

the San Mateo **HORSEMAN**



Summer 1987

President's message

By Noel Moody



Do you know why a single Shasta Daisy is such a beautiful flower?

I do.

My Grandmother used to tell me why when I was a little girl in Minnesota. "Harmonious, symmetrical, a perfect unified whole," she would say. "But remember, the Shasta could not be as perfect as this if it were not also true that she is modest and growing there for the good of all the other daisies too."

What has this got to do with a horse group? A lot of members of SMCHA learned the same lesson I did. Take Pat Caraway, for instance. She was lying in a Santa Clara hospital hooked up to a dialysis machine and was quoted as saying, "I'm still going to work all summer for the Horsemens'." Mary Beth Sullivan was eating lunch when I said hello and made small talk. She commented she would like to become involved, so by dessert, she was our Awards Buyer. Christine Eppstein is a perfectionistic, detail-minded, and organized (the opposite of me). She tolerates my approach to leadership and keeps meticulous books, designs our horse show entry forms, and hires the Western judges.

Other members contribute too. Like Nora Wilde: She came to the Spring Ride in response to a few sentences scribbled on the flier. She wanted to show her support. We couldn't do without Clem Carroll and Phil Ray. They are wonderful. And of course, the SMCHA Board keeps everything going: Ron Harris, 1st V.P., Trail Bosses Melissa and Dick Convery, Clinic Conductor Karen Rowley, Editor Cynthia Baird, Secretary Gay Lynn Mann, English Horse Show Chairman, Nancy Van Zwol, Lew Reed, Walter Kirk and Mary Lee Twisselman (culinary

specialists), Mary and Bob Hydorn, Rachel Newman, and the rest of the Board.

My Grandmother would have been delighted to know everyone of these people. SMCHA is fun and full of nice people. Spread the word.

See you at the Outdoor Meeting, June 26th, or on one of the rides, June 28th or August 22nd-23rd, or at the Clinic on Thursday evenings, or at the English Horse Show on July 11th, or at the Western Shows on July 12th and August 2nd.

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"MISSION READY" AUSSIE

By Susan Bosse



Highwinds Shawnee, CD TDX
CARDA Search Dog

Eight years ago when I brought home my first blue merle Aussie, I had no idea what I was getting myself into! I named him "Shawnee", as his mother also had an Indian name. At three months of age, I took Shawnee to a puppy class. Then came Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Obedience classes, and a Companion Dog Degree. After watching a Tracking Test at the National Specialty, we started training for the T. D. Shawnee was a natural at tracking, earning his T. D. degree in seven months and continuing on the next year for his TDX. Shawnee's tracking class instructor is a member of CARDA (California Rescue Dog Association, Inc.) a non-profit organization of volunteer people who train their dogs and themselves to search for lost hikers, hunters, etc. She encouraged me to come to a monthly workout/meeting as she felt Shawnee could be trained for this life-saving work. I did go and found Shawnee to be the only Aussie in the group. There were mostly German Shepherds and Golden Retrievers, with a few other working breeds. Knowing Shawnee's willingness to work, and outgoing personality with people, I felt this was a challenge we could reach.

In May 1983, Shawnee and I began training as a team. All of the obedience and tracking training had laid a good foundation for search work. Before getting to find people, Shawnee had to learn to "alert", so that he could communicate his "find" to me. I chose to use the "bringsel" method. The bringsel is a leather tab or strap that hangs from the dog's collar. Through a series of steps, the dog is trained to associate the "bringsel" with finding a person. He takes the "bringsel" in his mouth and returns to the handler. The handler and dog then do a "refind" back to the lost person.

After learning the alert, Shawnee was ready to start searching for different people, in as many different places, conditions, and positions as possible. It was the ultimate hide and seek game. We found people in trees, camouflage clothing, in diving suits submerged in a creek, in buildings, or just walking through the woods as the average lost person may be doing. For search dogs, it is a game; a game that motivates them enough to search in all types of weather for long hours, and sometimes for several days.

After learning the "alert" and how to search and find people with as many different variables as possible, we were still not "mission ready." Shawnee had to learn to load and unload from helicopters and airplanes while they were running, and to be lifted in a dog harness. I, as his handler, also had a list of skills to obtain. Knowledge of survival skills, how to use a compass, read a map, and completion of the Red Cross Advanced First-Aid Course. Additionally, each handler must acquire a pack which contains what he/she will need for himself and his dog for three days in the field on a search.

This is the litter used to load supplies or rescue people by helicopter. Here we are training inside the Arcata NAVAL Coast Guard Station.



The day finally came to take our "Mission Ready" test. Shawnee did not disappoint me. Our year of training had been worthwhile, not only because we became "mission ready," but because we had built a relationship of trust and communication so keen, one could say we "spoke the same language."

The real "test" came when we were called out on a real search, and had to put all of our training to use to do the best job we could as a team.

Living "Mission Ready" means being ready 24 hours a day, for a call from the CARDA dispatcher to respond to a search for a lost person.

Now, one and a-half years later, after 30 searches in Arizona, Alaska and California, I know why the Aussie is truly the versatile breed, and what the breed standard means by "courageous, dependable working dog."

I am currently training a five-month old Aussie, "Kody", to be a search dog before Shawnee retires.

NOTE:

Shawnee and I, through CARDA, are affiliated with the California Office of Emergency Services. Shawnee is the only certified Australian Sheperd Search Dog in the State of California. He was also the second (2nd) Australian Sheperd to earn a TDX Degree.

