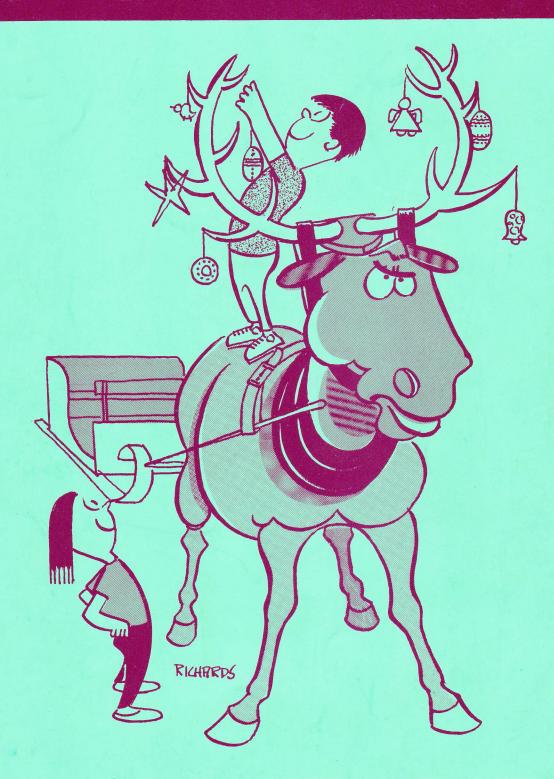
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with mixed emotions that I look back on the "Year of the Horse."

I suspect that almost everyone who is privileged to serve an organization such as this heaves a great sigh of relief in anticipation of the additional hours that will soon be free to spend with his family and to devote to his other interests.

I also suspect that on the other hand an even deeper sigh is drawn as he reflects on the things he left undone-the projects to be initiated during his term which just didn't get off the ground because suddenly time was running outand of all the mistakes he made along the way. But, "just wait until next year;" but there isn't any "next year" for him. And for an organization like ours this is GOOD! For with the broad cross section of people comprising our association it is better to change to administrations often with different approaches, ideas and personalities.

This in my opinion is what has made it to be the largest of its kind and in which

there is appeal to so many.

It has the most numbers, (and the best), the most hard workers, the most concerned Board, the most Juniors, (and Junior Champions), the most activities and I suppose what I am really trying to say is that it is the MOST!

And most of all in a very deep and personal sense I am most proud to have been a part of an administration made up of the most dedicated and understanding people I have ever known.

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EDITORIAL

A friend from the East Coast declined with regrets our invitation to the Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo at the Cow Palace October 28-November 6, on the grounds that she didn't have anything 'fancy enough'

"You surely must mean BIZARRE enough," I said.

It turns out, however, that she was comparing the championship horse show at Madison Square Garden with our show. the western equivalent. Evidently fine feathers are the mode of the evening at the Garden.

Let's put it another way. The show at the Garden and the one at the Cow Palace are both horse shows. Here the similarity begins and ends. At the Palace of Cows, the guiding lights in their wisdom have never seen fit to delineate between English showing and Western showing (probably on grounds of desegregation). The result is the invariable ragout of jeans and jodhpurs; a one-ring circus complete with souvenir vendors, popcorn, hotdogs, and beer. But we of the audience must take our treacle as served, and if we sit through two hours of hog wrestling to see what we came for, so be it.

One of the things we never come for is the entertainment at the half, which by tradition must be rustic. This year we witnessed that 'loveable' home-spun duo from Gunsmoke, Doc and Festus. I have no quarrel with the efforts of these Dodge City boys. My main concern is with the administration of the Cow Palace, which year after year talks down to its audience through the medium of the performance it offers. Does this body think that we still churn our own butter? But then a sober thought occurs. Perhaps it ISN'T talking down.

Of particular note to our community was the honor confered upon Mrs. William P. Roth of Woodside as "Personality of the Year 1966." People connected with the horse world can do nothing but nod in agreement at any honor extended this

warm and generous sportswoman. Success for the locals was variable. After nine days of grueling go-rounding, the Jumpers had it out at the finals on Sunday evening. Out-of-towners took the first three places: The Deacon, grand

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Delegates, directors, officials and visitors from about 200 clubs attended the 25th Annual California State Horsemen's meeting in Sacramento the last part of November. With Doris Jones as Director, four SMCHA delegates attended the convention. Representing us as delegates were Bud Aldige, Ray Barbera (who gave a report at the meeting on Riding and Hiking Trails), Jim Menefee and Pitt Winchell. Also in attendance over the weekend were Margaret Barbera, Marie Kemm and Maude Winchell.

They report many interesting meetings, visits with friends from other counties and an interesting election of state officers. Captain T. W. Carrithers of Concord will be President with the statewide Vice Presidency going to our own George Dean. It is the first time that San Mateo County has had an executive officer in the California Association since the late Ed Zweirlien was President. The state organization decided to add the offices of two more Vice Presidents to their board. Vice President for Northern California is Arthur Travis of Sacramento and from Southern California James Mc-Candlish will fill the office. Once again our efficient and dedicated Fred Kemm was elected Treasurer.

Mr. Dean, the newly elected statewide Vice President recently retired as General Manager and Vice President of Pacific Telephone Company. He brings to the State Association a wealth of background of public service and long association with horse activities.

Perhaps his most avid interest is in the preservation and expansion of the State's outdoor recreational facilities. As a country boy in northern Idaho, he became interested in horses when his father gave him his first animal to ride to school. Another lifelong interest has been in scouting and in 1964 he received one of the highest national awards from the Boy Scouts of America.



