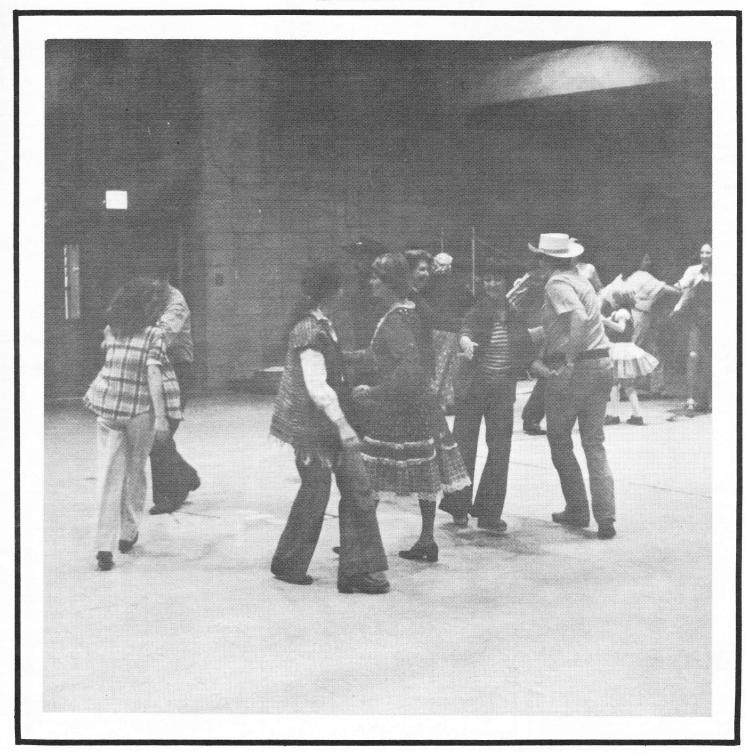
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SMCHA members dancing the night away. See story on pages 7 and 8.



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From the editor's desk . . .

Some month this magazine will be out on time. Well, maybe next issue, but I doubt it.

I give a 17.2 hand thank you to all who contributed news to this issue. Without your help the magazine would have been like a wormy horse—thin, dull, and sick looking.

I hope others of you will send in your news for next issue. Let's all try for **June 8** so maybe the magazine will get closer to its intended schedule. Photos would be very, very welcome as they truly brighten the

magazine, and are not easy to come by.

Several of the club officers have told me their aim this year is to have more members attend club functions. They (in particular Doug Moody) have planned some fun events and are anxious to see you there enjoying yourself. So don't be an old stick in the mud. Look through the upcoming events on page 13 and become a PARTICIPATING SMCHA member.

Happy trails and shows to you until next issue.

Club members busy showing and welcoming foals

A sure sign of spring is the increase in entries at the schooling shows. At a recent western schooling show at Indian Hill Ranch there were a number of SMCHA members readying their horses for the upcoming show season.

SANDRA HUNTER'S 3-year old filly HOT DILEMMA led the way with a nice win in Model Horse on Halter.

In the other halter class, KATHY CROMWELL'S QUINTIVIO FRECKLE stood second and BILL HOLMES' REETA TOO was close behind in third place. These two yearlings really showed their quality competing against the tough two-year olds.

LEONARD YOUNG was seen accepting a third place in a pleasure class on UP TWO PAR; CHERYL KREUZER placed fifth with TYREE GOFIR JOE in another pleasure class.

In the trail division it was UP TWO PAR winning both classes with Sandra's HOT DILEMMA placing second in the big 15-horse trail class. That water box looked like a trap to a lot of horses! Cheryl placed third on GOFIR in the open trail class.

Sandra was also seen schooling a pretty gray Arab, A.L. RANJEUR, in the trail classes, readying him for the Arab shows for owners GLORIA and LANE PLUNKET. JAN YAROSLAV was also there schooling her

half Arab MISS GAY BLAZE in preparation for the Sonoma Spring Classic.

