

# HOOF IN MOUTH GAZETTE

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc., Norco, CA

## Editor's Message

We had a good turnout for the July show with 70 plus equine. The show started slowly but grew as the day went on. Attendees enjoyed friendly competition on a nice, cooler than usual summer day.

Now that the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are coming to a close, do you need a warm up for the big show, need to collect a few more points for the high point awards (there are a lot of tight races) or **just want to have some fun**. Time is running out with only two shows left for this season. So **join us in September** and don't get left wishing you would have been there.

The date and location for the Saddle and Harness year end banquet has been set. We will again be enjoying the hospitality of the Hidden Valley Golf Club on January 15, 2011. **So mark your calendar!**

The club again thanks our fantastic team of volunteers for their continued excellence in putting on our shows. Please help them out by preregistering and being at the gate on time for your classes. *All staff members staff are volunteers, so please be kind!*

## Please Pre-enter

Pre-registering for a show by mail saves you and the committee time on show day and **saves you money!** Pre-registration is only \$6 per class, show day is \$7 per class.

Any youth who shows their 4H or FFA membership card at time of registration will be entitled to the reduced rate of only \$6 per class.

If you pre-register and for any reason you can not make the show your check will not be cashed and will be returned or credited to the next show, your option.

Pre-registration will be accepted by mail up to three days prior to the show. Just send your show premium or a listing of the classes you want to participate in to:

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 7862  
Norco, CA 92860

## Saddle & Harness Open Show

### Sunday, Sept. 12th



**Time is running out!  
Season is almost over.**

Judge: **LaDonne Hatley**

Show premiums and 2010 Rules available on line  
<http://saddlenharness.org/forms/>

**Pre-registration \$6 per class**  
**Show day \$7 per class**  
*4H / FFA special \$6 per class*

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Support our food vendor;  
*Great food at reasonable prices*  
**Saul's Kitchen**

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The monthly board/member meetings is  
September 9th, 7 to 9 pm.  
Norco Fire Department  
(Corner of Sixth Street and Hillside)  
Please plan to attend (no food or drink).

## DonkeyPalooza

Members of the longears contingent of Saddle & Harness ventured north again in July to participate in another NMDA (National Miniature Donkey Association) show this time it was the first annual “**DonkeyPalooza**” show held in Yreka, CA. Thirty minutes south of the Oregon border (a 14 hour drive for us) at the Siskiyou Fairgrounds. It was fun to go to a small town show and the Shasta area is beautiful. The audience was actually larger than usual for these shows (guess small town people have nothing better to do) and we got top billing over the dirt track racers.



Janella and Rusty did very well and were consistently in the ribbons in both the in-hand and driving events. In fact they did so well they were awarded the high point Green Championship buckle at the awards ceremony.

Unfortunately her championship reign only lasted 24 hours when she was informed by phone when she got home that there was a computer glitch and that she was actually the Reserve Champion (by 1 point) and no buckle. Like a true champion Janella returned the buckle and said that there was no one more deserving than the gentlemen who won it. Janella also said “There is this saying that we shouldn’t count life by the breath we take but by the moments that take our breath away. I have experienced this saying twice in the last 48 hours!!!”

Carney and I had a much less dramatic show. Carney went through the paces in the in-hand classes with his “I would rather be driving attitude”. When it was time to drive he picked it up a bit. We did not do much in the pleasure classes, but when we got to the speed events (the last classes in the show Sunday

morning) he took first in four of the five speed events and second in the other. We may not be pretty, but we are fast (for a donkey).



Janella was a buckle holder for a while. But she will always be a winner in my book.

## Norco Labor Day Parade

Join your fellow Saddle & Harness members in displaying our club pride in the **Norco Annual Labor Day parade on September 6<sup>th</sup>** (Labor Day of course). This is one of the very few parades in California that still allows throwing candy to the kid’s in the crowd (**it’s a blast**).

This year’s theme is “Old Town Country Fair”. Parade starts promptly at 10:00 am. So meet up with Evon near the Jack-In-The-Box on Sixth Street and Sierra Avenue no later than 9:30.

Please contact Evon Owens before the 6<sup>th</sup> at [rspot@dslextreme.com](mailto:rspot@dslextreme.com) or call **951-685-6362**.

Awards will be presented at 1:00 pm at the Nellie Weaver Hall Amphitheater.