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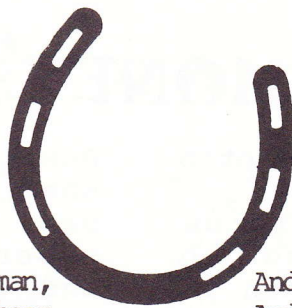
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Poetry Corner



I lost a good friend recently, Paul Hulsman, of Stockton, California. A well known shoer or farrier, he was dedicated to improving the horse's way of going and passed his abilities on to many young folk who were genuinely interested in the art. Some of the best shoers in the state today were proteges of this man. I wrote the following poem to commemorate the man, my friend:

I lost a friend the other day
I'm sure he heard a strange voice say
Please come with us, my shoer friend
Or there'll be hell to pay.

You see we have a horse on high,
And it seems that he is lame.
And so we had a look around
And came across your name.

We've heard that you are number one
At fixing up a hoss.
And we sure need a number one
To satisfy the boss.

You see the fellow owns this hoss,
The one that must be shod,
Is real particular 'bout this hoss,
We call this fellow "GOD".

The horse's name is Pegasus,
And if you use your eye,
And if you know just where to look,
He roams the nighttime sky.

But he is rough to shoe, old friend,
There were many made a try.
But those who did, just gave it up,
And now you happened by.

Old Paul, his face it just lit up,
He smiled that little grin.
He pulled a stogie out, lit up,
And then he started in.

He gave this hoss a thoughtful gaze,
And then he grabbed some iron.
He turned around and turned the crank
to start his forge afirin'.

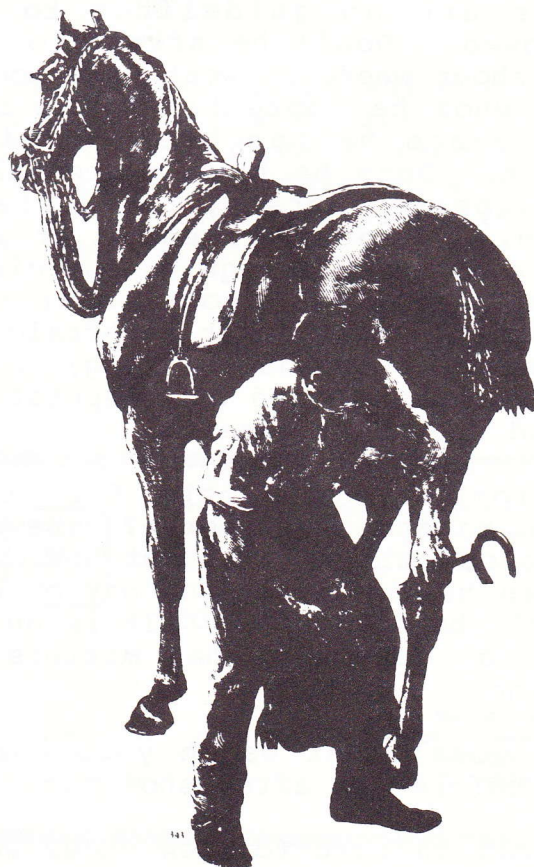
And then he forged a set of shoes,
And nailed them on this hoss.
Old Pegasus raised lots of hell,
But he had found his boss.

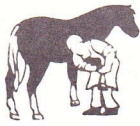
And now at night just look up high
Up at the starlit sky.
Your eye must be almightly quick
To see Pegasus fly.

Old Peg can slide, and stop, and turn,
But friend, that sure ain't all.
Please note the sign stuck on his rear
"THIS HORSE WAS SHOD BY PAUL."

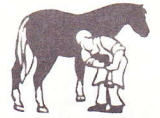
By Bob Carlsen

Jean Brook, of Auburn Lake Trails, is an old friend of Bob's and wanted to share this poem with us.





YOUR MONEY'S WORTH



By Blair Miller-Carlotto

I have never been one to throw money away, and I don't want to mince my words either. When it comes to the horses I handle, I want priority care and priority shoeing. I don't mind paying that extra \$10 or \$15 for a top-rate job, because every horse is only as good as his feet. I have a great deal of respect for anyone who chooses to work in the heat or rain and mud underneath a horse. Animals are not always predictable and this can be backbreaking work at times. However, everyone has heard "horror" stories related to shoeing. I decided to write this article to try to help answer questions about shoeing, or really, to help you ask the right questions about shoeing.

In California, there is no state examination or license requirement for horseshoers. This leaves the field wide open to anyone since there are no guidelines to be followed. Don't be afraid to ask your shoer where he went to school, with whom he apprenticed and how many years he has been shoeing horses. Does he have a specialty (i.e. gaited horses, racehorses, jumpers, stock horses)? If you have a horse that requires specialty work, be sure your shoer can meet that need. Don't be afraid to do some background checking; he is a professional and his reputation should speak for itself.

How long does it take for your shoer to shoe your horse? (Beware the shoer who brags about how many horses he can do in one day or how quickly he does them.) It is quality, not quantity that matters in shoeing.

Does your shoer watch your horse walk before and after shoeing?

Are you charged for new shoes when you are getting resets?

Does your shoer use an angle gauge? What are the angles? Were they the same to start with? Do you or your shoer keep a record of the angles and the dates your horse was shod? Do the angles of the hoof follow the angles of the pastern and the shoulder? When your shoer is finished, do both feet look the same?

Is your horse sore whenever he is shod? Why?

Does your horse forge (clip his front feet with his rear feet when walking or trotting)?

Does your horse track straight? How do his shoes wear? Look at the shoe and look for the breakover point (the point with greatest wear).

How are the walls of the foot? Is your horse prone to be dry? Does he have trush? Would a feed supplement help?

What type of foot does your horse have? Are the feet upright, twisted, lower in the heels, platelike? Is the foot clublike?

If you have pads, clips, caulks, or squared toes, why? These are useful if used correctly, but can add up in dollars if not needed.

What are your objectives for your horse? If your horse is new, what were the previous owners' objectives? Were they the same as yours? Why was the horse shod that way? Consider the different uses for horses: endurance riding, racing, halter confirmation, jumping. A variation in use could mean a different shoe should be used (i.e., weight of shoe, length of hoof, type of foot desired) depending on your desired objective and goals.


