

# the San Mateo **HORSEMAN**



Winter 1988

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Noel Moody

This is my last President message. I would like to extoll on many things, but what I want to say can be summed up in two sentences. It has been a glorious year. Why don't you come and participate next year so you can find out what a really nice club SMCHA is?

Robert Frost has a happy, non-coercing way of inviting in his poem:

I'm going out to clean the  
pasture spring  
I'll only stay to rake the leaves  
away  
And wait to watch the water  
clear, I may  
I shan't be gone long - you come,  
too!

His second verse also ends with that "you come, too." I like that. I hope you will come too in 1988 and be part of SMCHA.

Thank you again for making this year such a pleasant executive experience for me. It was great!

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It has been three years since I first worked on "the magazine," although I actually became editor with the Spring 1986 issue. I enjoyed doing this as my contribution to an organization I really believe in. It is time for me to move on now, and let a new member step in as editor. This is a wonderful way to become acquainted with the people involved with horses in this area. I am grateful to the Horseman's Association for entrusting me with this publication, and to all those members (and non-members) who helped with writing, photos, ads, paste-up, mailing and distribution. A sincere "Thank You" to all!

*Cynthia Baird*

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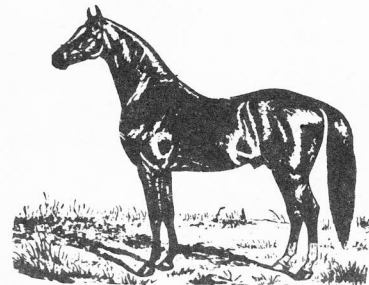
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David Long and Julie D'Atri,  
Concours Voltige Internationale.



#### VAULTING: AN IDEAL SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

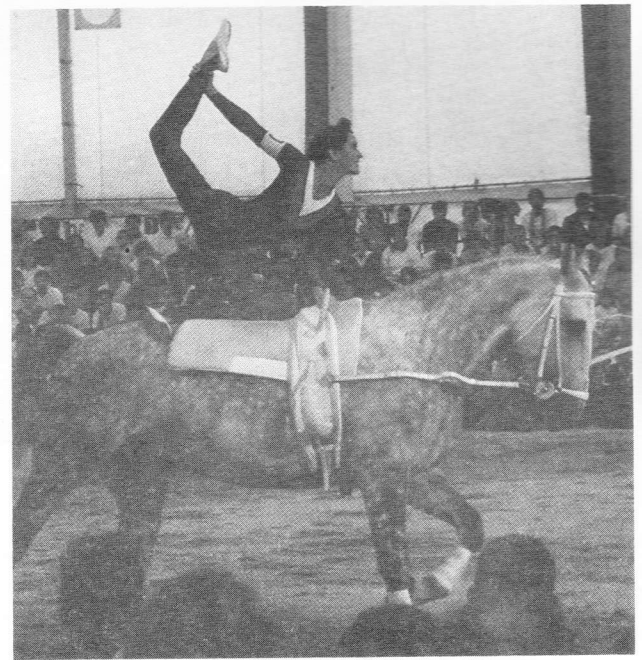
With the San Francisco Equestrian Festival held in the Cow Palace last August, vaulting history was made: the Concours Voltige International was the first FEI-sanctioned vaulting competition to be held in the United States. Described by some as a fledgling sport, vaulting is actually not a young sport. It was even an Olympic event in the 1920's. Vaulting exercises were used to train horse cavalymen, and the replacement of horses with tanks caused a considerable drop in the number of persons who practiced this particular sport. Its gradual return to popularity, particularly among young people, can be credited to the German enthusiasm for the sport. In Germany today, the government generously subsidizes many sports programs for youth, vaulting being among them. Because of this, many German youth have the opportunity to experience this sport, whether or not they are particularly inter-

ested in horses. Of course, those that like it and do well at it can develop their skills with this assistance. In the United States, there are perhaps four hundred to five hundred registered vaulters in the entire country. For this reason, it is a little surprising that in the last two world competitions, young U.S. vaulters have captured top prizes.

One of these American champions is David Long, who at twenty-three has thirteen years of vaulting experience. A vaulting coach, Nancy Stevens, did a demonstration at his school when he was ten years old, and invited students to come to the stables where she coached to give vaulting a try. He and his brother took her up on her invitation, and found that he liked it. It never occurred to him to be intimidated by the potential danger of this sport until he began international competition, where more difficult maneuvers are required, and the vaulter is constantly moving, never sitting, all of which requires more strength and endurance. But, apparently this didn't phase David either; he was 1984 Men's Overall Champion at La Baule, France, and 1986 World Champion at Buehl, Switzerland, among other international honors. Considered "one of the most enduring and strongest men in vaulting," David was Men's National Individual Gold Champion for four years straight, 1982 - 1985, on the home front. Sundance Vaulters of Woodside is fortunate to have this young man as head coach. Speaking to David, one finds him extremely modest, but definitely enthusiastic about this sport. He sees in vaulting a very interesting advantage for young people: it is an opportunity for a child or young adult to experience all phases of horsemanship without the overwhelming financial, emotional, and time commitments of exclusive ownership, since one horse is used by many children at the same time. Even the prices of lessons are much more affordable than group riding lessons, and fees for competitions are nominal. Not only does this make a child's horsey years much easier on the family, it also provides each member of the group



with the experience of being part of a team: depending upon one another and being depended upon. Another important aspect of this sport is that boys and girls compete as members of the same team. (Vaulting is done in teams and individually. Although visually similar to gymnastics, only with a horse as added participant, vaulting competition is structured somewhat like competitive figure-skating: there are a certain number of compulsory figures, then there is the kur, a combination of movements designed by the competitor--either individual or team--and consisting of certain required elements, but arranged "free-style," and assigned points on the basis of difficulty.) David sees vaulting as something that could be much bigger than it is in this country, and wants to do what he can to help this sport expand.



Jeannette Boxall

David Long,  
Concours Voltige  
Internationale.



