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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Emilie Montoya riding Rocky.
Photo by Sue Winslow
Photography*

Dear Members and Friends,

Cool nights and balmy days make this time of year so pleasant, and some of the best riding weather. I hope everyone’s summer has been fun and that you’re ready for just a few more get-togethers as we go into the New Year.

In October, the Grand National Horse Rodeo returned to the Cow Palace in San Francisco! On Friday the 14th, SMCHA arranged bus transportation and refreshments for about 40 people, up and back from Town Hall in Woodside. Our award-winning Color Guard participated in the Grand Entry that night, and were once again awarded the title of Grand Champion Color Guard Team! As always, there was a large, impressive turnout of equestrians.

In November we’ll once again hold our General Meeting, which will feature Bingo and dinner at The Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City on Saturday, November 12. Please check our website, smcha.org for all the information. That will be followed by our Holiday Party, this year in conjunction with Los Viajeros Riding Club, at the Village Church in Woodside on Sunday, December 11. Everyone’s invited to come for a little holiday spirit, camaraderie, and to benefit Toys For Tots and Second Harvest.

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If you’ve been to our Installation & Gala in the past, you know what fun we have. This is when we can gather the most numbers of friends from our wonderful horse community and beyond for an evening of sharing, dining, and dancing to live music. And we’ll have another beautiful slide show highlighting the year’s events put together by Sue Winslow, photographer guru! Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 21, 2017 and join us again at The Mounted Patrol in Woodside.

SMCHA strives hard to provide meaningful, educational, and enjoyable events year round, and we’d love to hear from you. Tell us how you’ve been able to benefit from SMCHA and what we could do to better serve the area. We’re open to new ideas, new ventures into horse competitions, trail rides, horse shows, and topics you would like to have addressed. Please contact us at smcha@smcha.org, we look forward to hearing from you.

COVER

Emilie Montoya riding Rocky.

**Photo by
Sue Winslow Photography**

Enjoy the Ride!

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SMCHA 2016 Chair

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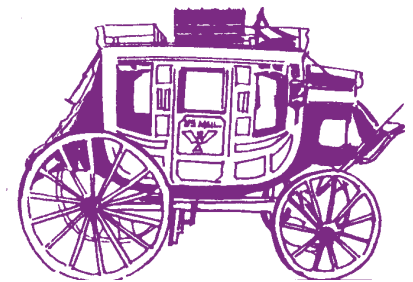
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August Horse Shows

by Cheryl Basin, Horse Show Chair

SMCHA OPEN SHOW AT THE HORSE PARK August 28, 2016

There's no better venue for a horse show than The Horse Park at Woodside. The site crew is very accommodating, helping us set up the courses and patterns the day before the show and were standing by to drag and water arenas at a moment's notice. The views are awesome and everyone loves coming to the Horse Park. Lots of positive comments were heard about our fun and easy-going show.

Forty-four competitors entered in this show of 36 classes. We offered classes in Hunters/ Jumpers, English and Western Equitation, English and Western

Pleasure, Bareback, English and Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse Halter, Pleasure, Riding, and Trail classes. We had two terrific and popular judges. Peter Larson from Healdsburg judged the English and Western Pleasure, and Lauren Murrell judged the Halter, Ranch and Trail classes. Our entire Horse Show Team is the best and they make it appear that we have a "well oiled machine." Big thanks to the Office Crew: Karen Rowley-Shawback, Ann Kirby, Jen Mize, Sharon Butler, Kim Jordan; the Main arena crew: Lee Reed, Adeline Forrest, Pam Daly, Larry Pelzner; the Ranch/Trail arena crew: Noel Moody, Liz Sullivan, Deanna Tanner, Debbie Padilla, Becky Witter, Susan Jakubowski and our course designer, Mike Raynor. Our club photographer Sue Winslow captured wonderful action-packed photos... which are on our website: www.smcha.org

SMCHA's Horse Show Calendar for 2017:

- Western Schooling Show @ Webb Ranch: Sunday, May 7
- English Schooling Show @ Webb Ranch: Sunday, August 6
- SMCHA Open Show @ The Horse Park: Sunday, August 27



A tradition of this show is presenting beautiful silver buckles. This year the **High Point** winners were:

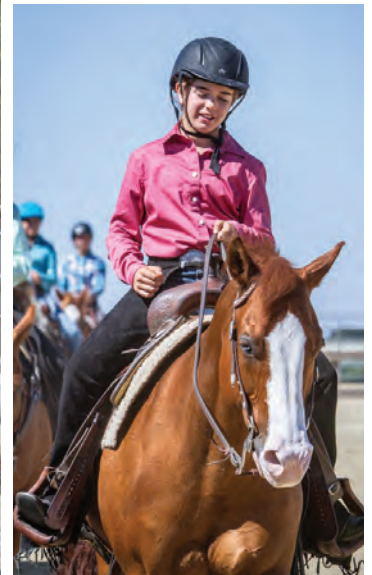
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Ranch Horse Walk/Jog	Paige Gillooley	Dash to Denver	Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County
Ranch Horse Walk/Jog/Lope	Emilie Montoya	Rocky	Sarah Rivers

The SMCHA horse shows are a vital component to our equestrian community. Big thanks to all participants, crew, sponsors and gallery for making our shows so successful!