Our editor SHERRY GRANTZ was watching "what the western horses do" for fun. Sherry boards her pretty chestnut Arab, DRUZ-DA'S MOONSTORM, at Indian Hill and was waiting for the show to end so she could work him in the ring. She's training him for saddle seat events, so we will be waiting to hear how he does when he's ready to show.

We were saddened to hear that KATHY CROMWELL lost her great trail mare OPIE'S MISTY. MISTY was especially loved and cherished by Kathy and it was a hard loss. With time perhaps FRECKLE will be able to fill mama's shoes.

LEONARD YOUNG and CHERYL KREUZER'S mare FOX-IE'S FANCY is making plans for a very special event next spring. She's been bred to SMILIN' JACK, and that's exactly what he is! JACK is a Mammoth Jack standing 15-2 hands, so a big baby is planned. Leonard is hoping for a sorrel with four white socks, like mama; he may not get his wish, but the baby WILL have long ears!

JOAN McLAREN GHEQUIERE'S mare CRYSTAL BONANZA had a

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June meeting features cutting

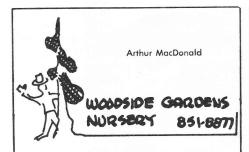
Mark the date on your calendar: Wednesday evening, June 27. The time: 7:00 sharp. The Woodside Cow Cutters will stage their second annual cutting demonstration at the Mounted Patrol Grounds on Kings Mountain Road in Woodside. We'll have a full herd of fresh cattle and each of the riders will work his top horse.

Although no food will be served, there are plenty of tables on the grounds for those who want to bring a picnic supper. We do want to remind everyone, however, that we will again be the guests of the Mounted Patrol. There are litter cans throughout the grounds and we urge everyone to use them. And remember, loose dogs are not allowed on the grounds.

We'll start promptly at 7:00 in order to make full use of the remaining daylight and give our members and guests as much action as possible. The cutting horse is the elite of working horses. He is fast, agile and intelligent. His work is a thing of form and beauty. The Woodside Cow Cutters and their horses will give us an even better show than last year. Don't miss it.



Woodside Cow Cutter Bob Bahr on Kit San. Photo by Dale Jennings.



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TOPS IN TALENT PER SQUARE FOOT

Someone may want to refute this (and if you do the editor of this magazine would welcome hearing from you), but we'd like to flat-out state that Fay Humphries' Stable has more riding talent per square foot of stall space than any other like establishment on the Peninsula.

Take, for instance, CAROL TAGUE and DUNHILL. Last year alone, under the tutelage of JACKIE SMITH, Carol and Dunhill won the Quarter Horse Working Hunter Class at the Grand National, Reserve Champion Amateur Owner and Nor Cal Reserve Champion at the CSHA show at Santa Rosa, and copped another reserve championship in Open Working Hunters at the Los Altos Hunt Horse Show. We won't even mention the good seconds and thirds this pair picked up along the way.

BARBARA HAAK and PENDRA-GON placed high in the March 24-25 Combined Training Event at Wild Horse Valley Ranch at Napa. You needn't ask how or why when you examine the form this pair exhibits in the accompanying photo.

Neither is the ability of CLIFF PIERCE open to question when you watch him and RAGS McCOY ease over a hunt course. This pair won the big Men's Hunters Class at the first Los Altos Hunt Show at Somers Field. Last year they entered only five shows, but were in the money in four of them.

To mention just one more talented pair, NANCY KRAMER took her very green mare, SHY ANN, to the hunt field with minimal preliminary training and has now qualified her. This young mare is honest and willing

ROYAL BLUE preceded the return of his owner, HILDA WILLIS, to California by several days and now walks around his paddock contentedly at FHS. ALEC WILLIS, a Bendix scientist, had been assigned to the Louisberg, North Carolina, plant for the past year. The Willis' return to the West Coast, Hilda says, is not permanent. Were they glad to get back to California? Yet better believe