Two other Sundance Vaulters, Jeannette Boxall and Julie D'Atri, both 19, are also world-class champions. In the Concours Voltige Internationale in August, Jeannette captured the gold medal for women, and Julie the bronze. Both women are no strangers to international competition. Jeannette, a vaulter since the age of eight, when she joined a team as a "flyer" (the smallest of the group - she was the one everyone else held up in group formations), has brought back honors from international competi-







# HUDDART HORSE PATROL

by Stephanie Anise, Founder

tions since 1984. Julie, a horse-woman from a young age, did not begin vaulting until she was thirteen, and after just three years of vaulting, she won second place Women's Silver National Championship, and the next year won the Women's Gold National Championship. She placed Fifth Overall in Women's Individual International Championships in Buehl in 1986.

These and other outstanding young competitors can be seen next year in the Second Annual San Francisco Equestrian Festival, or Concours Voltige Internationale. The competition's U.S. organizer, Phoebe Hearst Cooke of Woodside, has provided the youth of this area with a wonderful opportunity to experience world class competition. Since this is an invitational event, hopefully each year will see more countries participating. As David Long points out, international exchange is vital to any sport, to keep it growing.

Julie D'Atri, Concours Voltige Internationale.

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In just six short months, the Volunteer Horse Patrol has grown from seven to twenty-seven volunteer riders. (See "Huddart Horse Patrol" in "The San Mateo Horseman", Summer 1987.) During our first year, we concentrated on getting our program to run smoothly. In the coming year, we plan to extend coverage to all of San Mateo County's parks. The county's trails include: Huddart, Edgewood, Wunderlich, Pescadero and all the county's connecting trails.

On Saturday, October 10 we celebrated the first season of the Volunteer Horse Patrol (let's just say VHP, for short) with a barbeque pot luck at Huddart Park. The BBQ was well attended by volunteers and Huddart rangers alike. Volunteers met other volunteers and got to know the rangers as well. Dave Moore, Huddart Park Supervisor, played Father Christmas with the jackets provided by the county. It was a beautiful day and there was no shortage of delicious food. Special thanks go to our own Walt Kirk who barbequed the chicken.

More thanks go to Ron Harris, who included the VHP in the agenda for the November 18 SMCHA general meeting. That night representatives from our local trail systems spoke and answered questions from SMCHA members. The turnout that night was fabulous! The VHP was well represented, too, with over half our members present, including Ron and Mary Jo Harris.

Our twenty-seven volunteers have already been very helpful to the rangers at Huddart Park, according to Dave Moore. Even so, there is room for more .. many more. As we expand our coverage to the rest of the county's trail systems next year, there is no limit to the number of volunteers that can participate in the VHP. We plan to start recruiting more members in the Spring. Meanwhile, if you would like more information about the VHP, please don't hesitate to call me, Stephanie Anise, at 415/364-6614.

# Clem's Corner

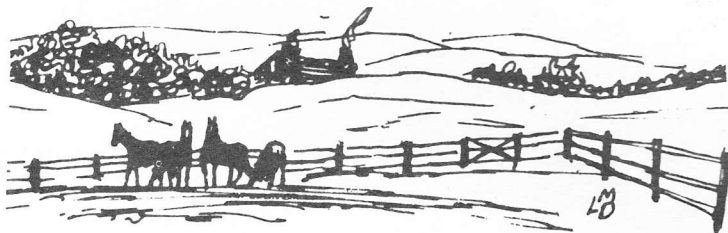
By Clementine Carroll

We are sorry to hear that Ernie Hout passed away recently. He was President of the Los Viajeros Riding Club a number of years ago and a member of the SMCHA. I remember, 22 years ago when they had just married, would you believe, Sybil was thrown off her horse and received two broken wrists, not one, but both broken, when meant casts for six weeks, and complete dependence on others. This didn't stop Sybil riding, and as soon as she healed, off we went on the trails. You are a good gal Sybil, and we are sorry Ernie isn't with us anymore.

To Jean Hansen and Sue Machado, we are sorry to hear that you both lost your Mothers.

This years' Tevis Ride was a hard one, the winning time over 14 hours. As Jesper Petersen and his Arabian, Schabu, were nearing the first vet check, Schabu stumbled and both went down. Jesper had to walk several miles to be picked up, after having decided not to go on. Thanks, Ulla Jaeger and Roger Piers for your help bringing Jesper in from the wilderness.


Mrs. Phoebe Cooke, President of the National Center for Equine Therapy in Woodside, and Dale Ryman, Vice President, prepared a benefit at the Cow Palace in May, the program including Grand Prix Jumping, International Vaulting competition, and Musical Freestyle Dressage. Many families of Woodside opened their homes to the various vaulting competitors who arrived from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Brazil, Denmark, Poland and on and on. The Brocks, the Bibblers, the Bradbury's, the Petersen's and more. Betina Bradbury spent hours chauffeuring the young groups to their practice fields and taking them sight seeing. Their performance at the Cow Palace was spectacular. The American team placed the highest in overall




scores. Dale Ryman and Bud Alige looked sharp in their official outfits and kept things going smoothly in the ring.

Vaulting is the sport of gymnastics on a moving horse, competitors to be 18 years of age and under. The ideal vaulting horse is a very experienced dressage horse with beautiful smooth gaits. Personality may be the most important trait of a vaulting horse. The horse must accept people running at it and jumping on its back.


The horses used for therapeutic work are well screened. They must have a quiet disposition, good temperament and a tolerance for objects such as ramps, walkers, wheelchairs and being surrounded with people walking very closely and also having a person on their backs. The horses's movement simulate those of normal human walking. This allows the disabled person an experience of normal movement, sometimes for the




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first time in his or her life. At the walk, the swinging rythmical movement of the horse is transferred to the rider. It is the goal of hippotherapy to normalize muscle tone, and to facilitate head and trunk postural movements.