Also, talk to your vet; get his opinion as well as that of your shoer.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Keep a log and mark useful information and dates in it or on your calendar.


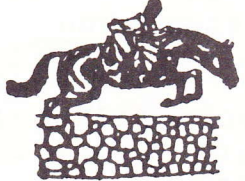
Remember that you cannot change the way your horse moves or alter his angles (drastically) overnight. These take time and should be taken very seriously.

The things I have mentioned should not be passed over lightly. It's your money, get your dollar's worth, and don't be afraid to ask those questions!



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By popular demand, the Plantation Walking Horse, Open class is offered again at Tally Ho this year. This lovely class of trail horses shown under English or Western saddle by their enthusiastic owners first appeared at the Tally Ho in 1985. The class was so well received that it was held in 1986 and now again in 1987!

If you ride one of these gracious and gentle creatures, then please join us this year. It's so much fun to share the natural beauty of our trail partners with each other and the audience. Renew old acquaintances and meet new riding companions.

Saturday, September 12th is the date to write on your calendar. Having a copy of the program with your horse's name makes such a nice souvenir that it's worth signing up early for this special class. The earlier, the better! For more information on the class, please call Stephanie Anise at (415) 364-6614.

If you're not riding while we are, then spend a few minutes ringside with us and have a good time. While the judge makes his selection, you pick your favorites and cheer 'em on!



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Trail Tips

By Lew Reed

Riding a good trail horse is one of the best ways to enjoy the wide open country of California--more than 156,000 square miles, much of it unfenced, rolling hills and rugged mountains. For the past twenty years, plans for a riding and hiking trails system, aggregating 3,000 miles, are gradually becoming a reality.

No one breed or color is the best trail horse, but most experienced back country riders go for a well-proportioned horse. Each horse should be large enough to carry its rider, well conditioned, trained, and adequately fed and cared for on the trail. A good trail horse may be grazed at night time and will stand quietly when hobbled. Having a good trail horse is only one of the major requirements for enjoying the trail. Horsemen should be familiar with the fundamental trail riding rules and etiquette, which must be understood, if personal safety and mutual enjoyment of the trails are to be realized. Riders should be guided by trail rules at all times, regardless of the number of riders in the party. Good public relations are extremely important--especially in the interest of maintaining privileges on existing trails as well as those incident to the extension of the present system. Be aware of the landowner's right to privacy as well as his contribution to trails enjoyment, and, by our conduct, show regard for any special rules or requirements covering his particular situation. Refer to local county and state ordinances themselves, taking advantage of every natural opportunity to assist other trail riders in becoming aware of any violations thereof.

The most common fault with the average riding group is that it tries to cover too much ground in a limited time. In planning a ride,

don't figure it in miles. Your group will be a lot happier if you set a goal based on the number of hours to be spent in the saddle. A rugged terrain can drastically cut down the number of miles you may think you can travel in a single day. Unless you are a hardened trail rider, six or seven hours in the saddle is plenty. This will give you the time required to care for your mount properly and to enjoy the companionship of others who will be more likely to be amenable, providing adequate stops for resting are made. Some leaders of group rides may overlook the less experienced riders in their groups and set a pace too fast for the novice. This does not mean that the group should pace themselves to the slowest horse, but that they should strike a medium pace. The inexperienced rider must realize, of course, that a horse capable of a brisk walk is a primary requirement for pleasant and cooperative trail riding.

Some suggestions for pleasant and safe group trail riding are most important.

Trail discipline is mandatory for each rider to insure the safety and welfare of all the riders and their mounts. The Trail Boss or Leader has absolute authority and all riders should be positioned to his rear. The Drag bringing up the rear has authority commensurate with that of the Trail Boss. Riders should maintain their respective positions on the trail and are not to pass the other horses, unless of necessity or by authorization of the Trail Boss. A minimum distance of one horse length is essential. Don't approach or pass another horse rapidly and/or without prior notification of the rider ahead. If you have to pass, ask the rider in front of you, then come up slowly, always allowing plenty of room. Some horses kick and bite when passed in protection of the "pecking order". Riding

ahead of the leader is not only discourteous, or against the rules, but a rider may turn into a wrong trail and become lost. Such a forward rider might set too fast a pace. Getting too far ahead may cause following horses to become disturbed and to fret and to jig to catch up.

Some general rules apply to all trail riding whether alone or in a group:

All persons using the trail shall respect the rights of the property owner, public or private, and shall stay on the trail without short-cutting and shall not trespass on property off the trail or disturb the privacy of the owner in any way.

No person shall disturb or molest any livestock or animals encountered or adjacent to the trail.

No person shall leave their mount unattended or improperly tied at any time.

All persons opening a closed gate shall close the gate after passing through it.

If one must follow a road for any distance, ride the dirt shoulder with the traffic.

When crossing a road, the group should be lined up horizontally instead of single file so all can cross at once. On busy roads, two persons should be stationed as flag men. Always walk, don't rush across pavement.

Loping with a group should be prohibited at all times.

Keep your horse from grazing or snatching bites while moving with the group. Such slight hesitation causes a "rubber band effect" causing the horses at the rear to rush to keep up with the group.

When going through brush or trees, don't hold the branches as they might whip into the following rider or shower them if the branches are wet.

Call out trail hazards to following riders.

Climb down into gullies or inclines --never lunge or gallop or rush into them. Climb right out and keep going. Rushing up inclines creates problems for following riders. Slow and easy. The horse behind will mimic the action of your horse.

When watering at streams let your horse have only a few sips at a time. And the first rider in line should move downstream so as not to muddy the water for the rest of the horses.