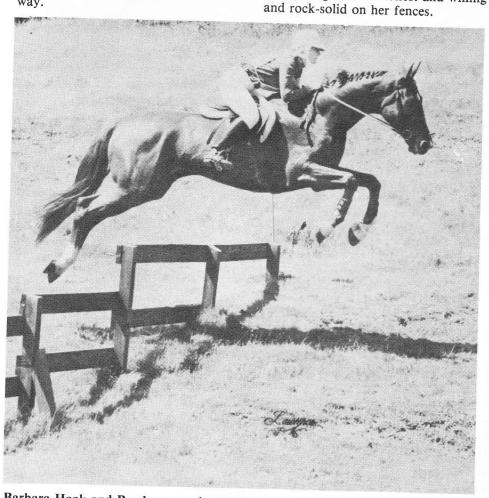
Next door to Royal, NEAH BAY, a neat little yearling package, romps playfully. She is the result of CAROL TAGUE'S first breeding venture (Son & Heir-L'Air) and there will be a full brother or sister on the ground this month.

Board member CAROL SWEENY became a cropper on March 11 when her horse tripped going over a jump. Carol landed hard on one knee and suffered a broken thigh bone. After 4 weeks in Stanford Hospital, she is now home and resting (what else can you do buried in a cast from hip to pastern joint?) It was a bad break for Carol in more ways than one, for she is an active horsewoman who had many plans for the coming season, one of them being the management of the English segment of the Region 6 horse show at Webb Ranch.

It appears now that the Western half of the show, scheduled for August 26, will still go on and will be managed by JOAN McLAREN GHEQUIERE.

If you want to look at something which fills the eye, come ask CAROL GOLDMAN to show you PINJIN (by Pinjaro out of an Indian Hemp mare). This is Carol's new 4-year-old brown gelding scheduled to start dressage training this summer.

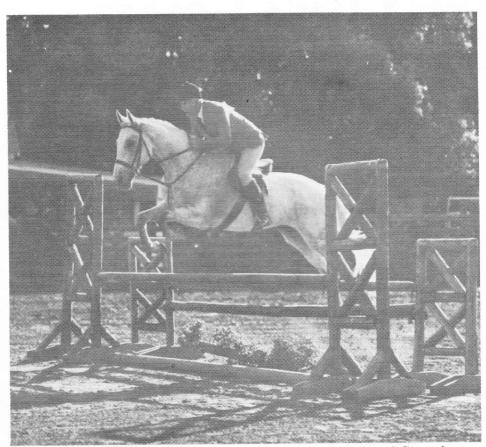
At this writing FAY and CONNIE HUMPHRIES have just returned from a trip to the Far East. Main port of call was Hong Kong where Fay, long known as the dean of Peninsula polo players, got in some stick-and-ball time on the Borneo ponies and the larger Australian thoroughbreds used to play the game in the Orient.



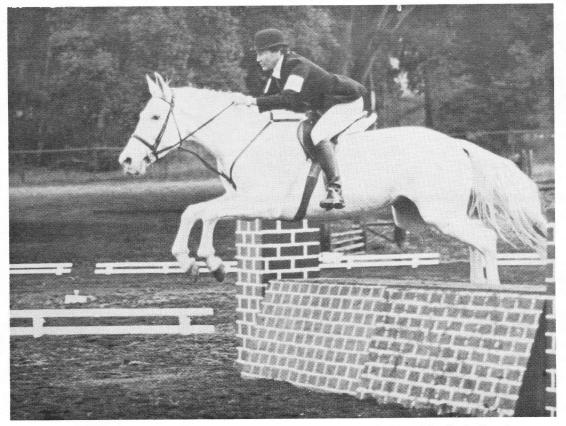
Barbara Haak and Pendragon going cross country.

Recently returned from a conference in southern California is MORRIS GROSSMAN. A horsemen's meeting? Well, not exactly. You see, Morris is one of those fellows who walks around holding a forked instrument in front of him, waiting for its tug to divine the presence of water below. That's right, it was the annual convention of the American Society of Dowsers and there were about 400 people there from all over the country.

Morris assures us that dowsing really works and that you need neither magical powers nor a special kind of stick to be successful. Morris says dowsing rods are made of all sorts of material — willow wood, plastic, nylon, metal. He reports that one of the most successful dowsers at the convention used a rod made of an old saw blade attached to an empty shoe polish can. Morris himself has been using a custom nylon rod, but now is thinking of trying something more plebeian — a sweat-scraper, for instance!