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English Schooling Show

at Webb Ranch - August 7, 2016

by Cheryl Basin

Thirty-seven enthusiastic horses and riders were all decked out in their English attire and tack for our annual English Schooling Show. It was a perfect August day, not too hot.

One of our most popular judges, Lindy Dunlap, provided constructive criticism as the competitors walked, trotted, cantered and jumped. Helpful tips were welcomed by all participants. Thank you Lindy, we all learned a lot.

Our professional and dedicated crew included Karen Rowley-Shawback, Ann Kirby, Mike Bushue, Lee Reed, Larry Pelzner, Sharon Butler, Liz Sullivan, Deb Alvarado, Pam Daly, Bobbi Petrov, Mike Raynor and our photographer, Sue Winslow.



We are so lucky to have wonderful sponsors for this show.

Thank you all for your generosity:

- Larry Pelzner, SMCHA Board member, donated five "High Point" cash awards
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SMCHA'S COLOR GUARD DID IT AGAIN AT THE GRAND NATIONAL RODEO!

BY CHERYL BASIN

2016 has been another fun and exciting year for the SMCHA Color Guard. The finale was being awarded "Grand Champion" with beautiful ribbons for our four riders and an engraved silver platter for the club.

Our riders and horses were Chris Friis, Captain, riding Willow, Tina Wuslich riding Butter, Cheryl Basin riding Cece and Stephanie Owens riding Joey. Special thanks to Jennifer Lively and Jen Mize, who provided their rock-steady horses, Willow and Joey, for this exciting event.



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The Grand National Rodeo and Livestock Show at the Cow Palace is always an energetic environment with lots of sensory. Thankfully, our four horses performed beautifully and we are very proud to be part of the Grand National.

Thanks to about 50 SMCHA members and friends who came to the Cow Palace. It's truly heartwarming to enter the big arena to see and hear you cheering and clapping for your team.

Our team which includes an amazing ground crew starts on Thursday morning taking the four horses to the Cow Palace, setting up stalls and getting our equipment and accessories organized. Big thanks to Nancy and Greg Mize who brought in breakfast early Friday morning, plus we had a hospitality table for those stopping by Friday night before the show started. Thank you Jen Mize, Debbie Padilla, Kristi Eiffert, Caprice Tennefoss and Liz Sullivan for all your help with grooming, checking tack, clipping bridle paths and whiskers, and making sure horses and riders were ready for the competition. Three master judges came to the conclusion that our team deserved the title of Grand Champion Color Guard team. We couldn't be more proud.

For a nice article and photos on the Grand National, visit Jennifer Lively's blog: <http://www.lively.life> "Follow me for a Behind the Scene Look at the Grand National Rodeo" by Jennifer Lively

On behalf of the entire Color Guard team, we would like to thank the SMCHA Board of Directors for all the support and assistance you have given us throughout the year.


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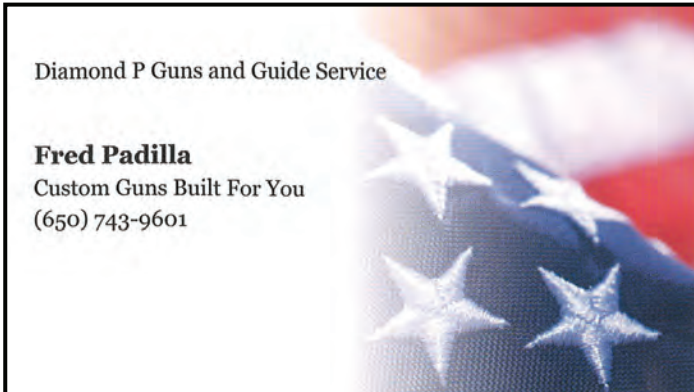


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SMCHA COLOR GUARD GOES TO THE MENLO CIRCUS CLUB



Stephanie Owens and Mufasa

L to R riders are Kristi Eifert, Cheryl Basin, Tina Wuslich, and Stephanie Owens

On two wonderful afternoons in August, the SMCHA Color Guard rolled into the beautiful Menlo Circus Club to post the colors for the evening event. As the extremely tall and very beautiful horses walked past, we unloaded our much shorter but just as beautiful quarter horses. We got the uniforms ready for the ladies, prepared the flags and saddled our horses.

As we walked from the staging area to where the color guard would enter, you could hear a very nice gentleman announcing on the speaker in the practice arena "everyone move over the Color Guard Horses are coming through." While we would like to think he said this because our horses are just that beautiful, special and we think everyone should stop and look at them, we tend to think it was because some of the show horses aren't very fond of our flags. All

in all, our color guard horses did their job as they always do and carried the flags to make us proud. The Color Guard riders were Kristi Eifert on Willow, Cheryl Basin on Cece, Tina Wuslich on Butter and Stephanie Owens on Mufasa. A big thank you goes out to the ground crew Chris Friis, Jenny Mize, Caprice Tennefoss and Debbie Padilla.

The Color Guard would like to give a huge thank you to Don DeFranco and Paul Strickland for sponsoring a table and allowing the Color Guard to join them.

