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 SUMMER 2013**



We need you! As we gain momentum in the summer season with many activities planned for SMCHA, we need help with those activities. Our Board of Directors spends many hours planning and implementing our events, flyers and magazine articles, and they could use your help with horse shows, rides, meetings, special events, junior/youth program and serving on our Board of Directors. Please contact me at www.smcha@smcha.org if you’d like to get more involved in your club.

We’ve already had some wonderful times in the early months of summer and there are more to come. The Western Riding Clinic was a huge success thanks to Karen Shawback and Melanie Likins. Our clinicians, Noel Moody, Joan McLaren, Kathy Torres and Mike Raynor are equestrian experts that provided invaluable training to our participants. I’ve heard many positive comments about the entire clinic series. Our appreciation goes out to the Mounted Patrol for partnering with SMCHA and providing a perfect venue for this clinic.

Adeline Forrest planned our Spring Ride to Alice’s Restaurant. Adeline ordered up an awesome day and riders and non-riders had a terrific time. Chris Friis continues her role as captain of the SMCHA Color Guard and already has led the team in parades in Woodside, Hillsborough and the Redwood City 4th of July parade where the team earned First Place. Amy Hublou has refreshed the Youth Program with enthusiasm and generated lots of interest at the SMCHA booth at the Mounted Patrol Junior Rodeo. The English Riding Clinic at Spring Down has just begun with an excellent turnout thanks to Annie Tyo’s planning. Sharon Butler made arrangements for four informational presenters at our General Meeting at NCEFT on Saturday July 13, another awesome event with about 60 in attendance.

I am honored to be part of such an amazing group of energetic people who work so hard to put on these events...and they all have day jobs, too! Come on out and join the fun.

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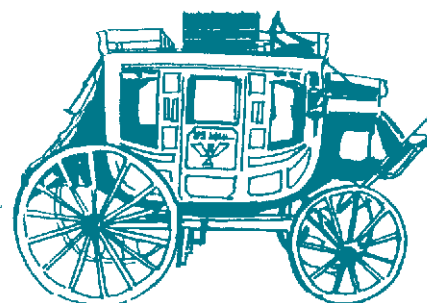


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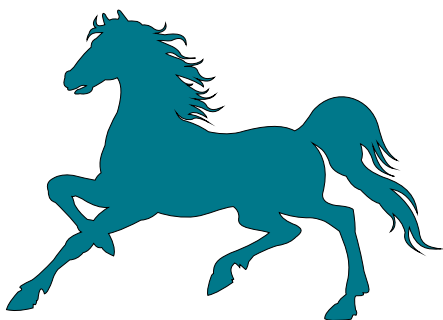
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Christine Friis has loved horses since she was a small child and at the age of 5 had the choice of ballet lessons or horseback riding lessons...I'm sure you can guess which she chose. Chris has been seriously riding for

about 14 years since moving so close to our wonderful Woodside horse country. She boards her horse locally and enjoys riding the trails as well as experiencing new horsey adventures. Chris is the Captain of the SMCHA Color Guard,

serves on the board of SMCHA and is a part of the Sr. Staff of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Mounted Search and Rescue Unit. Chris's horse "Casey" is a 20-year-old chestnut mare that she purchased about 3 years ago. Without much history of Casey's past, Chris spent many dedicated hours of groundwork partnering with this opinionated mare. Casey has since been certified by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Mounted Search and Rescue Unit and now has 3 years in the SMCHA award winning Color Guard Unit. Chris and Casey are looking forward to once again riding with this team at the Grand National Rodeo and defending their title from 2011 - 2012. Chris is very proud of this Color Guard team and appreciates all of their time and hard work. Chris says, 'this has been a great adventure and I've been able to scratch a few more things off my bucket list'!



Kristi Eifert says, "I was born with that special gene and my first word was "horsey." Thankfully Kristi's parents understood her love of horses and put her on a pony about the same time she could sit up on her own. Her

horse obsession really took flight when she was 10 years old when Kristi and her sister began training Shetland Ponies. After much hard work they were able to raise enough money to afford their very own horse. After two sisters sharing one Palomino for a while, Kristi bought her very own horse and was soon the school mascot leading the Marching Band at football games on horseback. A wonderful opportunity arose in 1984 when she was able to be part of the Vaulting ground crew at the summer Olympics. Kristi's "been there and done that" when it comes to horses and Rodeo; vaulting, jousting, barrel racing, roping, bull and bronc riding. As her rodeo career ended, yet another barn door opened. She and her partner, Caprice, became the caretakers at NCEFT. Soon after, SMCHA asked Kristi to join the Color Guard Unit which happened to be a team of all Chestnut horses. Since

Kristi is well known for her own Black and White paint horses, NCEFT was kind enough to let her use one of their therapy horses named "JJ"... He turned out to be a great fit for the Color Guard team and they were part of two Grand National Championships. "JJ" has since been retired and Kristi now rides another NCEFT therapy horse named "Buddy" owned by Chris Swan. Buddy is 10 years old and has been used for hippotherapy as well as adaptive riding, carrying mainly adults including veterans. Buddy has been shown in dressage and won in a couple of classes as well as earned overall high score. This is Buddy's first year with the Color Guard but with Kristi's knowledge and Buddy's enthusiasm I'm sure they will both have a successful Color Guard season!



