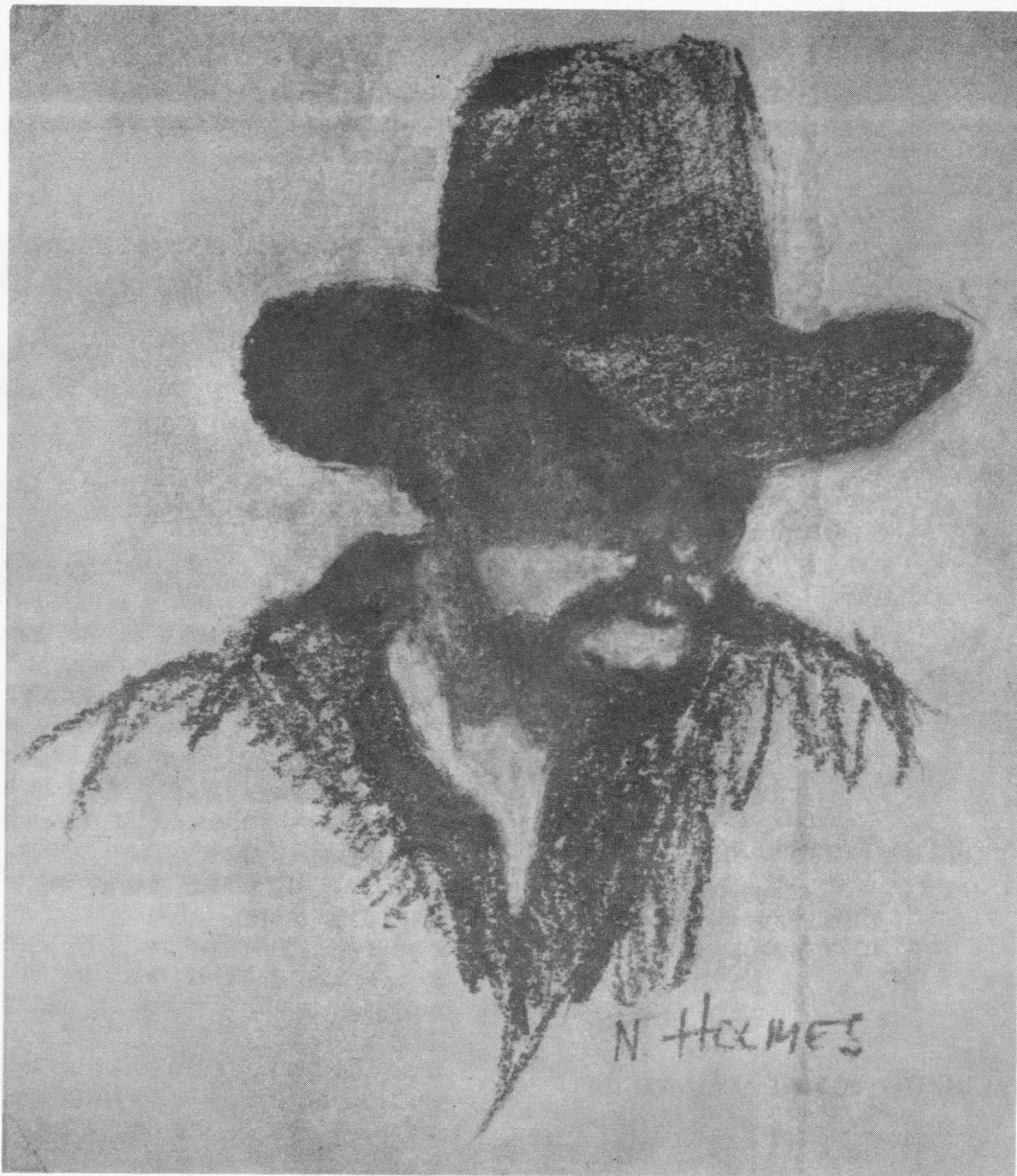


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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By Mary Lee Counts

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Get on your mark, get set, GO! Our summer activities are in full swing. Take part in our functions and you will meet some great people! Our first Western show was well attended, but you still have a chance to compete in the High Point Series with Webb Ranch. Check with Noel Moody if you wish to participate. The Western Clinic is underway at the Mounted Patrol, with Ron Harris heading it up. Also, check the calendar for rides and other fun events. Hope to see you there.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By Cynthia Baird

In this issue, I am reprinting an article from the July 1963 issue of the San Mateo Horseman. Responsibility for that issue was assigned to the Juniors and the editor at that time, P.K. "Pitt" Winchell, confessed that his initial reaction to that idea was skeptical. The Junior Editor appointed was Kathy Schiffers, 18 years old and a recent graduate of Woodside High School. She did such a good job on summarizing the history of SMCHA from 1939 to 1963 that she completely won over the skeptical Mr. Winchell, and now, twenty three years later, I feel that her article, entitled "Our Story" deserves another publication. In our next issue, I would like to bring "Our Story" up to date: Any volunteers?

ABOUT THE COVER: Original pastel by Pescadero artist Norma Holmes from her recent show "Coastside 'n Cowboys" held in Half Moon Bay.

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And as for our history twenty-three years from now: Who will write it?

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July 13 SMCHA Western Schooling Show
Mounted Patrol
July 17 SMCHA Western Clinic
July 20 LATC Windy Hill Ride
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Aug. 2-3 LV Santa Cruz Sheriff's Posse Ride
Aug. 3 SMCHA Open Western Show, Mounted Patrol
Aug. 10 SMCHA Junior Play Day
Aug. 16-17 LATC Jack Brook overnight
Aug. 23-24 SMCHA Jack Brook overnight
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Sept. 5 SMCHA Night at the Races
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Sept. 10 SMCHA Board Meeting
Sept. 13 Tally-Ho, Menlo Circus Club
Sept. 19-21 LATC Pt. Reyes
Sept. 21 SMCHA English Show
Sept. 21 HH Woodside Ride
Sept. 26 SMCHA Box Social
Sept. 28 SMCHA President's Ride

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Oct. 8 SMCHA Board Meeting
Oct. 18 HH Moonlight Ride
Oct. 24 SMCHA Grand National Rodeo
Oct. 26 SMCHA Fall Ride
Oct. 29 SMCHA General Meeting



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TWO GOOD PALS

LINDA LIPSETT AND LINDA KINKAID

The two Lindas are moving on this summer, leaving behind good friends and good memories.

Linda Lipsett is already settling down in Eugene Oregon, and Linda Kinkaid and family will soon be leaving for Sonoma County.

Both will be missed very much by fellow SMCHA members.

