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SMCHA 2011 Horsewoman of the Year
 Barbara Stogner with Nancy Kouchekey

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings. I cannot believe how the first quarter of this year has passed so quickly. Our SMCHA Board Members have been very helpful, supportive and understanding of me. I enjoy the communication and congratulations I have been receiving from members and look forward to working for you. The SMCHA Board of Directors works very hard for you and they all give so much of their own time. I personally want to thank our newly elected and outgoing Board Members.

When I think about the past SMCHA Presidents I am in awe of their endless commitment to our great organization. There is no way I could begin to fill the shoes of those before me and consider myself blessed to have such role models and vow to keep the wheel of progress moving forward throughout this year.

Since the year began I have enjoyed meeting with heads of various organizations such as National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT), Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, San Francisco Horsemen's Association, and the Equestrian Trail Riders Action Committee (ETRAC), to mention a few. The commonality of equestrian partnerships is heart warming. Several topics were discussed, but one key issue is our trails within San Mateo County and possible park closures. We need to work side by side and support ETRAC in their efforts to protect and preserve trails throughout this county and the state. We will be communicating ways to do this.

In January our Kick-Off Gala and Installation Dinner was held at the Emerald Hills Lodge and Golf Course in Redwood City. The evening was a delightful success with over 100 in attendance. The 2010 recipient for Horseperson of the year was Barbara Stogner. Traditionally the honor to choose the recipient is the duty of the President. Instead it was an overwhelming decision by the Board of Directors to select Barbara as the Horseperson of the year. Barbara felt somewhat reluctant to give up her voice but for once in three years she had no say in the matter. Once again, congratulations Barbara.

Our first General Meeting, Bunco Tournament and Pasta Feed, was held on March 5, and a good time was had by all. A round of applause goes to our 1st VP Laurie Greenblat who put the evening together. We all dined on a delicious pasta dinner orchestrated by Sharon Butler who planned the menu, created the homemade sauces and prepared the entire meal. Sharon specifically requested the help of Andre Kouchekey who she schooled at last year's Bunco night. He was her assistant in the kitchen and they seemed to have way too much fun. Thank you to our tireless volunteers who helped Laurie throughout the evening.

Our membership continues to grow and I urge you to take advantage of our events and activities. There is no better way to show your appreciation to your club than to attend, participate and/or volunteer. It is our goal to keep you informed as to upcoming events, which are covered in our magazine, flyers, emails and website. Plan to attend our Spring Ride on April 17. Our next General Meeting is one you will not want to miss, "Trailing 101"

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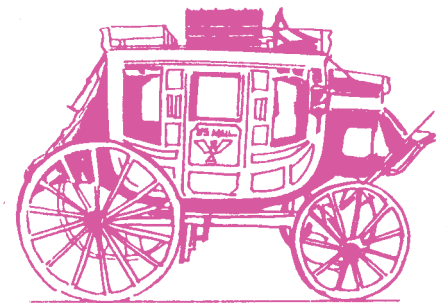
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on April 27. There will be a top quality Western Schooling Horse Show on May 15 and the Western Riding Clinic starts May 19 on six consecutive Thursdays followed by a clinic demonstration and BBQ. English Riding Clinics and other clinics such as Sorting and Ranch Versatility will be offered throughout the year. Last but not least in December, watch for details on our Annual Christmas Caroling on Horseback.

SMCHA has many new members but it is vitally important that we retain the current members. So if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2011 please take a moment and do so now.

As President I would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Remember this is your equestrian organization. You can contact me at nkouchekey@cooperandgamble.com or direct on my cell 650-776-8000. I look forward to serving you as SMCHA President and participating in the many events that are planned.

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Cordially yours,

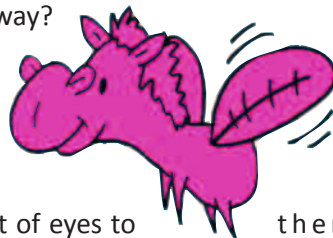
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SMCHA President 2011

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KICK-OFF GALA & INSTALLATION DINNER 2011

by Barbara Stogner

This annual tradition gives SMCHA members a chance to celebrate the past year's accomplishments, honor the Horse Person of the Year, and socialize with our fellow members. We also welcome the new President and kick-off the upcoming year of equestrian events. It's always a festive evening and gives us a chance to dress up a bit. This year's event – the 71st – was no exception.

