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## Junior Horse Show News

The Juniors of the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association would like to invite you, your family and friends to their Fourth Annual Junior Horse Show which will be held on August 9 and 10, 1958 at the Mounted Patrol Grounds, Woodside.

Each year the Juniors have produced a first class show. Last year they won the **Honor Award** from the American Horse Shows Association. This award was given to only **TEN HORSE SHOWS** in the **UNITED STATES**. This year we would like to put it on top of the Top Ten by having a bigger and better show with trophies through second place, ribbons through fifth, and special award ribbons for youngsters in the ten and under classes.

Announcer, Ed Peabody; Clean-up, Gay Allen, chairman; Disc Ring, Tom Hickey; Farrier, Paul Gruenig; Flag Bearer, Jim Spillane; Food and Drinks, Doris and Warren Jones; English Judge, Mr. Fairbanks; Western Judge, Sylvia Burt; Out Gate, Rich Sereni and George Stables; Parking, Rich Fioni and Bonnie Williams mounted; Ring Crew, Harlon Musch and Paul Maxwell; Ring Master, Dave Johansen; Ring Secretaries, Sharon McQuilkan and Rosie Zilich; American Horse Show Steward, Stan Morrison; Escorts, Al Baglietto and George Stables.

Anyone wishing to help under one of these categories please contact the heads or your Horse Show Chairman.

In order to put over such a large show, it will take not only physical help, but financial backing also.

A donation from you, of any amount, would be greatly appreciated by the Juniors.

Thank you very much and we hope to see you in August.

Remember admission is free.

Carole Jones, Horse Show Chairman

## OUR SAN MATEO JUNIORS GET AROUND

Bob Jackson, one of our Juniors, just took 3rd in boy's Western Horsemanship, 15 to 17 years, at the Salinas Junior Rodeo.

Another junior who showed was Tom Sandgroth. Tom wasn't so lucky, however.

Carol Ramsey judged our Junior Play Day, at Woodside Stables, on June 19, and quite evidently did a good job. Anyway, everybody seemed to be happy, and the Play Day was a success.

## Ride News

On Sunday, June 29, Al Cryer and Creed Haberlin were the hosts to San Mateo County Horsemen on a ride, leaving Woodside Stables about 10:30, and following the State Trail into Huddard Park. Eighty-five horsemen responded to this ride, and certainly made a real picture. Shirley Cryer lead the group on her very pretty Pinto. After about two hours of riding, the group gathered at the Zwierlein Area (the area being developed for the Horsemen in the Park) for lunch. Sal Sage furnished entertainment during a wonderful lunch (hamburgers, salad, and beans, with all the trimmings. Many joined the riders for lunch (about 150 were served) and everyone declared this an outstanding day of enjoyment—one to be remembered! Thank you, Al and Creed, and all your committee, for again entertaining the Horsemen in your inimitable manner.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the July 27 ride has been cancelled. Sorry!

## ANNUAL OVERNIGHT RIDE AUGUST 23 & 24

This year we once again are riding up to the former Jack Glass ranch. This ranch is now owned by Mrs. Field who has graciously offered the use of all the facilities for our ride. Mrs. Field will be there for dinner and I hope you all have an opportunity to meet her.

Eddie Castleman will be serving a delicious roast beef dinner, and breakfast. Lunch, beer and cold drinks will be provided at the lunch stop.

Three prices are provided to take care of those wishing to attend all or part:

\$9.00—for riders to include: lunch, hay, dinner, dance and breakfast.

\$7.00—to include: dinner, dance and breakfast.

\$4.50—to include: dinner and dance.

The riders will meet at the Woodside Stable and depart at 9:00 a.m. The ride to the lunch stop will take approximately 3 hours, hence the early departure time. Mario De Lemos is Trail Captain assisted by his bride and Virginia and Dave McCarty. No need to bring your own bottle—drinks will be provided for a small investment. Come one—come all for a good ride, good food, good music, good time!

## Outdoor Meeting

Every year, your SMCHA stages a big, outdoor whoop-te-do meeting. This year, this is scheduled for the July meeting.