GAMBO'S STORY

By Vera Goldsmith

Recently, SMCHA Treasurer Linda Lipsett commented on the wonderful horse she had leased. She had sold her mare last year, after deciding they were not well matched, and was delighted to find a horsethat suited her so well. She writes: "My friend Linda Kinkaid called me one day, all excited about a four-legged creature whose temperament was puppy-like, but who in reality was a horse. She said he would be perfect for me. A couple of weeks later we stopped by to see this miracle horse. How right she was! He was my answer; I had been thrown several times in the last two years, and was about to give up on horses, but Gambo changed my mind! He knows every trail; if I get lost or turned around I just give him his head and home we go. "Linda and I both felt that this wonderful horse must have a story, and owner Vera Goldsmith gladly agreed to tell it. -Editor.

About 20 years ago, while looking through the "Livestock" column of a local newspaper, I spotted an ad for a 17 h. black & white pinto. I had always fancied pintos, and since we were thinking of buying a new horse, I decided to see this one. When I arrived at place, a horse dealer near Moffett Field in Mountain View, a wrangler told me that the horse was sold, but offered to show me a brown and white pinto still for sale. He pointed to a far-off field, where the 17 hand pinto stood and next to him what seemed like a pony. When I expressed doubt about his size, the wrangler assured me he was a standard sized horse, it was just that the other horse was so big. Since I had come all this way, I decided I might as well look at him. As he came closer, I saw he was actually quite cute, with nice markings and confirmation, and the prettiest blue eyes I had ever seen

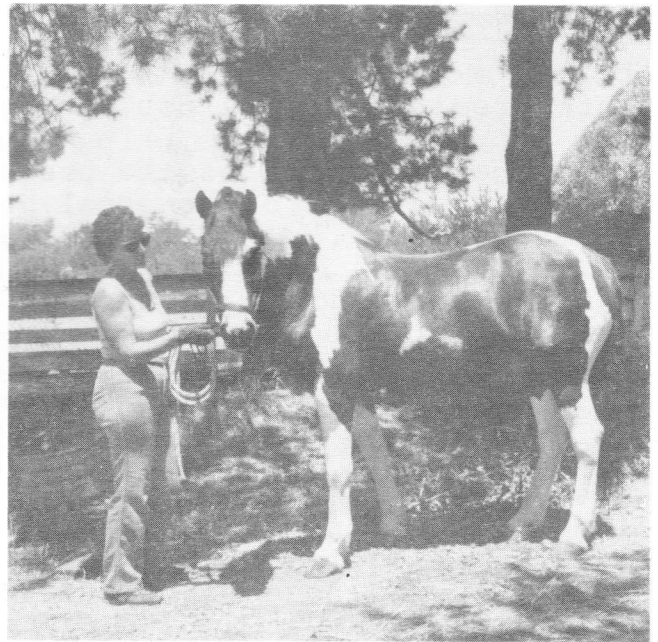
on a horse. The wrangler saddled him for me to ride through the fields, and after I did, I fell in love with him: willing and well-trained, with a free and easy way of going. As we cantered along, a dog appeared out of nowhere and tried to jump the fence, almost scaring me out of the saddle, but the horse made not one wrong move. That made up my mind, and I put a deposit on him. When I went back the next day with my husband, however, the dealer explained that the horse was sick. He tried to treat the cold, but it turned out to be strangles, and no boarding stable would allow me to bring in a sick horse. The dealer returned my deposit, and a few days later, sold the pinto to a rental stable. I was heart-broken. Every week I went out to rent him. He was one of the favorite horses, and the new owner did not want to sell a good money-maker. But as time went on, he began to sour. He was no longer as willing, eager to please, after working seven days a week, many hours a day. Finally, his owner agreed to sell him for a reasonable price (but still four times more than the horse had originally cost!) Instead, I went back to the dealer and told him that if he could get that pinto back for me I would pay him double what he had asked for him the first time. He said he'd try, and true to his word, he called to say that if I wanted the horse, I could come and get him. (His original price had been \$250, and now we got him for \$350, as the dealer said "He ain't worth much more'n that...")

Well, that was the best \$350 we ever spent! We named him "Gambo" for the gamble we were taking: by the time we got him, he had started a relapse of the strangles disease, and we were not really sure whether he would get well or not. But twenty years later, our Gambo is going strong.

We already had a wonderful sure-footed trail horse in Gambo, but my husband became interested in

jumping and found someone to train Gambo, then started taking lessons on him. Gambo was a "natural", my husband not quite so talented! About that time, our youngest daughter, 5 or 6, decided she too would like to learn to jump, and soon Gambo was her horse! One thing led to another--pony club, horse shows. We were told that one just didn't take a big, stocky, Western-looking pinto to an English show, at least not with hopes of getting a ribbon. But I guess we were not easily discouraged, because off we went to the shows, and not with just one pinto, but with two of them, as my other daughter also had one (this one was half-thoroughbred, and a little more acceptable). Our very first show was a schooling show at Webb Ranch, with quite a few entries. Gambo's first class was a pleasure class with at least 40 other horses. I was so embarrassed! With his bright spots, he stood out like a sore thumb! Words cannot express my shock when he was announced the winner; I had almost run away to hide when the judge got ready to pin the class! Well, that was just the beginning of a long and successful show career for Gambo and my daughter Julie. Gambo placed over many top-winning thoroughbreds on the Pacific Coast, and Julie won over 200 ribbons and many trophies before she eventually moved on to a fancier younger horse. When that happened, I found several young people who were happy to lease Gambo. One darling girl started with Gambo when she was 10 years old, and still comes to ride him as often as college and a job allow. After her a timid young lady, somewhat afraid of horses, bought him for \$1.00 with the understanding that she would return him to us for the same price when she no longer wanted him. Gambo colicked a few years ago, and it was then that she met a young veterinarian whom she ended up

marrying. Then a family with two young girls took Gambo to live with them in Los Altos, and those girls learned to ride and love horses because of his kind, gentle, trusting ways. When they out-grew him, we thought about retiring him. But Gambo is really not happy standing around with no one to love him, so when we heard that Linda Lipsett needed a nice gentle horse to ride, it was the perfect solution. Now sharing Gambo with Linda, is a 10-year old girl who after just a few months is beginning to feel confident about her abilities, and thinking about jumping and showing. Our daughters still compete to see which friend or boyfriend will borrow Gambo for a trail ride, since he is always a perfect gentleman. We can always trust him to give a fun, safe ride to anyone who sits astride his broad spotted back.



