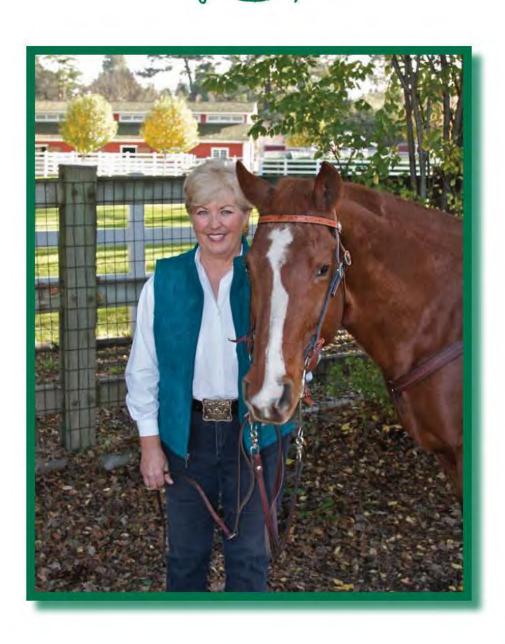
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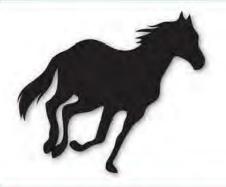
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Cheryl Basin, 2013 SMCHA Club President, and CeCe.

#### 2011- 2012 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I cherish this opportunity to write you once again and wish each of you success in all that you do. Happy and prosperous New Year to you all. It has been an honor to serve as your President in 2011 and 2012. I want to thank all of the dedicated board members that I have worked with who have embraced their positions with enthusiasm and reliance. Because of this they have made my job very rewarding and fun.

I look forward to supporting our new President Cheryl Basin. If you don't know her personally

please take the time to do so. Cheryl has been a big part of this organization for years and brings so much to all of us. I hope to see you again soon on the trails or at the events.

With love and admiration for this organization, I will remain cordially yours...

Nancy Kouchekey

SMCHA President 2011-2012

#### 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As Nancy transfers the President's gavel to me, I think of her many contributions to our club and realize I will be challenged to maintain the high standards that Nancy has set for communication, education, events, trail stewardship and many other aspects of our equestrian community.

I've loved horses all my life and started riding English at the Stanford Barn a very long time ago. Riding and keeping company with horses have given me many gifts, including awesome friends, a calming retreat and a lasting tie with my mom who was a long-time member of SMCHA until she passed away in 2000. She instilled in me not

only her love and respect for our four-legged friends, but our responsibility to embrace and secure their future.

There was a time gap where my association with horses was limited to an occasional vacation ride. Twenty-five years ago horses came back into my life and it was then I was introduced to SMCHA and began participating in rides and events.

I've been on the SMCHA Board of Directors for about ten years and have had lots of hands-on experience with events, horse shows, rides and meetings. I have been chairing the club's horse shows for the past five years and they have been a rewarding endeavor.

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President's Message continued

Noel Moody and Joan McLaren have been by my side, and I am grateful for their friendship, guidance and great ideas that created our successful shows.

I'm looking forward to working with our capable Board of Directors and General Membership to bring more good things to SMCHA in 2013. We have a terrific cast of Committee Chairs and we're always looking for more volunteers to make our club even better.

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#### FROM A HORSE'S VIEW

Do you ever wonder what your horse is actually thinking? How often have you ever wondered if you're on the same page or even talking the same language? Take a look at some of the definitions from the horses' dictionary and compare then to yours.

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Jump: An opportunity for self-expression.

Latch: Type of puzzle.

Longeing: Procedure for keeping a prospective rider at bay

Owner: Human assigned responsibility for one's feeding.

Rider: Owner overstepping its bounds.

Trainer: Owner with mob connections.

Veterinarian: Flightless albino vulture.

Happy new Year!

#### HARD WORK REALLY DOES PAY OFF!!

by: Christine Friis, Captain SMCHA Color Guard

Your SMCHA Color Guard Unit had a very exciting and rewarding year in 2012. The Unit presented at several Galas, horse events and quite a few parades. Donations to SMCHA were made in appreciation from several events along with the team raising money at their Color Guard Café.