He is proud of a military career which includes five years active duty in World War II, specializing in field artillery and armor. He is a retired colonel and holds the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Award and was cited as an Honorary Commander, Most Excellent Order of British Empire. He is chairman of San Mateo Hiking and Riding Trails Advisory Committee, a member of San Mateo County Mounted Patrol, former director and vice president of SMCHA.

With George Dean and Fred Kemm on the State Board we know San Mater County is well represented and our welfare is in very good hands.



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JUNIOR ROUNDUP

The Junior President's Message

This will be the first President's message in two months and my last as Junior President. Elections will be held at the next meeting, with the installation party in January. This installation party will be the last Junior activity of the year and it is designed to be a celebration for the past year's achievements. The Juniors will have a great deal to celebrate, for this has been an extremely successful year. The fact that all the events planned for the year actually were held is a first in itself. However in every case the activities were a huge success. Financially we did very well. After all, even our overnight ride made money. More important, though, is the fact that the activities were all enjoyable.

"The people who participated had fun." This statement characterizes the 1965-1966 year. No matter how trying the planning, no matter how hard the preparations, no matter how hopeless things seemed the night before, every Playday, Horse Show, Rodeo, Trail ride, and Color guard was fun, and nobody can deny it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people, both Juniors and Seniors, who made this last year so great. Basil Willett comes very high on the "thanks" list. As chief advisor to the Juniors the value of his advice and assistance is immeasurable. Without his help and support, both physical and moral, the Horse Show, the Playdays, the Horsemastership class, in fact all the events simply could not have happened. Mrs. Davis, my mother, did a fantastic and too often, a thankless job. As another member of the advisors, she did everything from trailering horses for the color guard to organizing playdays and overnight rides, not to mention defending the Juniors at board meetings, and in all ways ready to do more. Mrs. Reese was another mother whom we could always count on to come through with those crucial, thankless jobs that make events such as the Horse Show go. Mrs. Mickey Burks gave up her evenings and her home twice a month to teach a team of Horsemastership contestants who not only dominated the Region 6 eliminations at the Mounted Patrol Grounds but also produced three State Champions at the State Horse Show, in Santa Rosa.

Another constant helper was Carolyn Zwierlein one of our Junior advisors. She never missed a meeting and helped with chaperoning every one of our events.

Then, of course, there was the ever present Howie Sonnicksen. When it came down to who shows up to work and who doesn't, you can always count on Howie to be there doing his best and making hard work seem like fun. Along with Howie is his crew, Ed Bailey, being one of the foremost members. Ed has done a lot of hard work for the Juniors, especially at the fall Playday, and has received precious little thanks. Along with Howie and Ed is a crew to whom the Juniors and the association owe a great deal. For their conscientious work on jump crews and for building the Rodeo chutes. Some of these men are; Ray Villa Rial, Ralph Hinscock, and thanks also goes to Mr. and Mrs. Mogenson and Mr. and Mrs. Carstons for their great patience and help in working to make the Junior Color Guard such a success at the Cow Palace Grand National.

I could and probably should thank many other Seniors. However one may get the idea that they do all the Junior's work for them. This could not possibly be farther from the truth. More than ever before this has been the Juniors' organization. We had a wealth of enthusiastic, hard working members this year. The adjective "hard working" makes it all seem like a "drag." However those Juniors that put the most effort into this organization got the most enjoyment out of it. I say this not as an idle motto, just ask any of the following members: Karie Nelson, would be an excellent place to start. After winning last years 1965 Boy of the Year award he came back this year with equal enthusiasm and was the driving force behind many 1966 events. Kris Davis, except for winning the Champion California English Girl Horsemastership award, is probably one of the least recognized Juniors, considering the fantastic job she has done as secretary.

Junior Rodeo secretary she performed in a manner that would do credit to a professional secretary. Aside from the Rodeo, she did all the entries and mailing for all activities, except the Junior Horse show. Mary Reese did a wonderful job with the Junior Horse Show, not to mention her constant help and support on every one of the other events. Noel Gallagher made her mark with managing the Junior Show, and Peter Priminai, worked the back gate at our show last year, did a great job as Ring Master, and at much behind the scenes work. Gianpaolo Valente, the Italian cowboy, was there at every meeting and show, he was the Rodeo clown. Angie Kunzelman,

despite a job and night school, managed to come to all meetings and fulfill her duties and also show in the Color Guard. Cheri Baird was another of our consistent and conscientious workers. Mike Romelfanger another talented Ring Master, did a fine job in that capacity at several of our shows. Mary Petticord was a consistent helper. Kris Codiga and Sue Conley were two other work horses with a lot of spirit.

Linda Carstens and Heidi Mogenson were two new members but we will see even more of them next year with flags flying, as our Color Guard team, and in other important positions.

Again there were many more people deserving recognition, but space and time do not permit, for me it is hard to know where to stop. One of the above active members is worth 50 non-active ones. So we have a small core of enthusiastic members, those who are active are not hurt by it, they are getting the enjoyment. It is those who sit back and watch that are losing out.

The next meeting is the crucial one. At this meeting, the officers for next year will be elected. It is essential that all members attend, as a large vote is the only way of insuring that we have good officers next year. If you have not been active in the past start with this meeting and see for yourself how much more fun you will have.

Finally, I wish to say, my two years as President have been a most memorable and enjoyable experience. I thank you all, Juniors and Seniors for all your help and cooperation.