The Equine Therapy program is held at Somners Field, 5001 Woodside Road, four days a week. There are some 45 handicapped children and adults attending. The Vaulting practices are held in the afternoon and Saturdays, also at Somners Field. The public is invited to watch the vaulting on Saturday afternoons.

An unfortunate accident at Huddart Park: Some man on a black horse galloping wide open on Richard's Road, came up on Cheryl Kreuger and Leonard Young, causing horses to panic, Leonard was thrown, hurt badly, the Ranger and ambulance called. Leonard has a broken hip. We know you shall be on your horse training them again soon. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



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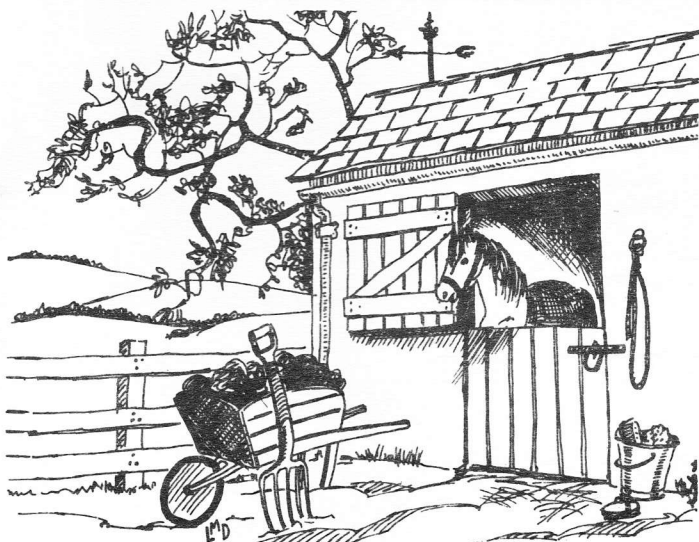
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# GENERAL MEETING

By Ron Harris

The third General Meeting for 1987 was a great success. Over eighty members and guests turned out for a delightful BBQ chicken dinner served beneath the huge old oak trees at the picnic area of Webb Ranch. The cool green grass, nearby creek, and beautiful horses made this a special place for our gathering. We thank Tom Hubbard of Webb Ranch for his help in providing us with such a great place for our meeting.

Special thanks to Melissa Convery for providing us with a delightful guest speaker, Bob Mettler. Bob is a professional horse trainer with over thirty years of experience. His name is especially well-known in the cutting horse circles. It is even better known to the Convery household. He happens to be Melissa's dad. Bob and his wife currently reside in Sacramento, where Bob is training cutting horses. Bob started off the program with some basic tips and techniques on his trailering, followed by a question and answer period. How many of us make a thorough inspection of our trailer mangers before we load our horses? According to Bob, wasps will build their nests there, and needless to say, if not detected, can cause quite a problem. Darkness was approaching, so the actual loading demonstration began. Dick Convery provided the trailer, and Dorothy provided the horse, and Bob Mettler provided the expertise and the magic ingredient ... PATIENCE. His task was to load an over-sized horse into a standard sized trailer, in near darkness and with a large crowd of spectators encircling the whole procedure. The horse played his role perfectly. He had no intention of entering that unfamiliar place. Bob, with the assistance of his son-in-law, Dick Convery, used a long whip and gently tapped the horse repeatedly on the back legs, in the area between the hock and the fet-

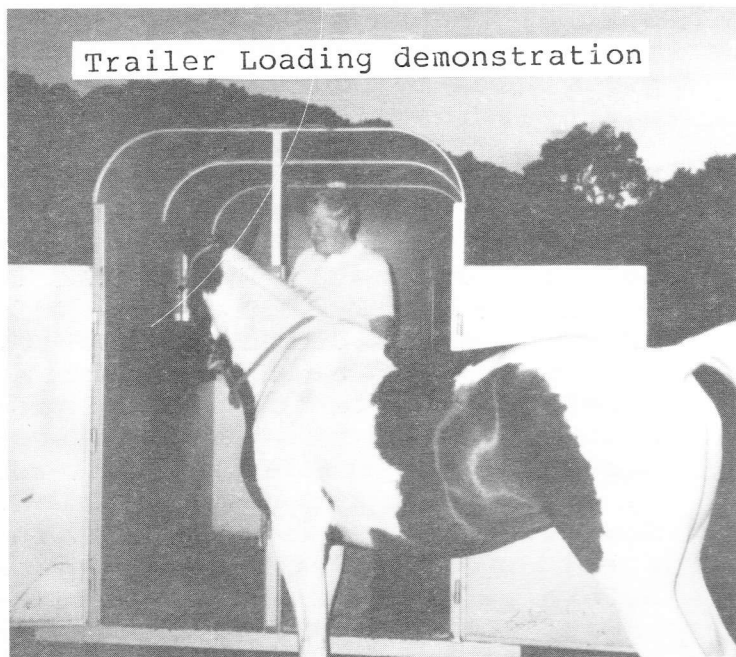




lock. Dick had the unenviable assignment of trying to keep the front end of the horse correctly lined up with the trailer opening, also known as the temple of doom, in some horses' minds. If the horse is not cooperating, which was the case with our subject, Bob calmly and quietly continued the procedure. In about five minutes, this very reluctant animal was loaded, and I might say, none the worse for wear. Just as Bob and Dick were heaving a sigh of relief, someone else appeared, with horse in hand, and wanted them to repeat the whole scenario. Another reluctant victim. Five more minutes and mission accomplished.



photo by Eric Nellen



What a pleasure to see so many new faces in the crowd. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves and continue to join us in our other activities throughout this year, and the coming year. Thanks to all the members and guests who helped to make this meeting a success. KAREN ROWLEY, EILEEN BARZONE, NOEL MOODY, MARY JO HARRIS, CHRISTINE EPPSTEIN, WALT KIRK, MIKE AND MARY BETH SULLIVAN, DOROTHY, AND MELISSA AND DICK CONVERY. Hope we didn't overlook anyone.