After crossing, wait on the other side within sight of the following horses as they might not drink being anxious to keep up with the group moving ahead.

Take care of the trail! They are expensive to maintain. Stay on the tread. No cutting corners. Leave no litter or trash on the trail. Someone will have to pick it up and if that someone is the owner of the the property, most likely the result will be a closing of the trail.

The universal rule is "Carry out what you bring in."

At all stops where horses are to be tied, remember the practice "Tie high and short." Learn to tie with a quick release knot. Some owners like to hobble their animals. This is frowned on for most group rides. In endangers the other horses and may create a serious disturbance.

Bring your horse into camp dry when coming off a long ride, if possible, otherwise cool him out slowly by walking, leaving the saddle on with a loose cinch, while he is cooling. A

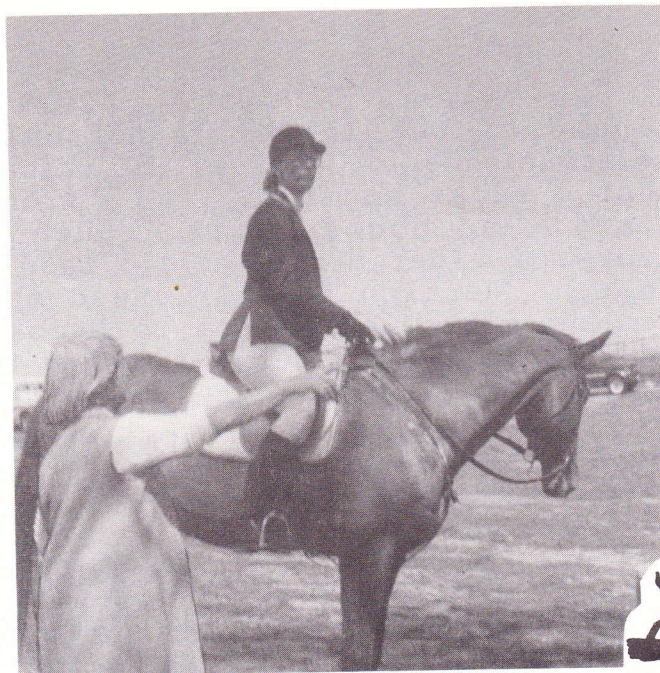
TALLY HO THE FOX (OR THE SOCK, AS IT WERE

By Cynthia Baird

On a bright Sunday morning at the end of March, the Black Mountain Beagles turned out in full force for the first hunt of the season, held at CTETA Horse Park. Stuart Auchincloss, the Hunt Master, led off on Mighty Mouse. Gary Sanders is Field Master. Their coats distinguish them from the fox hunters with scarlet coats: those who hunt to beagles wear forest green, with scarlet collars with white piping. These coats are for staff only; following the hounds, the riders wear hunt coats and protective headgear. (The type of headgear is also meaningful: hunt caps are worn by staff, hunting farmers and juniors; the rest wear derbies i.e., no chin strap. The ribbons in the back of the cap also denote staff if the ribbons point up; everyone else wears ribbons pointed downward--a disadvantage on a rainy day!) The boots of staff are topped: men in mahogany leather; women in patent. The hunter's stock tie has a dual purpose: it can serve as a bandage in a pinch.

As the hunt gathered early in the morning around a venerable oak tree at CTETA, a neighbor approached. "I just had to hear the sound of the horn again," she explained as she greeted Myra Engman, with whom she had hunted years ago.

Myra Engman came to this country from England, shortly after World War II, and she was instrumental in starting the hunt, which was the original Los Altos Hunt, employing beagles at the time. The dogs were kept at various homes. Some time later, John Galvin donated a pack of fox hounds, and the Los Altos Hunt moved to the Play Pen in Woodside, and became a recognized pack with subscription, and assessments. Myra kept the beagle hunt going as a subsidiary to the group, and it became known as the Black



TALLY HO



SPRING RIDE... A SUCCESS

The Spring Ride found 37 SMCHA members and guests riding through Wunderlich Park on April 26, 1987.

Between the sunny day, the beauty of the park in spring and the first chance to ride as a group this year, everyone had a great time!

There was also the added attraction of a delicious chicken bar-b-que in the meadows area, put on by Mary Lee Twisselman, Mary Hydorn and Walt Kirk.



THE FOX!



Ron Harris provided three CB radios to make sure the front end knew what the back end was doing.

Special thanks to Park Rangers Derrick and Allen for providing the barriers and traffic control in the parking lot for the trailers, and the tie line at the meadows.

Hope to see even more of you on the Alex's (Mountain Home) ride on June 28th. So, mark your calendars.

Mountain Beagles. Hunting with the beagles is by invitation; there are not specific members, although a group known loosely as the Black Mountain Beagle Fund provides some help with the upkeep of the beagles.

One dedicated friend of the BMB, Marge Saunders, describes it as "a hunt with training wheels...You are not going to be embarrassed," she says. "You can bring a green horse to get used to galloping with the pack."

Official stirrup cup maker, Nancy Van Zwol, says that the traditions and regulations of hunting are taught and enforced perhaps more in the BMB hunt than in a regular hunt group. "It observes all the appropriate forms, but permits people to participate in a schooling mode. Everyone knows not to pass the field master (second most important rule) and not to interfere with the hounds (first most important rule)."

There are four active beagles in the pack (two elderly dogs travel to hunt, but sit it out). They pursue a sock soaked in rabbit trail scent and Kal Kan. The horn is used to keep control of the hounds and to let the field know what's going on.

Various volunteers prepare the breakfast, and all others chip in. No hunt would be complete without the presence of "fox juice" or "Dutch Courage" as the stirrup cup is referred to. (Minors are given Pepsi instead of the potent blend of tawny port and brandy.) The proportions of the of the stirrup cup ingredients vary in relation to the weather: "The colder the day, the higher the octane."