It is with great sadness that this was the last time that Mufasa would ride with the SMCHA Color Guard as she unexpectedly crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephanie, while she deals with this loss.

By Kristi Eifert



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2016 SMCHA Presidents Ride

Driscoll Ranch, La Honda August 14, 2016

The spectacular Driscoll Ranch property (now MROSD) on Highway 84 in La Honda was a great choice for the 2016 SMCHA Presidents Ride.

Here's a little history: On December 11, 2013, the District Board of Directors approved a lease and management agreement with Peninsula Open Space Trust to manage the former Driscoll Ranch Apple Orchard and Event Center properties. POST retains ownership of the properties, which are located adjacent to the 5,760 acre La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and along Highway 84. These properties provide a natural extension of the Preserve with frontage along a public roadway, improve the District's ability to patrol and manage the Preserve, help

protect San Gregorio Creek and provide for a future public staging area and trail opportunities to the Preserve.

After acquiring the permit well in advance to ride this beautiful land, twenty of us rode out from the old rodeo grounds and up into the hills. With perfect weather, we rode through grasslands past a few old barns, ponds and some fat and healthy Angus cattle. We were treated to 360 degree views of hills and wooded ridges far beyond. Five of our past presidents and current Chair Ann Kirby joined with folks from SMCHA, Los Viajeros, San Francisco Horsemen's and Santa Cruz Horsemen's groups to enjoy the day.

Meanwhile, back at the barns, Gina Silva (event

chair), Paul Gurries, Sharon Butler, Cheryl Basin, & friends were preparing a nice spread of pizza, salads, melon and a decorated cake for over 30 guests. An Open Space Ranger also joined us for lunch.

Our current Chair, Ann Kirby, spoke and thanked our past presidents for their service to SMCHA. Past presidents in attendance were: Noel Moody, Ron Harris, Patty Dana (for Amos Dana), Nancy Kouchekey and Cheryl Basin. Those being honored were presented with beautiful orchid plants. Patty Walsh, Past President of San Francisco Horsemen's Association, and Norma Tucker, Past President of Los Viajeros, and long-time SMCHA member Rob Krensky also enjoyed the day of friendship and camaraderie.

Unfortunately, two of our riders came off their horses. The emergency response personnel arrived quickly and transported one fallen friend to the ER. Beverley Kane, MD, a SMCHA board member riding with us, assisted with the emergencies. Recoveries are coming along well.

We can surely be grateful to be part of a diverse group of individuals who are brought together by their mutual love of horses. And thank you to those who plan these events that get us out into a vast and beautiful open landscape.

Special thanks to Gina Silva, 2016 Ride Chair, for another spectacular ride venue!

Happy Trails!
Rebecca Holland and Dusty





SMCHA Presidents L to R Patty Dana, Patty Walsh, Cheryl Basin, Noel Moody, Ron Harris, Ann Kirby, Nancy Kouchekey



The Horse's Mouth

by Bo Felix DVM

Horses have between 36 and 44 teeth. By the time a horse is about 5 years old, their teeth are finished growing; however, much of this tooth is below the surface of the gum (reserve crown). Due to the comparatively soft material that equine teeth are composed of there is a natural process of attrition (wear) that occurs with mastication (chewing). In response to this “wearing



down” of the teeth, the tooth undergoes the process of eruption in which the reserve crown enters the oral cavity. Because eruption is often perceived as growth, there is a common misconception that horses’ teeth are continuously growing.

In an ideal world the rate of eruption would occur at the same rate as attrition, however, this seldom occurs. It is very typical for one tooth to undergo a faster rate of eruption, while the opposing tooth has a faster rate of attrition. This results in a dominant tooth (over-long tooth) opposed by a compromised tooth, and malocclusions are formed. If balance is not restored, dental pathology will occur, which can manifest in a multitude of ways, ultimately causing the horse pain and eventually loss of function. One of the main goals of equine dentistry is to restore balance to the mouth by removing tooth material that should have worn away naturally through the process of attrition.

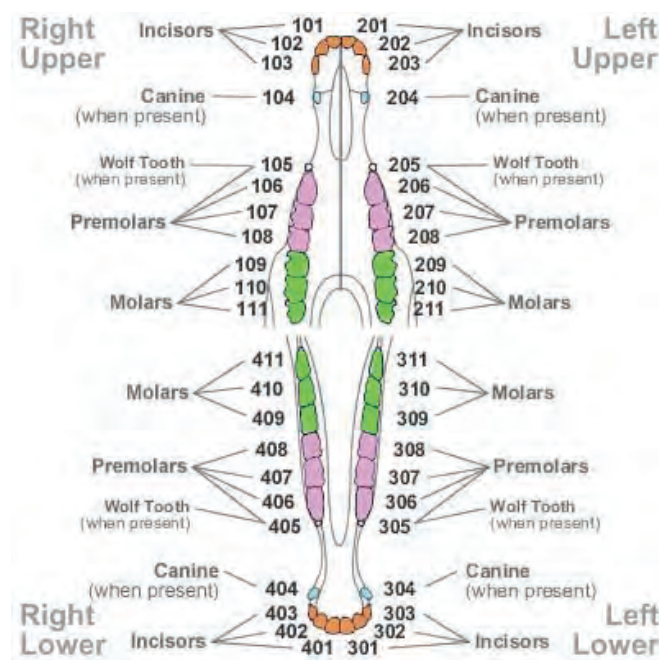
While the teeth are undergoing this process of eruption and attrition, very sharp points form along the outside of the upper cheek teeth (maxillary molars & pre-molars), and the inside of the lower cheek teeth (mandibular molars & pre-molars). Due to the anisognathic nature of the equine mouth (maxillary cheek teeth sit outside of the mandibular cheek teeth) the cheeks and tongue lay in close contact with these sharp points resulting in abrasions, ulcerations, and even lacerations of the soft tissue structures. Removal of these sharp points occurs during routine dental procedures.