Once again held at the Elk's Lodge in Emerald Hills, the event committee did a great job decorating the room to set the mood. Horse balloons have become quite popular with the group. The food was delicious and plentiful. A great big "Thank You" to Woodside Bakery Café for the scrumptious dessert. Generous donations by Wild Horse Winery and Larry Pelzner help make this evening possible as well. SMCHA Treasurer, Dan Johndrow, did a fabulous job as MC and looked dapper in his tux and bolo tie.

The 2010 Board of Directors were recognized for all their work during the year with a matching halter and lead rope with an engraved plate "SMCHA 2010." Robin Whalen was singled out for her extra efforts throughout the year managing all of our clinics – and given a beautiful portrait of a horse head. The newly elected– Magda Bartilsson, Beverley Kane, Terri Lobdell, Janine O'Neill – and re-elected - Maria Fonseca, Anne Whitten – were sworn in for their new 3-year term in office.

This year's recipient of Horsewoman of the Year is none other than our outgoing President, Barbara Stogner. Normally selected by the current President, this year the Board of Directors took it upon themselves to give this honor to Barbara. Since she is vacating the position of President after an unprecedented 3 terms, she combined her two speeches into one.

The last bit of business for the evening was to welcome in our new President, Nancy Kouchekey. True to her style, her acceptance speech was short and sweet. Nancy will be a wonderful President.

The evening was capped off by everyone dancing to the tunes of DJ, Chris Webb.

Here's to a terrific 2011 filled with lots of things to do with our horses!

Never kick a fresh turd on a hot day!

Nancy Kouchekey, Andre Kouchekey and Sharon Butler



A nice turnout for the Installation Dinner.



Past President, Bill Ashton



2011 President, Nancy Kouchekey



Dan Johndrow, Treasurer, on the mic



Cheryl Basin gifts Barbara Stogner



Robin Whalen, Gretchen King, Adeline Forrest and Larry Pelzner.

MORE GALA PICTURES!



Club Photographer, Sue Winslow and Nancy

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Barbara and her bunny slippers

Robin Whalen receives a gift for all her hard work



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HORSEWOMAN OF THE YEAR - BARBARA STOGNER

by Cheryl Basin

She was born and raised in Long Beach in So. California. She began her love of horses at an early age at her Aunt Jane & Uncle Clint's urban farm in nearby Westminster. Barbara would spend weekends and most of the summer around the horses, dogs, cats, chickens & ducks. She would also spend her allowance each week on the breakfast ride at the local stable near her home. Eventually her parents' resistance broke down and they purchased a horse for Barbara and her sister Susan to share. Banana Split was her name. Barbara would have the even days and Susan the odd days of the month. That poor horse never got a day off. Barbara rode the riverbed trails and participated in the local horse shows. Banana Split finally wore out when Barbara was a senior in high school.

Barbara moved to San Francisco in 1972. The subject of horses came up with a friend at work who mentioned that her mother had horses and lived in Woodside. That turned out to be Joy Traube's place. She soon was able to help exercise horses there. Not long after that Barbara would be referred to a bookkeeper in Burlingame – Ramona Martinez. After seeing all Ramona's pictures of her horses, they soon became riding buddies and fast friends.

Marriage and raising children along with launching her real estate career didn't leave time for riding for the next 20 years. Her riding was limited to visits to her sister's place and occasionally on vacation somewhere. In 1999, with her children in high school and now a single parent, Barbara decided she had time to get back into riding and own a horse. Her sister helped her find her first horse, Dustem, a fairly green Arabian that was started at the racetrack. Not realizing that her sister had a death wish for her, that horse only knew walk, trot or haul ass. In bringing Dustem up north, Barbara went straight to Joy Traube's to make a home for him. Through a comment in the SMCHA magazine, Barbara was reunited with her riding buddy, Ramona. Eventually – and wisely – Barbara and Dustem parted ways. She would love and lose two more

horses, Tank followed by L'il Fox. Since 2006 her new love has been her Quarter Horse Paint, Slick. Regularly you will find them enjoying the beautiful local trails with any one of her SMCHA friends.