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BOB, A HORSE: A REAL LIFE STORY

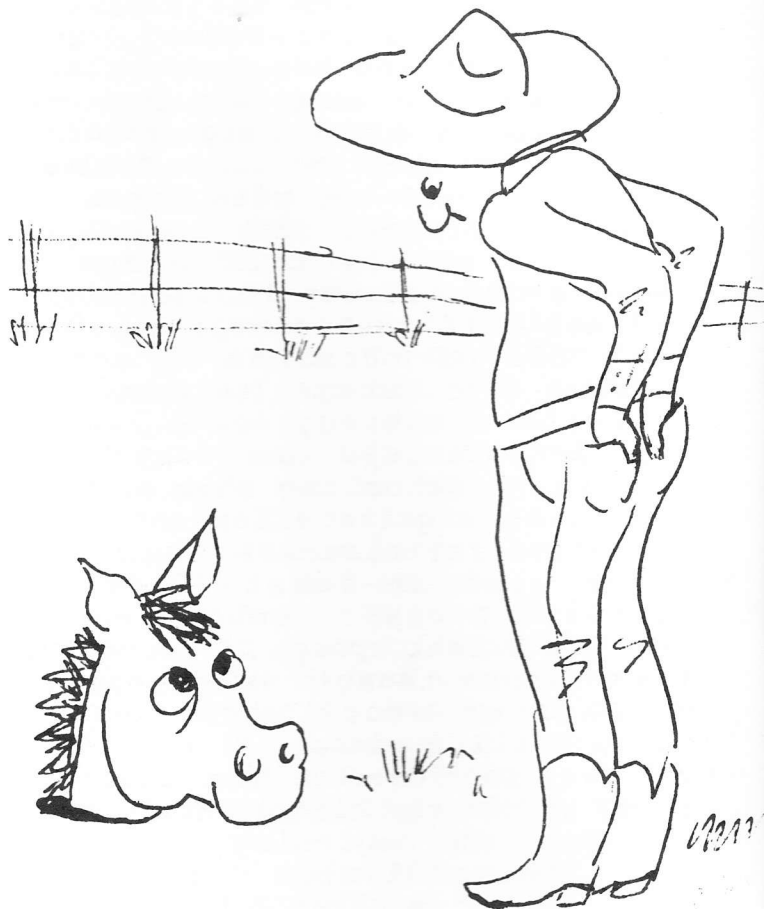
As told by Chris Wiseman
Horse Shoer

One of my favorite horse stories is about Bob, a horse that belonged to a guy named Earl over on the coast. What did Bob look like? Oh, he was a kind of gaunt horse with a suitcase head that didn't match his body--but a nice guy! I'd like to portray him as a rough and tumble, street-fighting kind of guy, sort of a champion of the weak, but the truth is, Bob was a hapless horse. I'd always ask Earl, "How's Bob?" because BOB was always having his problems. One scrape he got out of on his own. Earl had taken him on an elk hunt in Colorado, and somehow Bob managed to slip away one night. He was missing for three days, but finally straggled back, missing part of an ear and sort of beat up, but safe. No one knows for sure what happened at that time. Most of the time, Bob got into predicaments he couldn't get out of without some help. One time, he broke out of the pasture and headed up into the eucalyptus forest in back. Earl and a friend decided to go look for him after awhile, and saddled up a couple of horses. There was no reason to expect trouble, but for some reason or another, they had a rifle along. A good thing, too, because when they found Bob at last, there he was facing off a feral boar, a domesticated pig that had gone wild. No telling how long that stand-off had been going on. But as Earl and his friend approached, the boar turned toward them... and charged! They barely had time to get out the rifle and shoot! Bob came home meekly after that.

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Bob's really unique adventure happened one rainy winter, and this time, he didn't even leave home to get in trouble. There were lots of bad storms that year. The grass hadn't started to come up, and Earl was having to feed the horses in



ONE OF BOB'S BAD DAYS

the pasture. One morning, Bob didn't show up for breakfast. Knowing Bob, Earl looked all over for places he could have gotten out. Then all at once something caught his eye right in the middle of the pasture. Where the creek bed had eroded into a deep little gully, a horse's head seemed to be sitting all by itself on the ground, and it turned toward Earl in an interested way. The rest of the horse was not to be seen. On closer inspection, Earl found that Bob's body was wedged below ground level in the gully that the creek had cut out, and Bob's chin just cleared the edge of the gully so that he could look around. Old

Suit-case Head Bob did not seem about to panic; he just kept looking around, so Earl ran and got him a flake of hay to pass the time while he went to call a neighbor with a back hoe. Not that he planned to dig the horse out. No, Bob was wedged in that gully like Santa Claus in a tight chimney, and there was no way to enlarge the hole (or pull him out for that matter) without causing some damage. But Earl wasn't born yesterday; he knew that Bob's only problem at the point was the hole, and the thing to do was to get rid of the hole. And that's exactly what they did: he and the neighbor used the backhoe to scrape together enough dirt from nearby to shovel little by little into the hole, squeezing it past Bob, who obligingly tamped it down until the hole was shallow enough for him to walk out of. Well, Bob had any number of minor scrapes after that. But his luck ran out one day in the pasture, when a eucalyptus tree just happened to fall as he was walking by. That was the end of Bob. And this is the end of the story.

USELESS INFORMATION YOU CAN'T
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Mules were once used to haul trucks up the hills of Denver. As an incentive they were allowed to ride on the rear platform for the downhill run. A farmer who bought one of these mules for plowing found that, whenever they reached the crest of a hilly field, the mule tried to jump aboard the plow.

From the book WOULD YOU BELIEVE...?
By Deidre Sanders

NEXT MAGAZINE

DEADLINE

AUGUST 15, 1986

SYBIL HOUT'S "YUM YUM" CAKE

A delicious cake Sybil shared with members and guests of Los Viajeros at their annual sign-up night for the Four-Day Ride.



- 1 Box Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 stick margarine or butter
(melted)
- 2 eggs, beaten



Mix altogether and pour in 9 X 13 pan. Mixture will be very thick.

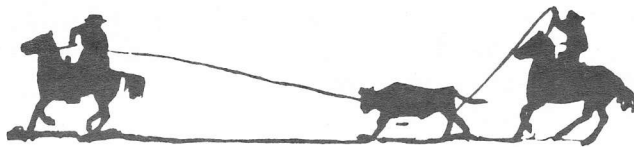
Then mix 8 oz. cream cheese with 4 cups powdered sugar and the 2 eggs, beaten.

Pour over batter and bake 35 minutes in 350-degree oven. (No more, no less.)

Sprinkle cake with powdered sugar and a few nuts (if desired).

