

# HOOF IN MOUTH GAZETTE

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc., Norco, CA

## Editor's Message

We had a great turnout for the May show considering the unpredictable weather. There were only three minor cloud bursts during the show; it's nice to have a covered arena. Over 75 equine and their owners ignored the clouds and enjoyed a relaxing day of friendly competition.

Saddle and Harness in support of today's youth and our riders and drivers of tomorrow has decided to support 4H and FFA with a special offer to all youth involved in these organizations.

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

The club would also like to 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.

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, June 27th**



*Join us and start the  
summer with a bang!*

**Be there!**

Judge: **Frank Miller**

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  
July 8th, 7 to 9 pm.  
Norco Fire Department  
(Corner of Sixth Street and Hillside)  
Please plan to attend (no food or drink).

## *S&H Members at Mule Days*

S&H members were celebrating at the "Bishop Mule Days Celebration", May 25-30, 2010  
<http://www.muledays.org/>

Many current and former S&H members can be seen in the list of winners for the 2010 Mule Days show. The more than 200 classes included everything from Dressage, Reining, Cutting, Racing and Jumping, Driving classes for Teams, 4up and 6up Hitches, Packing, Shoeing, Panty Races and Chariot Steer Stopping (if you can do it with a Mule or Donkey, they did it) and most of these were very large classes some with more than 50 entries. It all sounds like a blast.



*(Don't know who is in picture. Just thought it was a cool picture.)*

S&H members did very well (I know that I have missed someone, let apologize in advance).

Kathy and Jonathan Butler took home ribbons. Jonathan took 3rd in "Pulling - Medium Teams" with Ruby & Roscoe. Kathy won a Blue in "Hitch Class - 2 Mules" with Jane & Rhody, beating Evon Owens who finished 3rd with Slick & Slack. More than a ribbon, bragging rights.

Evon Owens snagged 2nd in "Large Teams 2301 Lbs & Over" with Slick & Slack. Slick and Slack also received a second in team harness halter.

Tegan Thomason made S&H proud with a 3rd in "Youth Team Driving". She also competed in Youth Pleasure Western, Youth Equitation Western, Youth Western Trail, and Youth Pleasure Driving. Catherine Thomason was seen

in Halter classes.

Charli Crissy was also there with her usual flair and her mule Blossom and took home some blue in "Mini Mule – Halter", "Timed Obstacles", and competed in the finals for "Gambler's Choice - Single Mule".

Jennifer Wells and Jester competed in Green Western Pleasure, Green Western Trail, Green Western Gambler's Choice Trail, Green Western Riding and finished with a 6th in "Green Adult Amateur Western Pleasure". These were some pretty large classes.

Other S&H alumni that I saw on the winners list were Sioux Munyon and Willy. Terri Meery's name also appeared in many classes.

But it was the Schlom family that stole the day. Among her many ribbons Jenny Scholm counts a first in "Youth Team Driving" (with Evon's Slick & Slack). Obbie Scholm can be seen many, many times on the winners list in several disciplines, but the big one is "World Champion Youth Packer". Cynthia Schlom also scored a couple times to add to the family ribbon collection.

***Congratulations to all from S&H.  
We are loud and we are proud.***



## *Here Comes the Judge*

Congratulations are in Order. Saddle & Harness would like to congratulate James Hosking who the voters of San Bernardino County elected to Superior Court Judge!

James Hosking is the husband of former S&H president Peggy Hosking. Sorry, but I think this means we still have to pay our parking tickets.

***Congratulations Jay and Peggy***

## Seven Essential Exercises

The following is the second and third article 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.

### Eye Spy

- ✓ Practice on a 40 meter circle.
- ✓ Look up and around.
- ✓ Do not look at your Horse.
- ✓ Be mindful of the Horse underneath the center of your visual field
  - In the bottom quarter of your vision.
  - See his ears?
  - What else can you see?
  - Look above the horizon
- ✓ 'See' at where you wish to end up without staring at it.
  - See halfway around.
  - See ¼ way around.
  - See ½ way around.
  - See ¾ way around
  - Then ¾ way around. Etc
  - Seeing back and forth as you go around the circle.
- ✓ If you find that you can't stop staring at the back of your Horse's head, tape/tie a piece of bright ribbon to the water hook on the saddle. It will remind you "Not to Look There!"

