

HOOF IN MOUTH GAZETTE

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc., Norco, CA

Editor's Message

We missed you at the June Show. The weather was great and the atmosphere was relaxed with only 63 equine signing up. This was not a bad showing, but it was down 30% from the March show. The March show was a club record for attendance. As usual summer is full of distractions and there were several conflicting breed shows and events

Everyone who attended the show seemed to have a good time and the show moved along very quickly. You (and I) missed a good one.

If you have any show results or stories you would like to share in the newsletter. Please send them to me at kenjshaw@roadrunner.com

The club would like to again thank 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. *To all members our 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, July 25th



Don't Miss It!

Judge: TBD

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

Support our food vendor;

Great food at reasonable prices

Saul's Kitchen

The monthly board/member meetings is
August 12th, 7 to 9 pm.

Norco Fire Department

(Corner of Sixth Street and Hillside)

Please plan to attend (no food or drink).

Donkeys in Wine Country

Janella Denny and I teamed up for the "Wine Country Miniature Donkey Classic", a NMDA (National Miniature Donkey Association) show on June 25th - 27th, at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA.

Janella and Rusty represented the club very well finishing third overall for green gelding. I think this was also a team effort because Janella has been practicing with Kathy Butler.

In the S&H team spirit Janella showed my donkey Silverado in the in-hand and jumping classes and, with her excellent handling and my excellent training, took home the WCMDC Non-Driving High Point open championship.

I handled Silverado in the "Trot for the Cure" contest to get a blue ribbon. This was a class to raise monies to be donated to the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation and Susan G. Komen for the Cure – Breast Cancer Research.

As usual for the Santa Rosa show, Carnival and I did not make an appearance on the awards stand. Carnival was great in the speed classes taking blue in stake and barrels and placing in the other speed classes. But sometimes it takes more than speed.

Where Are They Now?

Mike and Sharon Peek are well settled in their beautiful new home (ranch) in Idaho (nearest town is Nampa). They have their first hay in; have experienced their first storm (not a biggy) and now;



Sharon wrote: We did the Greenleaf parade for the 4th of July and won first place yea!!! Every one loved us and the boys were perfect for their first parade but it sure is a lot of work up at 6 for a 10:00 A.M. start time.

Heat Stress

Summer is here, be aware of the signs of equine heat stress. If any of the following signs are evident; stop your workout or exercise and cool your equine. Remove any tack and enhance cooling and air flow and offer water. Cool you equine with cool water. *If these symptoms do not improve within 10 minutes- call your vet.*

- **Elevated Respiratory Rate** - Hard breathing forces air to flow past vessels in your horse's lungs and airways, which help cool his blood. **At Risk:** When your horse's respiratory rate is more than 40 to 50 breaths per minute, and/or breathing shallowly, and breathing does not return to normal after two minutes rest.
- **Elevated Heart Rate** - A pounding heart transfers blood to your horse's skin to be cooled by outside air. **At Risk:** When heart rate is more than 80 beats per minute and does not start to slow down after two minutes rest.
- **Profuse Sweating** - Evaporation of sweat from your horse's skin helps him cool down. **At Risk:** When sweating over entire body or worse, stops sweating entirely
- **Elevated Temperature** - Your horse's cooling mechanisms have been overwhelmed. **At Risk:** When rectal temperature is at or over 105 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Lethargy** - Blood is being transferred away from your horse's vital organs to his skin for cooling, leading to severe heat stress. **At Risk:** When showing signs of depression or lethargic, is not interested in food, or begins to stumble or collapse.
- **Discolored Mucous Membranes** - As your horse's circulatory system becomes overwhelmed by trying to cool itself, blood may pool in his gums. **At Risk:** If his gums become dark red or "muddy" colored.

Sources:

http://www.equisearch.com/horses_care/

<http://msucares.com/livestock/equine/>

Seven Essential Exercises

The following is the fourth and fifth 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.

Squinting and Blurring

- ✓ Check Yourself.
 - Especially where you are looking: Up and away.
- ✓ Let gravity keep you in the seat.
- ✓ Let the motion of the cart move you.
- ✓ Squint or, if you can, take your eyes out of focus. Blur your vision.
- ✓ Breath out/blow out in rhythm with your Horse.
- ✓ What can you Feel?
- ✓ Drive a shortened version of your test or drive the problem movements.
- ✓ Do it at home first so you are comfortable with driving this way.
- ✓ See if you can drive an entire test this way.