Again, thanks to Bob Mettler for making the long drive from Sacramento and sharing his years of experience and knowledge with us.



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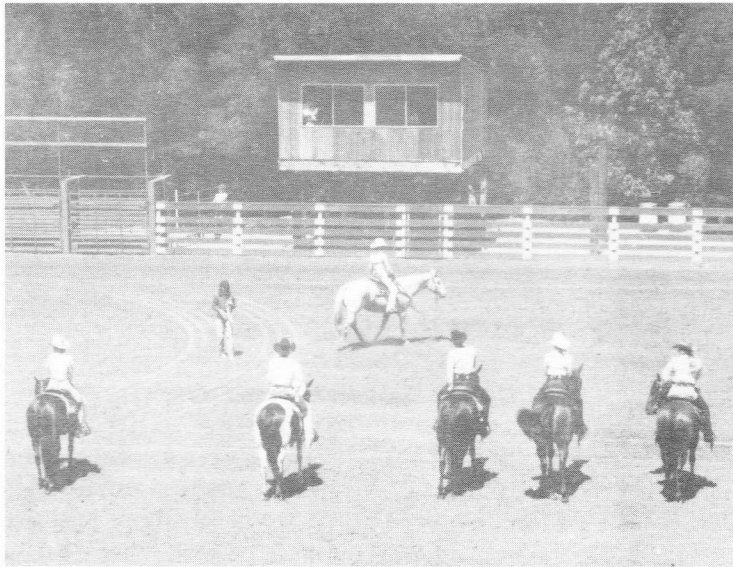


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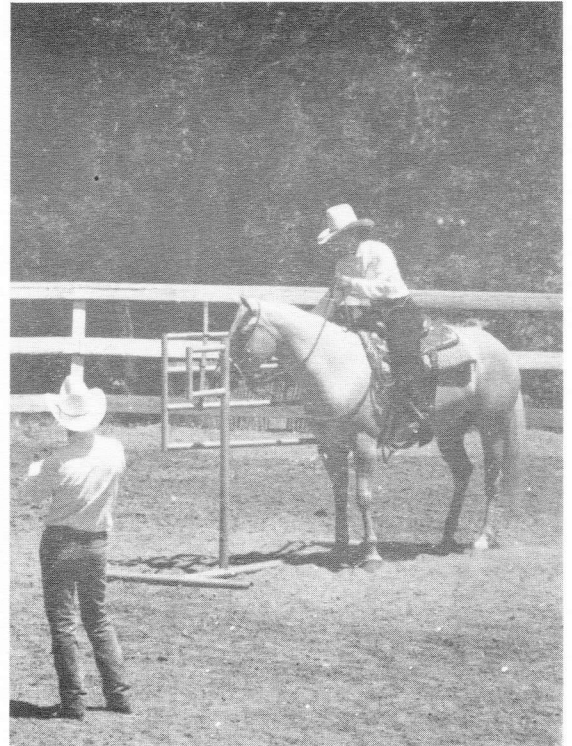


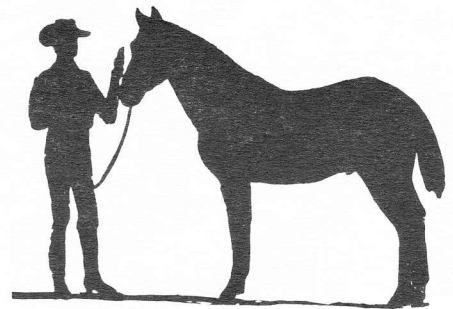
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## Horse Show !



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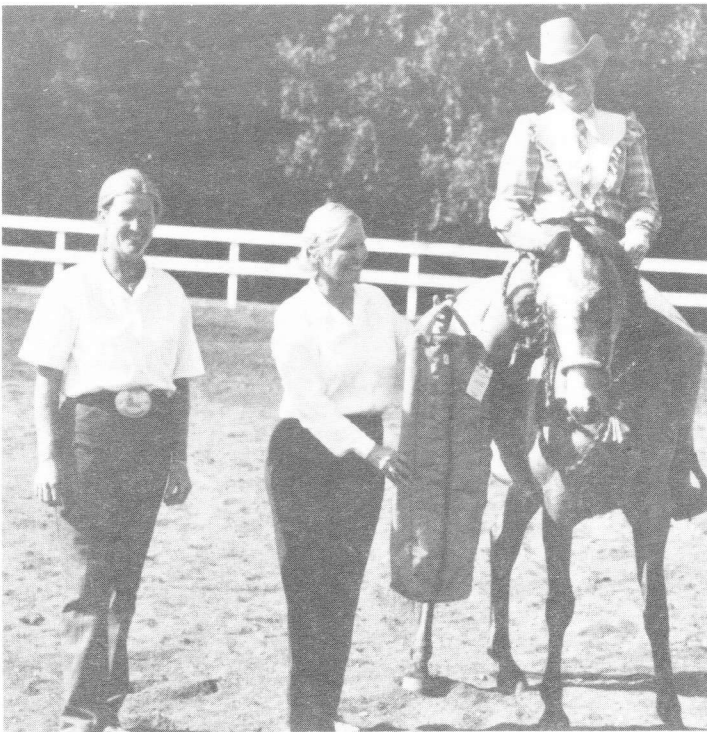
## SMCHA SHOW SERIES WINNERS