Cliff Pierce and Rags McCoy over a fence at the Mounted Patrol Grounds. Photo by Jack Parsons.



Nancy Kramer takes her mare Shy Ann over a wall. Photo by Dale Jennings.

Clem's Corner

by Clem Caroll

NOEL RUHBERG reports the side benefits of college: NOEL'S niece didn't want her "orphan baby" sold, so she shipped NORTHERN SLOPE to Woodside from Texas! The baby is 15.3 and is by NORTH SLOPE out of WHIZABAR'S PENNY, a cham-

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Western riding clinics begin June 21

SMCHA will again hold its annual Western Riding Clinics, to begin this year Thursday evening, June 21, at 5:00 p.m. for juniors (under 21) and at 7:00 for seniors. Clinic sessions will continue for nine consecutive Thursday evenings through August 16.

There will be instruction by professional horsemen and horsewomen for the first eight weeks. The final session will include riding competition and awards in several divisions for those who wish to compete. A student must have attended at least half the eight schooling sessions to be eligible for the competition. Several scholarships will be awarded to junior members.

All clinic attendees must be SMCHA members. Non-members may join at the clinic. Membership rates are still \$4.00 for juniors, \$7.50 for seniors and \$12.50 for a Mr. and Mrs. membership.

Cost to clinic participants this year will be \$15 for a season ticket, payable at the first session, or \$2.50 weekly.

This will be the tenth consecutive year SMCHA has held the clinics which have proven to be one of the most popular of its many activities. Participants must wear boots and other suitable riding attire. Students must provide their own horses and western tack. Stallions will not be allowed. Ample trailer parking is provided at the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol Grounds, 521 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside, where all the clinics will be held.

Food and drink will be available at each session. Further information may be obtained from the clinic managers, Mrs. Ellen Wilton, 851-0689, or Mrs. Melinda Garrett, 851-8547.

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SMCHA swingers turn out for March general meeting



"Gents join hands and swing your ladies."

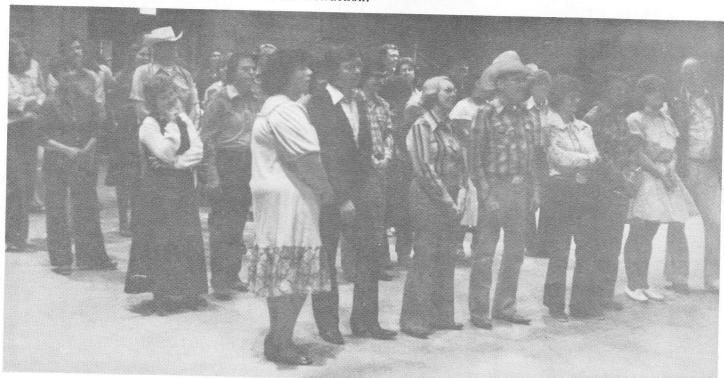
SMCHA members ran around in circles, squares and lines at the March General Meeting. They weren't going crazy though, they were dancing it up at the Annual Square Dance and Hoedown

About 40 members took part in dance lessons, square dancing, the Virginia reel and a cake walk conducted by Johnny Barbour, caller for the evening.

While some lucky attendees went home with raffle prizes and cakes from the cake walk, everyone went home with happy memories and smiles on their faces.

Hats off to Doug Moody, program coordinator, for his work in putting together this evening for the Horsemen.

Even swingers have to line up once in a while for instruction.





Raffle winners pose with their prizes. Sue Walker (far right) also won the Best Dressed Woman award.

The Winners

Best Dressed Western Man
Ed Taft
Best Dressed Western Woman
Sue Walker
Both won a pair of tickets to
Opening Night of the Grand
National.

Raffle Winners
Kodak Pleaser Camera
donated by Lucia Packing,
South San Francisco
Dwayne Paul
Bottles of wine
Bert Walker
Toni Taft
Riviera Soup six pack
Rose Gerboni
Elaine Paul

Eleven other lucky people won home-made cakes in the Old Fashion Cake Walk.