For more information on the Black Mountain Beagles, you may call Susy Langton at (408) 292-8786 or Nancy Van Zwol at 967-8752, or ask SMCHA members: Brandy Cocker, Sue Sheehan or Regina Davis, who were among those enjoying the hunt that Sunday.

Clem's Corner

By Clementine Carroll

SMCHA SPRING RIDE--Great weather, great crowd, great day! Melissa and Dick Convery had everything organized to perfection. The Wunderlich Rangers were also a great help! We thank them for helping park our trailers and allowing us to bring barbeques to the meadow. They even helped carry food to and from the truck. Marylee Twissleman, Mary Hydorn and Walt Kirk were the culinary crew, serving us chicken and the works. Three cheers.

SMCHA GENERAL MEETING was also a tremendous success. Ron Harris invited local Veterinarians to speak on "Spring and Summer Health Care of the Horse." Independence Hall was packed, making it necessary to get additional chairs from the school. It was good to see Dale and Bev Ryman, Georgette and Frank Gough, who are getting ready to celebrate their Golden Anniversary, Mary Beth Sullivan, Nancy Van Zwol, Mary Ellen Taylor, Sue Lindsay, and a lot of new faces. Olsen Nolte, Roberts, and Portola Valley Rental and Feed donated door prizes. SMCHA is off to a great year.

Kitty Haddix is the proud owner of a beautiful four-year old Arabian gelding. She had her eye on him for years, and when June Erhazy decided to geld him--that was it--she just had to have him. He is out of June's mare MASRI NIGMA C, and sired by *MONOKL B, a Russian import. Tex Rowan has a cowboy's dream--a three year old gelding by DOC'C PRESCRIPTION, out of a direct daughter of KING FRITZ. Donna and Bruce Doran welcomed a paint stud colt by their T.B. stallion. It was their mare's fourteenth paint, and all have been by a solid color stallion.

The cutting at the Mounted Patrol Grounds on May 9 and 10 was a huge



success with 179 horses entered. Rick Corso, Joe Putnam, Doug Moody, Mary Ellen Taylor and Eddie Cohn made us all feel proud as they put their horses through their paces.

Los Viajeros has had a busy schedule. The hills of Sunol and Niles Canyon in the East Bay were a vivid green for the April ride. The trail led to Mission Peak, high above the salt flats gracing the end of the bay. The trail boss suggested having two groups - those who wanted to move out at a fast walk and trot, and those who wanted a steady "conversation" ride. We all met at the top and returned together, everyone happy and enjoying cold drinks served by our Brandy Cocker. May found Los Viajeros on this side of the bay riding the wildflower laden meadows of Montebello. Kitty led this ride and found a perfect spot to have lunch on the side of a hill, west of Skyline. Many pictures are taken on these rides, and what a great job Sue Sheehan does with her 35mm camera, and on her horse at that. Spring riding was topped off with a wonderful three-day Memorial Day Weekend at Mt. Diablo. It was warm enough the first day to swim in the pool at the beautiful club house of the Mt. Diablo Trail Riders Association. Then the wind came up, however, that didn't interfere with their watching the Golden Gate Bridge Birthday bash on T.V.

One day in May, I received a call for help from the Jack Brook Horse Camp--two horses were lost in the deep canyon. Bicyclists sped by a group of horsemen having lunch. All four horses took off, two were found a mile away, and the other two--a complete disappearance. We wish to thank June Erhazy and her daughter, Claire Rittenhouse Barr, Kitty Haddix, Doug and Noel Moody for answering the call the following day. The horses were found, the saddles still in place, no injuries.

(They were dragging their tie ropes.)

And thank you Susan Bosse and your German Sheperd, members of the Search and Rescue Team, for locating a lost person on the Filoli property. The lady had wandered away from a group, apparently became confused, an Alzheimer's disease victim.

Greg and Angela Baldwin are leaving this area to settle down in North Carolina. Hope the polo is good there, Greg. Angela has already purchased a seasoned jumping mare and will "ride to the hounds." Her big Arabian gelding will be shipped in September (when they return from a European visit.) Endurance riding is very popular there. Somehow I think the only endurance riding is the Tevis, 100 miler. Those silver and gold buckles are so impressive, Angela having won a number of them. We will miss you both.

Jo Egness' T. B. 16.3 mare, TRYST, had a lovely bay filly sired by a French stallion, 17 H. N'HESITE - PAS. She has many plans for the filly and hopes in time she shall be as great a jumper as her famous CATCH, 17 1/2 H.

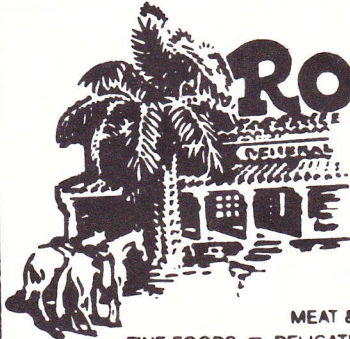
Jim Bibler is riding our trails on a new young thorobred and plans schooling him for jumping.

The last Sunday in May was the annual crab feast and Bud Gasivoda was the man in charge. As of that morning, Bud had 26 reservations, it had rained, he ordered crab for 225 people, but as it turned out-- a beautiful day, 198 paid lunches, the balance of the crab sold for \$2.00 a pound. The crab was flown in directly from Alaska through one of Bud's fishing connections. Big halves of crab were served in individual plastic bags, absolutely delicious, plus all the goodies-- salad, French bread, wine and ice cream. Thank you Bud, everyone

there said it was the best ever. Many old timers were there, all of us aging gracefully, and many new faces. Lew Reed told me an amusing happening: his grandson, Christopher (age 16) suddently announced that he was going to a prom and needed a tux. Nonewere available-- some 20 weddings, many affairs, proms, etc., etc. Lew proceeded to buy a dark suit for him, comes time to dress, loans him one of his white shirts, oh yes, we need a bow tie. Lew rumages through his "put away things" and finds the perfect bow tie--one he had used in 1937--some fifty years ago.