Cheryl Basin was introduced to horses as a young girl when her mom and dad gave her the opportunity of taking English riding lessons at the Stanford Barn. Those Saturday mornings were the week's highlight and that's where her passion for horses began. Living in the hills above Redwood City, Cheryl rode the neighborhood horses whenever possible and those occasional horse races with her friends were the start of Cheryl's competitive spirit! Cheryl and her paint horse Scout, now 28, have been exploring and cherishing the local trails from Woodside to the coast for the past twenty-four years. Several years ago Cheryl had a wonderful opportunity to learn about draft horses, particularly Clydesdales and Percherons. She thoroughly enjoys working with and driving these "Gentle Giants" and feels this passion continuing in her future. Cheryl is the current President of SMCHA and for the past four years Cheryl has been proudly riding with SMCHA's award-winning Color Guard. Cheryl's rock solid Color Guard mount "CeCe" at a younger age started as a cutting horse, team penning and was full of high energy. Cheryl has worked with CeCe to slow her energy level down by doing cow sorting and plenty of miles of trail riding. These past several years Cheryl and CeCe have ridden in many

special events such as parades, horse shows, Rodeos and Galas. One of her most memorable events was the 100th anniversary celebration for the Peninsula Golf and Country Club where the Unit rode up the 18th fairway during the National Anthem. CeCe is such a dedicated Color Guard horse that during one practice, Cheryl dismounted while the rest of the team continued to practice in formation. CeCe decided she needed to be in formation even without Cheryl and trotted right into formation in her rightful position, slowed down to a walk and did the routine perfectly...without a rider! Cheryl and CeCe are a true asset to this team.



Sara Esquivel has been horse crazy since she was a kid. She grew up very active in 4-H and FFA. She had no idea what a great horse community she would find when she moved to the bay area 13 years ago. Sara owns several horses but partners with her 19 year old gelding "Mitch" for her Color Guard adventures. Sara boards Mitch at Whispering Creek Equestrian Center in Cupertino, where she also manages the barn. She has owned Mitch for the last 7 years and jokes about getting him for free in a Kmart parking lot. When starting out, Mitch had a bad bucking problem and she had multiple friends telling her to get rid of him or put him down. Sara was convinced he was a great horse and continued working through his issues. Sara soon realized his bucking fits seemed to be related to his feet hurting and worked with her vet and farrier. Mitch not only started feeling better but his attitude changed and her "Blue Light Special Horse" turned out to be a great partner. Sara is now convinced

that she and Mitch do so well as a team because they truly do understand each other. Mitch is now a willing partner and has turned into a tremendous horse. Sara and Mitch have been a great addition to this Unit and both have pressed through all sorts of new sensory that this Unit comes across. If you run into Sara, ask her about helicopters, she'll have a good story to tell ya!



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ANOTHER BUSY SUMMER FOR SMCHA COLOR GUARD

By Christine Friis



San Mateo County Fair Jr. Horse Show, Christine Friis, Cheryl Basin, Sara Esquivel and Kristi Eifert

It's summertime and that means your SMCHA Color Guard has already been quite busy. Our season started out with the 91st annual Woodside May Day Parade sponsored by the Woodside School PTA. It was a beautiful morning and once we all managed to get through all the security on the roads coming into Woodside Road, the parade was wonderful. We had several members of SMCHA ride with us and we would love to see more of you join us next year. The following week we were invited to present at the Cow Palace for the San Mateo County Fair Junior Horse Show. We had a very early morning and it was so nice to see so many young equestrians competing. The show is open to all ages from 9-18 with many classes in both Western and English and they were having a whole lot of fun!

On Monday, May 27, we were once again privileged to present and lead the Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade. This is such a relaxing parade with wide streets and nice roads which is really a plus for our unit and other equestrians such as the Wells Fargo Stage Coach team. A little outfit change this year; your SMCHA Color Guard Unit will be wearing helmets while riding the parade routes going forward. This team promotes safety first in all aspects and as a unit we decided it's time to be role models for all equestrians out there....put that helmet on! A couple of new colorful helmet covers with some bling and we are on our way. Joyce Porter from Helmet Covers Etc. outfitted us, so if you get a chance feel free to visit her website at <http://www.helmetcovers.com/index.html>

Coming up on our calendar:

4th of July - We will be competing and riding in the Redwood City Parade,

Saturday, July 20 - we will be presenting colors at Reining by the Bay at the Horse Park

Thursday and Saturday, August 8 and 10 - we will be presenting at the Menlo Circus Club for the Menlo Charity Horse Show.