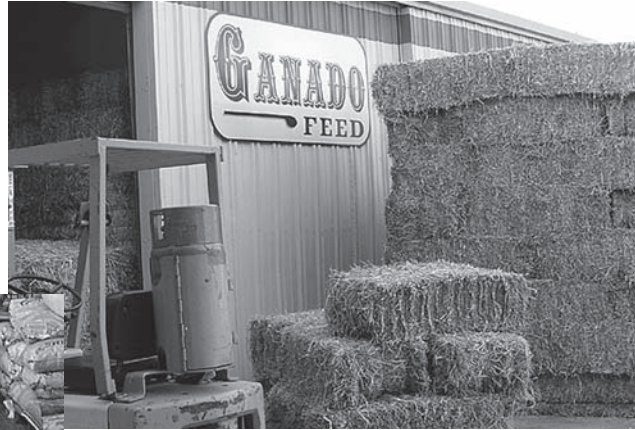
Traditionally chosen by the President, this year the Board of Directors took things into their own hands and decided to name Barbara as Horsewoman of the Year. Barbara has been an SMCHA member for the past 10 years and has served on the Board of Directors since 2006. Although she had not held an office on the board, Sarah Filice saw Barbara's potential when she suggested she run as her replacement for President in 2008. Barbara has shown her devotion to our equestrian community during her unprecedented 3 years as President. She has brought fresh ideas for events such as the popular Spaghetti Feed & Bunco Night, our square dance at Runnymede Farm and the California Cowboy dance at NCEFT. She has also arranged for our cow sorting clinics, bringing in skilled clinicians, added more trail rides and brought back the English Riding Clinic. Always aware that the members of the Board of Directors truly work for the members of SMCHA, she even made a point to call each and every member during her first year as President to make sure members were getting what they wanted out of their equestrian organization. She has also spoken on behalf of equestrians at numerous local meetings to protect our beloved riding trails including the beach trails in Half Moon Bay. Barbara is committed to the continued growth and vitality of SMCHA. During her terms as President our member count went from less than 400 to nearly 600 at one point. She will continue her efforts to see SMCHA reach 1000 members. Not for the simple sake of numbers alone but for the strength this represents and the voice it gives all local equestrians in preserving our enjoyment of our local equestrian life.

Barbara's love of horses and the preservation of our equestrian community are so evident in her everyday life. We are so lucky to have this awesome and positive woman as an integral part of SMCHA.

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IT'S JUST A ROLL OF THE DICE!.....

By Laurie Greenblat

The Mounted Patrol Grounds were shakin', rattlin', and rollin' all night with exuberant Bunco players, all vying for the coveted \$100 prize to be awarded at the end of the tournament.

Bunco players were welcomed into the clubhouse with warm and inviting smells of true Italian cooking. Sharon Butler, our 2nd VP, again donated her never ending cooking talents to brighten up the Mounted Patrol kitchen. Our dinner extraordinaire consisted of Garlic bread, asparagus & tortellini, chicken & Penne, completed with fresh green salads. I really can't pick a restaurant that can match the creativity that comes from that lady's finger tips! Assisted by our own President, Nancy Kouchekey, the ladies provided a fine feast for all! (just try and say that 10 times fast!)

Amber O'Neill did a fine job checking in our 60+ guests and directing them to red and white checkered covered tables. Sticking with our Flair of Italy theme, roses in wine bottles, sliced cheese and grapes, and a choice of Red or White vino awaited our diners at each table. I'm not sure if the competition started at the Bunco tables, or just before at the dessert line? Cheesecake, Red Velvet and Carrot Cake finished off our evening menu.