FABULOUS FOLK

The waste paper basket is full of crumbled paper, the pencil sharpener is full of shavings, and still I can't seem to find words to thank the many dedicated junior and senior horsemen that have made the year of the horse a memorable one. With grateful appreciation, I'll once again say THANK YOU to Art Coladarci for his well organized schooling show, his improved announcing (he now knows something about saddlebreds), his help during the horsemastership program, and for just being around to help at every turn. Thanks to Howie Sonnicksen for his planning of the first schooling show, for his continued outstanding work in keeping the ring crews organized and for his help as a junior advisor; to Lu Davies for organizing the Junior Play Days, to Mickey Burks and Carolyn Zweirlein for shaping up our juniors for the horsemastership competition, to Noel Gallagher for her managing of a unique junior horseshow, to Polly Swinerton and Harold Zweirlein for their outstanding handling of the Senior Show. to Eric Davies for his continued hard work for and with all junior and senior activities, and to Soddie for her many cups of coffee, cakes, pies, sandwiches, and calming rein during times of near frustration.

After a year of being a part of so many equine activities it is difficult to thank everyone that has been so generous with their time and talents. So often the mainstays are thanked while many unsung heroes are forgotten. Without the able assistance of talented, hard working, generous people like Dave and Margaret Reese, Norma Fewry, Timmie Gallagher, Stu Knott, David Menefee, Jane Coladarci, the Harper Family, Ross Meridith, The Romelfanger Family, Norma Chiligarian, Don Nichols, Fran Pillsbury, Don and Blanch Mogensen, The Carlton Family, Clyde and Bobby DeBenedetti, Mary Peddicord, Mary Ellen Reese, Cary Nelson, Peter Primiani and Al Cryer the horsemens scene would not have been the hit it has been. These are the faces that you can depend on seeing at the food booth, entry desk, gates, and at meetings preparing for activities. I know I have left off several names from this list, but it is meant to be a small sampling of the numerous people that have made this year a memorable year for me.

Finally, a very special Thank You to all the juniors that presented me a meas-

uring cane. I now proudly twirl it at shows, and in years to come I can use it as designed; to help me get from show to show.

Basil Willett, Jr. Grateful Horseman

HOOFBEATS

Mary Ellen Reese

Thanks to many people, this year has been one of the most successful ever for the Juniors. With all activities showing a profit, the Juniors have proven themselves once more. Many thanks over and over again to those faithful Seniors, without whom all of this would have been impossible.

A special tribute should also be paid to our president Eric Davis. Without his loyalty and assistance the Junior organization would not have succeeded as it did. Though misfortune overtook him twice, (a broken leg and then cracked ribs), he continued to work steadily. We will be sorry to see him leave office. Without his help the last activities would never have been completed.

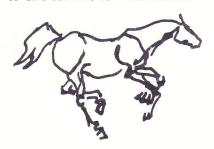
Recently Eric organized the Junior Color Guard for the Grand National Riding four palaminos, Kris Davis, Linda Carstens, Heidi Mogensen and Angie Kunzelmen, joined the California Horsemen's Night at the Cow Palace. The Color Guard came off well as planned.

In conclusion, the Juniors would like to again thank those who helped make such activities as the Overnight Ride, Junior Horse Show and the "work days" unforgetable.

WHO WILL BE THE BEST GIRL, AND THE BEST BOY OF 1966?

In the past years the advisors to the Junior Horsemen made their choice of the best boy and girl by picking the two Juniors with the most enthusiasm, dependability, and personality. This year the Seniors involved would appreciate the opinion of the Juniors to help guide their recommendation for this great honor and award of the gold and silver belt buckle. Please show your interest in the Jr. Horsemen by sending a post card with your choice of Best Boy and Girl of 1966, and your reasons why to Basil Willett, 2825 Washington Sts., Redwood City.

January 7, 1967, Saturday, the Junior officers will be installed at a dinner dance, at the Villa Chartier, Garden Room, 4060 El Camino Real, San Mateo. It will be a dressy affair with a top Rock band; chicken or crossrib dinner; fruit punch and entertainment, all for only \$5.00 per person. Junior guests are welcome, so are your parents. Please fill out the form below and enclose your check to insure your reservation for this great party. Mail as soon as possible to Kris Davis, 156 Corte Madera, Portola Valley or call 851-7416 for information.



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NEWS FROM REGION 6

During the November meeting of the California State Horsemen, Region 6 Earl Chenoweth of San Jose was elected President for 1967. Jim Ackley of San Jose was elected vice president. This is the second term for both.

After the elections Basil Willett accepted the Horsemastership Chairmanship for next year.

Juniors, start your studies, for Basil has his eye on you for the 1967 regional eliminations.

Mom and Dad, the California State Rule Book and California Rule Book would make great stocking gifts for Christmas.

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FALL RIDE

By Gretchen Wolpert

Some forty riders enjoyed a rare treat on Saturday, October 22nd when the SMCHA Fall Ride took us though the beautiful Morshead Estate in Portola Valley. Somebody must have had a real rapport with the local weather bureau as it couldn't have been a nicer day!

Promptly at 10:30 leaders Buck and Cynthia Weaver, assisted by trail runners Bill Holmes and John Fewry, led the group through the orchards behind the Portola Valley School to the tree shaded trails of the vast estate. It would be hard to imagine a more perfect place for a ride: dense redwood forests, honeycombed with easy trails and wide roads, and plenty of level spots for a "blow." Noon found us in a sun-drenched meadow somewhere on Skyline Boulevard where the arrival of Howie in his refreshment truck was greeted with an enthusiastic welcome. "Speedy's Chicken" made the day complete and after a leisurely lunch hour the group headed back by a different route. Again we were impressed with the beauty of the area and even the horses seemed to enjoy the experience, as they were all very well behaved.