Saturday, September 21, - we will be presenting at the NCEFT Gala

Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19 - we will be defending our title at the Grand National Rodeo Drill and Color Guard completion. Hope to see you there!

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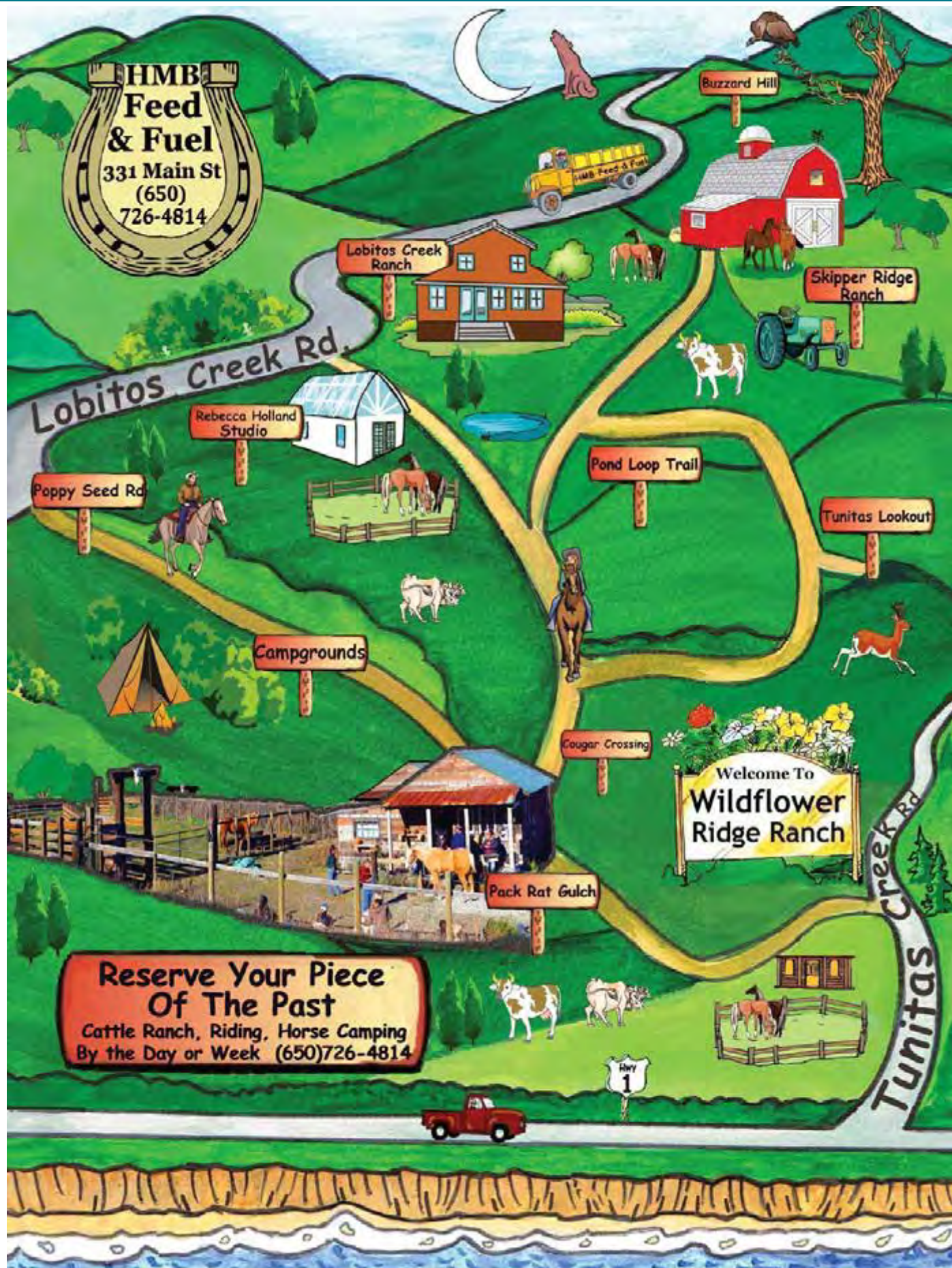
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Symptoms of a poisoned horse include severe diarrhea, colic and abnormal heartbeat. The primary toxins in oleander are cardiac glycosides, which affect the heart. Cardiac reactions consist of an irregular heart rate, sometimes characterized by a racing heart that subsequently slows to below normal further along in the reaction. The heart may also beat erratically with no sign of a specific rhythm. Other toxic effects include nausea, excess salivation, abdominal pain, diarrhea (sometimes with blood), kidney failure and colic in horses. Poisonings from this plant can also affect the central nervous system and cause drowsiness, tremors, seizures, collapse, and even coma that can lead to death.