Here it is, and—**DON'T FORGET!**—

Date—July 30—Wednesday.

Place—Ed Zwierlein area, Huddard Park.

Time—7:00 p.m.

Price—\$2.25 per person.

Seniors and Juniors will all join at this annual outdoor dinner meeting. Delicious chicken Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served promptly so we'll have time to enjoy the evening.

Program Chairman Irma has promised us an evening of fun and good fellowship, rather than a planned entertainment. There will be music for those who like to sing—or maybe dance. (What's more conducive to good fellowship than an informal singfest around a campfire?) For those who can't carry a tune in a bucket, there is a good chance to swap lies with fellow members. So—Here's to an evening of FUN—Wednesday, July 30.

**THE 6TH REGION JUNIOR HORSEMASTERSHIP TESTS**, both written and riding, will be held at the Ed Keeble Ranch, San Jose on August 23 (Saturday). Juniors should be encouraged to participate in these tests. There are three divisions—**ALL AROUND, ENGLISH and WESTERN**. There will be one boy and one girl selected in each of these divisions to represent the 6th Region at the California State Horsemen's Association Convention which will be held in Paso Robles, October 2-3-4-5.

The 6th Region will make a sizable contribution toward the expenses of those winners who go to the Convention.

The 6th Region is sponsoring a horse show to raise funds for this purpose. The show will be held at the Ed Keeble Ranch, San Jose, August 16 and 17. English classes will be held on Saturday, August 16 and the western classes on Sunday, August 17.

Any Junior wishing information please contact Marie Kemm who is Chairman of the Horsemastership Eliminations, address, 30 Martin Lane, Woodside.

## Junior Tattler

By Rich Sereni

### MINUTES

Due to the absence of Pres. Jim Spillane and Vice-President David Boye, Secretary Rosie Zilich called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The treasurer report was given.

Al Baglietto gave a report on the Junior Play Day held June 19. There was a very good turn out. Tom Hickey won the All Around Trophy.

Carole Jones gave an up to date report on our two day show which is August 9 and 10.

Start bringing in donations for our Junior Show. There will be a gift given to the person with the most donations.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosie Zilich.

### "ODDS AND ENDS"

Hal Johansen is now stationed in Chinon, France.

Pris Williams came in third in Rodeo Queen Contest.

Carole Jones will be accepting donations for our Junior Show. This means EVERYBODY get busy.

Pam Cooper who moved to Michigan is back for the summer and staying with Gay Allen. Can't get that Woodside fever out of your blood eh Pam?

The San Mateo Co. Jr. Sheriff's Posse which is composed of many of our Juniors members are really doing a great job.

We Juniors, are sure proud of Mrs. Jackie Musch who won the best dressed senior Cowgirl in the Redwood City 4th of July Parade.

The barbecue at the home of Pres. Barbara Sailor, held for the working crew of the two day Horseshow, was enjoyed by many of our Juniors. Thank you very much Mr. and Mrs. Sailor.

Say Al, it takes more than Lacquer Thinner to get rid of oil spots on your car. Maybe dust was better?

John Hines and David Lindwall were visiting our area for two weeks. The boys live in Seattle, Wash., and were seen enjoying the trails with Ginny Jones, Linda Whitmore, Betty Lou Whitmore, Carole Jones.

Henri Huber (FrenchY?) is at home now after "serving a term" at the New Mexico Military School. Henri (pronounced ("ON ray")) alternated driving his jeep and Ghia around the hills (legally, now that he has his license). What happened to Ike?

Linda, Joan and Arleen Whitmore spent 10 days in Santa Monica and Disneyland.

Paul Maxwell, (the suave one) has been away at the Air National Guard Camp. Are the girls drooping????

Tom Hickey has to share the polo ponies with brother Bill, home from school (Portland University).

**Notice to all Juniors:** Leave your dogs at home when riding.

Dave Johansen looked very natty driving in the fine harness class at the Santa Clara show. Dave also has been showing an Arabian mare Sharon in the Western pleasure classes.