By Noel Moody

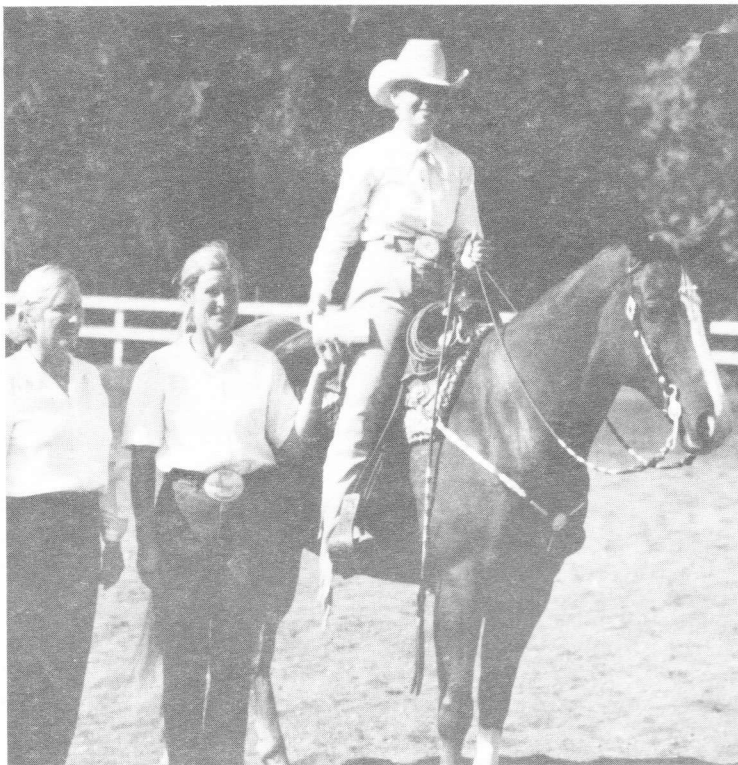
What a show season! SMCHA is guilty of a little Texas brag, but this summer was bigger and better than ever! Close to one hundred riders participated in the five horse show series high point awards held in conjunction with Webb Ranch. Beginning in May, SMCHA sponsored three shows and Webb Ranch two.

Beautiful engraved silver buckles were awarded to the high point senior and high point junior. Winchester Saddlery and Western Wear of San Jose donated lettered bridle bags for second place awards while third place winners received lovely saddle blankets. Interestingly, there was a tie for third place seniors so each received a blanket.

Joan McLaren, well-known horsewoman and instructor, was in charge of



Denise Fisher & AK2 Topaz - Reserve High Point Senior.



Shelley Donohue & Campaign Royal - Junior High Point Champion. (Silver, engraved buckle winner.)



Lisa Dixson & Super Bar Three - Senior High Point Champion. (Silver, engraved buckle winner.)



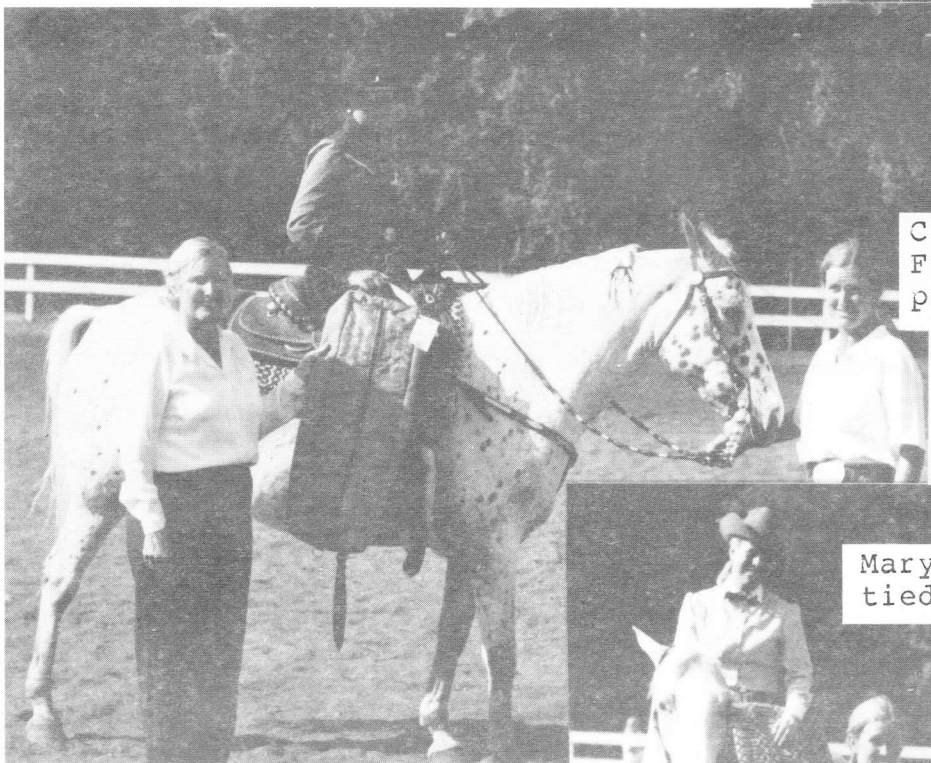
the Webb shows while Kristine Eppstein, Pat Caraway, and Noel Moody headed the SMCHA show committee.