When and how often should dental exams be performed?

Foals: while foals typically don't require much dental care, it is a good idea that they are examined for major malocclusions that can be diagnosed early on when treatment options have the greatest rate of success.

2yrs to 5yrs: It is recommended that your horse has an oral exam as a 2-year-old to address malocclusions and sharp points and also to remove wolf teeth that may be present. This should be done before any training aids (bits, hackamores, etc) are used. A dental exam is recommended at 6 month intervals up to the age of 5 years; from 1 year of age to 5 years of age 40 new teeth are erupting and 24 deciduous ("caps") teeth are shed. The teeth of younger horses tend to develop sharp points at a faster rate than older horses. These changes can cause discomfort and performance issues such as resistance to the bit.

>5yrs of age: A yearly dental exam is usually sufficient for horses older than 5 years, however, some conditions will need more frequent attention. At 5 years old a complete set of permanent



teeth are present. With yearly dental care, discomfort and performance issues can be prevented, but more importantly, malocclusions can be reduced before they cause irreversible damage. Regular dental care started at a young age can allow your horse to have healthy dentition that will last for the entirety of your horse's life. Remember "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"; by the time your horse is showing signs of dental problems (weight loss, quidding, etc.) permanent damage has likely already occurred.

My Background Information

An affection for horses began at an early age. It was initially sparked by my mother, who has always had a love of the noble animal, and it was nourished by frequent rides through the Woodside hills (namely Wunderlich and Mooreshead) on weekends and after school. I followed my older sisters' footsteps in the Woodside Pony Club, but at heart, my desire was to be a cowboy. I'm not sure I've achieved "cowboy status" to this day, but my parents provided the opportunity to embark on the journey when they signed me up for Eddie Cohn's roping school at Rancho Viejo when I was 10. I was immediately hooked and from that day on my Pony Club days were numbered! From then on it was all about jackpots, Jr Rodeo, High School rodeo, & eventually, Collegiate rodeo.



I attended Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo) and spent my summer months working at a pack station, leading pack trips in the Sierra mountains.

After my sophomore year I had the opportunity to take an internship with a world renowned reining trainer. The "quarter long" internship soon turned into a job, and may have become a career, but for the fact that during this time I was introduced to equine dentistry, which opened the next chapter of my life.

In 2002, through a Cal Poly professor and good friend, I was given the opportunity of a one-year apprenticeship with a veterinarian whose practice was limited to equine dentistry. In 2003 I became certified with the International Association of Equine Dentistry and began providing equine dental care for veterinarians and their patients. Before long, it became clear that in order to provide the level of dental care and service that horses and their owners deserve, it was necessary for me to continue my education and become a veterinarian. Upon graduation from Western University of Health Sciences' College of Veterinary Medicine in 2011, and with immense support from my wife and parents, Felix Equine Dentistry came to fruition.





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My wife, Sarah, and our 4 children, Quincy (10), Logan (8), Tanner (6), and Peyton (3), and I live in Plymouth, a small town nestled in the foothills east of Sacramento, but enjoy our frequent visits back to Woodside.



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The Gateman Cometh



For many decades, as the gate person at SMCHA horse shows, I have been privileged to observe the continued progress of many young and nervous novice riders as they grow to become extremely good equestrians. I have talked to, and soothed many a beginner as they entered the arena for their first competitive show, often as their coach or parent yells instructions from the sidelines. Each time my one word to them has been, "SMILE." A smile can do wonders to ease their anxiety, and might even influence a judge!

Being at the gate has its rewards and sadness as many of the riders never win a ribbon, but some are elated when their name is announced as a ribbon winner. Some even have special needs, and as a result need special attention, while also having greater challenges. For over fifteen years, I was the volunteer for the Special Olympics as the swimming and diving instructor for the San Francisco chapter. This has given me much experience teaching and being patient with anxious adolescents and young adults.

While the work is often challenging, and some of the judges are not always easy

to work with for six to eight hours, it is most rewarding to see these young aspiring riders try so hard, as well as change so dramatically each year as they grow into adulthood and accomplished equestrians. Sometimes I do not recognize the returning riders after not seeing them until the next show season!