One more note: have just returned from Washington, D.C., having planned to see all of the Smithsonian, the art galleries, Kennedy Center for the Arts, Library of Congress, the Vietnam Wall, and on and on. We did it all. Such a fascinating city!! In the D.A.R. building (Daughters of the American Revolution), Doug's mother wanted to visit it, there is a bronze figure of a 16-year old girl riding side saddle on a hard galloping horse. Her name was Anna Hyatt Huntington, who rode forty miles at night, through forest, to notify her father, a captain in the army, that the British had set fire to the Capital. All we have heard about is Paul Revere who rode some 16 miles before he was captured, and this on open roads.

And, another note: The McDonalds in downtown Washington, D.C. has a doorman between the hours of 9 to 5, dressed in "tails." See ya!



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HORSEMEN'S CALENDAR

JUNE

- 5 LV Sign Up to 4-Day Ride
- 5-7 3-Day Overniter, Jack Brook SFHA
- 10 SMCHA Board Meeting
- 18-21 LV 4-Day Ride, Jack Brook
- 18 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic
- 25 SMCHA Riding Clinic
- 26 SMCHA General Meeting and BBQ
- 28 SMCHA Ride to Alex's

JULY

- 4 SMCHA Redwood City Parade
- 8 SMCHA Board Meeting - Lemon Tree
- 9 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic
- 11 SMCHA English Show, Webb Ranch
- 12 SMCHA Western Schooling Show, Webb Ranch
- 11-12 LV Napa
- 16 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic
- 18 LATC Coal Creek Open Space Preserve
- 19 EBR Maguire Peaks (fee)
- 23 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic
- 30 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic Show & Dinner
- 31 3-Day Overniter, Jack Brook SFHA

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1987 Horse Show Schedule



JUNE

- 6-7 San Mateo County Mounted Patrol English Western Show, Mounted Patrol Grounds
- 7 Josephine Duveneck Memorial Show Hidden Villa
- 13-14 Indian Hills Western and English
- 28 LAHHA, Town Ring

JULY

- 4 CDS/ASHA Dressage (CIETA)
- 11-12 SMCHA English and Western Schooling Show, Webb Ranch
- 11-12 Indian Hills Western and English
- 19 CSHA Show, Hidden Villa
- 26 LAHHA, Town Ring

AUGUST

- 2 SMCHA 37th Open Western Show, Mounted Patrol Grounds
- 6-9 CIETA 3-Day Horse Trials
- 8-9 Indian Hills English and Western
- 9 Hidden Villa Summer Show
- 15-16 CDS/ASHA Dressage, CIETA

AUGUST

- 1-2 3-Day Overniter, Jack Brook SFHA
- 1-2 LV Big Creek Lumber Co. on Coast Highway
- 2 SMCHA Open Western Show, Mounted Patrol
- 8-9 LATC, Jack Brook
- 12 SMCHA Junior Play Day, Webb Ranch
- 16-22 LAHHA JackAss Meadow Outing
- 22-23 SMCHA, Jack Brook

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 LV Point Reyes
- 6 SMCHA Day at the Races, Bay Meadows
- 12-13 SFHA Overniter, Jack Brook
- 12 Tally Ho
- 13 SMCHA Senior Play Day
- 18-20 LATC Point Reyes
- 20 SMCHA Fall English Show
- 20 HV EBR Las Trampas Wilderness (fee)
- 27 SMCHA Fall Ride
- 27 HV Hunt
- 29 SMCHA General Meeting

OCTOBER

- 3-4 LV Folsom Lake
- 9 EBR Moonlight BBQ Ride (fee)
- 14 SMCHA Board Meeting, Redwood City
- 18 SMCHA President's Ride
- 18 LATC Hidden Villa
- ? Cow Palace

NOVEMBER

- 1 LV Portola Valley
- 1 HV Hunt
- 11 SMCHA Board Meeting, Redwood City
- 18 SMCHA General Meeting (Elections)

SEPTEMBER

- 6 LAHHA, Hidden Villa Play Day
- 12 Tally-Ho Horse Show, Menlo Circus Club
- 12-13 Indian Hills Western and English
- 13 SMCHA English (place ?)

OCTOBER

- 8-11 CIETA Fall Horse Trials
- 10-11 Indian Hills Western & English
- 25 LAHHA, Town Ring

TRAIL BRIDGE FIXED

THREE CHEERS for the Woodside Trail Club for having side railings installed on the bridge on the Flood property. It makes for a much safer crossing for those who are frequent users of that trail. It is greatly appreciated.

GENERAL MEETING

AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

By Ron Harris

The April 29th General Meeting, starring three of our outstanding local equine veterinarians, turned out to be a smashing success. 1st Vice President, Ron Harris, presided and introduced the distinguished panel to a near capacity crowd: Dr. Cynthia Standley and Dr. Russ Peterson of Peninsula Equine and Dr. Paul Mennick of Briarwood Equine. Dr. Mennick, who recently joined Dr. Mike Van Noy at Briarwood, has been practicing for the past few years on a large breeding farm in New Zealand. His topic could have been subtitled, "everything you always wanted to know about sex, but were afraid to ask." HORSE RELATED, OF COURSE! Last years' president, Mary Lee Twisselman, was not afraid to ask and we all gained a wealth of information on breeding and foaling practices. Dr. Mennick also spoke briefly on New Zealand's horse industry compared to ours. In New Zealand, the ratio of people to horses is 2 to 1 and the average board bill is \$22.20 a month. Dr. Standley spoke on flies and the numerous problems they create for our horses. Dr. Peterson gave a slide presentation on laminitis, or founder as it is sometimes called. The presentations were followed by a very informative question and answer period covering everything from Strangles vaccination (highly recommended) to oat versus alfalfa hay. Oat hay won that round, providing you can get quality oat hay.