The Swingers

Tex Rowan Terri Longworth Doug Moody Agnes & Pat Grady Leonard Young Cheryl Kreuzer Dan & Aleta Bobay Steve & Kris Bobay Jim & Janet Estep Tim West Allen Lucas Dale & Bev Jennings Don Altieri Gail Sager Elliet Elizabeth Bullis Gloria Parks Harry & Mary Claire Wellman Scotty Brooks

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Caller Ray Barbour kept things swinging smoothly all evening.

The Worming question

Tube or not to tube?

by Robert Shugart, D.V.M.

About the Author:

Dr. Shugart graduated from the veterinary school at the University of California, Davis, in 1964. He now operates a large animal practice in Ukiah, California. He is also an experienced endurance ride veterinarian. Dr. Shugart has written this article exclusively for the San Mateo Horseman magazine.

Is tube worming becoming a practice of the past? With the advent of more palatable wormers, much of the worming can be done by you, the owner. As most of us know, there is an overwhelming variety of wormers available in your local veterinary supply store. If you take on the responsibility to worm your own horse, you must also be able to make an informed decision as to the type of wormer and time of administration.

The number of times you should worm your horse during a year depends on the exposure to parasites. The greatest exposure will be on over-grazed permanent pasture and the lowest is in individual paddocks with well designed feeders. The frequency of worming will vary from every six weeks to three times yearly.

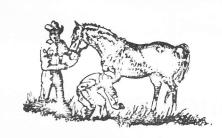
The relative number and the type of parasites that infest your horse can be determined by a stool examination done by your veterinarian. The fact that you do not see the actual worms in the feces is not an indication that your horse does not have worms. The worms are attached to the inside of the intestinal tract. They lay eggs that are passed in the feces and may be seen with microscopic examination. There are four basic types of parasites that we are concerned with: roundworms, Strongyles (large and small), pinworms, and bots.

I feel that a minimum program includes three wormings per year—early spring, summer, and late fall after the first frost in most areas. The early spring and summer wormings should be directed at the Strongyles, pinworms and roundworms. This is relatively easy since we have paste, pellets and syrups that are effective and easy to administer. Some examples are:

PASTE: Telmin, Camvet, Equivet-TZ, or TBZ

PELLETS: Camvet, Banminth

SYRUPS: Strongid T, Pyraminth



I have found these to be effective, safe and well accepted by most horses.

One of the most important things to remember is not to use the same wormer time after time. Worms that infest your horse build up a resistance to a wormer if it is used repeatedly. Something that worked for you last year may not be effective this year. In selecting your wormer, select it by the active drug ingredient, not the brand name. An example of this is that Equivet-TZ is the same as TBZ paste that has been used for several years.

Roundworms (Parascares) are found primarily in foals and yearlings. If it is determined by fecal examination that roundworms are a problem on your premises, foals should be wormed every two months until they are late yearlings.

Many compounds are available that control these worms such as piperazine (Foal Wormer), mebendazole (Telmin), cambendazole (Camvet) or dichlorvos (Shell Horse Wormer). All of these can be given by the owner.

Now we get into the late fall worming where we have to eliminate the bots as well as the other parasites. We usually wait until after a frost because the fly that lays the bot eggs on the horses hair is killed by this first frost. The problem now is that most of the worming preparations that kill bots are quite unpalatable. Perhaps the most palatable is dichlorvos (Shell Horse Wormer or Equigard). The acceptance of dichlorvos is enhanced by freezing it before administration, or using a mentholated petroleum product in the nostrils prior to feeding. There is only one paste (Equigel) available which kills bots, but I have found some horses to hold this in their mouth and inhale the fumes which has caused some adverse reactions. Equivet-14 and Equizole-B are also complete wormers that can be used at this time of year. They both contain thiabendazole trichlorfon. Trichlorfon is the compound that kills the bots and is also the ingredient of Bot-X and Anthon. The trichlorfon powder is very unpalatable and is often used by your veterinarian in a tube formulation. At this time, bots have not shown a resistance build-up, so trichlorfon could be used yearly for your bot control program.