The team ended the year with their season finale at the Grand National Rodeo on October 19 & 20 at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Weekly practices throughout the season prepared us for this big-end-of-year competition with many hours of hard work. Nerves were shaken when two weeks prior to the GNR one of our seasoned horses came down with some intestinal issues and could not be ridden. As we contemplated the possibility of having to drop from the 2012 GNR competition, Patty Walsh (former team member for several years) graciously volunteered her horse, Cowboy. Patty actually lent us Cowboy for two weeks so he could train with us, get used to a new rider and learn the entire routine. Wow, thanks to Patty and Cowboy our team was able to prepare for the GNR competition! Cheryl Basin riding CeCe, Kristi Eifert riding Cowboy, Sara Esquivel riding Mitch, and me, Chris Friis, riding Casey, along with Ground Crew Manager Jen Mize, took the next 2 weeks to focus on perfecting our routine. Jennifer Ott also gave us some helpful equitation tips during our last practice.

Upon arrival Friday at the Cow Palace we were greeted by the San Francisco Police Department Color Guard Unit. A great group of guys (and now girls too) that we enjoy hanging out with and also have the utmost respect for. That afternoon we were fortunate to have some practice time in the arena to get ready for the competition the following day. It was chilly and windy but I don't think any of us really felt the



Colorguard at Cow Palace Kristi Eifert riding Cowboy, Sara Esquivel riding Mitch, Cheryl Basin Riding CeCe, and Chris Friis riding Casey



Colorguard in front of Cow Palace



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Saturday morning came early and we were blessed to have a wonderful ground crew show up first thing to help out. Jen Mize, Debbie Padilla, Kelley Hix and Nick Esquival were great support getting the team ready. This ground crew team worked like a well-oiled machine making sure the horses were well groomed, the tack was perfect, the riders were suited and booted and even made sure we all actually had something to eat. Minutes before walking into the arena to compete, Kelley Hix even took us through a few minutes of meditation while on horseback to calm our nerves.

The competition went close to perfect with only a few minor faux pas and we received very high scores. Our team won First Place and was awarded a beautiful club trophy, individual blue ribbons and beautiful belt buckles. It was quite a win for us after what we struggled through the previous weeks. Hard work really does pay off but a huge "Thanks" goes out to Patty Walsh and her horse Cowboy.



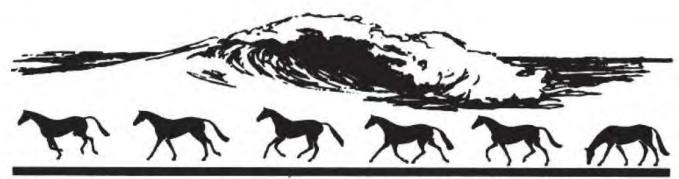
1st place (again) for SMCHA Colorguard

Later that night we followed the SFPD Color Guard into the Grand Arena to participate in the opening ceremonies. It was an emotional moment waving to family and friends and hearing the loud cheers while passing by members of SMCHA sitting close by.

This amazing team thanks you all for the support throughout the year and we all look forward to represent SMCHA carrying the flags with honor in 2013.







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## THE 7 STAGES OF AGING ON HORSEBACK

by: Cindy Hale

About once a week, I trail ride with a good friend. We showed horses together for many years, & I'm really enjoying introducing her to the more laid back experience of trail riding. So when she called to cancel this week, I was surprised. Then she explained that she'd taken a tumble off her gelding while riding to the arena, & needed to take it easy for a few days. We were both disappointed, & together we lamented how our bods just don't withstand the insult of getting tossed from the saddle anymore.

"Let's face it," I told her, "we're getting older. When we fall off, we don't bounce." Indeed. Though we used to consider falling off just another aspect of horsemanship, nowadays we see it as something we'd really like to avoid. It has nothing to do with fear & everything to do with a loss of elasticity that occurs to human bods on the other side of 30. Yet because we're horse crazy women we continue to ride, leading the non-horsey folks around us to think we're suffering from some kind of dementia.

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holds the reins."