My main goal is to make sure the riders in the arena are safe. I also confirm their registration for the



individual classes. Although falls are rare, I am usually the first one in the arena should an unforeseen accident occur... to make sure the rider and horse are both safe. SMCHA has a special place in these young riders' hearts and memories as they grow older. SMCHA affords them the opportunity to compete, albeit many times at a beginning level, but nevertheless they go home feeling as



excited as if they just won a ribbon or competed in a Grand Prix event! It is a great feeling to watch these emotions, and it sometimes brings a tear to my eye. After each show, I drive home, exhausted and exhilarated at the same time. Cheryl Basin, as well as some of the other SMCHA members, have referred to me as the "Gateman Extraordinaire," but in reality, all of the horse show volunteers are "Extraordinary."

Our SMCHA horse shows are extremely worthwhile events, and involve many hours of preparation and require the help of many dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. As the gate person, I truly feel blessed to have participated in these shows for many decades, and to have had the opportunity to assist and watch as aspiring equestrians blossom before our eyes.

by Larry Pelzner

The Eaton Hills 4H Horse Project in San Carlos is intended to be a fun and interactive way to teach kids about horses, and themselves, through their interactions with horses. Most activities will take place on the ground as riding is not a primary focus of this program.



Learning objectives include an understanding of horse psychology, basic horse anatomy and horsemanship skills such as safety, haltering, tying, grooming and leading.

As well, focus will be placed on building trust, developing relationship, making connection and establishing partnership. These skills are directly transferable to interactions with other people and therefore, the overall goal is to develop leadership skills while strengthening social and emotional competence.

Dates and Times of the Horse Project:

The Grand National Rodeo held on October 14/15 and October 21/22, 2016 was a great way to kick off the new year of the 4H Horse Project!!

The Horse Project will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 9 am - 10:30 am, starting on November 12, 2016 and concluding on June 10, 2017.

The location will vary. Once you are signed up you will be added to our Shutterfly site and receive up to date information.

4H members must be at least 8 years old to participate.

As well, the youth member must join SMCHA prior to our first meeting. The cost of a SMCHA youth membership is \$25.

For more information, go to <http://www.smcha.org/membership/join-smcha/>

Any questions may be directed to Amy Hublou at amy@hublou.com.

Thank you!

4H

Horse Project

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SCREEN ON THE GREEN

..MOVIE NIGHT 2016..

SMCHA members in attendance were very good sports about the “bait and switch” movie in September! We had planned on showing “National Velvet” but due to this author forgetting to check her DVD case, we watched “Black Beauty” instead. Arghh! Despite this speed bump, we had an unprecedented turnout for our Movie Night on the beautiful Polo Field of Webb Ranch, with about 75 attendees, under a lovely harvest moon. Wendy Mattes, the Executive Director of Jasper Ridge Farm, which is located at Webb Ranch, brought over some of her animals to meet the movie goers. The sheep were a big hit and their soft coats were irresistible. Wendy talked about her program and how the comforting presence of the animals creates a special experience that helps veterans, ill children, and people in

need who need healing. Jasper Ridge partners with the Webb Ranch riding program and they have access to the lesson horses. Jasper Ridge Farm is always looking for volunteers and donations, and you can do so by contacting Wendy at 650-703-5199 or email at wmattes@jasperridgefarm.org.

“Black Beauty” was quite the tear jerker and I’m sure the Polo Field was well-watered that warm evening. We projected the movie onto an inflatable screen rented from Avista and our own technical person, Daylin, came with it. I am still trying to figure out how Daylin fit all that equipment into her Mini-Cooper! Dinner was sold by Luis from Tchuvis who has become a regular fixture with his food truck at SMCHA events. Luis can be reached at 408-306-7460 or www.tchuvis.com.

Many thanks also go to Webb Ranch for letting us use the Polo Field; SMCHA volunteers Cheryl Basin, Susan Snook, and Alison White for the delicious free desserts; to Adeline Forrest for the free popcorn; to Dan Ryan (my husband) and Mike Bushue for their technical support and assistance; to Patricia Cox and her husband Casey Koulman for bringing their instruments and entertaining us while we waited for sundown; to Bonnie Bertetta, our bartender who donated six bottles of white wine, and my partner in crime and fellow First VP; and especially to our generous sponsor for the evening, SMCHA BOD member Larry Pelzner, who donated the screen and projector for the evening. Because of Larry’s sponsorship, we did not have to charge for the movie. Larry is our long-time “gate guy” and well known to us all. Many thanks, Larry, from all of us!

By Gretchen King





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HUNEWILL RANCH

Bridgeport, California

June, 2016

by: Adeline Forrest and Cheryl Basin

Traveling over the Sonora Pass, then south on 395 to Bridgeport, we arrived at the Hunewill Ranch (pronounced Honeywell), which is just to the east of Yosemite.

The ranch has breathtaking views of the Sierra Nevada range and has been a working cattle ranch for 84 years. It is the oldest working guest ranch in California. This 26,000-acre cattle ranch is family owned and operated by the Hunewills, actual descendants of the original family who homesteaded the ranch in 1861. It supports 1,200 cows and 150 horses as well as sheep, goats, llamas and pigs. There is always cattle work to be done, such as moving young cows from the herd or moving one herd to another pasture.

If your goal is to experience the life of a cowboy or cowgirl without all the strenuous work that goes with it, the Hunewill Circle H Guest Ranch is your kind of place.