Late fall is the time of year you should consider having your horse tube wormed, expecially if he is a selective eater. If you have your horse tubed wormed, ask your veterinarian what he is using so you do not duplicate it in subsequent wormings. It is a good idea to keep a

Tube or not to tube?

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health record on your horse and record what is used each time your horse is wormed.

Parasite control depends not only on a routine worming program but on good management practices as well. A few of these that should be practiced are:

- 1. Don't feed hay on the ground.
- 2. Rotate horses from field to field if possible.
- 3. Keep manure picked up in stalls and paddocks.
- 4. If new horses are brought onto the premises, have your veterinarian check them for parasites and keep them isolated until they are wormed.
- 5. Remove bot eggs from your rouses hair routinely during the summer and fall. Use a pummice stone or a bot comb.

If good worming and management practices are maintained, you will be rewarded by a healthy and better conditioned horse.

Club members news

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beautiful colt March 20. The sire is ACTION LINE making this colt a three-quarter brother to FINIEST ACTION. CRYSTAL BONANZA will be bred back to the great SPEEDY GLOW.

August 26 Webb Ranch will hold a Region 6 Western Show, the Third Annual Rodney T. Gatto Memorial Horse Show.

Webb Ranch has a new look: trees have been planted around the show arena. Now everyone can sit back under a tree and enjoy the shows without frying in the sun!

Thanks to members Cheryl Kreuzer and Joan Ghequiere for these contributions.



Another FHS team wins

Carol Tague and Dunhill, winners of Quarter Horse Working Hunters at last year's Grand National, hail from Woodside's Fay Humphries' Stable. See pages 3 and 4 for more about this pair.

They made "Whoopee"

by Margaret Barbera

TOM JOHNSON, CSHA President in 1959, brought chuckles to the more mature at the State Horsemen's Convention last November in Eureka when in his introductory remarks, he recalled that he and his wife BETTY had stayed at the Inn quite a few years previously and made whoopee! Circulating whispers among the group recalled another era when the late Eddie Cantor sang "Making Whoopee."

Prior to the Johnsons moving to Concord in 1959, they lived in San Francisco's St. Mary's Park. For many years they stabled their horses at the Box M Ranch in Twin Peaks. The ranch, after reaching a ripe oldage, gave way to progress in 1964.

Tom served in all Region Six capacities and was President in 1957. Tom and Betty attended just about all SMCHA functions in its earlier days, which included Betty coming to one of the costume dinner dances as a Senorita. They were guests at the

Association's 1959 Installation which was at the Pacifica Room of the Villa Hotel in San Mateo.

In 1977 Tom was given an award by the Grand National for his twentytwo years of outstanding service.

For several years in the late fifties, the Johnsons, along with JOE and RUTH TUCKER, who lived on their 120-acre ranch on Big Bear Road out of Los Gatos, prepared and served the food for the Association's annual overnight rides to the old Glass Ranch in La Honda. Tom has often recalled and smiled about their having the Bridal Suite at the old La Honda Hotel. Even if the plumbing wasn't too good, they were lucky! The riders slept out in the Cold! Cold! Cold! Of course the Saturday night dances in the barn loft were always a delight.

Joe Tucker went to his reward at an early age in 1962. Betty Johnson died last December, a month after the CSHA Convention. It was nice that she and Tom could have one last fling at the Eureka Inn.

Snowball brightens the Green

by Kathryn Smith

"Probably the brightest picture in the sylvan scene was provided by snow white SNOWBALL, the Shetland pony, and his decorated sulky, donated by the Smiths of Woodside. Back and forth along the sun-dappled path a total of 122 children were driven, two at a time, by a smiling Mr. Smith and an apparently pleased pony." This description of the pony rides at the Green Foothill Picnic appeared in their bulletin after the picnic.

When the Green Foothill's Committee, a conservationist group, asked the Smiths if Snowball would be available for a picnic at Searsville Lake, it sounded like fun and they agreed to have him there for the day's activities. Searsville Lake is a popular picnic place at the end of Whiskey Hill Road, on the property of Stanford University.