So that you can understand this concept better – or maybe prepare yourself – here's little chart that explains it all:

**Stage 1:** Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

**Stage 2:** Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sundown.

**Stage 3:** Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to stanch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take 2 Advil & apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

**Stage 4:** Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to urgent care clinic. Entertain nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

**Stage 5:** Fall off horse. Temporarily forget names of horse & husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before Dr. gives the official OK.

**Stage 6**: Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical tech thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you will give up riding. One week later purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

**Stage 7:** Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints & implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes & bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes & mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse.

Trust me. Despite a lack of bounce-ability, aging on horseback isn't so bad, as long as you know what lies ahead.





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#### **HOLIDAY BARN PARTY**

by: Cheryl Basin

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Santa arrived via horse-drawn carriage driven by NCEFT's Bonnie MacCurdy. Jack, the beautiful Percheron, was the horsepower in front of the carriage. Following Santa's arrival, Jack and Bonnie provided carriage rides down Runnymede Road to the delight of everyone who took a ride. The drizzle didn't diminish the holiday spirit at all.

Our members and guests enjoyed a sumptuous buffet which was organized and prepped by an enthusiastic team of elves, including Liz Sullivan, Sue Sheehan, Sharon Butler, Adeline Forrest, Chris Friis, Jen Mize, Kristi Eifert, Robin Whalen, Tanya Rebarchik, Becky Witter and Cheryl Basin.

Thank you to our many contributors of tasty food including appetizers, salads, ham, chili, and desserts. Most generous gifts for the Toys for Tots and Second Harvest food drives were graciously received by the Woodside Fire Department and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Sue Winslow was on hand with her camera and captured lots of fun photos of the day. SMCHA President Nancy Kouchecky announced Mike Raynor as our 2012 Horseman of the Year, an acknowledgement for his tireless efforts on behalf of SMCHA and the equine community including trail endeavors, horse shows and our popular Play Day. Thank you and congratulations, Mike.

Speaking of the Play Day, Nancy presented Lori McIntosh with the First Place Buckle award for Overall High Point. Congratulations, Lori. Thank you, Kip Witter, for donning your colorful Santa Claus duds and entertaining all the children, young and old...you're the best. Special thanks to Gari Merendino, Executive Director, for graciously opening the NCEFT facility for our Holiday Barn Party. SMCHA sincerely appreciates your generosity.

Santa, a horse and carriage, and a buffet made for a memorable holiday barn party!



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Santa makes an entrance



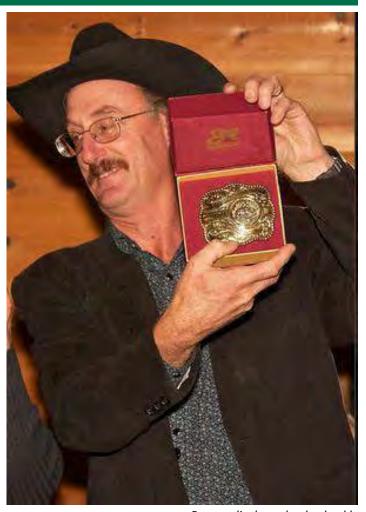
Santa and Sue admire the cart horse



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Santa is popular with the ladies



Raynor displays playday buckle



Santa delights a couple fans

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## SMCHA 4TH ANNUAL PLAY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

by: Cheryl Basin and Nancy Kouchekey

Saturday October 27, 2012

Mike Raynor once again planned a fun and fast-moving Play Day with the help of SMCHA President Nancy Kouchekey, Board members Larry Pelzner, Elizabeth Sullivan, Genia Silva, Annie Tyo and Cheryl Basin. We were all delighted with the perfect fall day. A special thank you Annie for the yummy goodie bags and Halloween decorations.

This is the first time SMCHA has held an event at Pagemill Pastures and this is indeed a first-class venue. Our thanks to Giselle Turchet for hosting this year's Play Day.

The day started with a parade of costumes. Many turned out to ride, watch and enjoy the 23 riders participating in 9 classes, which included a Trail/Cowboy Challenge, Keyhole race, Clover Leaf Barrels, Big Tee, Water Cup Race, Pony Express Race, Bandana Race, Mug Shuffle and the Flag Race. There was some stiff competition. We all had a blast from beginning to end.