Horses are carefully chosen to match riders' abilities, although guests may bring their own. Riders are similarly grouped so that novice riders can take it slow and easy while seasoned riders can jog and lope to their hearts content, jumping creeks and ditches, splashing through fields of wild flowers.

Riders can go out for morning and afternoon rides and most take place in wide open meadows. One day the wrangler trailered our ten horses up to the Toiyabe National Forest where we took a full day ride to the high country (8,000 feet). We crossed deep creeks, had lunch under the pine trees and rode back through timbered woodlands. One deep creek crossing was particularly memorable because of the steep, loose embankment but we all stayed dry thanks to our very surefooted horses.

Back at the ranch, guest accommodations are quaint, roomy and comfortable cottages, each with private baths and porches where we enjoyed watching birds, bunnies and the magnificent scenery.

Three traditional meals are served daily buffet style, but there's always something new so one morning we started out early and rode to Robinson Creek where we had a fabulous outdoor cowboy breakfast.

While it was too early in the season for us to experience this, one of the highlights of the Hunewill Ranch is their November cattle drive. This year will be their 106th. You ride with the family 60 miles from Bridge-

port, California to Smith Valley, Nevada, pushing 600 cows to their winter pasture. The route follows the tracks of the gold rush era Carson City Stage Coach Road. If we were only a few years younger, we might try it.

If your interests don't include horses, there are other great activities that include fishing, hiking and exploring historical areas. The ranch has its own stocked pond for fly fishing and the nearby East Walker River has trophy-size German Browns. Bodie, the historical mining town, is just twenty miles away and Mono Lake is not too far for a day trip. The eastern side of Yosemite which you can see from the ranch has some beautiful areas to explore and Bridgeport has several antique shops. Something for everyone!

There are several ways to get to the Hunewill Ranch. One can go Highway 80 to Reno, then down 395 or take Highway 50 to South Lake Tahoe and over to Gardnerville on the 207 Kingsbury Grade and then down 395. We went through Oakdale on Highway 108 to Yosemite on a very windy road which is not for the lighthearted. This route only took us five hours door to door.

The Hunewill Ranch is an awesome destination and we can't wait to get back there...in fact we've already made our reservation for 2017.

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Adeline and Cheryl





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A History of the HORSE PARK

by Larry Gimple, Horse Park Director

Founded in 1981, the Horse Park (then called CTETA), was created as a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering youth and adults educational, competitive, and recreational opportunities in a wide variety of equestrian disciplines. Situated on 272 gently rolling, oak-studded acres, the equine facilities, terrain and beautiful setting make it unique to California and the west coast.

The Horse Park is a membership oriented facility for both the equestrian and the dog lover! Our location beyond the amazing natural setting is a sophisticated, state-of-the-art facility which is a draw for all equestrian enthusiasts, horse trainers, international level riders, and horse show producers. Boarders and Members enjoy a number of amenities, such as our nine arenas, including three arenas with synthetic footing, a covered arena, a 3/8 mile exercise track, an eighty acre cross-country field, and extensive trails connecting to the larger Woodside Trail System.

The cross-country course with its rolling terrain is something rarely found in California. The hills allow spectators the ability to view almost every cross-country jump by sitting under the historical majestic, ancient oak tree that stands atop the hill next to the course finish line....in fact just recently, this very tree spoke to a tree whisperer and revealed its name was 'Counselor' and that he or she was 117 years old...just in case inquiring minds may want to know! Our cross country field offers full courses from beginner novice through advanced. Hundreds of world-class eventers visit the Horse Park each year to practice and compete on our various courses, from the entry level to the Olympic level. Ian Stark, an Olympic medalist and International Course designer, designed our current courses here at the Horse Park. The Horse Park hosts 10 major equestrian events each year including the Horse Trials (3-Day) Series, Hunter/Jumper Series, Reining by the Bay, Dressage Series, and a Saddlebred show. In addition, we hold a variety of smaller events including community tack sales, schooling shows, derbies, hunter paces, pony club ratings, etc.... We have been the site for several horsemanship, liberty, dressage, 3-Day event, reining and hunter jumper clinics, conducted by world renowned clinicians, providing their services and expertise. There are no admission fees for any equestrian shows held at the Horse Park and we have several medical facilities, convalescent/nursing homes and church groups that regularly attend our events as an activity for their residents, members and patients. We are also proud to be home to the Horse Park Polo Club, Stanford Polo Club and the Portola Valley Pony Club, as well as a host to several other Pony Club activities in the area.



The Horse Park has a maximum of 120 horses permanently boarded on site, and the ability to temporarily house another 400 horses during events. With the help of generous contributors, our Main Barn was completed in March of 2011. It has 52 stalls and 6 tack rooms, and is the home of three of our resident trainers, Peter Breakwell with Breakwell Stables, John Robertson with Tayside Sporthorses, and Jason Attard with West Coast Sport Horses. We have two additional training leased operations on site; Liz Hall of Three Bay Farm and Laura Mauck of Aspen Ridge.