George Stables burns up the roads between Redwood City and San Francisco. Would Doreen have anything to do with this???

Rich Figoni, Bonnie Williams and Mr.

Al Williams went on that 4 day Yosemite ride as did Tom Hickey and his parents, Donna Williams and also our Advisor Mrs. Jackie Musch.

### SHOW BIZ

Tom Hickey won the All Around Trophy at the SMCH Association Play Day.

Donna Williams won the All Around Trophy at the San Mateo County Junior Drill Team.

### DEL MAR

Carol Ramsey 4th with Jarbo in the Novice and 4th in the Stock Horse 14-17.

With Nuisance Carol took 4th in Western Pleasure 15-17, and 3rd in Western Pleasure Championship and 10th in Trail Horse Championship Stake. In the Senior Show at Del Mar—won the Morgan Western Pleasure and Ladies Trail Class and second in Heavy Weigh Trail Horse Class and second in \$500 Trail Horse Class. Carol had the Grand Champion Trail Horse of Del Mar. Carol won the Pacific Coast Hunter Jumper and Stock Horse.

At Sacramento County Fair Carol won the Medal Class. This is Carol's second Medal of the year. She is the first person to qualify for the National ride off at the Cow Palace.

Martha Neal won second in Western Pleasure at Del Mar.

Leigh Wheeler won the Jumper Stake and took second in the Junior Show. And in the Senior Show, Leigh took 4th in Handy Jumpers Meda; Class.

In San Jose, Dave Johansen took 4th in Fine Harness and 4th in Arabian Pleasure. Good Going David B.

Congratulations to you all.

That's all for this month but don't forget to get donations for our show. Without them we cannot put on a good show. Have fun this summer.

### Our President Says:

"It makes me very pleased and proud to be able to look back on what I consider one of the nicest horse shows we have ever had. Al Williams, as Horse Show chairman did a thoroughly competent job and his able assistants came through nobly. Although we have not yet received a complete financial report, we are assured of having made money. Those who attended the meeting last month have already heard this, but for the benefit of those not in attendance, I wish to say, "Thank you" again.

It occurred to me after that meeting that there are always those who we are so used to depending upon, that when the bouquets are passed out, they seem to be forgotten. Fred and Marie Kemm, to whom I have given the name of Mr. and Mrs. Horse Show, are such people. These two go along, quietly laying the ground work for what, when all the pieces are put together, is to be the "paper work" part of the Show. No one truly appreciates the knowledge and know-how this requires. And so, to you, Mr. and Mrs. Horse Show, I offer you my sincere thanks for, as usual, a job well done.

I surely hope to see a good many of you at the outdoor meeting. And would those of you who have not yet sent in your cards please do, so that we may know how many to count on?

Barbara Sailor.

## Up San Mateo Way

It's been two months since I've written to you and in that time many ribbons have been won by the Concar and Unicorn Stables.

The Concar Stables reports that at the San Mateo County Horsemen's Show on June 14-15, Glenthorne won the model hunter class as it so often has in the other shows it has entered. At the same show Top Banana ridden by Carol Heaney won the childrens jumper. The Ivesons with their horse Abbey had the judges in a whirl. Linda, the young upcoming miss of the family, placed fourth in western pleasure; Linda's brother placed fifth in the seven and under class; and "ole" Mom got third in the model class. Lani Fowler received a second and two fifths on Hitch Hiker. Sue Thompson riding her fine Palomino horse, Miss Billy, placed third in the jumper class. Another young miss, Sandy Sherman, received a third in the Equitation class and fourth in the model class. Sandy's fine mare, who also won the conformation green hunter class at Bercutt Field on July 5, is for sale because Sandy is leaving for college.

Also at the Bercutt Field show four new horsewomen made their debut. They include Dee Speer, Nancy Reed, Ann Anderson and Mrs. Iveson. Among them they won six ribbons. Of the fourteen horses brought to the Bercutt Show, not one failed to win a ribbon.