Those members who were not able to make the ride missed one of the nicest events of the year! Those of us fortunate enough to be there are grateful for the privelege of riding through this lovely estate.

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old campaigner, took first, ridden by Tom Blakiston. Little Poncho Frankel. unorthodox acrobat from Sacramento brought in the next two: Sutters Show Boy and Comeapart. One local horse, Munnings by name, owned by Berryhill Farms of Los Altos Hills and ridden by Jim Kohn, deserves a word or two. Certainly not because of the fact that he took ninth place; but principally from the fact that he placed at all. Munnings is in his first year of competition over fences —any fences, and the ones he had to face were definitely designed to keep a horse from getting to the other side. His accomplishment is a credit to himself, his trainer, and rider.

FIVE GAITED SADDLE HORSES: 1st. Touch of Spring, Silver Lining Stables; 2nd. Love Charm, Silver Lining Stables; 3rd. Premier Fleetwood, owned by Janis Levin.

HARNESS PONIES: 1st. Tamerlain's Cadet Kathleen, Why Worry Farms; 2nd. Stars and Stripes, owned by Mrs. Pritzloff; 3rd. Party Doll.

FINE HARNESS: 1st. Rhythm's Jewell, Why Worry Farms; 2nd. Supreme Feudist, Silver Lining Stables; 3rd. Hennessey, driven and owned by Georgene MacFarlane.

HACKNEY PONIES: 1st. Tamarack, Wilmar Farms; 2nd. Kenwell Lady Hollie, Why Worry Farms; 3rd. Why Worry Token, owned and driven by Alice Ruth Woolsey.

ROADSTERS TO BIKE: 1st. Tinker Bell, owned by Steven B. MacFarlane; 2nd. Spitfire, owned by Howard Roberts; 3rd. King Darnley, Bill Oakford.

HUNTERS: 1st. Nauset Marsh, owned by Sabin Smith; 2nd. Aristocrat II, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Merrit E. Cutten; 3rd. Silk n' Satan, owned by Berryhill Farms.

By Gil Richards

1966 SAN MATEO COUNTY TRAIL ACTIVITIES

By George M. Dean

1966 was a busy year for the San Mateo County Hiking and Riding Trails Committee. This group of about 30 people met regularly on a bimonthly basis, with a comparatively high proportion of attendance at each meeting. The entire gamut of problems relating to the public trails in our county was thoroughly thrashed out and in this report I shall set forth some of the highlights of the committee's activities.

First and foremost is the Regional Planning Committee trail plan. This subcommittee chaired by Mr. Charles Vogel has worked long and hard in preparing a short and long range plan (10 to 30 year periods) for our county. It was accepted by the overall regional committee and by our county Parks and Recreation Commission.

This report is the result of a tremendous amount of time and effort by the subcommittee — and we are particluarly proud of the fact that ours was the first committee report finalized and in addition, our committee assisted others in the development of their reports.

Another matter of great concern to the trail users in our county has been the construction of the Junipero Serra Freeway and the resultant severing of many of our public and private trails.

We have continued to work with the highway people and the plans that we have jointly developed for nine trail underpasses of the freeway seem to meet the principal needs of our country's hikers and riders.

There are some who will be inconvenienced and in a few instances, seriously inconvenienced, by the construction of this new freeway, but in general the trail users in our county have been treated fairly by the Highway Department.

One of the serious problems that confronts us in San Mateo County with respect to the provision of access to these underpasses has to do with the fact that the county does not have the power to condemn property for trail purposes. It is an amazing thing that the law is specific that you can condemn property for a tricycle, bicycle or motorcycle trail, but you can't condemn property for a trail on which our citizens can walk or ride a horse. It is hoped that this serious deficiency in our state laws can be corrected at the next session of the Legislature.

Of great interest to trail users throughout the United States was the President's message to Congress of February 8, wherein he outlined the need for a National trails system and for adequate trail facilities within the great metropolitan areas. This was followed by the introduction of Senate Bill 3171 by Senator Jackson of Washington. This bill provided for a Pacific Crest trail which would run the full length of our state and for regional trails within the metropolitan areas. Uufortunately, it did not pass. However, I am assured that it will be reintroduced at the next session of Congress.

One of the highlights of the year had to do with the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of a pilot trail plan for our county. Under the provisions of this arrangement, the Federal government will provide \$30,000, with the county matching it, which will mean that there will be a \$60,000 expenditure to build a public trails system along Alpine and Portola Roads and from Belmont west to the state trail

The latter trail will be largely for hikers and bicycles. The trail in the Town of Portola Valley will be used largely by hikers and horseback riders. We are particularly pleased that we were one of the two counties in the West selected for this pilot program and with the cooperation of the staff of the county Parks and Recreation Department and the State, the necessary applications were processed in record time—and it is expected that the trail work will be completed by the end of 1967.

In August, a special meeting was arranged between members of the committee and representatives of the motorcycle riders groups. It was a profitable meeting in which veiwpoints were exchanged which were extremely helpful in the development of the regional trail plan.

Throughout the year, the committee worked to improve existing trails and to add to the trail network. The importance of public trails in the county is becoming more and more significant and is being recognized by more citizens.