**The winners:**

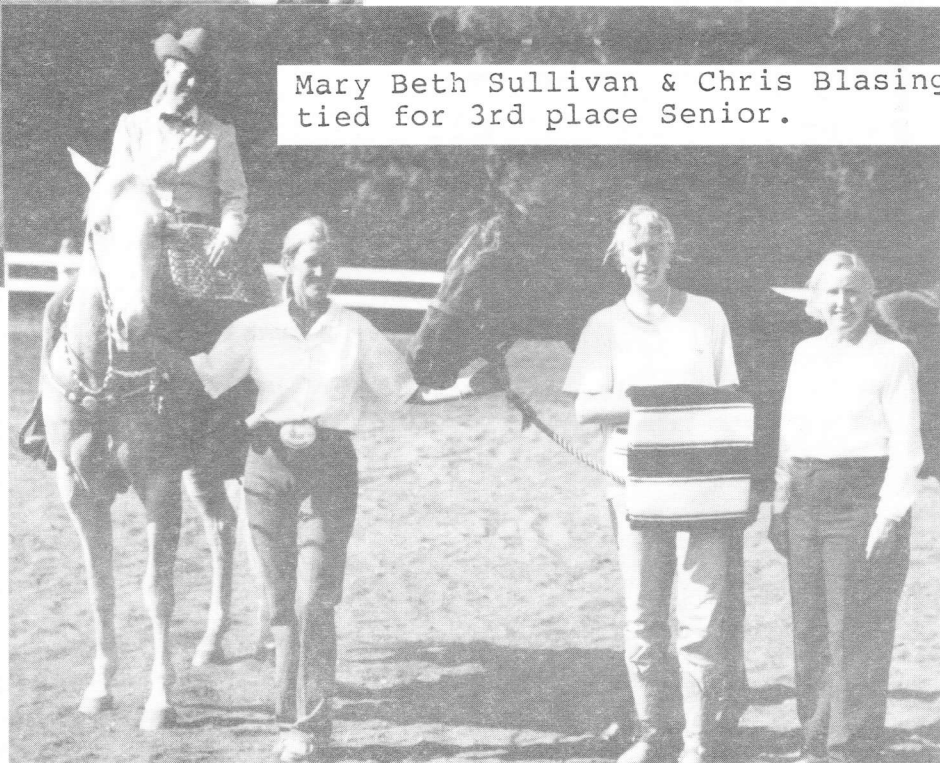
**Seniors:** High Point champion - Lisa Dixon and Super Bar Three. Reserve High Point - Denise Fisher and AKZ Topaz. Third place tie: Mary Beth Sullivan and Silky Sullivan and Chris Blasing.

**Juniors:** Jr. High Point champion - Shelley Donohue and Campaign Royal. Reserve High Point champion - Sara Faught and Shy Anna. Third place Junior was Jill Fasani and Miss Molly Malone.

All of the winners except two are current members of SMCHA! Congratulations.



Carter Smith accepting for Jill Fasani & Miss Molly Malone - 3rd place Junior.



Mary Beth Sullivan & Chris Blasing tied for 3rd place Senior.

Sara Faught & Shy Anna - Reserve High Point Junior.



# Our Rides

## MOUNTAIN HOME (ALEX'S) RIDE

By Dick Convery

We made our annual ride up the mountain to Alex's on June 28th, 16 riders strong. By the time we reached the top, we could literally have eaten a horse.

We had a great brunch and were joined by Viva Reed, Ron Harris, Jim Estep, Rachael Neuman, and Maxine and Bob Mettler. The weather varied between cold up at Skyline and warm through the park. The ride was quite scenic as we rode up through the Fledger Estate and down through Huddart Park.

Marv and Mary Lee Twisselman shared trail boss honors. Marv surprised us with some trick riding as he showed us how to pull your horse over and avoid tree stumps. Marv is doing fine except for a broken rib, a few aches, and lots of bruises. The horse is fine, too!

Ron Harris' accordion enlivens the Jack Brook over-nighter!



## JACK BROOKS RIDE A HUGE SUCCESS


By Dick Convery

This year's overnight ride at the Jack Brooks horse camp, August 22nd and 23rd, was quite a success. We had a great turnout with twenty-eight riders and thirty-seven for dinner Saturday night. Fourteen riders turned up Friday night to get a head start on the weekend fun.

Saturday's four hour ride was lead by Ron Harris with a lunch stop at the half way point. Saturday night's dinner was a great western bar-b-que featuring New York strip steaks with all the trimmings and was prepared by: Walt Kirk, Marv Twisselman, Bob Hydorn, Doug Moody (beans) and Bob Stucky.

Four bottles of wine were given away as plate prizes and a \$35.00 gift certificate from Winchester Western Wear to the lucky recipients.

Evening festivities included a bull whip demonstration in the dark by Craig Elliot, music to sing by the open fire, featuring that talented man Ron Harris. There were also dancing and games with Noel Moody.




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What made the evening special was the fact that nobody gathered in small cliques - it was just one big happy group.

Sunday breakfast was a real treat with steak, bacon, eggs, and pancakes. A hearty breakfast for some hungry riders. Breakfast was aptly prepared by Leonard Young, Bob Hydorn, Doug Moody and Bob Stuckey.

Lew Reed led the Sunday ride through parts of Sam McDonald Park. There were no casualties on the ride with the possible exception of Mary Hydorn whose screams woke everyone up Friday night when she supposedly was near attack from a wild moose.



Leonard Young and Cheryl Kruezer.

Special thanks to Rick Payne for overlooking the bar (and having a few himself), Melissa Convery for the planning and shopping for all of the food, Noel Moody for presenting our new and neat SMCHA caps to each member who rode for the weekend, and the Woodside Mounted Patrol for the use of their chuck wagon.

## PRESIDENT'S RIDE

By Noel Moody

Tradition was followed as SMCHA members honored all SMCHA Presidents at the Oct. 18 President's Ride through Huddart Park. The weather was beautiful as twenty-one riders enjoyed riding the Chapperal Trail, Canyon Trail, and Dean Trail. The group then traversed Edgewood Park on the way to Rick and Maria Payne's beautiful home. Forty-six members enjoyed a ham and turkey feast around a black bottom pool with a waterfall made from large boulders. The view was spectacular as the Payne's house is located on the top of the hill next to the Cross. Top of the world!

SMCHA Presidents attending were Phil Ray, Jim Estep, Harry Wellman, Mary Lee Twissleman, and Noel Moody. It was a wonderful event and a great way to end the riding season. See you on the Spring Ride!

## TRAIL RIDE AWARDS

To recognize the members who participate on our trail rides and encourage new riders, the Board of Governors has approved an award system. Anyone completing all four Club rides during the same year will be awarded a SMCHA pin and certificate. If any member completes two consecutive years of riding on all four rides, they will receive a trophy and certificate.