Several years ago, a sick four-year-old Standardbred racehorse was brought to the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. The owner reported that it had stopped the day before and was clearly unwell. The horse appeared to be in shock, judging from the color of its mucous membranes, a heartbeat racing at 160 beats per minute (bpm), and a slightly elevated temperature. (Normal heartbeat for a horse is 28 to 44 bpm.) It also had significant discomfort from ileus—a condition in which the bowel does not move the contents at normal rates of flow because of lack of neuromuscular control. The ileus had caused a

backward flow of fluid and intestinal contents back into the stomach. Since horses cannot vomit, this poses a serious problem.

To treat this condition, a nasogastric tube was inserted into the horse to drain the accumulating fluid while tests were performed to determine the underlying problem. An electrocardiogram (ECG) revealed that the horse had ventricular tachycardia, which is an irregular and overly rapid heartbeat. Pleural effusion—fluid in the chest around the lungs—and pericardial effusion—fluid around the heart—were signs that the horse’s heart was failing. This condition was treated as an emergency with lidocaine administered intravenously to slow the heart rate. Eventually the heart rate was brought

down to 60 bpm, substantially closer to the normal rate of 40 bpm than before, and the arrhythmia was converted to a normal sinus rhythm.

Blood work and urinalysis results then indicated a build-up of toxins and renal failure. By now, the horse was quite weak and was staggering. It was immediately put on intravenous fluids to flush out the toxins and eventually was stabilized. Meanwhile, testing continued to determine the exact cause of illness. The diagnosis of toxicity was confirmed by laboratory tests, which showed the presence of oleander in the blood, feces and stomach fluid. The owners of the horse had not realized that the pasture the horse had been turned out in days before was surrounded by oleander. Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. With continued intensive treatment and supportive care, the horse began to recover and was eventually released from the VMTH. Three months after this incident, the owner reported that the horse was doing very well and was back in training. Not every case ends this well, so remember that preventing exposure to oleander is by far the best course of action for your horses and other animals.

Just four oleander leaves can kill an adult horse. This plant is just as deadly dry as it is live.

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TRAIL CLINIC

by Deb Alvarado

On Sunday March 24th, we had a Trail Clinic with Patty Knudson at NCEFT in Woodside. It was an honor to have Patty come up from Paso Robles to teach several of us how to work as a team with our horses in negotiating different obstacles. We learned how to trot through an L shape, ride various sized circles, back around cones and work a gate. This took a lot of concentration and focus, as using our bodies correctly was key in helping our horses perform the jobs being asked. It was great to see equines of all shapes and sizes and we even had a youth rider and her dad participate together. Yeah Mike and Katie! We had show horses, trail horses, dressage and eventers represented. How cool is that?! In looking at all the different things Patty had us do with our horses, it was of value no matter what kind of rider or background you came from. It was confidence building and relationship building as well as fine tuning of aids. If I ever get in a tight spot with my horse and have to turn around, I think I might just be able to do it. Thank you to all who helped my co-chair (Christine Eppstein) and I put this clinic on. Without several volunteers and people being willing to let us borrow equipment, we could not have done it. Should we do it again next year?

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WESTERN SCHOOLING SHOW, MAY 19, 2013 @ WEBB RANCH*by Cheryl Basin*

A glorious day at Webb Ranch for the Western Schooling Show. The riders were well outfitted, horses were well groomed and the participants and gallery learned so much about how to reach higher levels of showing from our judge, Jennifer Ott.

Sharon arrived early to provide coffee and donuts for everyone. Lunch under the trees was prepared by Dan Johndrow, Rich Boyd, Sharon Butler and Sue Sheehan. Triple Crown Sliders were awesome. Thanks to all who helped with food and beverages.

The trail course was set up on Saturday evening; big thanks to Rich Boyd and Jennifer Ott.

Our show team makes it look easy and we couldn't do it without the assistance of Karen Shawback, Ginger Bushue, Mike Bushue, Aleta Reed, Ann Griffin, Cindy d'Arcy and Sylvia Ruggiero. Sue Winslow took some awesome photos, so be sure to check those out on our website, www.smcha.org. What a team! Thank you all.

The Daily High Point award for 17 and under was won by Emily Jenar riding Scooby Doo. The High Point award for 18 and over was won by Nicole Fava riding Ringo. Congratulations to Emily and Nicole for a job well done.

There were 25 classes and each First-Place Winner received a bucket filled with horse-related supplies such as brushes, hoof picks, shampoo, wormers...all donated by Western Saddlery. Portola Feed provided horse treats, too.