If you cannot join us in the parade then come cheer us from the sidelines and take some pictures for me.

**Let’s be safe out there!**

## Seven Essential Exercises

The following is the last lesson in a series titled "Seven Essential Exercises for Effective Communication with the Driving Horse" by Jeff Morse

Jeff Morse is a nationally known competitor, trainer, clinician, author and Morgan breeder. He currently serves on the USEF Morgan and Carriage Pleasure Committees and is the ADS Pleasure Driving Committee Chairman.

### Figure 8

- ✓ Best done in a dressage ring to help encourage precision.
- ✓ Best done on level ground with good footing.
  - Removes some anxiety for the Horse about where and how his feet are put down.
  - Removes issues of balancing up and down hill.
    - Slightly up and downhill can be a good thing to teach Balance.
- ✓ Best to have enough room for at least two 20 meter circles side by side,
  - Four 20's inside a 40 meter square works REALY well.
- ✓ To Start: Check Yourself! Walk in 20 meter Circle in either direction.
  - Doesn't matter which way, although usually best to start in his favorite direction.
  - Vary which direction you begin over time.
  - Larger is ok, smaller probably not better.
- ✓ Encourage your Horse to be precise. Do not let him decide where he is going.
- ✓ You have 3 Rules to enforce:
  - The Horse must look inside the circle.
  - The Horse can not change the speed at which you ask him to travel, neither up nor down.
  - The Horse can reach down and forward all he wants.
    - He is free to explore. You can not hold or support him with your hand.
    - Note: no rule about size of the circle
- ✓ Your outside rein is your friend.
  - Inside Rein asks the Horse to look inside.
  - Outside Rein Half Halt when the inside hind foot leaves the ground.
  - Outside Rein Half Halts asks your Horse to shift his center of Balance laterally, to his outside, then tells him to "Keep it there".
- ✓ When all 3 rules are being followed well, change

- direction thru the center of the Figure 8.
- ✓ Repeat in the second direction until all the rules are being followed.
- ✓ Change direction randomly so the Horse does not change every time he comes to the center.
- ✓ If the rules fall apart, stay in that direction until reestablished.
- ✓ Constantly Check Yourself! And then play Eye Spy and Squinting/Blurring.
- ✓ Move up to the Trot. ~ Same Rules apply.
- ✓ Flip the Figure 8 by staying straight to get to the next circle instead of changing direction thru the middle.
- ✓ Add more 20 meter circles.
  - With four circles you can drive four figure 8's and flip them any number of ways by occasionally driving straight to the next circle.
  - Divide your 40 meter square with center lines and quarter lines.
  - Change direction every quarter circle thru the center. From quarter line to center line to quarter line.
  - You can add halts down center lines.

*What does this teach?*

**The Driver: Timing and precision** of instruction due to limited strides. Every stride must count and be correct. On a circle every stride is the same as the one the Horse just took and the one he is about to take. The Driver readily learns precision in giving instruction because their mistakes show up rather dramatically. The circle is no longer round, the Horse falls out of Balance – side to side, front to back. The geometric precision of the dressage ring enables mistakes to be seen and forces a more precise performance. It's worth developing the habit of being precise.

**The Horse: Balance:** the Horse readily learns about balancing himself because when he guesses correctly, his job is immediately and noticeably made easier for him. The real value comes in the center of the Figure 8 when the Horse must shift his center of Balance from one side to his center to the other side. He must accomplish this in only a few strides, ideally three. He learns **to pay attention** to your instructions because the more he responds correctly, the easier his job becomes.

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**Thank You to our new SPONSORS.**

**Let's be safe out there!**

## S&H Year End Points

The list below is the current point leaders as of the July show. For a complete tally contact Evon Owens at [rspot@dslextreme.com](mailto:rspot@dslextreme.com) or call 951-685-6362. Point spreadsheet will also be available at the next show.