# TRAIL TIPS

By Lew Reed

Trails in Woodside and Portola Valley are in good shape as the Woodside Trail Club continues its program of maintenance. The Club employs two part-time men, Wesley and Martin, who spend three full days each week brushing back vegetation on all the trails within their jurisdiction and repairing minor hazards including small new bridges. Call Trail Captain Harry Williams at 851-7828, about trail problems on off-road trails and he will attempt to immediately solve them. Possibly the best expenditure local horsemen can make is the \$30 per year dues to Woodside Trail Club which is spent on trail maintenance.

San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission has appointed twenty-five county residents to the newly created San Mateo County Trails Advisory Committee. They meet monthly to review the trail plan for the county. Already two meetings have been held and individual duties are being assigned. Members of SMCHA appointed are Rick Payne, Ron Harris, Bobbi Petrov and Lew Reed, all horsemen. There are joggers, runners, bikers, and hikers also represented. This is a two year commitment.

Are you interested in county trails? San Mateo County Parks Department has issued a brand new brochure entitled "San Mateo County Jogging, Exercise & Bicycle Trails." It is available at their office and is a handy, up-to-date description of various trails including very clear maps.

The question of charging of fees for the use of Sawyer Camp Trail (now a county park) came up before the P & R Commission and Board of Supervisors. The county budget is in shortfall and all facilities are urged by the County Manager to review their fee schedules in an effort to become more self-sustaining. Sawyer Camp Trail has become

extremely popular with hikers, runners, strollers, skaters, and bikers who thoroughly enjoy the seven mile linear park with its paved trail. When the matter came up, users rose up and made their position about fees loudly known. They felt the fee system was extremely unfair. Finally the Park Commission adopted a resolution that there should not be any fee charge. They added to their resolution a provision that contribution boxes be placed at each entrance to the trail and these should be in place by the time this is printed. Also special fund raising days are planned, such as runs, or bike tours. This park was originally created by the closure of a twisting dusty narrow road which ran beside Crystal Spring Lake from the San Mateo Dam to Hillcrest Blvd. in Millbrae, thus creating a park. Initially it was defined for use by all recreational trail users on foot, horseback, or bike. As the number of users increased and biking became a highly used method of exercise, the roadway was paved twelve feet wide for the full length. This effectively eliminated use by horsemen as there was insufficient land for shoulders and horsemen did not want to mingle with the other users on the paving. However, pressure is constantly on the Park Dept. to provide an alternate equestrian trail. This will possibly be a special assignment of the new Trail Advisor Committee.

Another new, bold step was taken by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their last regular meeting when they responded to a request by Rhody Co. Productions to conduct a bicycle event on Sawyer Camp Trail. This is a fund raiser for Crippled Children's Society. It starts in Golden Gate Park on October 24th and makes three large circles for a 25-, 50-, and 100-mile tour. It was explained by the promoters that they anticipate possibly six thousand bikers overall with about fifteen hundred to two thousand coming down through Sawyer Camp Trail during a two to

three hour period on Saturday morning. After much discussion and concern about conflicts between bikers and other users it was finally decided to grant them a special event permit for a fee of \$500, plus a bond to reimburse the county for an extra ranger, and toilet and water costs providing for the closure of the park from six a.m. to eleven a.m. This is an experimental allowance to gather necessary experience data as guidelines for future similar requests.

There is an admission fee to many of San Mateo County Parks - usually three dollars per car. An economical approach for those park users who frequent the various parks is to purchase an annual pass for a nominal sum. It is available at their office.

The town of Woodside has had similar requests for special events for runners and bikers to utilize town streets as a route for the event. So far the town has generally granted a permit requiring one million dollars for insurance and monitors along the route, and sometimes sheriff control. Experience has been varied. Some events have gone off without a hitch and scarcely noticeable by local citizens. Others have been a disaster involving closure of Canada Road for eight hours with ultimately nineteen sheriffs or reserves for control. Others have violated their approved route by using streets not recommended for large groups. The Planning Commission and Town Council is responding to citizen complaints and is in the process of adopting an appropriate ordinance for the control of such special events. Attempts to control are highly resisted by organized bicycle groups who are presenting their version of a good ordinance to be compared by a suggested ordinance prepared by the attorney for Woodside. Public hearings commence with a study session by Town Trails Committee, Recreation Committee, Planning

Commission and members of the Council along with representatives of Western Wheelers and interested citizens, then a review by the Planning Commission, and if they recommend an ordinance, two public meetings of the Council for first introduction and then adoption of an ordinance. Interested parties should follow the County Almanac and town agendas for dates of future meetings on this controversial subject.

Jack Brook Horse Camp in Sam McDonald Park has received a great deal of use this summer. Many groups of horsemen have had multiple day rides there many weekends - notably San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, Los Viajeros, Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, Los Altos Trail Club, San Francisco Horsemen's Association and San Francisco Sheriff's Posse, to name a few. Some of our individual members spent their vacation days there: Ron Harris and family, Jim and Janet Estep, SMCHA Pres. Noel Moody, and others. Reservations are available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Sweeney Ridge Trail Advisory Committee presented their report and recommendations at a public hearing of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area Advisory Committee on July 30th resulting in adoption. Implementation should follow in the near future.

GGNRA Recreational Advisory Committee also named a particular trail at Thornton State Beach the "George R. Stewart Trail," after Dr. George R. Stewart - novelist, historian, teacher, and with his family a regular Thornton Beach visitor. This is a trail marked with guide posts and accompanying brochure for explanation of what you may see. This is a hiking trail.

Dogs on the trail is an up-coming issue before Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and their special Dog Committee of board

members is beginning hearings of the allowance of dogs on trails. Discussions will focus on whether to formalize into a permanent policy the experimental program already in effect on a few select sites. Present preserves under consideration are Windy Hill, Long Ridge, Foothills, Fremont-Older and St. Josephs Hill which presently have leash regulations in restricted areas. (Dogs are not permitted in San Mateo County parks at all.) Call the office for more information - 949-5500.

Woodside employed two young ladies for their annual summer trail maintenance program this year, and it went well. They became expert in use of weed-eaters and brush-cutters and as a result roadside trails are in good shape. The plan is to try to employ them for one or two days all year round to keep the trails trimmed regularly instead of a crash program about May - June.