The success with which we are able to move forward with much needed extensions of our trail system will be largely dependent upon legislative action during the 1967 session. We are now engaged in working with members of the Legislature in drafting the appropriate legislation which will make it possible to remove the legal barriers which have prevented our county and the rest of the state from having the trail facilities that its citizens require for this type of outdoor recreation.

The increased interest in trails from the President of the United States down to the citizen on the street augurs well for the future of our county and state trail systems.

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LOCALITES DO WELL AT **OUT OF TOWN SHOWS**

Jim Kohn of Berryhill Farm just returned from Phoenix, Arizona State Fair Nat'l Horse Show at which he clinched the "A" Working Hunters Championship and the "B" Working Hunters Championship of the Pacific Coast Hunter, Jumper and Stock Horse Assn., with his Silk 'N

Dick Keller of Foxtail Farm is home again from the big shows at Harrisburg, Pa., Wash., D.C. and Madison Square Garden. He is very proud of his horse Tyler's performances. Tyler won the Knock Down and Out class at Madison Square Garden and was 5th in the \$2500 Jumper Stake class. He also placed 5th in the Professional Horsemen's Assn. Jumper Stake Class at Harrisburg. In Washington, D.C. Tyler was 2nd in Green Jumpers, 3rd in the Jumper Stake and 3rd in the President's Cup International Open Jumper Class. In the \$6000 Stake Class in which there were 15 awards Tyler placed 10th. This is a real "Horatio Alger Success' story when the background of this horse is known. (Ed. Note: we hope to run a feature story on Tyler soon.)

Debbie Wilson, one of our better Junior riders in the area also did very well in the East. At Harrisburg, Va., she won first in Junior Working Hunter and 1st in

Green Working Hunter.

Gigi Gillson is the Pacific Coast Hunter and Jumper Assn. "B" Hunt Seat Champion for 1966 and also English Equitation, 14 through 17, Champion in the Northern Calif. Professional Horsemen's Assn. shows.

Congratulations to all-our entire area is proud of you!

THE SICK AND **WOUNDED LIST**

Glad to hear the following people are on the road to recovery: Doris Jones after minor surgery and hospitalization, Norm Nilsen suffered an abscessed jaw, Helen Schiffers with a wrenched foot, Julie Aldige with an infected and swollen hand, Jane Ann Conley in bed for 3 weeks with a back problem. Also, our good friend and most cooperative Supt. of Huddart Park, Elton Rice, is home after hospitalization. Glad to hear the following have recovered from the Flu: Mickey Burks, Carolyn Zwierlein, Bobbie De Benedetti, Ronnie Keller-and to all you other victims-whose names do not appear, but have been fighting the flu-glad you're better!

OCTOBER MEETING

Our thanks to Creed Haberlin for another interesting meeting! Fay Humphries and Jud Mak made many of us more knowledgable about the game of polo. They discussed the types of horses that are considered for polo ponies, the equipment necessary, gave us the rules of the game and shared with us the challenges and excitement that exist in the game of polo.

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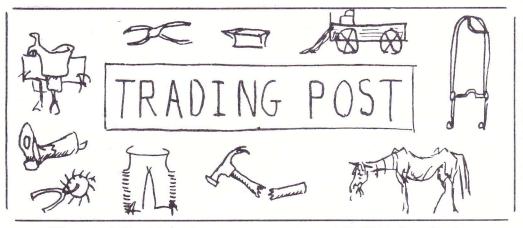
MOUNTED PATROL NEWS

This traditionally is the social time for Mounted Patrol. On October 29th our usual Halloween party was replaced by a tremendously successful formal dinner dance. Under the most able chairmanship of Dr. Walter Straub, the clubhouse was transformed into a local version of Maxims in Paris. Some of the walls were draped with red satin, others were hung with appropriate paintings and even the light fixtures miraculously became crystal chandeliers worthy of the finest ballroom! A gourmet type dinner was served and dancing followed to the beat of Walt Tolleson's band. The addition of a French chanteuese made the transformation of Woodside to Paris even more plausible.

Those helping Margaret and Walt Straub with the party were Ethel and Phil Caruso, Bobbie and Clyde DeBenedetti, Marie and Bud Gasivoda, Jane and George Laird, Blanche Delucchi and

Claudette Vogel.

Ed Adair is in charge of the next function which is our annual Christmas Party. Members and wives will bring toys wrapped for Christmas giving. These gifts are then presented to the Salvation Army for their distribution to unfortunate children.



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HORSE CROWD HAPPENINGS By Polly Aldige

Congratulations to Norm Pixley on the opening of his exclusive menswear shop in Redwood City. Joe Crosher will be managing with Al Cryer assisting.

Cindy Knott's wedding was one of the highlights of the social season. Cindy, well known in horse circles and an ex-President of our Juniors had a beautiful formal wedding at the Woodside Village Church followed by a lovely reception at the Mounted Patrol Club house. She and her husband, Guy Bowman Green, also a horse lover, are making their first home in Concord.

Ask Jane Coladarci what prompted her tremendous embarassment and very red face at the October General meeting held at the Woodside Village Church. It was a kitchen incident involving Hap Harper, almost.

Many member families off on trips this Christmas season. The entire Noack family will be spending the holidays in Honolulu. The Romelfanger family at the Escuela Ecuestre, SMA, (The Mexican riding school at San Miguel de Allende).

A recent fun weekend was enjoyed by the Hap Harpers, Stu Knotts, Dean Watkins' and Walt Rodmans. The four couples trailered their horses to the Inverness Inn for the weekend. Although the weather was a bit drippy they were able to do some good riding along the beach.