A very distinguishing horse was bought by Brennie Grant. The mare's name is Powder Miss who is a Poco Bueno mare.

The trophy room of the Unicorn Farms is also bulging with new awards. Andy Hauer riding Commando won fourth in equitation and Sue Cashion received third in equitation over the fences at the Bercutt Show. At San Pablo Andy received second in equitation and Kathy Cunningham riding Bridie Murphy received first in equitation for the twelve and under, and Sherie Byrne received first for the twelve and over class. In the same class Irene Diskon received fourth.

At our Show on the 14th and 15th, Irene Diskon received fifth in equitation. Bobby Jones riding Georgia Cracker received first in the walk trot. Bobby, on My Linda, also placed second in the five-gaited.

At Fresno, "Autumn Leaves" ridden by Bobby Jones won the walk trot and My Linda won the five-gaited class. Miss Ruth Woolsey placed third in the fine harness class driving one of her fine ponies.

At the Stanford Show, Sherie Byrne won the walk trot and placed second in the five gaited on Genes Flash. Irene Diskon placed fifth in the fourteen to seventeen equitation class and Kathy Cunningham placed fourth in the lower equitation class.

The 4-H horse show also was a contribution to the Unicorn ribbon room when Irene Diskon placed second in English pleasure on Golden Unicorn and Sherie Byrne fifth in English pleasure.

The Junior Play Day held at the Woodside Stables accounted for fourteen ribbons—won by Kathy Cunningham, Andy Hauer, Nadeen Johnson, Sherie Byrne and Eva Hauer.

That's all for now and I'll be glad to tell you about the Yosemite High Sierra Trail Ride which I am on while writing this article.

Rich Figone.



## A Thank You

The Horse Show Committee wishes to thank every one who helped on the June two day horse show. To list individuals who did outstanding work would be impossible, as it took all hands to make your show the wonderful two days enjoyed by all.

We are glad to report that the show will report a profit, the exact amount will be given at the July meeting. We tried to thank each one at the end of the show but know in such an event someone could be overlooked, so please know your help was not overlooked and greatly appreciated.

Al Williams,  
Marie Kemm.

We also wish to again thank the following individuals and merchants who contributed so generously to the support of the Horse Show.

Mr. Pryce Byrdsley, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Castleman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Elkus, William Gardiner-Sellar Tire Service, Mr. and Mrs. Judson W. Mak, Mr. Joe Rodriguez, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, Mr. Ray Barbera, Mr. Gus Battaglia, Mr. Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boye, Mr. Angelo Bragato, Mrs. Grace E. Brown, Stanley and Alvena Bryn, Canada Stables, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Delucchi, Mr. Roy Delucchi, Mr. and Mrs. William Coppee Duncan, Eucalyptus Hill Farm, Mr. Joseph S. Feinberg, Mr. Jack Fisher, J. A. Folger and Co., Gleim's Jewellery, Palo Alto; Mrs. Irma C. Goldsmith, Mrs. J. S. Grepe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Harwood, Dr. Ben O. Hebert, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hecht, Mr. Erwin N. Heieck (Heieck & Moran), Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Hoyt, Mr. G. C. Hoyt, Fay Humphries Stables, San Mateo; Mr. and Mrs. Mervin J. Keegan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Kemm, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kriebel, Frances N. Lamb, Mr. Lee L. Lane, Lombardi Catering Service, Santa Rosa; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCune, Unicorn Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Marks, Mr. Joe T. Martin, Mar Vista Riding Academy, Mr. and Mrs. John Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Menefee, Menlo Circus Club Stables, Marda Miller, Mrs. Polly Miller, Cecilia and Mogens Mogensen, Captain E. Mohr, Bay and River Pilot; Mr. Walter Moore, Camille and Joe Morrow, Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, Fran Nicolai, Mr. George Olmo, Olsen Nolte Saddle Shop, Peninsula Saddlery, Piers Dairy, Mr. and Mrs. Mark S. Plaisted, Redwood City Cold Storage & Locker, Inc., Mrs. William P. Roth, San Carlos Electric Co., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sailor, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Samuels, Mrs. Virginia M. Siegfried, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sonnicksen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stallings, Miss Margaret Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schlichting, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Steinhardt, Mr. Robert R. Stevens, Jr.,

**A "ROARING TWENTIES" DINNER DANCE** will be held Saturday, October 25, in the new penthouse of the Pioneer Hotel in Woodside. We will have our own bar and music. This is going to be the best dance we've ever had. More details later. Start getting your flapper dresses ready gals.