Our own past President, the ever so shy Barbara Stogner, was our "Bunco Belter," mic in hand explaining the rules and running the game. Prizes of both horse and people treats were given to Baby Bunco winners throughout the evening. It was really a treat to watch our guests enjoy the healthy competition and share smiles and laughs in old fashion family fun.

Once again, a big thank you to our sponsor Philip Whalen, and

wife Robin for her help. Thanks also to Tanya Rebarchik for the efforts with set-up; Elizabeth Sullivan for coordinating tables; and Janine O'Neill for bringing Amber! (And the strawberry slicing!) We rely on the efforts of our Board Members, who provide the muscle behind the magic to make events such as this a success.

As always, SMCHA would not be in existence without the continued support and participation of our Members. THANK YOU MEMBERS for spending your Saturday night with us to enjoy another fun evening with Your Horse Club!



Rolling the dice, playing Bunco!



Sharon Butler, Head Cook....thank you for preparing all the food for this event.



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Laurie and Nancy



Noel Moody & Mark Lindberg



Bob Soldera & Nancy Kouchekey



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Brandon wins "Most Wins"



Amber & Andre: Most Bunco's Winners!

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by Ginger Bushue

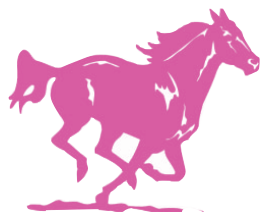
This might not sound like a big deal...but it is. This will be the 77th San Mateo County Fair and the first full fledged horse show. My family has been involved with the Fair since 1996. During this time the Fair had three horse classes. (showmanship, horsemanship and more recently trail). The last couple of years it was determined that the arena at the fairgrounds was not large enough nor had the correct footing for horses under saddle.

This brought the Fair to a crossroads...drop horses all together or grow it into a real show. While these events were happening other things were happening at the same time. Most importantly was the closing of Bay Meadows. This was important because it threw the entire State Fair schedule into flux. As everyone should be aware, our Fair is now in June rather than August. More importantly, our Fair no longer conflicts with the California State Fair. This means that kids that compete in our Fair can also compete at State.

Giving kids in San Mateo County a way to compete at the State Fair has been an objective of mine since my daughter started competing in 4-H Horse shows. Unfortunately I was unable to make it a reality for her, but it is for others starting this year. In order to go to State you must take first place at a qualifying horse show. Most county fair horse shows are qualifying events. Unfortunately most counties have closed Fairs (open only to residents of their county). In order to increase participation, our fair has been open for almost 10 years.

This year, on May 8th, San Mateo County Fair will have their first horse show at Webb Ranch in Portola Valley. There will be twelve classes with Junior and Senior divisions open to 4-H, FFA, and independents. This is a major undertaking for the Fair, one that they're taking on faith. Faith that there are enough youth between the ages of 9 and 19 in the county interested in participating that will make this show a success. For more information go the following link: <https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/competitive-exhibits/departments/horse-show>

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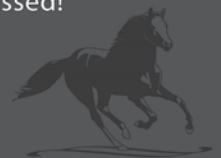
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JACK BROOK HORSE CAMP HISTORY

By Noel Moody

The Jack Brook Horse Camp came about because of Pete Towne, who owned the ranch, and his riding buddy, Jack Brook, who was a San Mateo County supervisor. They were very active in the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County. The two men liked to ride to Memorial Park and back, and they dreamed of making Pete Towne's ranch into a horse park. At that time, trailer parking and horse camping were in Memorial Park. The horse camp was to be a destination to ride to...not start from. But, that idea changed fast.

In late 1976 and 1977, the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, Los Viajeros Riding Club, SMCHA and the Shack Riders began planning and building the Jack Brook Horse Camp on Pete Towne's ranch. The four Woodside horse clubs had work days every weekend for four years. Old barns were torn down and old fences were removed. They put in water pipes from the highway to the camp, brought in electricity and buried the wires underground, put new roofs on the cabin and barn and installed the large water tank. The refrigerator room was added later. Dale Ryman and Bill Guinn designed and built the bathrooms. Bob Machado graded the road, and the parking lot was built.