CLEM'S CORNER

By Clementine Carroll, Woodside



My trip to the big Island of Hawaii was most informative. I visited the Parker Ranch headquarters at Weimea-Kahalua, about 60 or more miles away from the Kona coast. For hours I read up on the history of this ranch: what a fascinating story! A man by the name of John Palmer Parker in the 1800's left his ship to remain on the Island because he fell in love with the people and the beautiful meadows. He asked King Kamahamaha if he could do something about the wild long horned cattle that were roaming all over the Island. The King granted him two acres and that was the start of the fabulous Parker Ranch which now consists of 225,000 acres, 50,000 cattle, 120 employees--now into the sixth generation of ranching tradition. Three Vaqueros were brought over from Mexico in the early days to teach the Hawaiians how to ride, rope, how to break horses, how to make lariats, saddles, and do all the necessary chores involved with ranching. Around 1930 some Paniolos (Hawaiians cowboys, from the word espanol because of those three vaqueros) became world famous, traveling with rodeos and showing off their remarkable skills. The hides and tallow were no problems in shipping, but moving fresh meat to Honolulu was like no job any American cowboy ever did. Since the ships had to be anchored away from shore, a plan was devised to swim the cattle to dorries, tie their heads, four to a side, and row the dorries out to the waiting ships. The Paniolos roped the steers, pulled them into the surf, swam them to the small boats, tied them, then returned again and again with more. Once alongside the large ships, the cattle were placed in a sling and lifted aboard. Many a time some cattle became free of the ropes and they tell of an outstanding man and his horse that

could outswim the frightened animals who usually headed away from the shore. In the late 1800's, a fine blooded bull was shipped over from the mainland to upgrade the blood lines of the present stock. Top Paniolos had to drive him some 50 miles from the ship to the ranch, and were doing fine except that walking over lava rocks wore his hooves down to the point of causing great pain. The story goes, a cowboy cut out leather from his saddle, wrapped the bull's feet and finally made it to the ranch. Those were the early days of ranching in Hawaii.

My friends took me one day to visit an 82-year old Paniolo who has his own small ranch on the Kona-Kailua side of the Island. Two of his favorite Quarter Horses were at his little house on the side of a hill, cropping down his lawn. I said something about wishing I had brought some carrots for them. He disappeared for a moment and returned with bananas, and within a second the horses walked up to him as he leaned down from the porch and I watched skins and all eaten by two contented horses. My riding there on the Island was quite brief--about a half hour's worth due to a sudden downpour that soaked through clothes and leather in seconds.



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And back at home:

We've missed you, John Olivier, haven't seen you riding drag for a long time, but lo and behold, on Lew Reed's ride in the San Francisco Water Department there you were, holding a group of 60 riders together.

During a night in May, Doris Lantz's mare Ginger had a filly (named Spicey) at Sue Sheehan's place. In the morning, Sue found the baby had slipped under the fence into her horses' pasture, and there was Shandy, (Sue's mare) washing down the baby as if it were her own, with Shannon, her son, standing by.



The S.M.C.H.A. Juniors looked spectacular in the May Day Parade in Woodside, their horses' tails braided beautifully in blue and gold ribbons. Flag bearers were Linda Ward, Kristen Peter, Casey Hession, and Annie Taddeo. Carrying the horsemen's banner was Robbie Peter and his friend. Dr Mark Campbell was leading his Tennessee Walker with his son, Scott aboard. He was enticing the horse along with a carrot dangling from a fishing pole. The San Mateo County Mounted Patrol looked sharp as usual. And of course, Lew Reed was enjoying himself riding in a vintage car along with the other Woodside Councilmen.

The last Horsemen's meeting, held jointly with the Happy Hoofers, had the biggest turn out ever! Doni Hubbard, who wrote two fine books on trails, and Steve Reeves of Mountain View, a saddle maker, gave interesting talks. There was a bar, with Eddie Ver Linden serving, and many enjoyed their "Happy Hour," plus tasty hors d' oeuvres, and delicious cakes, thanks to Linda Kincaid's planning.

At the meeting, Jackie Schlesingertold me of her experience over the Memorial Day weekend. She had ridden through Wunderlich to have lunch at Alice's which is at the corner of Skyline and La Honda Road. She tied her horse Princess to one of the trees in the area designated for horses. Upon her return, Princess had snapped the tie-rope and headed down Highway 84--how she ever ran through the cars going up and those heading down hill, Jackie will never know. Anyway, the mare turned off into the Skywood Acres road, which is about a mile below the Skylonda Corners, and ran into a near-by driveway. She was held there, the Sheriff's Department was notified, and all turned out well. Phyllis Reid drove up with a trailer and delivered the horse to her stable. Princess wasn't hurt in any way, but was a nervous wreck by the time she was loaded into the trailer.

A warning to riders: a rattler has been on Richard's Road in Huddart Park. As you ride up to the over-night camp, and the road continues into open country, and lots of sun on the trail--look down and be ready if one should be there.



SMCHA HORSE SHOWS

By Noel Moody

We're trying something new this year! SMCHA is giving wonderful high point awards for the series of three SMCHA shows and two Webb Ranch shows. Awards will be given to the first three places in the Senior and Junior Divisions. So far generous people have donated a beautiful lettered blue summer sheet for the Senior Division, and a pair of custom-made show chaps for the Junior Division. Another prize is a gorgeous saddle blanket. Additional prizes are twenty-five dollar gift certificates.

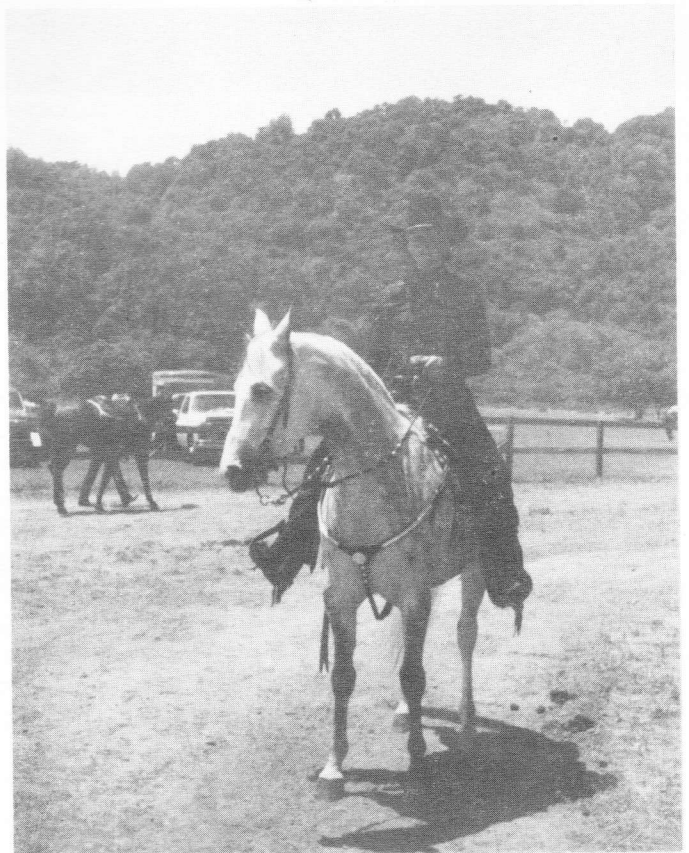
What else is new with SMCHA? We're now part of Cal-Grand Grand Slam! Cal-Grand is a new show point system, developed by Kathy Hansen and co-workers. It is a Northern California-wide program. June 1st was our schooling show at Webb Ranch. The response was terrific, thanks to Cal-Grand. It was our largest schooling show in three years.