Billie Brawley,

Walter Johnson Stable, Mrs. Vera M. Vecki, Sheriff Earl B. Whitmore, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Pitt K. Winchell, Mr. S. F. Wisnom, Mrs. Paul W. Wood, A Woodside Friend, Woodside Stable, Woodside Trail Club, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wunderlich, Mr. Hank Zaban and Mrs. Ed Zwierlein.

Expressions of appreciation are especially due the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County for the use of its grounds and to the Peninsula Saddlery, Olsen Nolte Saddle Shop and Walter Johnson Stable for offering the challenge trophies.

## The Pitchfork

By Alice Ruth Woolsey

(This is the first session of what will be a regular feature in the San Mateo Horseman . . . serving as a clearing-area for questions about tack and equipment, riding skills and practices, breeding, horsemanship in general. Miss Woolsey is one of the west's better-informed and vastly experienced horse women. Ruth, her horses, her riders and her Unicorn Farm in San Mateo are widely known. For the authoritative answer to your horse question, write to Miss Woolsey care of San Mateo Horsemen, P. O. Box 991, Redwood City. Space permitting, you will be answered immediately. Candid opinions and interested comments are welcome, likewise.

San Francisco

Dear Miss Woolsey,

I'm very pleased with the new saddle I just bought. It's my first, and a good English make. But did the company make a mistake? Those little straps for the girth are three, but my girth only has two buckles. How come?

—Strapped

DEAR STRAPPED:

Here's how come. Those little straps are called Billet Straps, and there are three of them because time was when girth were made of fabric—cotton or linen—with two buckles to fit onto the billet straps. These girths then had a second narrower girth stitched or attached to the wider one, down the center, for additional strength and safety. This reinforcing girth was buckled to the middle billet strap. Some catalogues today still show this equipment. They are called "Fitzwilliams Girths." Today most girths are made of leather, and the extra reinforcement isn't necessary, but there's your saddle with the extra billet strap in case you ever use Fitzwilliams Girth. You'll be happy to know that no mistake was made. Fret not, and enjoy riding your new saddle.

Burlingame

Dear Miss Woolsey,

These western riders get fancier every day. Now they ride saddles with **two girths**. Is this something like the overloaded silver so evident in Parade Horse Classes?

—Jodhpurs

EASY NOW, JODS:

. . . Don't permit yourself the hauteur of looking down your nose on the stock saddle. It has a definite place in horsemanship, which you will discover the first time you have to spend a day or so in the saddle over other than park or ring terrain. Those two girths you refer to are called "double rigging" by stockman, and

ostentation. When a stock saddle is used for roping the tension on the rope around the saddle horn (no it is not called the pommel!) would lift the cantle of the saddle off the horse's back. The additional cinch prevents this lift. This back strap of a double rig is not cinched up, but left buckled loosely. Though you have not asked my advice on the matter, I would suggest you climb into some denims and spend an hour or so in a stock saddle. You're due a happy surprise, particularly with a handy little pony under you. By the way, leave your crop at home.

Belmont

Dear Miss Woolsey,

Pulleeze settle a big family hassle! My husband is just bug-eyed when ever he sees a palomino horse. Where are these animals bred? All I know about horses is the old Dobbin that a junkman drove in our neighborhood to whom I used to feed sugar. My husband thinks I'm a fluff-brain for not knowing or caring.

—Dumb Wife.