Despite the rainy weather, Charlie Buchanan's Quarter Horse Auction Sale at Rancho Rodeo, Pescadero drew a goodly crowd. Many beautiful horses were bought, including a 4 yr old mare by Boots Krieger who attests it is the sweetest thing in the horse world and has dubbed it "Pussycat" as its stable name. The Hap Harpers bought a beautiful gray, Jean Steckel took home a foal and the Coladarci's are the proud possessor of a colt.

Lyn Ann Carlton off on Thanksgiving weekend to Alaska to visit her finace. The Jack Pomeroys have a new son-inlaw thinks to their older daughter, Leslie. weekend to Alaska to visit her fiance. Naturally, he is an aspiring airplane pilot. Karen Gasivoda received her engagement ring on her 21st birthday recently.

Cynthia De Benedetti the proud owner of a new gray thoroughbred. Julie Aldige very pleased with her new hunter, Bold Host taking two trophies at the Region Six horse show. Art Coladarci was heard to comment "Next year I'll work less and show more" after picking up two ribbons in two halter clases at the Saratoga show sponsored by the Castlerock Horsemen.

Congratulations to Dick Chilingarian on his recent promotion to San Carlos Branch Manager for Equitable Life Insurance. Dick knew a change was in the offing and is most relieved that this one will allow him to stay in this area with his horses and friends.

Basil Willett demonstrated his ability as a gaited rider recently when he showed at the Cow Palace. And a tremendous fan club and rooting section was there to cheer him on.

Also Honolulu bound for Christmas, as a group, are the Art Coladarci's, The Bud Gasivodas, the Phil Carusos and the Dave Firenzes.

Congratulations are in order to Charlotte and John Mortimer proud parents of a baby girl, Meredith. Proud grandparents are George and Jane Laird. Their older daughter Lynn presented them with a grandson, Jeffrey. Walt and Jette Rodman are also proud grandparents, thanks to daughter Carol.

Congratulations to Roy Schweneger and Lynne Gamble on their recent marriage.

Polly Swinerton's off to Africa and then on to Ireland to join the Hunt via Cairo and Rome. Thos members of the Los Altos Hunt who are on the annual November trek to Ireland, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Collins of Pebble Beach are Dr. Tom and Lorraine Harris who will join them from London, and Al and Joan Schreck and Eugene Rettig. Happy Hunting!

Two of the proudest women in Woodside are Jan Grepe and Betty Cutten, with the performances of their horses at the Cow Palace. Jim Kohn of Berryhill Farm showed Debutante for Mrs. Grepe, Leigh Keller of Foxtail Farm showed Aristocrat II for Betty Cutten and was reserve champion in the Conformation Hunter Stake.



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Jim Kohn with Silk 'n Satin was reserve champion in the Conformation Hunter Division at the Cow Palace.





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By Dottie Pomeroy

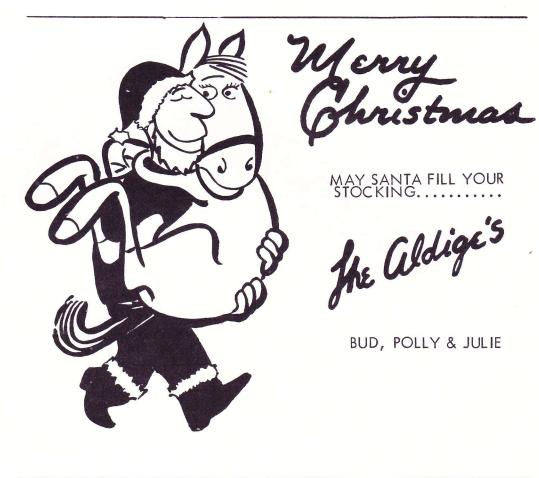
Funniest thing—the year is practically over! I send the usual heartfelt seasons greetings to all but would like to also send along some "thank you's."

First on my list is our advertisers—without whom, you, dear, gentle reader would be looking at a blank page—if that. They are the backbone of our magazine and we can all show our appreciation by patronizing them every chance we have. In that same vein I would like to personally thank the (3) three loyal members (or .375% of our total membership) who took the time to find us some more advertising. That is a fantastically horrible percentage but unfortunnately tis a fact of life.

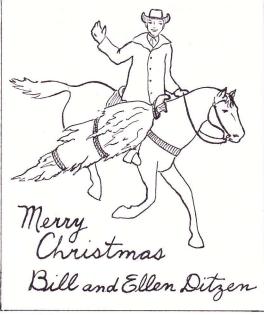
My special thanks also to our contributors both constant and occasional. Due to their cooperation we have been able to publish some very interesting and varied articles this year.

Polly Aldige has been my friendly prop and without her the galley proofs would never have been proofread nor would the magazine even have gotten to the printers

I thank you all for your criticisms, your words of encouragement and your loyal-ty. It's been quite a year but an enjoyable one for me because I have met the nicest people!