Remember both exhibitor and owner must be members prior to being awarded year end points. The high point leaders are:

- aa- Halter w/y: Kelly Bransfield, LTD Porcelena
- 1-Halter Mini: Kelly Bransfield, Superstar Toby Keith
- 2-Halter Pony: Jennifer Tani, TNT's Poetry in Motion
- 3-Halter L. Horse: Eric Wynn, One Cool Party
- 4-Draft: Jessica Graves, HMS Martiny
- 5-Mule/Donkey: Janella Denney, Rusty
- 6-Color: Kelly Bransfield, Superstar Toby Keith
- 7-Non-color: Eric Wynn, One Cool Party
- 8-Gaited: Carolyn Truskowski, Bandolero
- 9-Eng. Pleasure: Carlee Holden, Gowalty's Posha Rosa
- 10-Eng. Equit: Carlee Holden, Gowalty's Posha Rosa
- 11-Eng. Country: Carlee Holden, Gowalty's Posha Rosa
- 12-Walk Trot: Kate Aparicio, Saroma Zak Griffon
- 13-Lead Line: Pierce Jefferson, Too Blue To Zip
- 14-Wst Pleasure: Jenny Schlom, Tickle
- 15-Wst Equit: Alexa Tolano, Impressive Trooper
- 16-Wst Country: Jenny Schlom, Tickle
- 17-Driving Grn: Katie Twohy, Bailey's Irish Rose
- 18-Driving Bkyd: Karen Poly, Merrylegs
- 19-Driving Mini: Ken Shaw, ENE Carnival / Doug Russell, Maximus
- 20-Driving Pony: Bill Johnson, Gemmy King
- 21-Driving L. Horse: Jennifer Wells, Manny
- 22-Driving Draft: Kim Nolan, Seemore Sky
- 23-Driving H. Horse: Katie Twohy, Bailey's Irish Rose
- 24-Driving Mule/Donkey: Ken Shaw, ENE Carnival
- 25-Junior to Drive: Emma Wass, Lady
- 26-Driving Multiples: Dave Aparicio, Griffon & Theo
- 27-Driving Stock: Katie Twohy, Bailey's Irish Rose
- 28-Driving Pleasure: Chuck Turley, Tucker
- 29-ReinsManship Jr.: Emma Wass, Lady
- 30-ReinsManship At: Dave Aparicio, Griffon & Theo
- 31-Gamblers Mini: Doug Russell, Maximus
- 32-Gamblers Pony: Karen Poly, Merrylegs
- 33-Gamblers Horse: Emma Wass, Lady
- 34-Cones Mini: Doug Russell, Maximus
- 35-Cones Pony: Heidi Aparicio, Clarwoods Twinkling Star
- 36-Cones Horse: Dave Aparicio, Griffon & Theo

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### Events of Interest

#### 2010 SAN DIEGO PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW

DATES: Sundays, October 17

PLACE: Tumbleweed Arena, Willow Rd., Lakeside, CA

For Info: 619/994-9534 or 619-224-0601

Email: [Sioux@siouxmunyon.com](mailto:Sioux@siouxmunyon.com)

TIME: Approx. 9:00 am; classes \$4.95 each

#### ETI (Equestrian Trails Inc) Corral #6

[http://www.eticorral6.info/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.eticorral6.info/Home_Page.html)

Monthly shows at the Laramore Arena, in the Sky Country neighborhood of Mira Loma.

#### George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center

<http://www.norco.ca.us/cals/ingallspark.asp>

#### Western Regional Carriage Driving Events Calendar

<http://www.carriagedrivingessentials.com/calendar.php>

## S&H 2010 Show Dates

**September 12      October 24**

#### Classifieds:

*If you need something or have something to sell or trade email for a free newsletter ad*

Contact: [kenjshaw@roadrunner.com](mailto:kenjshaw@roadrunner.com)

Photos from the July Saddle and Harness Show online at [photographybyterrie](http://photographybyterrie). 4 x 6 photos from previous shows will be available at **\$2.00 each** while they last. 4 x 6 photos from the 2009 shows will also be available for \$1.00 each. If you have any questions or special requests contact: Terrie Medeiros

E-mail [gtmutts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gtmutts@sbcglobal.net)

or call 714-693-0423

#### Decals for Sale!

The **Saddle & Harness** decals (stickers) available from the show committee (registration desk) for **\$1.00 each**.

#### 2010 Los Angeles County Fair International Draft Horse, Mule & Pleasure Driving Show

<http://www.lacountyfair.com/2010/entertainment/documents/PremiumBook2010.pdf>

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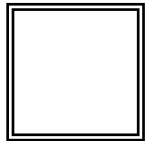
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