A huge thank you to Mike, Greg, Clif and Andre for setting up the courses. These were challenging but fun for horse and rider. Some of the obstacles tested the sensory of the horse. This day is not only to have fun but will also give you and your horse the experience to learn how to handle various obstacles.

Many ribbons were presented for each class. Our High Point Buckle Winner for the day goes to Lori McIntosh. Congratulations, Lori.

A healthy, tasty lunch was provided with the helping hands of Nancy and Andre Kouchekey and their friend Raeshelle Larsen for all the participants and the gallery.

We look forward to seeing more of you next year. You won't want to miss out on the fun.







Larry and Nancy hand out the awards



Play Day jumping









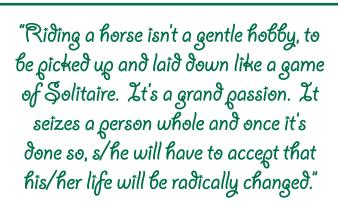


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Annie Tyo tries the ramp

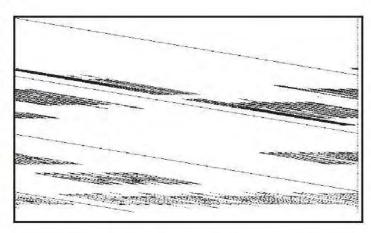


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#### BITS OF HISTORY - WOODSIDE

by: Sue Sheehan

In a previous issue of the SMCHA magazine I wrote about how the Club began and it's time to tell the story again. Many of the following notes are excerpts from Images of America – Woodside.

It is interesting that in 1939, San Mateo County Officials arranged to have the first "FLORAL SHOW AND FANDANGO" to be held at the new Bay Meadows Club House in Hillsdale. A parade was to be held in conjunction with the show starting in the City of Burlingame. L.C. Smith was asked by San Mateo County to organize a group of horsemen to ride in the parade and to display as many different representative types of horse-drawn vehicles as possible. Mr. Smith, as he later stated, anticipated a rather small showing, but he under estimated his ability to organize as well as the horse lovers who couldn't wait to show off their old family carriages, buggies and wagons.

Horsemen from the southern end of the county (Pescadero) to the extreme north (Colma) were contacted and an

estimated 300 horses were in the line of march the day of the parade. This large showing of horses was truly a credit to Mr. Smith and an inspiration to him to try to find a way of keeping these horse lovers together instead of "being scattered to the four winds." That evening at the Fiesta Dance, L.C. Smith discussed his ideas with Don Facciolle of the Lazy Day Ranch in Portola. It was Mr. Facciolle's suggestion to start an association of horses similar to the one that had already been organized in Santa Clara.

One might say that the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association was born that evening. However it wasn't until the following year that the Association began officially with the election of officers. The first meeting was held in the City Hall of San Mateo with a membership roster of 20 to 25. The town of Woodside became the official home of SMCHA.

The Woodside residents have always had a love affair with horses. As large estates were established, the role of the horse evolved from utility to pleasure and sport. Daniel Jackling built his stables near Mountain Home Road in 1925. James Folger II built the elaborate Folger Stable a part of his Hazelwood Estate. The Tudor Revival stable at Runnymede Farm was built in 1931 for Alma Spreckels

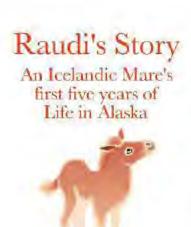
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Rosekrans, granddaughter of sugar king Claus Spreckels. The community's passion for horses led to the creation of both private and public trail systems throughout the town.

Woodside was not always a "Horse" town. In the 1830's the area became home to many English-speaking settlers on the San Francisco Peninsula. Their appearance marked the beginning of the lumbering economy, which assisted San Francisco with its increasing timber needs. Many of the trails we ride on today were built as trail/roads to bring the redwood trees down the hills. By 1852 regular stagecoach service ran to and from San Francisco, and many settlers were attracted to this area. Dr. Robert Tripp and Mathias Parkhurst were credited with naming this settlement Woodside. This area grew in importance because it was located between the saw mills and the port in Redwood City, where logs were brought to the docks for transportation to various San Francisco Bay locations. The lumbering industry flourished in the thickly wooded lower hillsides until the trees were depleted. Loggers passed through the settlement of Woodside on the way to the new sawmills often with a stop at Whiskey Hill, where they found water for their horses and whiskey for themselves.