### What does this teach?

**The Driver:** Trains the Driver to use their peripheral vision, to focus on where they are going and how they will get there, to drive by Feel, to feel what 'round' is, to prepare.

**The Horse:** The Horse will also focus his attention on where he is going and how he will get there, will benefit by being better prepared because the farther in advance he is adequately prepared, the easier it is for him to maintain his Balance and the more energy he can devote to his movement.

### Driving Blind

- ✓ Find a field with no obstacles, holes, etc
- ✓ Bring your Horse to a point where he is driving responsively.
  - Check Yourself.
  - Close your eyes.
    - You can open them in a split second. There are no Peaking Police.
  - Focus first on yourself.
    - Check Yourself. – AGAIN!
    - More effective with your eyes closed.
  - What can you feel?
- ✓ Drive with your eyes open.
- ✓ Then close your eyes and focus on your Horse.
  - What you can feel?
  - What can you hear?
- ✓ Open your eyes.
- ✓ Keep your eyes off your horse.
- ✓ Drive the cart.
  - Drive the cart to where you want it to go; do not drive the Horse.
  - If the cart ends up in the right place, your Horse was in the right place.

### What does this teach?

**The Driver:** This is the best exercise to learn how to drive by Feel. The Driver learns how much information is being transmitted to him all the time through the senses at his disposal other than sight. He learns to trust and use these other sources of information. He will learn to sense incorrectness in his Horse before it becomes a big problem requiring a big correction.

**The Horse:** The Horse will immediately relax when the Driver begins to focus on what he can feel rather than what he is anticipating when relying on his sight. The Horse will experience increased responsiveness and sensitivity in his mouth and as a result, also throughout his entire body. Performance will improve as the quality of input from the Driver becomes more sympathetic to the needs of the Horse.

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## Your 2010 S&H Board Members

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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/>

### Norco Valley Fair Invite

After consulting with the membership the Saddle & Harness board has decided to decline the offer from the Norco Chamber of Commerce to participate in the upcoming "Norco Valley Fair" to be held the first weekend in August.

This decision was based on the lack of interest expressed by the membership and an evaluation of the potentially undesirable conditions available for this exhibition. Sorry if this disappoints anyone.

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

## S&H Year End Points

The list below is the current point leaders as of the May 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:

- 1-Halter Mini: Rory Gonzales, Michigan's Foxy Trotter
- 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: Eric Wynn, One Cool Party
- 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: Julianne Miller-Boyer, Evans Electric Wizard
- 19-Driving Mini: Ken Shaw, ENE Carnival
- 20-Driving Pony: Chuck Turley, Tucker
- 21-Driving L. Horse: Jennifer Wells-Schmitz, 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: Jordan Coley, ENE Carnival / Emma Wass, Lady
- 26-Driving Multiples: Dave Aparicio, Griffon & Theo
- 27-Driving Stock: Doug Russell, Katie / 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: Roland Schmitz, Wyatt
- 34-Cones Mini: Doug Russell, Katie
- 35-Cones Pony: Heidi Aparicio, Clarwoods Twinkling Star
- 36-Cones Horse: Roland Schmitz. Wvatt

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### Events of Interest

#### 2010 SAN DIEGO PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW

DATES: Sundays, June 20, 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

**June 27**                      **July 25**  
**September 12**            **October 24**

#### Classifieds:

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

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 Contact: Terrie Medeiros  
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#### California Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Schedule

[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse  
and\\_burro/adoptions.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/adoptions.html)

Upcoming dates: Redlands; June 26,  
 Ventura; July 17&18, Lakeside; July 31  
 Redlands Contact: 800-951-8720

#### G&F Trailer - Free Driving Clinic

Date: **June 27**  
 Location: 2175 S. Willow Ave.,  
 Bloomington, CA 92316  
 Beginning driving 9:00 - 11:00 AM  
 Lunch break 11:00 - 12:00  
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 For more information: call 909-820-4600

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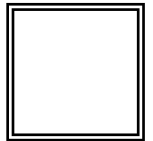
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