One of the women in charge phoned and said, "We have just been to the picnic place and wonder if Snowball can cross a footbridge. It would be more than two miles to go around the lake, and only a short distance crossing the bridge."

"I'm sure I don't know, but we can try."

The morning of the picnic Snowball was far from being white. Like all young animals and children, he proceeded to get dirty after his bath. He rolled in the dirt and ground the dust into his beautiful white mane and tail. He had to have another bath, the second in a week.

After the bath, we packed our lunch and put Snowball in a double trailer, his cart and tack in one side, and he in the other with a flake of hay to keep him busy. He looked so tiny in the big trailer, almost squeezed into a corner by the cart, but he was happy and let us know every now and then with a big whinny.

We arrived at the gate, at the end of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, and were greeted by several small children who wanted to help



Snowball picking up his first riders at the Green Foothills Picnic at Searsville Lake. He gave 120 children rides that day.

unload Snowball. We divided his tack among them and let them carry it for us. Then Snowball was backed out of the trailer, and his cart removed.

Two young men carried the cart, and we headed for the footbridge. When we saw it we wondered — it was across a rushing creek, filled with rocks, and the bridge was only a 2x12 plank, with no railing of any kind. Bill stepped up on it, wondering if Snowball would follow. He did, just like a dog on a leash.

We were greeted on the other side

by a small girl with a long string of tickets for rides in her hands. She was the first and last customer.

Snowball was tied to a tree until we could relax and look the situation over. We had to plan the route for the ride and check the road for rocks that might unbalance the cart. The women began decorating the cart, and children came from everywhere to feed Snowball, pat him and love him. One little fellow got down under Snowball, looked up and said, "I just wanted to see if he could pee pee."

Foothill Picnic

When Snowball was harnessed, there was a long line of children waiting for rides. Bill took two at a time, and after twenty rides he decided he needed a rest, and tied Snowball up for a break. The children were all over Snowball, brushing him, bringing him water, petting him, hanging leis around his neck and feeding him. He had never had so much attention and he loved it

After a short break, Bill harnessed Snowball to the sulky again and took off on another series of rides. Every time he returned from a trip it seemed like the line was longer.

"The line never seems to get any smaller. Every time I come back thinking I am making progress, there seems to be just as many. How many children have I taken?"

"Twenty trips, two kids each, that's 40."

"Oh, no wonder I need a rest."
Snowball was tied to the tree again so Bill could stretch his legs and relax. The children kept asking, "When are you going to start more rides, Mr. Smith?"

"Any minute."

"How many minutes?"

"Oh, about ten."

They lined up again and off they went, two at a time, for another 20 rides. The line was still just as long.

In the middle of one trip the sixteen bagpipers started down the same road playing their bagpipes. Bill and Snowball, with two children, were heading right into them. Snowball tossed his head to the music, went around them, and never missed a step.

When it was time to go home the children were still lining up, but Bill had carted all he could manage. His arms felt as if they were about to fall off. Enclosing two small children with one arm, holding a tight rein with the other, and bracing his feet against the dash while sitting on a hard seat was very tiring.

We loaded up the cart and started back to cross the footbridge again, wondering if we would have the same good luck. We did — little Snowball just walked across more sure-footed than we were. When he was being loaded into the trailer the children were still clamoring to love him. He had never had so much attention in one short day.

When we arrived home and he was put in his own corral, he greeted Extar, an Arabian, through the fence and ran alongside him as if he were trying to tell him the events of the day. Then he rolled in the dust and went back to his favorite lookout, the old compost pile, surveying his domain, happy as he could be. His beautiful white mane and tail were still bright and almost clean. The two baths and bleach, and lots of brushing made him very proud and beautiful.

That first picnic was only the beginning of a long and happy time for Snowball. He was asked by the same group the next two years, but Bill trained one of Snowball's teenage drivers to handle him and let her do the work. She was smart, she had trained a couple of helpers.

Snowball carries the King and Queen of the May Day Parade each year.