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Quarter Horse	54,204	443,542
Thoroughbreds	18,435	300,000
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Standardbred	8,386	302,135
Tennessee Walkers	6,000	75,000
Shetland Pony	4,512	112,642
Arabian		
Purebred	4,019	31,887
Half Arabians	6,800	38,000
American Saddlebred	3,168	118,581
Welsh Pony	1,838	15,446
Pinto/Paint	2,909	10,361
Morgan	1,511	29,828
Palomino	1,091	21, 380
Pony of the Americas	1,068	5,377
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ASSOCIATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS 1948

By Irma C. Goldsmith, Historian

Richard Delucchi was a colorful and effective President of SMCHA in 1948. The first issue of the San Mateo Horseman carried his picture on the front page riding a bright pinto and a later issue carried one of his three little daughters mounted on their own horses. He was installed the 12th of January, 1948, together with a top group of active and enthusiastic incoming officers. Those elected to serve were Sanford Wara, First-Vice President, Stanley Schlicting, 2nd Vice President, Barbara Rufus, Secretary, L. E. Clarke, Treasurer, Ed Spillane, Historian or Keeper of the News Scrapbook, Gertrude Brindle, Editor of the Horseman and Bob Oleson, in charge of movies.

Amongst the many outstanding events happening in this year were several remarkable ones, namely: membership reached the record of 850 junior and senior members, the trail on the West side of Canada Road from Ralston Road to Woodside Village was accomplished showing the cooperative spirit of endeavor existing between county officials and SMCHA.

After installation ceremonies held at the Pioneer Club in Woodside drawing some 150 guests and members, with Ed Zwierlein Master of Ceremonies and Alvina Mariani in charge of arrangements for the dinner, "Rich" lost no time in getting his show on the road with the appointment of key people to fill the various committee posts.

On the 17th of January 47 members chartered a bus to Monterey for the Regional Meeting of CSHA and judging from the happy reports of this adventure, the evening was well spent and enjoyed. Some of the first correspondence was indicative of the gay events to take place during this regime such as the invitations to two dances, one in Concord and one in San Francisco, put on by the Los Viajeros. The cost of going to Concord round trip by bus was all of \$2.50 per person.

The calendar of events for the year was starred by many both junior and senior rides, the Redwood City Fourth of July Parade, a Spring Dance, an old time Western Dance in July, the Futurity and Play Day, the Horse Show and the Competitive Trail Ride. The CSHA Convention and Horse Show in October moved right into the time for the big Cow Palace Show.

A Public Address System and a 16 mm. Projector were purchased from Army Surplus for \$320, and Mrs. Towne purchased a coffee urn for \$37.50. We wonder, is this the urn presently being used and whatever happened to the Surplus items, did they go into the great wilderness unknown or are they occasionally pressed into service again? "Rich" would be glad to bring you up to date on any of your questions, as he is still very interested and actively participating in the Association activities, being on the Board of Directors where his advice and knowledge prove most helpful.

At this time the Ordinance Committee was formed by the President to keep abreast of new plans and developments

of County Government.

The Junior Group deserve special mention for their participation and enthusiasm in planned events. The magazine, too, should receive very special appreciation. The many and varied articles related well to all rider horse education and were extremely interesting reading, even after some 18 years. Some of the many jokes used throughout the magazine are still worth repeating today, for instance: Lady: "Well, Doctor, was my operation a success?"

Man: "I'm not your doctor. I'm Saint

One of the most interesting and colorful events to be re-enacted aside from the Pony Express, was the historic Portola Expedition of 1769 put on by the California Centennials Commission. This paved the way for the colonization of California and established the Mission System. The trek started in San Diego on July 14, 1948, and ended in San Francisco October 18th of that year. Riders were selected by the riding groups in the various counties through which the trek passed and they were garbed in the brilliant colorful costumes of that romantic era. Fourteen skilled horsemen representing the original Portola Party made the entire ride of 780 miles in a period of 108 days. Hundreds of riders in each town and county escorted the party through their respective areas with most gracious hospitality and fanfare. SMCHA participated in the San Carlos Parade in honor of the trek riders and our group won first place trophy, now on display with many others in our trophy case. Beard trimming reached a high degree of artistry during these days of the Portola Fete . . . and hair cutting followed the Spanish mode.

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SMCHA REJOINS CSHA

As most of you know our Association dropped our membership in the California State Horsemen's Association in January of 1966 as did a sizeable number of the larger clubs. This was a Board action taken as a result of the State Association's unrealistic approach to a new dew dues structure adopted in 1965. In the third quarter of 1966 the State Association passed an enlightened revision to the By-Laws whereby the large clubs were not penalized for dues simply by virtue of being active and large. As a result we rejoined for the final quarter of 1966 and will be members in 1967 also.

As members there are mutual benefits to both the County and State Associations. Of most concern to you the individual County Association Member is that you are automatically also a member of the State Association. This entitles you to participate in various group insurance policies for premiums that are considerably less than those available elsewhere. There are policies available to you and/or your family members for accidents on or around a horse, for Equine life insurance and for tack and trailer etc.

We will publish more specific details in the next issue of this magazine along with rates so that you may plan your coverages for 1967 accordingly.



HORSEMEN ON THE MOVE

This past month has seen a lot of moving by some of our members. Even tho their addresses have changed, they are still members in good standing. We wish them well at their new homes. Rocky Shawver has left Redwood City for Indiana. The Stent family (Bob, Linda and Bob Jr.) are now in Half Moon Bay, as is Roy Markegard. Harry Thurston has moved from Redwood City to Woodside. R. A. Stone has left Woodside for Pacific Grove. Judy Hunt now calls Hillsborough home instead of Belmont. A. D. McKirdy has left San Carlos and moved to Sun City, while Carole Levine has moved to San Carlos from San Mateo.

SMCHA INSTALLATION DINNER-DANCE

Again a reminder that the date for the annual hi-lite of the Associations' activities has been moved to January 28, 1967.