July 13th will be our second schooling show. Debbie Serini of Los Altos will judge. It will be held at the Mounted Patrol Grounds.

Phil Ray, a past president, will announce. Walt Kirk will be chief chef again, assisted by Barbara Bergman. The show will feature green, limit, and beginner's classes. Please come!

The 36th Annual SMCHA Open Western Horse Show will be August 3rd at Mounted Patrol. All senior classes will have money prizes as well as ribbons and trophies. It will be a fabulous show and will, again, have a Tiny Tots class! It will also have a full Halter division (including foals of '86), a full Pleasure and Trail Division, and a full Equitation Division. We want to thank all the friends and members of SMCHA who have donated so generously.

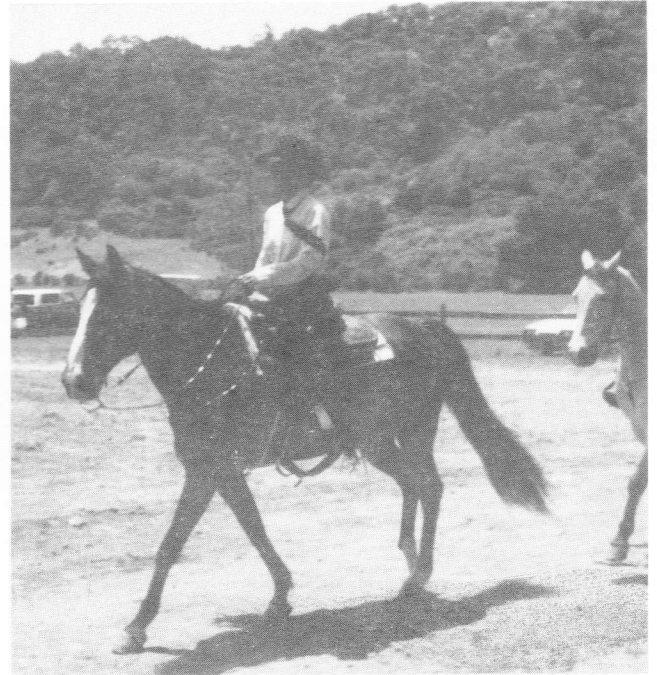
If you would like to help at a show, please call Noel at 322-6545.





1986 HORSE SHOW SCHEDULE

July 13	SMCHA - Cal Grand (Western) at Mounted Patrol	- Woodside
July 20	Park Pacific (English/Western)	- Pacifica
July 26-27	CTETA CDS Dressage Show	- Portola Valley
July 27	LAHHA Mini Show	-
Aug. 3	SMCHA Western - Mounted Patrol	- Woodside
Aug. 7-10	Menlo Circus Club (English)	- Atherton
Aug. 8-10	CTETA Horse Trials	- Portola Valley
Aug. 9	Webb Ranch (English/Western)-tentative	- Portola Valley
Aug. 10	SMCHA Jr. Play Day Webb Ranch	- Portola Valley
Aug. 13-17	Convention CSHA (English)	- Santa Rosa
Aug. 17	Park Pacific (English/Western)	- Pacifica
Aug. 17	CTETA Driving-Dressage Schooling Show	- Portola Valley
Aug. 17	LAHHA Maxi Show	- Los Altos
Aug. 22-25	Convention CSHA (Western)	- Santa Rosa
Aug. 30-Sept 1	CTETA Comb. Driving 3-Day Event	- Portola Valley
Aug. 31	Horse Play Hidden Villa	- Los Altos Hills
Sept. 13	Tally Ho (English/Western)	- Pacifica
Sept. 14	Pony Club Show (English) Mounted Patrol	- Woodside
Sept. 21	Park Pacifica (English/Western)	- Pacifica
Sept. 21	SMCHA English Show Spring Down	- Portola Valley
Sept. 21	LAHHA Mini Show	- Los Altos
Oct. 12	Webb Ranch (English/Western)	- Portola Valley
Oct. 19	Park Pacifica (English/Western)	- Pacifica
Oct. 19	LAHHA Maxi Show	-




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EDITORIAL COMMENT:

By Lew Reed

ARE CLUBS IN TROUBLE?

As you receive your notices for trail rides and club social events have you noticed a decided trend? Many clubs are now co-sponsoring their activities in order to insure sufficient attendance to justify the event itself. SMCHA is no exception to this trend. What is your analysis? Has interest in horse events fallen off? Are there as many horseowners as in previous years? Are horseowners involved in too many organizations finding little time to devote to the many fine horse organizations seeking their participation? Are strong membership drives necessary to revitalize the clubs? Maybe the clubs are not really in trouble. The events are still being produced. There are not enough days available to attend all the offered shows, rides, cuttings, ropings, rodeos, training sessions, clinics, etc. What is your opinion? The officers of every organization need your input.

SAN MATEO COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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San Mateo County Horsemen's Association was formed in 1943 and sponsors a varied program of sanctioned horseshows, training shows, group trail riding, English and Western riding clinics, trail course clinics, interesting regular meetings, wine and cheese fund raisers, contributions to Jack Brook Horse Camp and a complete diversified program for all horsemen with varied interests. Membership is by application with dues of \$30 for Seniors, \$10 for Juniors and \$20 for Mr/Mrs.

WOODSIDE TRAIL CLUB

Box 610152, Woodside, Ca. 94062

The Woodside Trail Club was organized in 1922 by a group of residents of Woodside and Portola Valley that rode back and forth between their homes across each other's property. Feeling that some protection was needed they granted each other mutual permission to ride across each others land. Eventually this grew into established permissive trails maintained by the Club thru their annual dues. Membership is open to residents of the Woodside Fire District of Ladera, Woodside and Portola Valley or to persons boarding their horses within the District. To join one must have their application signed by a sponsor who will obtain and furnish the application and two seconders who must also write letters of recommendation. Fees include a \$25 application fee and annual dues of \$30 plus a \$10 key deposit. Today they maintain all the off road key system permissive trails in Portola Valley and Woodside and off road dedicated trails in Woodside by contract. Rigid respect for trails across private property is strictly enforced.