The pipe corrals in the front were built in 1980 with donated oil pipes. The other corrals were added in 1982 and 1984. The four horse clubs sponsored a gigantic auction held in the Mounted Patrol arena along with a dance the same evening, which raised more than \$40,000 for the Jack Brook Horse Camp. This was before the Pete Towne ranch became part of the San Mateo County Parks System.

Janet Estep, SMCHA member, spent the entire summer of 1980 at the Horse Camp laying out all the single-track trails along with the help of County Rangers. The next year, Gene, the trail maker, was hired to actually build the trails. It took more than a year to complete the project. These are the same trails that we ride today. Gene also rebuilt the trails in Huddart Park.

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

It is because of the dedication of the four Woodside horse clubs planning the Jack Brook Horse Camp, raising the money to build it, actually building it, and maintaining it, that we still enjoy this horse camp today. That is why the Jack Brook Horse Camp Workday is so important. Without our commitment, we could lose it.

These men with an awesome vision should be remembered... Dale Ryman, Bill Guinn, Charles Griner, Bob Machado and Doug Moody. Without them, the camp would not have become a reality.

The Jack Brook Horse Camp on the Pete Towne Ranch became part of the San Mateo County Park System in 1982.

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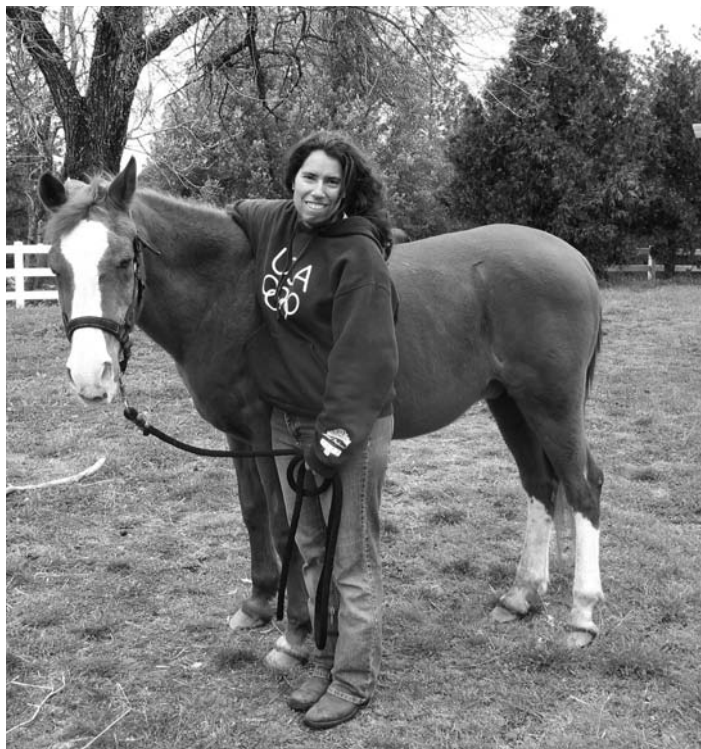
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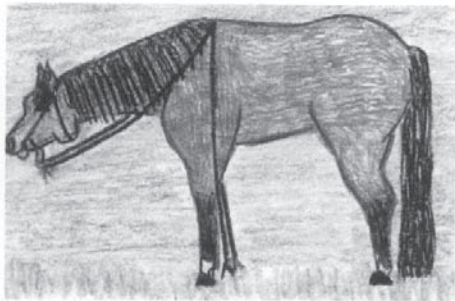
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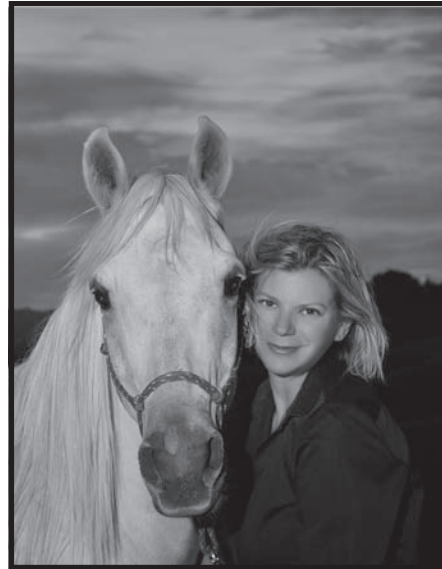