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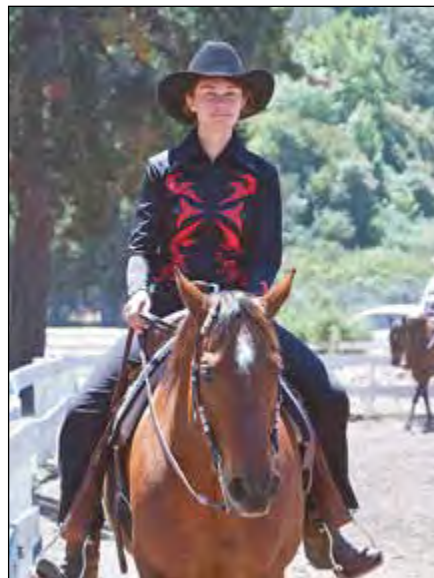
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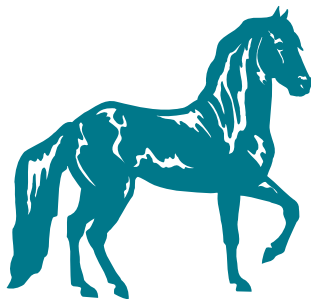
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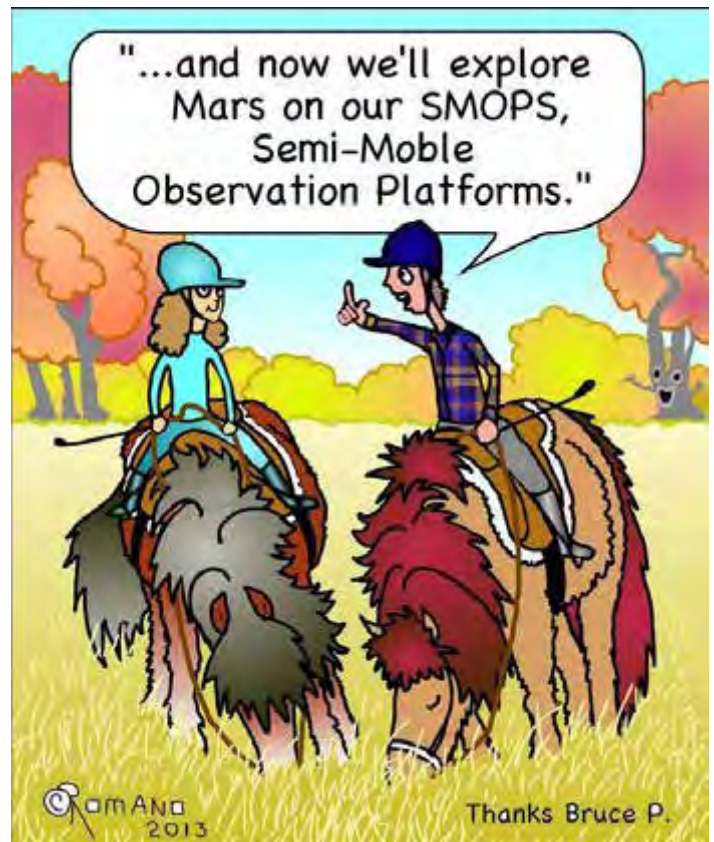
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His commitment to the local equestrian community has been vast:

- Member of the Mounted Patrol for ten years and on the Board of Directors for two years
- Member of the Town of Woodside Trails Committee for seven years including the Chairman for three years
- Member of the Board of Directors of San Mateo County Horseman's Association for three years
- Currently on the Board of Directors for the San Mateo County 4-H County Scholarship Fund
- Qualifier and Contestant in the Extreme Cowboy World Championships in 2012
- Certified FEI Cross Country Course Designer
- Chairman of the SMCHA Halloween Playday for the last five years
- Chairman of the Mounted Patrol Men's Playday for five years
- Arena Director for the Fourth of July Junior Rodeo for the last nine years
- Currently Horse Park of Woodside member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee Member
- Currently Mounted Patrol Foundation Director

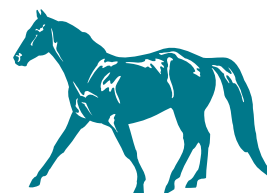
Additionally, Mike's three girls and his wife are all avid equestrians. The girls have been involved in Woodside Junior Riders and Woodside Pony Club for the past ten years and compete in the sport of 3-Day Eventing. Not to be left out of the Eventing world, Mike is currently working on his license to be a Cross Country Course Designer and Builder.

Born fifty-four years ago in San Mateo, Mike grew up in rural San Mateo County. After progressively living in more rural homes his parents bought Rancho San Gregorio in 1968. There Mike, his three brothers and one sister raised sheep, cattle, pigs, goats, chickens and rabbits; grew vegetables and had a hay/grain operation in the Coasts side area. Throughout his teen years, Mike was active in FFA, Junior Fair Board, 4-H and Junior Rodeo. He also had the opportunity to develop his horseback riding skills by jumping on the horses in the pastures at his parents' ranch – mostly without any tack! Mike attended Modesto Junior College, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and UC Davis studying Ag Engineering and Agricultural Education. He briefly taught ag and science classes at Kingsburg High School before moving into the construction business.