The Horse Park is fortunate and proud to call home to two other nonprofits that serve the community. BOK Ranch Therapeutic Riding School, which is the only PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) international premier accredited therapeutic riding club on the Peninsula! BOK provides service to 150 individuals weekly, and serves riders from 4 - 75 years of age! In addition we are proud to announce the arrival of our newest non-profit resident, the Woodside Vaulters, gymnastics on horseback, whose barn was just completed at the Horse Park just this past June. This group is one of the largest and most successful vaulting clubs in the United States with international status serving many youth and adult vaulters.

The Horse Park at Woodside is proud of their commitment to thoughtful stewardship of the land. We have ongoing programs for erosion control, native plant restoration, invasive species eradication, wildlife habitats, beautification, and the newly established Native Garden on site....all the while, being an example and good neighbor to our community.

Come visit the Horse Park at Woodside!

www.horsepark.org



HARRIET MEYER QUARRÉ

March 4, 1927 - September 9, 2016

San Francisco, California

Submitted by Marianne Quarré Dean



The light of San Francisco dimmed a bit on September 9th when Harriet Meyer Quarré passed away peacefully at her home at the age of 89. The youngest child of Wilson and Mabel (Mimi) Meyer, Harriet is predeceased by her brothers, George Wilson Meyer, who died serving his country in 1945, and Jeffery Wilson Meyer, who died in 2006 after a life devoted to music, the natural sciences and managing the family firm, Wilson George Meyer & Co., and sister-in-law, Janet Busse Meyer (deceased 2016). A sixth generation Californian and San Francisco native, Harriet inherited a love for the city, and an enthusiasm for philanthropy, and a love of life and friends.

She attended San Francisco's Katherine Delmar Burke School, where she collected lifelong friends, and Scripps College, where she studied with famed artist Millard Sheets, deepening an interest in the arts she acquired from her parents. In 1949, Harriet married another San Francisco native, Charles Mohun Quarré (deceased 2004) and moved to Bakersfield, CA to pursue his career in the cattle business. There she raised four children (Catherine, Wilson, Simone and Marianne) and lived a life filled with volunteerism and adventure. She participated in founding Bakersfield's Junior League and Melrose School and led the children of Stockdale in horseback adventures, river floating and skiing trips to Yosemite.

Returning to San Francisco in 1974, she took up her father's passionate support of the San Francisco Opera, serving on the Opera Board for over three decades, chairing the Spring Opera program, founding the Medallion Society, and bringing an enthusiasm and charm that made her, according to the Nob Hill Gazette, "probably the only person able to convince Placido Domingo to ride a horse in a parade." She brought similar enthusiasm and lifelong devotion to the World Affairs Council, International Host Committee, The Hoover Institution, and The Society of California Pioneers. She was also a longtime member of the California Tennis Club, Francisca Club, and San Francisco Junior League.

A cowgirl at heart, Harriet loved horses and even more, her "horse people," joining them in globe-spanning rides with the Cabalgata Riders, trail rides in Woodside with the Shack Riders, and on ranches throughout California with the Los Viajeros Riding Club and Las Estrellas Riders. She won her first equestrian medals as a child at the Menlo Circus Club, where she continued to ride throughout her life. She won her last equestrian medals driving carriage horses last year at age 88.

She was as comfortable and happy in the company of working cowboys and Argentine gauchos as the stars of the opera or San Francisco civic leaders. Harriet's style, intelligence, humor, and graciousness to people of all lifestyles was her hallmark. Harriet's inclusive personality brought many fascinating people together, , enriching all who knew her.

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Harriet is survived by her four children: Cathy Q. Alexander (Scott), Wilson C. Quarré (Peggy), Simone Marie Quarré (Bruce W. Hyman) and Marianne Q. Dean (George "Jay") as well as six grandchildren: John Alexander (Kristi), Sara Vanis (Mark), Amy Bellomy (John), Thomas Quarré, Charlotte Dean and George "Mac" Dean, five great grandchildre: Mimi Vanis, Scott Alexander, Hayden Alexander, Mark Vanis and Mary Catherine Vanis, two nieces: Betsy Yawn (Jim) and Pamela Ringler (Fritz), three grandnephews: Jeffery McLaughlin (Karen), Nathaniel McLaughlin (Arena), Clifford Jorgensen, one grandniece Carrie Topoian (Nick) and brother-in-law Peter Quarré (Rita) of Kirkland, WA and their family.