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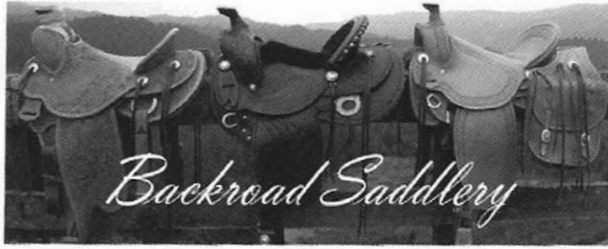
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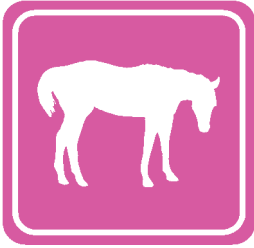
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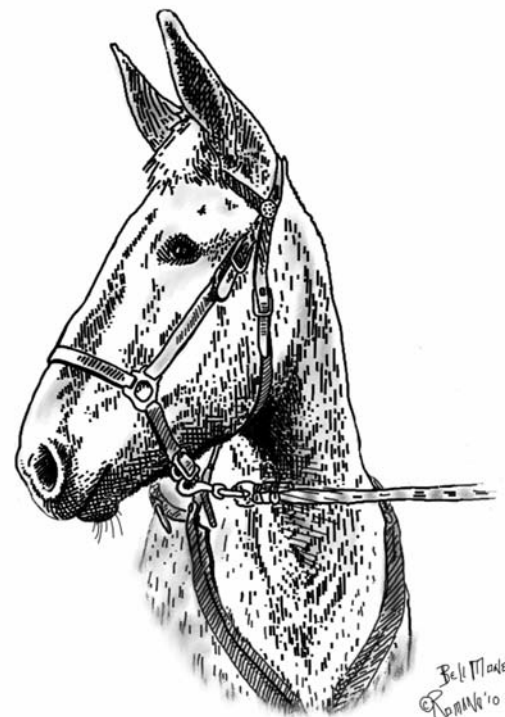
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and the Article on Harold and Patrick (Classic)
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April

- 14 Board Meeting
- 23 Jack Brook Clean-up Day
- 17 SMCHA Spring Ride: Location: Skyline Ridge
- 27 General Meeting - Trailering

May

- 7 Woodside May Day Parade
- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 Western Schooling Show (Webb Ranch)
- 19 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 26 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 20-22: Cowgirls Only: May Group Ride

June

- 2 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 4-5 Woodside Gaited Horse Show (Horsepark)
- 8 Board Meeting (note: Wednesday)
- 9 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 10-12 Horse Expo – Sacramento
- 11-19 San Mateo County Fair
- 16 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 18 NCEFT Poker Ride & Pledge Challenge
- 23 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 25 Western Riding Clinic Demo & BBQ (MPG)
- TBA: Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Day (Summer)

July

- 3 Mounted Patrol: Rodeo Dinner & Dance
- 4 Fourth of July Parade – Redwood City & HMB
- 4 Mounted Patrol: Junior Rodeo
- 14 Board Meeting
- 18 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 20-24 Reining by the Bay (Horse Park at Woodside)
- 20-25 Jack Brook Horse Camp
- 25 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)

August

- 1 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 7 English Schooling Show (Webb Ranch)
- 8 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 11 Board Meeting
- 15 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 22 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 28 Open English/Western Show (The Horse Park at Woodside)

September

- 8 Board Meeting
- 15 General Meeting
- 24 NCEFT Heroe's & Horses Gala
- 25 Presidents' Ride
- TBA Clarkia Trail Clean-up Day (Fall)

October

- 8 Woodside Day of the Horse
- 13 Board Meeting
- 29 Play Day & Halloween Extravaganza (Mounted Patrol)

November

- 10 Board Meeting
- 12 General Meeting - Elections & Bingo Night

December

- 2 Board of Directors' Dinner
- 11 Holiday Barn Party



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