For the past 30 years, Mike has worked developing and building homes and commercial properties in the Bay Area. He started Raynor Builders almost twenty years ago building residential properties and equestrian facilities.

Mike enjoys doing a lot of various equestrian sports with his steed, Gordo. Their favorites include trail riding, obstacles courses and games; and competing in Team Penning, Ranch Rodeos, Ranch Versatility, and Extreme Cowboy. This past year, Mike was ranked 14th in the World and competed at the Extreme Cowboy World Championships in Hamilton, Texas.

Mike dreams of having a ranch with a pasture full of Quarter Horses and plenty of free time to ride them all!



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It all came about when long time club member Lee (Aleta) Reed was visiting her dad one weekend. Lee dreamt up a story one night after her dad had thrown a snail off of his third floor balcony.

She decided to type it up.

Her dad, Frank, unbeknownst to her, sent the story to a publisher he had previously worked with and they accepted it.

So with the both of them tweaking the story and agreeing on the artwork "A Snail Named Slick" came to life.

"Flex your imagination like a muscle in your mind," is what Lee tells the children.

Lee has been riding the Woodside trails for 40 years. Her current horse Doolittle is now 29 and she has owned him since he was 3.

A SNAIL NAMED SLICK

by Frank Reed and Aleta Reed

Slick the snail, having been taken from his family in a pack of flowers, lands in a new home on third floor balcony of an apartment. The unsuspecting tenant is the venerable bachelor and gardener, Frank, who carefully guards his plants from weeds and bugs'

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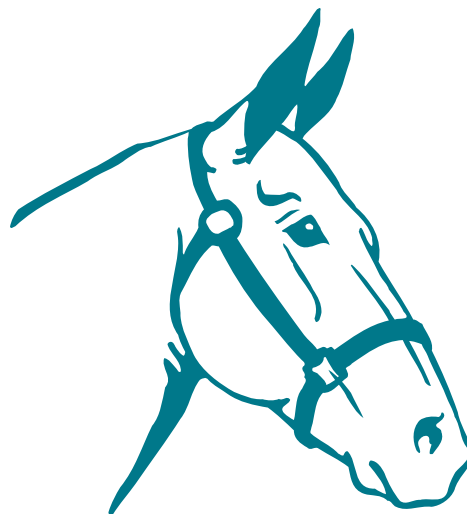


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BITS OF HISTORY

by Sue Sheehan

For over 20 years SMCHA has been involved with the San Mateo County Fair. I can't remember exactly how or when we started competing, but I do know that the only area available at the time for a group or organization was in agriculture. We started out following the theme of the fair. For years we had a table with lot of our club information and one year Gene Ericksen and Ann Farris displayed western clothing worn in the "old days." In the mid 1990's we cleaned up our old cook wagon and took that down and decorated it to the hilt! We used all types of artificial and real flowers, streamers and pictures. One of the earlier years we had the Juniors decorate horse shoes as dream catchers and sold them. They also did other craft items and sold those. Chris Romano designed note cards that she donated for us to sell. Several of the Juniors actually manned the booth and helped other fair attendee kids in making crafts. For years we kept coming in 2nd place. The "Bee Keepers" kept beating us and getting first place.

In 1999 I took Clem Carroll to the fair. This is part of the article she wrote in the fall of 1999 issue.

CLEM'S CORNER: "At the annual San Mateo County Fair held in August, our Horsemen's Association was nicely represented by the wonderfully decorated portable kitchen.



Sue Sheehan backed it into one of the halls, and with the help of Libby Armanino and her children, as well as O.D. Sims (a junior), presented an eye catching exhibit. It won second prize and \$350."

The fall issue in 2000 was an article written by Patty Lewine. She wrote: "The theme of this year's fair was "Passport to the World." With that in mind, SMCHA presented "Window to the World." The entire back wall of the booth was a display of HORSES FROM AROUND THE WORLD. The display consisted of a large, colorful world map with pictures of 25 international breeds of horses glued up all around the map. Then from each horse was a string which was attached to the country of origin. It was interesting to be reminded how the breeds we are so familiar with today have such a long and distant history. Highlighted around the booth were many of the fun activities SMCHA offers such as parades, horsemanship classes, seminars and education, trail rides, juniors, horse camping and our general meetings. All the while the Lipizzaner Video played on, which attracted lots of attention. Thanks so much to Donna Tozi's TV and VCR so there could be a perpetual video to enjoy. Prominently displayed were three beautiful saddles, each markedly different. Tanya Rebarchik donated the use of her unique Peruvian Paso saddle. Virginia Darrow let the club display her fabulous and rare Arabian saddle. Also exhibited was a western black parade saddle from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Posse. We were awarded 2nd place this year and a prize of \$350. This year's creativity is due to Sue Sheehan, Linda Menon, Libby Armanino, Tanya Rebarchik and Ann Kirby. Thank you to Regina Davis for the flowers and the "window to the horse world."