MENLO CIRCUS CLUB

190 Park Lane, Atherton, Ca 94025

The Menlo Circus Club was formed in 1924 following the production of several annual circuses by the young riders of the area. Presently they maintain a club house, show grounds, polo field, pool, tennis courts and a stable facility. Annually they sponsor Tally Ho Horse Show in support of Stanford Children's Convalescent Home, their main charity since formation.

LOS VIAJEROS RIDING CLUB

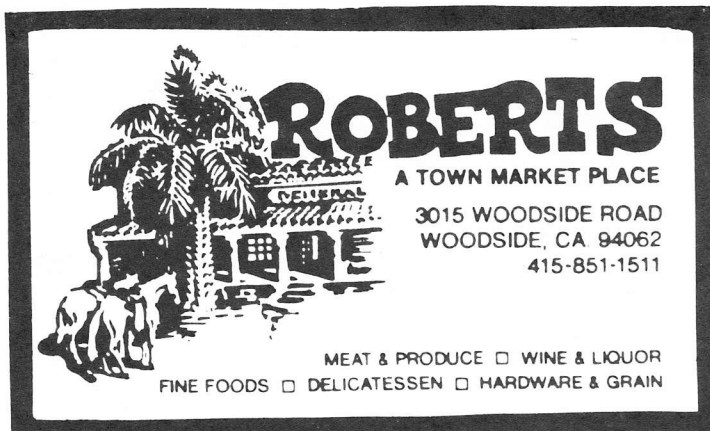
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The Los Viajeros Riding Club originated in spirit in 1941 when a group of riders from Palomar Stables decided to ride to Boulder Creek and had so much fun they incorporated in 1944. They provide an agenda of 19 days of organized group trail riding each year along with fall social events. To join one must be sponsored by a member and participate in their 4 Day Ride. Annual dues are \$20 plus an initiation fee.

HAPPY HOOFERS

C/O Karen Gunlock, President, 4936 Bridgepointe, Union City, Ca 94587, 487-2309

Happy Hoofers are a group trail riding club organized in 1975 as a singles riding club. They provide a year long program of trail rides and fall social events. Occasionally they invite married participants calling the event a "X Rated" ride. Must be sponsored by a member with applications to be obtained from the President. Dues are nominal.



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WOODSIDE JUNIOR RIDERS

c/o Ursula Eisenhut, 300 La Questa, Woodside, 94062

The Woodside Junior Riders have existed since 1947 to provide a 10 week summer riding program for children of the Woodside-Portola Valley Fire District. The program is free to participants who may ride their own horse or one provided by the organization. The program climaxes with a small horseshow to demonstrate the rider advancement. The entire program is supported by private contribution.

WOODSIDE COW CUTTERS

Woodside Cow Cutters is a group of equestrians interested in training their horses for cow cutting classes and ultimate competition. Nearly every weekend they are practicing for this demanding sport. Most members are also trail riders as trail riding has a very calming effect on their animals.

LOS ALTOS HUNT PONY CLUB

5000 Woodside Road, Woodside, Ca 94062

Members operate a multi-acre facility, also known as Somers Field, at the above location with a full dressage ring, covered riding ring, small riding ring, vaulting gym and a full jump course in a very woodsy setting. It is the home of the internationally known Sun Dance Vaulters, a youth group who train and exhibit there. They also sponsor handicapped riding rehabilitation program with fully qualified nurses and instructors and volunteers. Sponsoring memberships are available.

LOS ALTOS HUNT CLUB


Box 4006, Woodside, Ca 94062

The Los Altos Hunt Club revived foxhunting on the peninsula in 1953 in the Deer Gulch area of Los Altos. They moved to Woodside in 1953 to the area known locally as the Playpen where many horses were boarded and the hounds were kept riding the area between Woodside Road and Sandhill where 280 is now and the Guernsey Field and the lands of Stanford. One can still see vestiges of the jumps. In 1971 they relocated to 10,000 acre Paicines Ranch, their present principal scene of following the hounds, though they occasionally hunt other areas on the Castro Valley Ranch and in Marin County. Contact the Club for information regarding their individual, family and supporting memberships and present fees.

THE SHACK RIDERS

c/o Harry Williams, Shack Boss
1595 Canada Lane, Woodside, Ca 94062

In the early 1930s Robert S. Odell who was owner and operator of Cliff Hotel in San Francisco began to bring down a considerable force of chefs and equipment to serve the brunches and barbeques to the many Atherton, Menlo Park and Woodside riders of the Searsville property of Stanford. Needing a place to store the necessary equipment permission was granted to erect a primitive building at Searsville. This eventually became known as The Shack. Ultimately a club was organized and presently Stanford graciously permits their shack to be located off Sandhill Road near Manzanita where members may tie up their horses and utilize their facilities. Several picnics are provided yearly along with several group trail rides. Membership is by invitation and is limited in number.



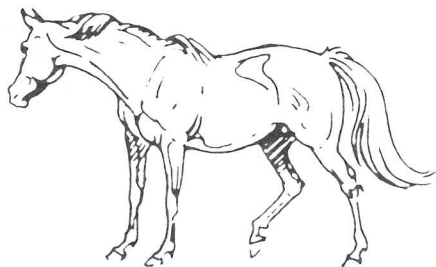
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BABY NEWS

Hot Dilemma, Paint Champion, better known to her Woodside friends as "Sugar," presented her owner, Sandy Hunter, with a paint filly on April 21 of this year. Sugar has had three babies; two have been paints. (Her first paint was a "boy" and is doing great things in the show ring. "Hot Rumors" was 1985 California Trail Champ and 3rd in the nation.) Sugar will be showing her new daughter how to be a Woodside trail horse in the near future, so look for two girls with "a lot of chrome." (The grey hair will be Sandy's--Bringing up Baby is never easy!) Sugar has been boarded at Bill and Kay Holmes' Wika Ranch for 10 years.



"ELLY" FOR SHORT, BUT NOT FOR LONG Sandy is awaiting final decision on what Baby's registered name will be.

TRAIL TIPS

By Lew Reed

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE...

Sure, trail riding is fun! You enjoy a day with your fine animal, you commune with nature, there are few problems and it is relaxing. Many times the enjoyment of fine companionship is paramount. Seldom do you return from a trail ride, alone or with a small or large group, without feeling better. Somehow the worries of the day have disappeared.

San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties are blessed with some of the prettiest, safest and best kept trails in the state and possibly in the United States.