This action was taken in order to give us all a bit of a breather after the many activities of the Christmas Holidays. Wonderful and faithful Marie Kemm has again accepted the responsibility for this event to be held at the San Mateo Elks Club. To those of you who have previously attended, need we say more! To the uninitiated we can say that Marie is a past master at this kind of party, always replete with excellent food, drink and but real danceable music.

Master of Ceremonies will be our most recent Past President Arturo Coldarci serving up his usual delightful morsels of Italian Ham. (This not to be confused with the dinner menu of Prime Ribs of Reef)

R.S.V.P. Notices will be mailed shortly after the first of the year and you are invited, yea, urged to bring non-member guests. So set aside this date, January 28, 1967 to say goodbye to those who led you through the "Year of the Horse" and bid Godspeed to those who will carry on the affairs of the Association for the New Year.

The Junior President, Eric Davis, and all those who helped him deserve a pat on the back for the great job they did organizing, equipping, and sending four juniors to the Grand National on opening night to compete in the color guard competition.

All four riders were mounted on Palominos, with two girls riding English, and the others Western. The English riders were Kris Davis and Linda Carsten; Heidi Mogenson and Angie Kunzelmann rode Western.

Again, many thanks to all those who helped make this such a memorable event.



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Norm Nilsen is to be congratulated on the managing of the closing horse show of the season held at Mounted Patrol grounds on October 23rd.

In addition to the regular horse show classes there were many interesting classes that excited the spectators and pleased the exhibitors.

The show was a benefit for the Junior Horsemastership program of this area, which was reported in detail in our last issue of the magazine. As you recall, our region made almost a clean sweep of the winners (6 out of 8).

This horse show made a profit which was used to make up the financial deficit for the Junior Horsemastership program and to ensure them of a good start in 1967. All of us add our thanks to Norm and his hard working crew for making this possible.

The winners are listed below.

1st thru 5th Place Winners Class 1 Western Equitation 13 and Under

1st Julie Langman

2nd Karen Muttersback 3rd Anne Reynolds

4th Kathy Carnevale

5th Kim Walker

Class 2 Western Equitation 14 thru 18

1st Linda Scarff

2nd Peter Fanjul

3rd Mike Layhee

4th Melinda James

5th Dianne Abbott

Class 3 Model Stock Horse on Halter 1st Karen Muttersback—Showboy Skip

2nd Anne Reynolds—Poco Rhythm

3rd Dottie Harper-Mountain Song

4th Art Coladarci—Dandy Billy

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—Drifter's Hope

3rd '' Art Coladarci —Dandy Billy

4th '' Dottie Harper —Mountain Song

5th '' Bill Gary
—Betty's Bonanza

1st (Mare) Anne Reynolds
—Poco Rhythm

2nd '' Kathy Cromwell
—Take Em Again

3rd '' Bill King —Cristie G. Juan

4th '' Ginny Wyckoff
—Shana Mist

—Shana Mist 5th '' None

Class 10 Appaloosa on Halter 1st (Stallion) Wake Hough —Joker B-Plus

2nd "Dale Qualls
—Pepitt's Poco

3rd '' Verdon Drake
—Bimbo

4th '' Joan Harding
—Smokey's White Bottom

5th '' Paul Templeton 1st (Geld) Frank Haywood

2nd '' —Little Man Mrs. Jim Crider —Fair Warning

3rd '' Kitty Toler —Westwind Towana

4th " Tiana Wells—Brigg Hom

5th " None

1st (Mare) Steve Leonard —Frosty Top

2nd '' Kathy Cromwell
—Sugar Foot Sue

3rd " Pat Dean

—Sutters Star Bright
4th '' Roger Fanjul
—Fancy Fanny

4th '' None

Class 14 Working Hunter 18 and Under

1st GiGi Gillson—Indescribable 2nd Laurel Noack-Hmr Hallany's Wahid 3rd Julie Aldige—Bold Host 4th Kris Davis—Conquistador 5th Jerry Romelfanger-Desert Sand Class 15 English Pleasure 14 thru 18 1st Connie Dittmer-Canadian Copper 2nd Margaret Mathews-Nellie 3rd Mary Reese-Dammit 4th Kathy Lutz-Lodestar 5th Janet Carr—Tiki Torch Class 16 Key Hole Race, Open 1st Colette Traub-Harmon Barrett 2nd Jeff Harper-Dreamboy's Phil 3rd Kevin Cook-Duska Class 17 Pole Bending, Open 1st Kevin Cook—Duska 2nd Roger Fanjul-Babes Away 3rd Norma Chilingarian—Surain 4th None 5th Debbie Bailey-Montana Class 18 No Girth Equitation, English Equipment, Open 1st Julie Aldige 2nd GiGi Gillson 3rd Gary Ryman 4th Cherril Young 5th Peggy Barker Class 19 English Equitation 14 thru 18 1st Connie Dittmer 2nd Jane Saul 3rd Janet Carr 4th Julie Aldige 5th Kris Davis Class 20 English Pleasure 19 to 90 1st Kari Thatcher—Canadian Copper 2nd Wolfgang Eisenhut—Rasputin 3rd Peggy Kiely-Linda Vesta 4th Maria Ophuls—Chanson D'Hiver 5th Jo Zwierlein-Lodestar Class 21 Open Jumpers 1st GiGi Gillson—Indescribable 2nd Mike Stefko-McJagger 3rd Sheryl Young-Half Clown 4th Bruce Brown-Society's Chance 5th Jane Saul—Rangitura

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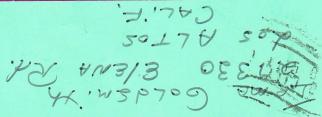
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