In the 2002 fall issue, I wrote the following article: "Well, we finally beat the "Bees!" For several years now SMCHA has been trying to beat the Bee Keepers. This year with our patriotic colors we won. We resurrected the cook trailer, cleaned it up and decorated it in red, white and blue. I'd like to thank Art Lesser for helping clean the trailer and getting it down to the fair. Also, thanks to Pete Spence, Rick Payne, Tanya Rebarchik, Linda Menon and Donna Tozi for help with the decorations and setting everything up. Extra special thanks goes to Virginia Darrow for her clever ideas and artistic "Mardi Gras" masks that had us right in the theme of the fair. Even the Bee Keepers thought we deserved first place this year." By the way, that was the last year we were allowed to use the cook trailer. They gave us a much smaller space and didn't want us to bring it anymore.

In the 2003 fall issue, our president, Virginia Darrow mentioned the fair in her "president's message" She wrote: "Well we didn't beat the bees this year at the San Mateo

County Fair. Every year they have the same booth and product and every year we put up a new display. This year we had a beautiful pony cart loaned to us by Bill Ashton as the theme centered around "wheels." How would the West have been settled without wheels and horses, was our theme. Thanks to Pete Spence and his daughter and Bill for help with decorations. We came in second and we won in other ways---it is a fine tradition to participate in one's county fair and other folks get to find out about our organization."

Over the next several years SMCHA continued to follow the theme of the fair. 2004 was "Tropical Paradise" and we decorated everything in blue and gold and had a large palm tree hanging on the wall. Thanks to Mary Ann Agosti who loaned us her mini horse cart. We hooked up a large stuffed horse to the cart and decorated him with gold and blue leis and tail ribbons. It was simple yet colorful and so in tune with the theme that we won first place. In 2006 the theme was "Happy Birthday San Mateo County." We had our usual display of blue and gold with picture boards, display board of "Points of the Horse" and display board with "Parts of the Saddle." At the back of the booth on the wall we hung a big sign that said "Happy Birthday San Mateo County." SMCHA only got third place this time.



In the 2008 fall issue of the "Horseman," Ginger Bushue wrote: "This year SMCHA took first place for our display at the San Mateo County Fair. The theme of the Fair was the 2008 Olympics which dovetailed nicely in our ability to create a display that was both informative of SMCHA, but of events happening in the Olympics. I believe the educational boards on dressage, jumping and eventing, as well as the information on U.S. Equestrian team gave us the opportunity to place above our long time rivals—the bee people.:-) I'd like to thank everyone that helped: my family (Mike and Danielle), Sue Sheehan, Adeline Forrest and Sarah Filice."

After another year or so, the Fair no longer had a theme. We were still only able to compete as a group under the category "Agriculture." Then they changed it up a little and wanted to make it more educational.

For the last four years Adeline Forrest took over being chair person of our participation in the Fair. Being the retired school teacher that she is, she was able to make our booth more educational. She put up display boards about: the Blacksmith, Colic, the American Quarter Horse, the Draft Horse, Horses in Western Art and Myths about the Horse, among other SMCHA information, magazines and pictures. The last two years she incorporated our booth into the department of "Agricultural Education." Last year (2012) she displayed horse manure at all different stages of decomposition, with a big sign; "Manure Happens" and what you can do with it. She also made up a great display board honoring our color guard. Of course she got first place and

beat the bees. This year SMCHA received first place again for "most educational" booth (\$250 prize); the Bees' booth came in second once again. Adeline set up the booth to appeal to kids and adults who were not necessarily horse people. She had a display board with the question, "So you want to buy a horse?" The display included questions and answers on this topic. Another board showed "the

body language" of a horse and what it means. On the front table she had little buckets full of different kinds of hay that horses eat and pictures of an unfit horse and a fit horse. A lot of effort went into these booths over the last 5 years and we appreciate everything Adeline has done and all the hard work and time she has put in to make this happen.

Sometimes it is hard to get people motivated to help with our entry in the fair, because it has to be put together at the very last minute. However, every year those of us who do it, really have fun and feel such a sense of pride. I hope more of you can get involved next year and we can beat the "Bees" once again!!

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LOS VIAJEROS PLANS A GREAT YEAR

by Noel Moody



Los Viajeros Riding Club began in 1940 when friends rode from San Francisco along the coast to Santa Cruz to be in the Santa Cruz Parade and Rodeo. It was such fun they repeated it the next year and formed Los Viajeros Riding Club.