What does this teach?

For the Driver: This technique teaches the Driver to trust and rely on what he can feel. When the Driver can feel when his Horse is correct, he will instantly know, without having to look or even think when the Horse is incorrect and deliver the right instructions. He can react faster and thus allow the Horse less time to make the mistake even worse. Little mistakes require little corrections. Big mistakes require bigger corrections.

For the Horse: The Horse benefits from this technique because the Driver becomes more sensitive to his Balance, rhythm, and tempo. The movement of the wheel across the ground is absorbed more by the Driver and not transferred to the Horse's mouth. This allows for clearer and cleaner communication with the bit.

Loop and Wave

- ✓ Best done starting on the short side of a dressage ring.
- ✓ Best done with a fence or barrier of some kind.
 - Rails on the ground., Dressage chain
- ✓ Check yourself.
- ✓ Begin at the Walk.
- ✓ Walk deep into the corner
- ✓ Continue in a tight turn all the way around to the short side.
- ✓ Turn back to travel straight into the opposite corner
- ✓ Continue in a tight turn back to the short side
- ✓ Turn back to travel straight.
- ✓ Repeat.
- ✓ Change to the Trot and repeat.
- ✓ Can be extended to a Wave around the inside of a full dressage ring.
 - Really, a series of shallow deviations.
 - Maybe with Loops in the corners.
 - Maybe with a 20 meter circle thrown in somewhere.

What does this teach?

For the Driver: Your goal is to manage every stride. Timing of instruction is improved.

For the Horse: The Horse will learn to find the most efficient positioning for his front feet and hind legs, in particular, because with so few strides, every stride counts. Response to instruction by the Horse is improved. Patience is improved. Forward Horses learn to wait to be driven.

This article was reprinted with the generous permission of Jeff Morse.

Update on Barbara and Chloe

The S&H member, who was the victim of the recent pit bull attack in Moreno Valley, is recovering nicely.

Barbara McCarthy-Kimbell reports that Chloe was very good about getting harnessed up again. We have only been practicing in the arena. No street driving for now. I took my cart to John Morgan and he was able to fix it. I also bought a new harness while I was there.

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If you have any questions or recommendations feel free to contact any of your board members or visit our website at <http://www.saddlenharness.org/>

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The following divisions and classes **DO NOT** have sponsors. No sponsors, NO awards:

Division - Western, Adult Driver

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Let's be safe out there!

S&H Year End Points

The list below is the current point leaders as of the June show. For a complete tally contact Evon Owens at 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: Tammy Hernandez, RA Solaris
- 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: Alexa Tolano, Impressive Trooper
- 15-Wst Equit: Alexa Tolano, Impressive Trooper
- 16-Wst Country: Tammy Hernandez, RA Solaris
- 17-Driving Grn: Katie Twohy, Bailey's Irish Rose
- 18-Driving Bkyd: Evon Owens, Slick&Slack / Karen Poly, Merrylegs
- 19-Driving Mini: Ken Shaw, ENE Carnival
- 20-Driving Pony: Chuck Turley, Tucker
- 21-Driving L. Horse: Pat Gesler, Trooper
- 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: Debbie Griffin, Ballerina

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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

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

ETI (Equestrian Trails Inc) Corral #6

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

July 25

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

Photos from the June Saddle and Harness

Show online at photographybyterrie

If you have any questions or special requests

Contact: Terrie Medeiros

E-mail gtmutts@sbcglobal.net

or call 714-693-0423

California Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Schedule

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/adoptions.html

Upcoming dates: Ventura; July 17&18,

Lakeside; July 31 Redlands Contact:

800-951-8720

Decals for Sale!

The **Saddle & Harness decals** (stickers) were a hit at the June show and there have been several requests for more decals. So the club will make the decals available from the show committee (registration desk) for **\$1.00 each**.

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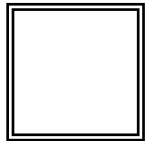
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