REMEMBERING MONTE FOREMAN

He had become an institution in the horse world. Although he was controversial and had his critics, his influence was nationwide and will be felt for years to come. When my friend, Morris Grossman, told me of Monte Foreman's death, it was a jolting reminder that all of us have our allotted time.

The December 1987 issue of Crossed Sabers, the journal of the U.S. Horse Cavalry Association reported it in the briefest of obituary terms: "Trooper Monte B. Foreman served with the 108th and the 1st Cavalry, passed on March 4, 1987 in Elbert, Colorado."

Monte was 71 years old. He began his crusade for better horsemanship back in the late forties, having no doubt been influenced by his army experience. Monte was a survivor of the old cavalry when troopers were still, as he would have said, a-horseback. Over the past 30 years he had conducted his horsemanship clinics all over the country. He was the distillate horseman. He had jumped fences, played polo, trained and contested reining horses and cutting horses. He developed champion horses and champion riders. His converts to the Foreman faith are a legion.

Monte Foreman was part cowboy, part pitchman. He sold his brand of horsemanship with evangelical zeal, his balanced-ride saddles with the fervor of one Who Believes.

Early in his career, Monte produced two booklets, Horse Handling Science and Those Cantankerous Leads. In 1983, Monte Foreman's Horse Training Science, with co-author Patrick Wyse, another Foreman student, was released. All his books were illustrated with those superb Foreman pen-and-ink drawings. Through his books and his clinics, many of us first learned about leads, stops and spins. And Monte was one of the first to use movie photography to delineate the moves of the horse.

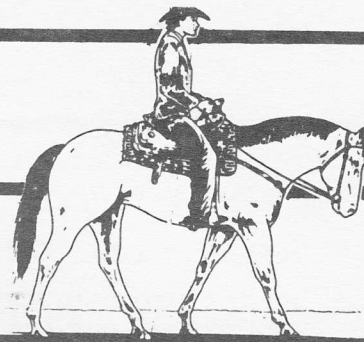
Like all zealots, Monte was outspoken. He had little good to say about the modern show pleasure horse. Neither was he elated over the style of California's spade bit horses. Never an advocate of the bit-'em-up, tuck-'em-in school, Monte, himself an athlete, felt that horses should be allowed to work freely and naturally. Move-'em-out was more his style.

But the thing you remember most about Monte Foreman was his voice. It was a BIG voice with the decibels and tonal quality of a thrashing machine. When Monte conducted a clinic he hardly needed amplification.

Some years ago, when Monte was holding classes across the bay, a friend and I drove over to see him. We picked him up at his mobile headquarters and drove him to the clinic, which was being held on the campus of a small Contra Costa County college. When we arrived, my friend found difficulty trying to park his pickup in a tight space. Monte disembarked to assist him: "Cut 'er more to the left! Nope, to the right! Now you've got it, straight back!"

The lot was adjacent to a classroom and apparently Monte's fulminating directives had disrupted a class in session. The instructor appeared in the doorway and since I was the initial object of his brief scrutiny of the scene, he proceeded to read me out. Embarrassed, I glanced over at Monte, expecting a reprieve. But my silent plea was returned with a splendid speechless smirk that promised nothing. Oh! Monte wasn't about to take the professor's tongue-lashing when I was there to proxy for him!

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ENGLISH SHOWS

AT WEBB RANCH:

JUNE 4
JULY 23

SERIES HIGH POINT AWARDS!

WESTERN SHOWS

AT WEBB RANCH:

JUNE 5
JULY 24
(Cal-Grand Shows)

AT MOUNTED PATROL GROUNDS:

AUG 14
(Nor-Cal
Cal Grand)

SERIES HIGH POINT AWARDS!