President Noel Moody made an announcement regarding the upcoming horse shows.

- May 23 - Western Schooling Show, Webb Ranch
- July 11 - English Show, Webb Ranch
- July 12 - Western Schooling Show Webb Ranch
- Aug. 2 - Open Western Show, Mounted Patrol
- Sept. 20 - Fall English Show, Location to be announced

The meeting concluded with the presentation of door prizes which included a halter, lead ropes, tack box, and the highly coveted fly spray which was Dick Convery's. Door prizes were donated by Olsen Nolte, Roberts Hardware and Tack, and Portola Valley Feed & Rental. We thank them for their support. Thanks also to all the people who helped make this meeting a success. Refreshments by Gay-Lynn Mann and Mary Hydorn, distributing door prize tickets by Dick and Melissa Convery, and cleanup by Lew Reed and Bill Mann. If I missed anyone, thank you very much.

Once again, our special thanks to Doctors Standley, Peterson and Mennick for the generous donation of their time and expertise.

It was most encouraging to see so many faces in attendance. Hope all you new-comers enjoyed yourselves and hope to see you again at our upcoming events. If any of you feel an uncontrollable impulse to become more involved and want to volunteer to help at the functions, please call the following:

Meetings/Programs:

Ron Harris 365-0704 (w 323-8471)

Rides:

Dick Convery 851-2911

Horse Shows:

Noel Moody 322-6545

Riding Clinic:

Karen Rowley 365-2229

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HUDDART HORSE PATROL

San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Division launched its new volunteer horse patrol program at Huddart Park in Woodside on Sunday, May 17, 1987. The purpose of the Volunteer Horse Patrol is to assist the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Division in providing safe and enjoyable trail usage for park visitors. Coverage will be extended to Edgewood, Wunderlich, and Pescadero parks as volunteers become available.

Six prospective volunteers were qualified for participation in the program by David Moore, Huddart Park Supervisor, and Robin Wuersching, riding instructor and volunteer trainer. The first graduating class includes:

Stephanie Anise and DD
Marcia Keener and Mikah
Walt Kirk and Guy
Karen Kirschner and Gracie
Jackie Schlesinger and Princess
Hazel Wuersching and
Chimney Sweep
Robin Wuersching and Star

If you are a horse(wo)man with a desire to help your local park staff patrol the beautiful trails of San Mateo County, the opportunity to serve as a volunteer awaits you. County Parks and Recreation is planning training sessions to teach you about park values, rules and regulations, public assistance, resource protection and first aid.

Joining the San Mateo County Volunteer Horse Patrol is not very complicated: you must be 18 years or older; you must have your own trail horse or the use of one; you must have your own equipment and transportation to the parks; you are required to attend an orientation session; you and your horse are required to demonstrate your ability to negotiate trails safely.

If the combination of trail riding, public assistance, and working with other people who like these things too appeals to you, applications are available from:

Park and Recreation Division
590 Hamilton
Redwood City, CA 94063

For more information about the Volunteer Horse Patrol, please call Stephanie Anise, liaison for the Volunteer Horse Patrol at (415) 364-6614.



A Navaho's song about his horse:

*My horse has a hoof like striped agate;
His fetlock is like a fine eagle-plume;
His legs are like quick lightning.
My horse's body is like an eagle-plumed arrow;
My horse has a tail like a trailing black cloud.
His mane is made of short rainbows.
My horse's ears are made of round corn.
My horse's eyes are made of big stars.
My horse's teeth are made of white shell.
The long rainbow is in his mouth for a bridle,
And with it I guide him.*

THE JUMPER SEAT

By Morris Grossman
Member, United States
Horse Cavalry Association

Some of us have been saying for years that there is no such thing as the hunt seat or hunter seat; neither is there any form of riding called hunt seat equitation. This matter was brought to a head recently in a national equestrian publication in an article by Colonel Deveraux. He explained the beginnings of these terms and their usage. When I was a student at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley in 1939-40, attending the regular and advanced equitation classes, we had two very fine instructors in the persons of Captain Henri Luebberman and Gordon Wright. Never did we hear either of them refer to the "hunt seat."

Occasionally we had guest instructors from the Olympic Team stables next door. They always emphasized use of the balanced seat or military seat.

The recent decision by the American Horse Shows Association (ASHA) to replace the term, "hunter seat," with "jumper seat" may help to dispel some confusion. A better term might have been simply "jump seat" or, better yet, "balanced forward seat," the seat advocated by the U. S. Horse Cavalry Association. It would seem, however, that we are doing everything possible to avoid the use of the term, "military seat."

There is probably some consternation among AHSA members as to the reason for the change in terminology. There was no explanation for the change in any notices to the membership; neither does the new rule book offer any discussion on the subject.

Bickering over the use of terms, however, may be merely an exercise in academics. Working horsemen know that in order to ride hunters

BALANCE IS THE BOTTOM LINE

or jumpers properly they must learn balance. And if they are determined they'll keep working at it until they get it right.

A proper seat means many things. It means that the rider will coordinate the use of his hands, legs and body so that they do not interfere with the efforts of his horse. Keeping contact with the horse's mouth while at the same time avoiding interference takes concentration bordering on the heroic. A good horseman follows his horse's mouth; he does not pull on it or use it as an aid to balance. If he gets behind the movement (as some of the best riders do on occasion) he will relax his fingers, allowing the reins to slide through his hands and avoid hard contact. He will learn to keep a straight line from his elbow through the hand, rein and to the horse's mouth.