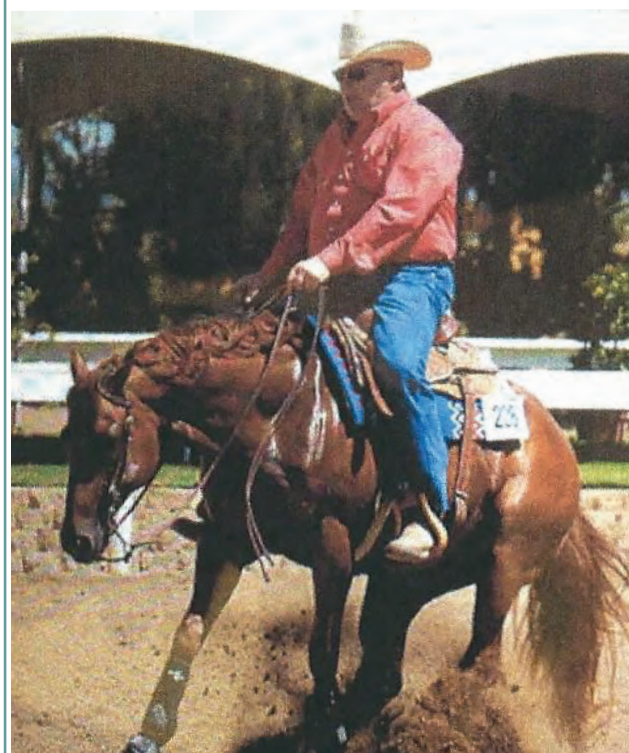


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*From Eileen and Jim Borzone
about the passing of
Delbert Tullos:*

Delbert for many years lived in Woodside with Florence and John Brown, later moving with them to San Martin. He was a Redwood City Police Officer, a member of San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, and a Reserve member of Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County. Delbert was with the security team of FedEx until his unfortunate passing on August 6, 2016. Reining was a huge part of Delbert's life, serving as board member and later president of WCRHA. A celebration of life is planned for October 22 at 6:00 pm at Murieta Equestrian Center, 7200 Lone Pine Drive in Rancho Murieta.



SMCHA's Color Guard Presentation

NCEFT - September 24, 2016 by Cheryl Basin

SMCHA's Color Guard was honored to once again present the colors for the opening ceremonies. Three horses and riders participated, Kristi Eiffert on Willow, Tina Wuslich on Butter and Cheryl Basin on CeCe. Thank you to our amazing ground crew, Jen Mize, Stephanie Owens, Caprice Tennefoss, Debbie Padilla for all your help in getting the team beautifully suited and booted.

We are so proud to be part of this extraordinary organization which helps so many children and adults gain confidence and physical strength through the wonderful world of horses. The night was warm and balmy. The boots polished; the jewels shined. The donkeys were dressed up and the barn was filled with beautiful horses. The tables were set with lovely flowers and the plates were filled with a delicious meal. The warmth and joy of the evening came from friends, old and new, who filled the NCEFT arena to overflowing and resulted in raising almost \$300,000. Congratulations to NCEFT for another successful event and thank you for including SMCHA's Color Guard.



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SMCHA 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2016

11 - Holiday Party - Woodside Village Church

January 2017

12 - Board Meeting

14 - 4H/Youth Project

21 - Installation Gala @ Mounted Patrol

February

9 - Board Meeting

11 - 4H/Youth Project

18 - General Meeting/Bunco

March

9 - Board Meeting

11 - 4H/Youth Project

April

8 - 4H/Youth Project

13 - Board Meeting

22 - Jack Brook Clean-up

29 - Spring Ride

tba - SMC Fair Show @ Ocean View Farms, Montara

May

6 - Woodside May Day Parade

11 - Board Meeting

13 - 4H Youth Project

tba - Western Riding Clinic @ Mounted Patrol

7 - Western Schooling Show @ Webb

30 - Hillsborough Memorial Day parade

June

tba - Western Riding Clinic @ Mounted Patrol

8 - Board Meeting

10 - 4H Youth Project

11 - Tack Sale @ Horse Park (tentative)

9-11 - Horse Expo Sacramento

tba - San Mateo County Fair

tba - Clarkia Trail Work Day

July

3 - Rodeo Dinner & Dance @ Mounted Patrol

4 - Redwood City Parade

4 - Half Moon Bay Parade

4 - Junior Rodeo @ Mounted Patrol

13 - Board Meeting

14-16 - Californios Cow Working @ Mounted Patrol

tba - General Meeting

22-23 - Reining By the Bay

26-31 - Jack Brook Horse Camp

August

6 - English Schooling Show @ Webb

8-13 - Menlo Charity Horse Show @ Circus Club

10 - Board Meeting

12 - Presidents' Ride

27 - Open Show @ Horse Park

September

14 - Board Meeting

tba - Clarkia Trail Work Day

15 - General Meeting & Movie Night @ Webb

23 - Horses & Heroes Gala-NCEFT's benefit event

October

7 - Day of the Horse

12 - Board Meeting

13,14,20,21 - Grand National Rodeo

14 - SMCHA Night/Bus to Rodeo

tba - Play Day & Halloween Extravaganza

November

9 - Board Meeting

11 - General Meeting - Elections & Bingo

December

10 - Holiday Barn Party

January 2018

11 - Board Meeting

20 - Installation & Gala



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Total Enclosed _____

Use my donation for _____

Which of the following events/functions would you like to help with?

____ Board of Directors

____ Trails

____ Western Riding Clinic

____ Horse Shows/Playdays

____ Magazine

____ Trail Rides

____ Color Guard

____ Hospitality/Promotions

____ Membership Recruitment

____ Youth Programs

____ Other

Donations to any of these function/events are welcomed!

Annual dues are for Jan 1 through Dec 31 of each year. Join after Oct 1 and your membership is paid through the following year also!

Cell _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ If you do not want your name to appear in our membership roster, check here _____

New Membership _____ or Renewal Membership _____

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