LV became a Woodside Club in the fifties. It is an adult riding club that people qualify to become a member by either riding the Four-Day Ride or by riding five days including one overnight ride.

We have a ride the first Sunday of every month from March to November. No children, dogs or stallions are permitted. Every ride is catered and the club is limited to seventy members, but guests are always welcome. Guests must have a sponsor. If you do not have a sponsor, call Fawni Hill at 650-322-2100 and the club will assign one.

LV has these rules because we ride many mountain trails, beaches, through forests, and water crossings. We do not have shows or clinics. We go to many different locations, so owning a horse trailer is a very good idea.

This year we have already been to Paicines Ranch, outside of Paicines The "four-day ride" (now a week-long adventure) was at Point Reyes in late June. This fun event always includes our stage production with roles played by members and guests, a raffle and silent auction. Lots of fun and merriment. July's ride was at Skyline Ridge Open

Space and next will be a ride through Huddart Park to the Mountain House Restaurant. Labor Day weekend will take us to Jack Brook Horse Camp, where we have our Painted Pony contest, live music on Saturday night and many more fun and games. October's three-day ride will be in the Skyline Wilderness Park in Napa and our last ride of the year in November is our Progressive Ride through Woodside stopping for breakfast, lunch and dessert. Such fun and delicious food!

For information on Los Viajeros Riding Club, check out the website: www.losviajeros.org. You can also call Larrick or Fawni Hill at 650-322-2100, Alison White at 650-368-1308 or Noel Moody at 650-322-6545. We'd love to have you join us.





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JACK BROOK HORSE CAMP WORK DAY

APRIL 20, 2013

by: Noel Moody

Forty-two hard-working people from the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, Los Viajeros Riding Club, Shack Riders, Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County and the San Francisco Horsemen's Association gathered together on April 20 to clean up the Jack Brook Horse Camp and make it perfect for everyone to enjoy throughout the summer.

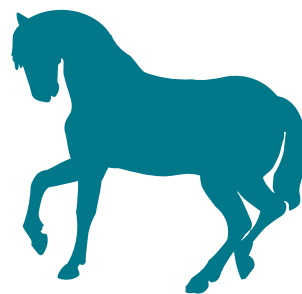
Grass was cut in the meadow and weed-whacked in the corrals. Wood was split and stacked for camp fires and the food shack was scrubbed and sanitized. Two big trees in the main site were cut down and became firewood. The split rail fence between the main site and the meadow was fixed. All three sites were weed-whacked and weeds removed from the dance floor. Everything sparkled by the time everyone left about 3pm.

A special "thank you" goes to Bev Sullivan who lives in Kelseyville and drove 3-1/2 hours one way to come and help. She's not a member of any club, but comes to Jack Brook every June with friends to ride for four days. She just wanted to do her part. She learned about the Jack Brook Work Day on the internet. (I think she left with an SMCHA membership application.)



The Shack Riders furnished hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for lunch. Another special "thank you" goes out to Mike Hertert, Rob Krensky, Rick DeBenedetti and Willy Johnson for organizing the JB Work Day and for serving on the Ad Hoc Committee to the Parks and Recreation Department of San Mateo County.

Most of all, a giant "Thank You" goes out to all the people who showed up to work. We could not have a camp for horses without you. You made our voices heard!





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July

3 Mounted Patrol: Rodeo Dinner & Dance
 4 Color Guard @ RWC Parade
 4 Half Moon Bay Parade
 4 Mounted Patrol: Junior Rodeo
 11 Board Meeting
 TBD Reining by the Bay - Horse Park
 15 English Riding Clinic – Springdown
 22 English Riding Clinic - Springdown
 24-29 Jack Brook Horse Camp
 29 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

August

4 English Schooling Show - Webb Ranch
 5 English Riding Clinic - Springdown
 8 Board Meeting
 12 English Riding Clinic - Springdown
 19 English Riding Clinic - Springdown
 25 Open English/Western Show – Horse Park

September

12 Board Meeting
 TBD Clarkia Trail Clean-up Day (Fall)
 20 Friday Night at the Movies
 29 Presidents' Ride

October

10 Board Meeting
 12 Woodside Day of the Horse
 18, 19, 25, 26 Grand National Rodeo
 19 Horsemen's Night/Bus to GNR
 26 Play Day & Halloween Extravaganza

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November

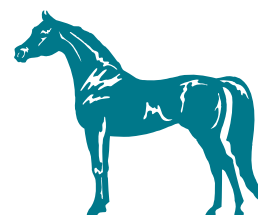
14 Board Meeting
 16 General Meeting - Elections & Bingo Night

December

6 Board of Directors Dinner
 15 Holiday Barn Party

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9 Board Meeting
 25 Kick-Off Gala & Installation Dinner



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