An aberration introduced into teaching in the last few years was something called "crest release." It was discussed at our Cavalry School reunion last year. None of the members understood it any more than I did. We could all agree, however, that if you are lying on your horse's neck over a jump you are ahead of the movement and unquestionably out of balance.

Maintaining a straight back helps, but is not all important. Many excellent riders occasionally show us a rounded or concave back. More important is the relationship between feet and legs and the upper body. If the feet get too far forward, the upper body is influenced to a behind-the-action position and pulling on the horse's mouth becomes imminent. If the feet move too far back, the upper body ends up on the horse's neck.

The fixed lower leg is the key to good form in jump riding, and the following hand as essential element in allowing the horse to have good form over fences.

THE JUMPER SEAT

To give the military influence its due, you will find that with few exceptions all the older foreign-born (and many American) instructors of horsemanship in this country are products of cavalry schools who are passing on the high standards of the cavalry system.

With the instruction of the new phraseology into the AHSA Rule Book we may at last hear no more of such things as "crest release." Watch for the next edition: we might even return to "military seat" and make it respectable once again.

TRAIL TIPS

By Lew Reed

short drink on arrival is permissible. It is a good practice to wait an hour before a full feeding and full watering. A hot and thirsty horse may become seriously ill if allowed to eat and drink too much too soon. Many rush to the wash rack as soon as they arrive in camp. Many good horsemen believe it is better to allow the horse to cool down naturally before washing with cold water.

All these rules may sound negative to you, but read and absorb them again and again. Finally it is realized that all this is about is courtesy and respect for each other, common sense safety of person and mount and recognition of property rights of others.

TRAIL RIDING IS FUN. IT CAN BE ONE OF LIFE'S GREATEST PLEASURES. ENJOY!!

San Mateo County Horseman's Association and the other local horse clubs have finally obtained their liability insurance policies for this year. Insurance is now being provided by Wieck/Horsemen's Insurance Service, Box 13038, Sacramento, CA 95813 with the usual \$1,000,000 coverage. Here it is no longer a pre-requisite that the club be a member of the California State Horsemen's Association.

A notice has just been received from Wieck/Horsemen's Insurance Service that they now have a separate Life and Health Insurance Department for individuals interested in life and health insurance. Their rates seem to be reasonable. For more information, contact their Scott Kelly at (916) 923-4050.

The question as to whether SMCHA should be a member of the California State Horsemen's Association was discussed at length at the last meeting of our Board. The cost is substantial to the Club for such membership. Questions were raised as to the benefit to our Club and to our members. CSHA has been an extremely strong force in the equestrian world of California for many years with a strong voice at Sacramento on horse issues and trails. CSHA sponsors a score of programs. Finally it was decided to invite a representative from CSHA to come to a future Board meeting and to review the benefits of their organization. CSHA is open to club, individual and commercial memberships. More on this later.

San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for April was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. At this moment, there are only two appointees out of the necessary five. All members are urged to contact the County Supervisor for their district to urge that they make their individual appointments as soon as possible. As of April 1, 1987, Supervisors Anna Eshoo, Tom Huenig and Mary Griffin have not completed an

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appointment. Supervisor Eshoo says she is presently conducting interviews of three applicants. Supervisor Griffin was just seated and is advertising for applicants. Supervisor Huenig has been in office several months now and said that while he had three applicants he was looking for more. How long does the Commission have to be handicapped by inaction of Supervisors?

Mid-peninsula Trails Council has developed a special task force as Trail Use Committee. This Committee is meeting regularly to try to develop trail use standards for multi-user groups. Presently, it is addressing the Jones Trail in Los Gatos Creek Park where the MPROSD recently closed the Jones Trail to bikes--notably mountain trail bikes.

The Committee is presently recommending a plan to allow bike and runner use on a temporary trial basis for eight months on a an UPHILL basis; only with hikers both ways. To provide safe passage on a blind curve area, it is also being recommended that all users WALK for a distance of some 300 feet. This goes to the Open Space Board late in April for possible adoption.

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Trails Committee met at Asilomar at Pacific Grove in March. The Recreational Trails Committee is an advisory body to the State Department of Parks and Recreation. They meet quarterly to review trail issues throughout the State and make recommendations to the State Department. Representatives from many organizations came from the entire state including San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Department, Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District, East Bay MUD and Open Space District, Forest Service, many county park department planners, TVIC, Coastal Commission, State Park rangers and planners, Rails to Trails Conservancy from Washington, D.C., some 80 in all.

SMCHA WESTERN CLINICS

Mounted Patrol Grounds

STARTING JUNE 18, 1987

Six Classes, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

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Explanations were made about converting abandoned railroad right of ways to trails and slides were shown of some successful conversions including the trail from Monterey Aquarium to Asilomar. Volunteerism and statewide Trail Days were promoted. It is hoped that if California Trail Days are really successful that in the next year a nationwide Trail Day may be proclaimed. Legal Counsel from Parks and Recreation discussed liability on trails. Promotions were made for the California Coastal Trail. A \$3 Glasstex sign depicting rules for yielding right of way between equestrian, biker and hiker were shown. After hearing numerous presentations of completed trails and methods of accomplishment, along with the numerous problems of getting rights of ways for trail easements and recognizing that there were a tremendous number of trail organizations really working in California to promote trails for all users, the assembly voted to have the Recreational Trails Committee recommend to the State Parks and Recreation Department that a special Trail Coordinator be employed full time as a staff person within the Department of Parks and Recreation to just keep track of all the trail programs and to keep each organization fully informed. Ross Henry, Executive Secretary, politely informed the assembly that he was one body and he is intensely interested in trails, but he could really only devote a small portion of his time to trail information. Thus, the need for a full time Trail Coordinator. Whether such a person can be appointed will depend upon a budgeted funding source.

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