He also has made successes of innumerable birthday parties. He was even asked for a wedding, but we felt that was too much.

He has had many different drivers as the teenagers grow up and go on to bigger things, like their own horses, but they always come back to see him. His little cart had to be painted three times, and has had four new sets of wheels because of the rough trips he has made in rugged country.

At 16 years of age he seems to be always waiting for the next event and watches the road from his compost pile.

Pacifica 4-H plans open show

Pacifica 4-H Club will hold an open horse show on June 3 with both English and Western classes. The show will begin promptly at 8 a.m. The judge will be former SMCHA president, PHIL RAY.

Awards will be silver and crystal for first place and ribbons through sixth, with high point awards for both English and Western.

The show will be held at the Coastside Corral, 650 Cape Breton Drive, Pacifica. You can reach it by turning off the Coast Highway at Linda Mar Blvd., going to the end of the boulevard and following the signs.

Phone KATHLEEN AUSTIN for entry blanks at 359-5816. Entry fee is \$2 per class for 4-H'ers, and \$3 for others. The drug fee is 20 cents per horse and post entries are 50 cents additional per class.

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- 10 Night at the Races
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- 30 General Meeting

JUNE

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- 20 English Schooling, Show
- 21 Western Riding Clinic
- 23 Overnight Trail Ride
- 24
- 27 Western Schooling Show
- 27 General Meeting
- 28 Western Riding Clinic

JULY

- 4 Junior Rodeo
- 5 Western Riding Clinic
- 8 Pony Show
- 11 Board Meeting
- 12 Western Riding Clinic
- 19 Western Riding Clinic
- 25 Western Schooling Show
- 25 General Meeting
- 26 Western Riding Clinic
- 29 Trail Ride

AUGUST

- 2 Western Riding Clinic
- 8 Board Meeting
- 9 Western Riding Clinic
- 11 Moonlight Ride
- 16 Western Riding Clinic

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GENERAL MEETING/PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

May 10

Thursday

Night at Bay Meadows. Join us in the Turf Club to watch Quarter Horses race to the wire. Contact Bob O'Neill (851-1967) or Doug Moody (365-6808) for

details.

May 30 Wednesday

Hunter/jumper presentation and discussion of judging techniques by Sidney Christian.

6 p.m., Mounted Patrol Grounds

June 27 Wednesday Cutting presentation by Woodside Cow Cutters. 7 p.m., Mounted Patrol Grounds

July 25 Wednesday Dressage presentation by Herman Koopmans. 6 p.m., Mounted Patrol

Grounds

August

No meeting.

September 29 Saturday

Tour of Bay Meadows.

October 26

(Tentative)

Night at the Cow Palace for opening night of the Grand National. Contact Doug Moody now for reservations for

group tickets.

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Los Altos Hunt schedules show

Los Altos Hunt's annual Spring Horse Show will take place May 20 at the Menlo Circus Club. The popular schooling show starts at 8:30 a.m., and will continue all day in the several rings at the Club.

Gay Piper of Antioch, Sidney Christian of Menlo Park, and Liselotte Fore of Menlo Park, will judge the forty classes which range from pre-green hunters, through working hunters, to open pleasure classes and a complete pony hunter division.

For the first time, this year the Hunt show offers three dressage suitability classes, to be judged by the well-known local teacher, Liselotte

Polo enthusiasts will suit up to exhibit their favorite ponies in several classes, which are scheduled for late in the afternoon following the regular game at the Circus Club.

According to Show Chairman, Mrs. Jay Foss of Portola Valley, "Exhibitors may choose from dozens of classes, primarily geared toward amateur and junior hunt seat riders, with championships offered in nine divisions."

Exhibitors will be greeted with free coffee and donuts early on the morning of the show, and homemade sandwiches, cookies, salads, drinks, etc. will be available all day at the show grounds.

Entry blanks for Los Altos Hunt's Spring Horse Show may be obtained

at your local tack store, or by contacting the Show Secretary, Mrs. John Blake, 7 Vasilakos Court, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Entries close for the program May 12. but post-entries may be made the day of the show.



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