Under construction is the Joan Olson Memorial Trail off Otis and Glenwood in Woodside. Joan was Town Clerk for many years and the proposed trail is across the street from her home on Glenwood. Dave Sutton of the Trail Center (formerly Trail Information and Volunteer Center) was employed to layout, flag, and supervise construction. Local citizens donated funds for a special plaque to be erected along the new trail; they wish it to be placed near a bench overlooking a peaceful little glen and stream.

Notices have gone out for the annual meeting of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Council at Asilomar in Pacific Grove on November 18 - 20. Charles Vogel has been involved with the Pacific Crest Trail from its inception. Most of us know Vogel as he has assisted in trail construction locally for the last twenty-five of his ninety-four years. He is still building trails and was supervising engineer on the reconstructed bridge behind Roberts.

Mid Peninsula Trails Council (SMCHA is a member with Lew Reed as representative) is in the process of proposing a name change to West Bay Trails Association with a new set of by-laws to redefine their goals and purposes. Some county and city jurisdictions and their planners thought they were too closely tied to MPROSD and the organization is endeavoring to change their image to be representative of all trails in all local jurisdictions.



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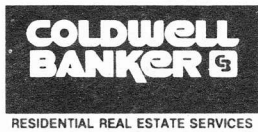


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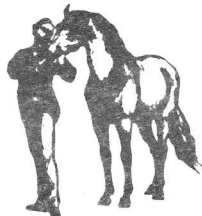
# INSTALLATION

This year's Installation Dinner was held at the Villa Chartiers in San Mateo on December 11. SMCHA members and guests welcomed new officers and board, and out-going president Noel Moody passed the gavel to Ron Harris, our new president. As is the tradition, members were recognized for their contributions over the year. For the second time, Walter Kirk was named Horseman of the Year, for his tireless support of horse activities in the area. The honor of Horsewoman of the Year was shared by two most deserving ladies, whose participation in horse organizations and events is of long standing: Pat Caraway and Christine Eppstein. And for his leadership in horsemanship and generous support of the Horseman's Association over the years, Phil Ray was named Outstanding Contributor. Noel Moody had many Helping Hands this year. They included: Barbara Bergman, Clem Carroll, Melissa and Dick Convery, Ron Harris, Gay-Lynne Mann, Rachel Newman, Rick Payne, Lew Reed, Karen Rowley, Mary Beth Sullivan, Mary Lee Twisselman, Harry Wellman, Nancy Van Zwol and Cynthia Baird.

The new officers for 1987 are as follows:

President: Ron Harris  
1st V.P.: Rick Payne  
2nd V.P.: Dick Convery  
Secretary: Nancy Van Zwol  
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Proverb

SMCHA looks forward to another great year!

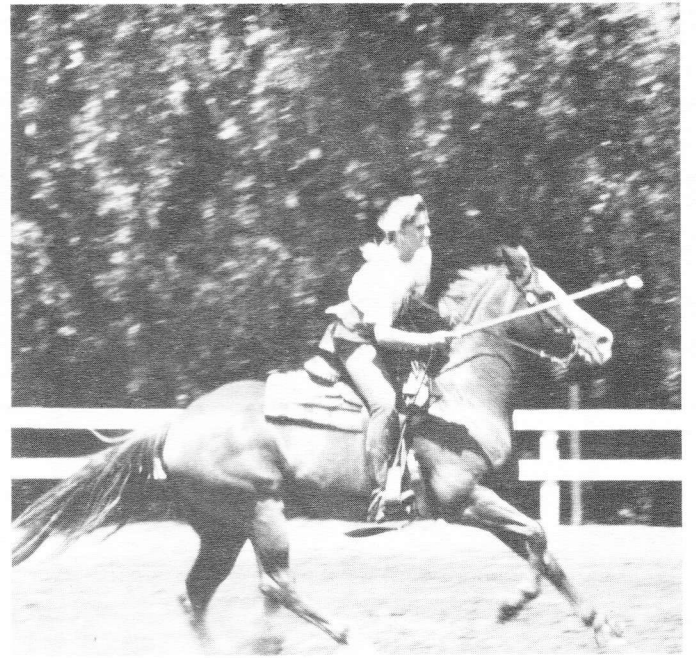
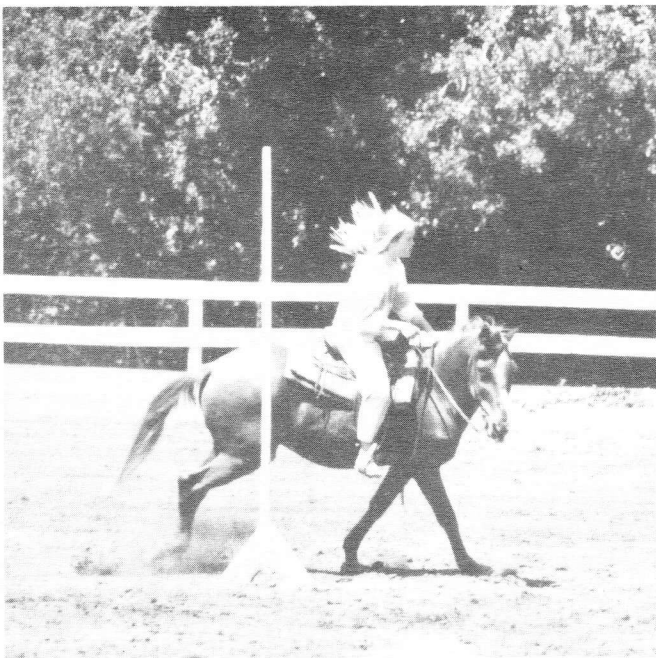


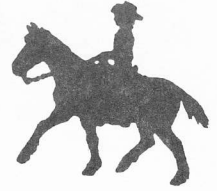


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