But are you really receiving the most fun and enjoyment from your trail ride?

What do you see along the way besides the route from point A to point B between your horse's ears? What do you really think about besides staying on your horse? Do you see the flowers? Pinks, blues, oranges, reds and white--how many varieties can you recognize? Ferns: Have you noticed some are 4 pointed leaves and others 5 pointed? Is the vegetation changing from grasslands to bushes or trees? Can you see the subtle changes going on in the plant community? Which is the dominant plant or tree? Can you imagine what the area will look like 20 years from now? Let your questioning and imaginative mind wander and wonder!!

Can you see vestiges of an old logging trail? When was it built? Wonder how it was engineered on such a slope. Can you imagine working then? What type of equipment do you suppose was used? Teams? A Fresno scrapper? Engines and pulleys? Can you find the spar

tree? Imagine!! Would you have enjoyed being the first person thru the area? What did the area look like then?

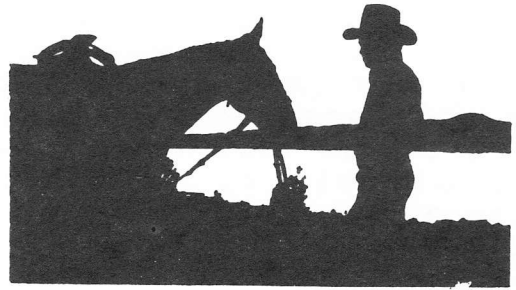
See the old fence: Is it wooden with slats of a designed shape? Points on top? Wonder what it cost then? Who really built it? Is the fence built with wire? Is it barbed wire with an antique value now? How in the world did the builders ever build it on such a steep hillside? Why is it there? Was this part of former cattle ranch? In the 1800's, 1920's, 1950's? Is the trail itself a former cow path? Or was it laid out by survey and engineering?

Most of us have ridden the Skyline Trail between Wunderlich and Huddart. Does its existence intrigue you? Who laid it out? Was it the original trail to serve the original owners of Wunderlich Ranch and Huddart Ranch (probably under another name at that time). Did the trail precede Skyline Road? Maybe it is fairly recent!!

(All of this is proposed to make your next trail ride more than just a ride on horse or a day in the great outdoors. Your greatest asset is your own fertile and imaginative mind. Use it!! You will take memories home with you to enjoy long after the horse is stabled.

JACK BROOK HORSE CAMP

SMCHA members Doug Moody and Lew Reed, representing the ad hoc horse camp committee of various horse clubs, met with members of San Mateo County Parks and Recreation staff to work out further details for improvements and fair of this wonderful facility by all. It was agreed that the horse clubs would provide a refrigerator/freezer for use in the kitchen area with the Park to provide a building for it. Now comes the request: does anyone have connections to obtain a good



workable unit? Let's get one ASAP! Most of us are well-acquainted in the horse community of the Bay Area. Encourage the use of Jack Brook Horse Camp by horsemen and-women. Spread the word to all horse clubs and individuals.

Possibly the best in the state, Jack Brook Horse Camp is available to horse people on a group or individual basis with reservations required. Moderate fee increases are expected for next year.

MONKEY FARM TRAIL KEYS

Members of The Woodside Trail Club are receiving in their mail notices and application forms for a key to the Monkey Farm Trail between Webb Ranch and Sand Hill Road. This trail has been closed by Stanford for many months because some thoughtless riders strayed from the trail onto seeded lands of the Biological Preserve interrupting the experiment in progress.

Some improvements are being made. The trail has been and will be mowed regularly. The gates will be easier to manage since the springs have been removed from the hinges. The locks have been changed and new keys will be issued.

Stanford has advised that they will be strict in their enforcement of their rules for use. They say that any further violations will result in a permanent closure of this necessary and heavily used trail.

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OUR STORY

By Kathy Schiffers

With the revival of interest in horses and horse activities, Mr. L. C. Smith was asked by San Mateo County officials, in 1939, to organize a group of horsemen for a parade in Burlingame. He did so, and, one year later, this group of enthusiastic horsemen officially became the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association with L. C. Smith as our first President. Our uniform shirts were rose colored, and appropriately, our first magazine was "The Pink Shirt." Many remember the two day, 65 mile Competitive Trail Ride of that year.

The war years added a burden to our social activities, and many of our members heard their call to the colors. President Ed Spillane (1942-1943) held the club together in the face of all this. At that time, we became members of the California State Horsemen's Association, and saw the formation of the Mounted Patrol.

In March of 1944, Creed Haberlin became President and activities bloomed. "The Pink Shirt" became an income source, membership rose, and the Statewide Trail Program was established.

Our fourth President was Al Cryer, whose slogan "Let's be alive in '45" set the pace for that year: rides, parties, shows and the organization of present "San Mateo Horsemen" magazine.

Pete Towne became President in 1946, and was instrumental in the county's acceptance of Huddart Park as a recreation area. 1946 was another year of activity: new black and white uniform shirts, official association pins, Fourth of July Parade (a trophy), New Year's Eve party, rides and shows.

Nineteen forty-seven saw the election of K.L. McDonald as President, who instigated a huge membership drive. A Junior Horsemen's group was formed

at this time, with Sally Towne as President, and the usual round of activities ensued.

Richard Delucchi was installed as President in 1948, and supported the late Ed Zwierlein as California State Horsemen's Association President. This year saw the granting of \$75,000 of the State Park Fund toward trail maintenance, and many of our members went on the historic "Portola Trek" ride from San Diego to San Francisco.

Nineteen forty-nine proved to be a good year with Sandford Wara as President. The first regional dinner took place in Monterey, we claimed a first place trophy at the Fourth of July celebration and our convention representation was good.

Stan Schlichting became our next President. Our by-laws were brought up-to-date in 1950, and along with our regular activities, we were represented by 100 memers at the Palm Springs Convention.

Robert Oleson became President in 1951. During his term, we held an open Horseshow at the Gymkhana Club - very successful. Our Convention representation hit the 70 mark, and we earned a trophy in the Fourth of July Parade.

Nineteen fifty-two was a year of firsts with President Bill Louw. Meetings moved again, this time to Carpenter's Hall, and were well attended. We had our first White Elephant Sale then, and our first Outdoor meeting (at the Mounted Patrol grounds).

Next on our "Presidents Roster" is Jerry Schromm. During his term, the "Ribbon Cutting" took place, opening the Spring Valley Water Property trails to horsemen.

The following three years, 1954, 1955, and 1956 were ones of regular activities with Presidents the late Ed Zwierlein, Jerry Harwood, and Bill Callahan, respectively.