*Silver Buckles ...
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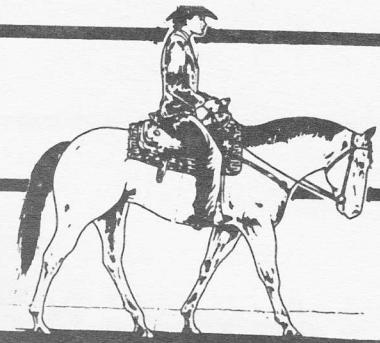
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Thank you

Ron Harris

Special thanks to all who made our November General Meeting such a resounding success. We had a near capacity crowd of members and guests at Independence Hall in Woodside. The Association hosted a panel of representatives from our local parks. They included Rangers Rick Trejo from Edgewood Park, Dave Moore from Huddart Park, Tom Baker from Pescadero Creek Park, Derek Mitvalsky from Wunderlich Park, Jack O'Shea, Joe Naras and Ed Stewart from the San Francisco Watershed, Dennis Danielson from Mid Peninsula Open Space, Bob Emert from San Mateo County Parks and Recreation, and Stephanie Anise, coordinator for the San Mateo County Parks Volunteer Horse Patrol. The panel spoke on various aspects of the different park systems and followed up with a question and answer period.

The meeting closed with the drawing of the door prizes and refreshments.

Again, thanks to all who helped make the meeting a great success.

WHITE ELEPHANTS

The SMCHA White Elephant Sale and potluck dinner was held at Independence Hall in Woodside on Feb 26th. Festivities began with a social hour at 6:30 and dinner started shortly after.

Each member and guest that attended brought a "white elephant" gift to the meeting and at the end of the night, we all exchanged them.

"a WHITE ELEPHANT is any old item you have laying around the house or barn that you never knew what to do with. Chances are it's an item that someone always dreamed of having..."

There was a brief presentation by Stephanie Anise and Ranger David Moore of the VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL.

The meeting ended shortly after and for the most part, we all left to go home carrying our new piece of "junk". That is, except for a few people who danced away the night at saloon... Let's just say SMCHA was well represented that night by some of our higher ranking officers!



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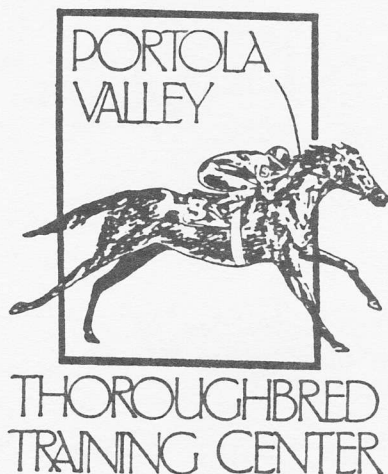


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Participants will be riding in one of four groups daily for 3 days, in 2 hour sessions. Groups will be composed of no more than 6 riders of similar ability.

The total cost of the 3 day clinic is \$250 which includes dinner and discussion with Nick on Saturday evening or \$85.00 for one day including dinner.

Please call for further information (415)854-4880 or stop by the PORTOLA VALLEY THOROUGHBRED TRAINING CENTER at 2710 Alpine Road in Menlo Park.

LOS VIAJEROS

Donna Tozi

Los Viajeros started in the early 1940's when a group of hardy souls rode from a San Francisco boarding stable to Boulder Creek to march in the Frontier Day Parade. The adventure along the way is still talked about today. The downpour that washed away the road and left the wagon carrying food and clothes stranded was the worst. The farmers along the way who opened their barns and fed both horse and rider was a nice memory.

It took this group of riders 4 days and nights to make this trip.

In 1943 this group became known as the Los Viajeros with by-laws and rules.

So we are today one of the oldest continuous riding groups in America.

We have a lot of fun with our group year-round. We ride the first weekend of every month, starting in March and ending in November with a 4 day ride always in June and one or two 3-day rides. We have social events with dinner dances and parties in the winter months.

We are foremost a riding group so to be a member a person has to qualify by riding our June 4-day ride or a 3-day with two additional days riding in the same year.

This year unlike previous years all our rides will be local, starting in Golden Gate ending in November, with one of our members, Jean Hansen leading a ride in Portola Valley and opening her house for a wonderful lunch afterwards.

The four-day ride will be in Santa Cruz at the Graham Hill facility. We will have good riding, good food, and lots of games and fun. Like other years, every one riding on our 4-day goes home with wonderful remembrance gifts of the ride.

If you'd like to be on our mailing list send us your name and address and \$5.00 to PO Box 62071, Woodside, CA 94062. And if you would like to join one of our rides - GREAT - just call me at 368-8785 before 9pm.

Ride rules no stallions, no pets and no one under the age of 21.

Hope to see ya' all!

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