By the 1880's the luxuriant strands of redwoods in this valley had been logged. However, the good soil and climate remained and people began to seek other uses, such as vineyards and other agriculture, for the fertile land. The lumbering industry gave rise to supporting industries, such as blacksmith shops, where "smithies" created wagon parts and horseshoes. As the early pioneer families passed on and their landholdings were subdivided, large tracts of land became available. Many successful San Francisco and San Francisco Peninsula families built their country estates in the Woodside area. As we headed into the 20th century the area experienced an increase in residential and commercial development. The steady encroachment of suburban development alarmed local residents. They did not want their rural, quiet town to become a giant commercial city. So, they started to talk about boundaries and efforts to incorporate Woodside as a town. It became incorporated in 1956. Many generous donors in Woodside have contributed land that is now preserved as open space and county parks.

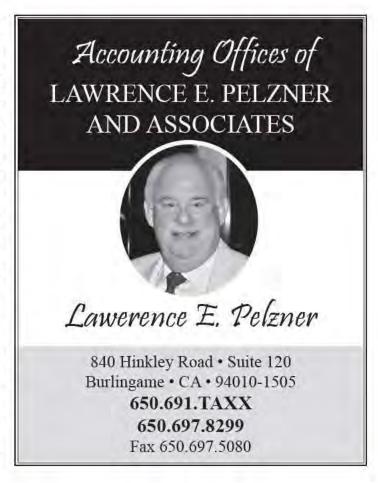
The role of the horse was beginning to change in Woodside as more and more families started acquiring horses for pleasure. Horse clubs were organized and racing became a popular sport. Polo and horse showing became active. Horse and carriages evolved from a means of transportation to a competitive event. In 1922 Myra Duncan and her sister, Marjorie Josselyn, were avid equestrians who helped form

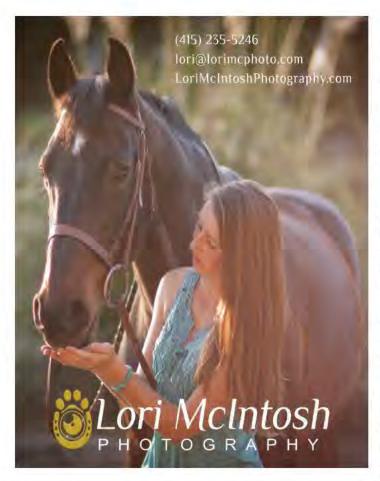


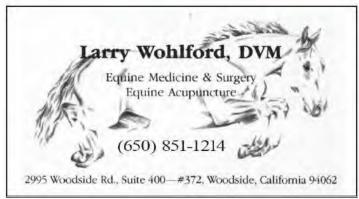
By Alys Culhane Illustrations by Christina Romano

This is a heartwarmingly tale, written from the point of view of a filly growing up in Alaska's Matanuska Valley. This somewhat willful horse is purchased by a middleaged rider. Raudi eventually becomes a reliable riding horse. The book is full of vivid characters and illustrations that all animal lovers will enjoy.

Raudi's Story, by Aly Culhane, is now available on Smashwords and Amazon Smashwords has the most options and formats.









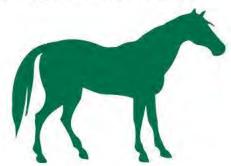
the Woodside Trail Club. The sisters lived in Woodside their entire lives. It is these women, among others whom we can credit for our wonderful easements/trails through private property.

The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, originally created to watch for enemy submarines off the coast during World War II, evolved to help with search and rescue operations after the war. The Mounted Patrol acquired their own property in Woodside where they hold many horse events such as the 4th of July Junior Rodeo, the SMCHA western riding clinic, horseshows, sorting and cutting plus many horse related events. There is property that was given to the Junior Riders to encourage children to learn about horses. It is also used for vaulting groups and pony club.

The Woodside Horse Park conducts polo, dressage, carriage driving, three day eventing, world class horse shows and other equestrian sports. It is also where BOK handicapped riding program is located. Woodside is also home to the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy and many private barns and boarding stables. In 2004 a few people from various organizations got together and formed Woodside area Horse Owners Association (WHOA), which promotes horse events such as Day of the Horse. The group also donates time and money to keep horses a part of Woodside forever.