The late Warren Jones became our 16th President in 1957. This year, the Juniors received a lot of support, and provided entertainment for meetings. Membership was high, as was our bank account.

Nineteen fifty-eight saw the inauguration of our "very first lady" President - Barbara Sailor. During her term, we held a two-day Horseshow and, (her own invention), a "Family Fun Day" picnic.

In 1959, Robert Williams was elected President of the Horsemen's. Attendance was high at meetings due to the Folk Dancing Exhibitions and Square Dancing program. Pitt Winchell took over the editorship of our magazine, and a large delegation of San Mateo Horsemen attended the Turlock Convention.

Jim Menefee came next on our "Presidents Roster," and he brought with him fine ideas and good programs. This year, 1960, meetings were moved from Carpenter's Hall to the Veteran's Memorial Building. Our Annual Horseshow became a class "C" show under the AHSA, due to Rich and Bonnie Fignon's chairmanship.

Nineteen sixty-one saw the inauguration of Paul Egli as our President. President Egli revived interest in our trails by holding several enjoyable rides. Our Annual Senior Horseshow became an "Honor Show" for the first time, again through the help of the Fignonis.

Kit Carlton was our President during 1962, and it was largely through his membership drive and interesting horse activities that our membership gained the 600 mark. Our Senior Horseshow was again an "Honor Show," and the Mt. Diablo Overnight Ride was very successful and enjoyable. Nineteen sixty-two was the first year of the expanded Horsemastership Program for our Juniors under the tutorship of Mr. Paul Maxwell. So far this year, we are up to standard with Hank Zaban as President.

Kathy Schiffers, then 18 years old, a recent graduate of Woodside High School was Junior Editor for the July 1963 issue of the San Mateo Horseman.

ON THE COVER OF THAT MAGAZINE, a late member of the Association, Warren Jones, was eulogized. His daughter, Carole Jones Riehl, mentioned that he had at one time been presented a perpetual trophy from this group; does anyone have any knowledge of its whereabouts now? Please contact President Mary Lee Counts.

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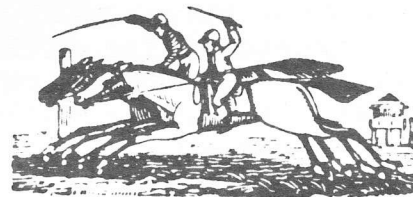
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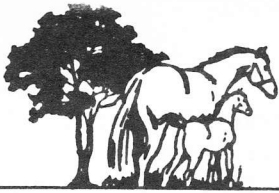


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VET'S COLUMN

By Dr. Tim Haevernick
Briarwood Equine Clinic

A condition commonly seen during these warmer months is an inflammatory skin condition underneath the horse's belly and chest, technically described as ventral midline dermatitis.


The clinical signs consist of hair loss, scaling, crusting and may progress to ulcerations. Some owners report that the horse lies down and attempts to rub its belly on the ground due to the intense itch associated with the condition. One of the agents accused of causing this dermatitis is the skin worm (Onchocerca cervicalis). The adult skin worm resides in the neck of the horse and produces large numbers of immature offspring (microfilariae) which migrate to areas under the skin. The areas most affected are the face, neck (along the mane), withers and ventral midline. It has been suggested that the lesions result from the microfilaria dying and causing a hypersensitivity (allergic) reaction. An effective treatment for killing the migrating Onchocerca microfilaria is the Ivermectin paste wormer. If a good response to this therapy is obtained, treatment should be repeated four times a year.

Transmission of these microfilaria between horses is by insects, usually a gnat (Culicoides). This gnat is also believed to cause a ventral midline dermatitis, which is hypersensitivity response to the bite of this insect. Unlike the onchocerca, this is a seasonal incidence (during the warmer months or increased insect activity). In addition to the ventral midline dermatitis, these gnats may also contribute to skin lesions of the face, mane and tail base region,


areas where they commonly feed.

The horn fly (Haematobia irritans) is also an insect that may cause a ventral midline dermatitis, due to a hypersensitivity from the bite of the fly for its blood meal. Like the Culicoides gnat, it is a seasonal incidence (fly season) but the midline dermatitis caused by this fly is sharply demarcated and not as diffuse as that caused by Onchocerca and Culicoides.


Insect repellants or insecticides are usually effective in controlling the biting insects. The best time to apply the repellants is at dawn and dusk, during the feeding hours of the gnats. Stabling the horses during these feeding hours may also be helpful, along with a time-operated spray mist insecticide system. When the lesions progress to a crusting ulcerative stage, it is wise to consult with your veterinarian. A short course of systemic corticosteroid treatment (anti-inflammatory and suppressive of allergic reaction) is often needed to control these more troubled cases.



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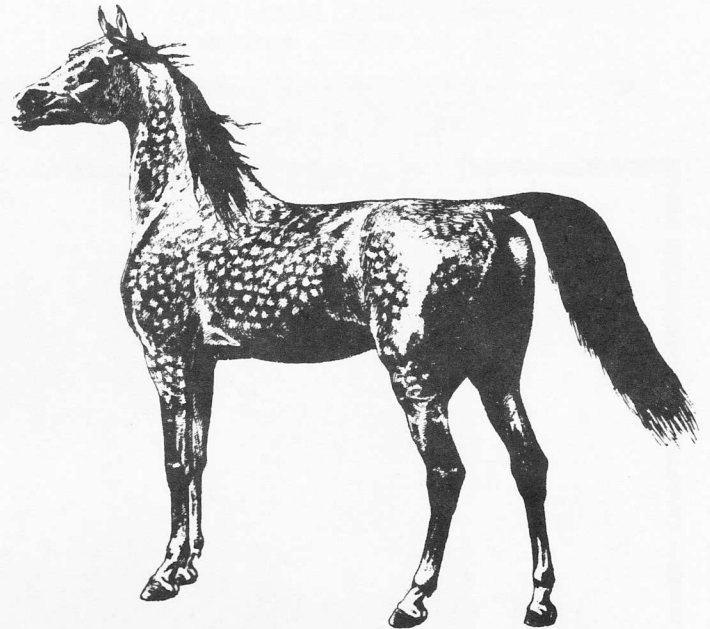
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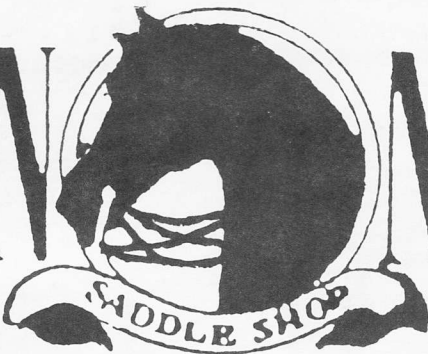
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