DEAR SPOUSE:

You're not so dumb. At least you ask. We'll probably cause a mushroom cloud, but here goes! Old horse breeders tell us that the Palomino is not a breed. He is a color of horse. He is distinguished by his flaxen mane and tail. This color must be true and not bleached, by either sun or bottle. The body of the Palomino varies in color. The truly good ones are a rich honey color. Others are cream butter, red sorrel, even silver. In breeding, the Palomino color is kept steady in the strain by breeding a chestnut mare to a Palomino stallion. As for conformation, the Palomino can have many body characteristics varying from Morgan to Saddlebred.

In the early California days there was an old Spanish family whose ranch was famous for their great golden horses. The origination of this strain is not known. In the territory men would see a golden horse and say "Alla! Dos Palominos!" Dos Palominos was the name of the family. The "dos" has been dropped, but the name still applies to these beautiful golden horses. If you wish complete information for your edification (and to confound your husband) write to the Palomino Horse Association, (ADDRESS???). Oh yes, carrots are better for horses than sugar, and they like them just as well.

Many thanks to Ruth Woolsey and Mike Davenport, of Unicorn Farms, San Mateo, for this column. This should be a very welcome addition to the San Mateo Horseman—Ed.

## Lost or Stolen!

Pinto mare—1500 lbs.—15 hands. Ring bone on left front leg. Dent on left shoulders. 14 years old.

Any information about this mare would be greatly appreciated. LIBERAL REWARD!

Please contact: Joe Zaroni, Newark, Calif., phone SYcamore 3-1306, or Veronica Caughey, La Honda, phone La Honda 2661.

## FOR SALE

Reg. quarter-horse mare—7 years old. Excellent for equitation and western show Classes—Inquire at Woodside Stables.

## News from Region 6

June 28 was the date of our last Region 6 meeting, held at "365" Club in San Jose, and hosted by the "Mayfair Riders."

CHSA President Earl Bardley and his wife, Eunice were guests.

Ivo Vollmer, Jr., Region 6 Vice-President presented his letter of resignation, due to his recent election as our new Executive Secretary for CSHA. Mary Ann Shea of San Francisco was elected to fill in as Region 6 Vice-President until the new elections come up which will be at our next meeting.

Tom Johnston also announced that his hat was in the ring for State President.

President Earl also said that the subject of a permanent site for our State Conventions would be brought up at the Paso Robles meeting in October.

Seen among the guests were Paul Carson, our Secretary Virginia Siegfried and our President, Barbara Sailor, also our Treasurer (CSHA) Fred Kemm and Marie Kemm.

Billie Brawley, Secty.

### IVO VOLLMER, JR., ELECTED STATE SECRETARY CSHA

We were proud to have our new Executive Secretary at our last general meeting held at Carpenters Hall. Ivo has a splendid record with the Santa Clara Horsemen's Association, having organized and been Junior President, as well as Senior President SCHA and Vice-President of Region 6.

He was the Chairman of the Santa Clara Horsemen's Horseshow held June 1, and it was one of the best shows they ever put on.

We feel sure that he will be a fine Executive Secretary.

Lots of luck to you Ivo, from the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association.

## Drill Team News

The Bill Hickeys opened their lovely home to the members of the San Mateo Co. Sheriff's Posse Drill Team and their parents on Tuesday, June 23 for a play day for the members followed by a steak barbecue.

Donna Williams won high point trophy with Sharon Baynham one point behind her.

After dinner Sheriff Whitmore showed us movies of our exhibition drill at the Sonora Rodeo.

Everyone had a wonderful time and we surely thank the Hickeys for their hospitality.

We exhibited on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July at the R. C. Rodeo and won a beautiful trophy.

Our next exhibition drill will be at the San Mateo Co. Jr. Horse Show, Aug. 9-10.

**THE DEL MAR** show is recognized as one of the biggest horse shows in the WORLD! As a matter of interest, to those of us who do not particularly follow the show circuit, there were about 1100 horses present. Not all entered, but present! Did somebody say that horse were fizzling out? San Mateo County did pretty well there, too. We've told you elsewhere about Carol Ramsey, who did all right. Our Unicorn Farms reports that they entered 24 classes and brought back 22 ribbons.

## Scalded Backs

A horse with a scalded back becomes extremely sensitive over the area covered by the saddle. The owner first notices something wrong when he brushes the saddle area and his horse sinks down, acts very cranky and resentful and tries to bite or even kick, switches the tail and continues this action when the owner first mounts.

Many riders immediately decide the horse has "bad kidneys" which isn't really logical since the kidneys lie under layers of muscle, bone and fat and no amount of probing over the back could irritate them.

The above symptoms will be followed by wrinkling of the skin and roughened hair over the scalded area. A dandruff-like scale will be evident in the scalded areas in the early stages and if treatment is not prompt and the cause not removed, the hair may even shed and there will be raw, very painful areas which will form permanent scars on the back which will be covered with white hairs or may be so badly injured he will be useless for riding or may be laid up for long periods of time.

Scalded backs are most common after long rides in warm weather, especially during the last days of long trail rides. Warm weather aggravates the condition since the increased sweat and accompanying salt content increases the pain and irritation.

The most common causes are:

1. Dirty back and saddle pads or blankets. This can be easily prevented by brushing the back both before and after a ride and by sponging or hosing the back with cool water to wash off the dirt and sweat. Regular cleaning, vacuuming or washing pads and blankets will help get rid of old sweat and dirt also. If you wash the padding, be very sure to rinse all the detergent or cleansing agent out of the material; these cleaning agents may be very irritating to the horse.

2. Insufficient padding: Too often the rider buys a soft, fluffy pad or blanket that is perfectly satisfactory when new, but this padding wears very thin and packs down with age and wear until it needs help to keep the saddle away from the back. Be sure to use plenty of padding, especially on long rides, so the padding can be reversed from time to time and will more readily absorb moisture.

3. Lack of attention to the saddle area on long rides. The girth should be loosened whenever the rider dismounts if

possible, and the whole rig should be removed and readjusted at least twice a day on long rides; more often in hill areas.

4. Overly fat or poorly conditioned horses are most likely to develop scalded areas on long rides, just as does the rider in the same condition, but in a different area.

5. Poorly balanced riders or those who "ride the cantle" may cause pressure on the wrong area in even a well-fitting saddle and eventually scald the horses they ride.

6. Poorly fitted saddles; these are not too common and are usually fairly easy to detect and correct, either by getting a different saddle or remodeling the original.

Treatment should be prompt. The back should be cleaned and an antibiotic ointment applied to any raw areas. Complete rest of the scalded area is vital; the horse should not be saddled until the scald is completely healed and all causes removed. Even then, the horse should be saddled for a few hours, but NOT ridden, until the back is checked after the test saddling and seems perfectly normal.

(Thank you, Bill Linfoot. Ed.)

(Courtesy of Peninsula Saddlery)

## Coming Events

Aug. 1-9—San Mateo County Fiesta, Fair Grounds.

Aug. 3—Horse Show, SFHA, Bercutt Field, P.O. Box 3478, Rincon Annex, San Francisco.

Aug. 9-10—Jr. Horse Show, SMCHA Juniors, Woodside, 2321 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

Aug. 9-10—Arab Show Arabian Horse Club, Cow Palace, J. Gyr, Rt. 1, Box 363, Lodi.

Aug. 16—Region 6 Show and Elimination, Keeble Ranch, San Jose. Della Boggs, 25310 Purrissima, Los Altos.

Aug. 17—H.S. & Gymkhana, San Pablo. W. Trout, 1651 Hillcrest Road, San Pablo.

Aug. 24—Gymkhana, Region 6, Keeble Ranch, San Jose. Della Boggs, 25310 Purrissima Rd., Los Altos.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Trail Ride and Show, Concord Trail Riders, Concord, P.O. Box 486, Concord.

Sept. 21—SMCHA President's Ride.

Sept. 28—Horse Show, Guadalupe Red Shirts, Los Altos. G. Nicholson, 185 McGlincey Lane, Campbell.

Oct. 31-Nov. 9—Grand National Livestock Exhibition, Cow Palace.

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