The SMCHA has played a big part in keeping Woodside "horsey" by having a large voice when it comes to saving rustic trails, barns, boarding stables and overall rural character of the area. As long as clubs such San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, Mounted Patrol plus others continue to build hitch racks and maintain our beautiful trails around Woodside it should remain "HORSEY" forever. A caption on a map of Woodside reads, "A picturesque rural area, rich in history and legend, where extensive estates with landscaped formal gardens adjoin a wooded area as wild as when white man first looked upon it!"

Much of the above information and facts were taken from the book, "Images of America – Woodside.



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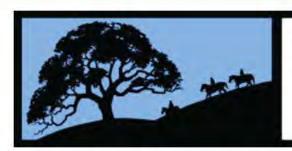
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## ALL-WEATHER TRAILS IN WUNDERLICH AND HUDDART PARKS: THE DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE

by: Don Pugh

The dream of local equestrians to ride the single-track trails of Wunderlich and Huddart Parks in the winter came true with the completion of Phase II of the All Weather Trails project in Wunderlich Park in November 2012.

It began in July 2008, when Dave Moore, Superintendent of San Mateo County Parks, asked how we could improve things for equestrians in the Parks, and Adda Quinn suggested all weather trails in Huddart would be wonderful. Today we have 5 1/2 miles of All Weather Trails in Huddart Park. Phase I was completed in November 2008 and improved the Dean, middle and upper Crystal Springs Trails. In November 2009, Phase II improved Lower Crystal Springs and Chinquapin. One bridge was replaced, and another had major repairs.

Huddart Park improvements were so well received that there was an outcry for doing the same in Wunderlich Park. In May 2011, Phase 1 improved the lower Bear Gulch trail and the lower Alambique trail. In November 2012, Phase 2 extended the Bear Gulch trail to the Meadows and then on to the Alambique Trail. This Phase will be compacted over the winter and opened to equestrians in the spring of 2013. These projects added over 3 miles of All Weather Trails to Wunderlich Park.

One of the four piles of base rock. The buggy can haul 2,000 pounds down the trail.

This has been a wonderful example of how citizens, contractors and the government can work together to achieve common goals. The equestrian community donated over \$122,000 to pay for these projects. The Parks Department contributed over \$61,000 of in-kind contributions of truck hauling and the base rock. Ron Gonzales hauled over 5,500,000 pounds of base rock down narrow, dirt roads. The crew from Yakima Construction made 2,800 trips in specially built buggies hauling all that base rock down the single track trails, and leveled and compacted it.

I want to thank everyone in the equestrian community that donated to this project. Without their generosity, these projects would not have been possible. The management of the Parks Department and Park Rangers were instrumental in working closely with the contractor to complete the projects on time and on budget.

What better way to escape momentarily from the pressure of our daily lives than riding under a crisp winter sky, hearing the creeks bubble, and breathing the fresh mountain air? Well now you can do it, so get out and ride this winter.

CHAPS – The Community Horse Advocacy Program for San Mateo County and the Mounted Patrol Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, led the fund-raising efforts.

Thank you for your support. If there are any questions call Don Pugh at 650-851-8343 or email don@CHAPSMC.org

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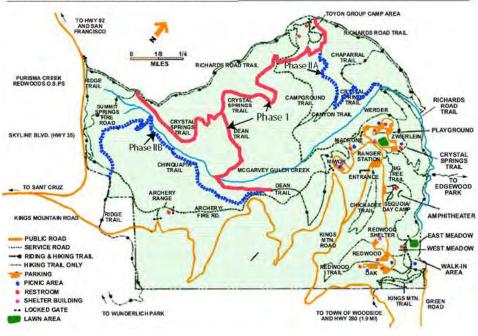
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The buggy comes down the trail with a load, past the compactor.

#### ALL WEATHER TRAILS IN HUDDART PARK

Huddart County Park



Phase 1 – Completed in Nov 2008

Dean Trail to Crystal Springs

Crystal Springs Trail from Toyon Campground to Richards Road near Skyline

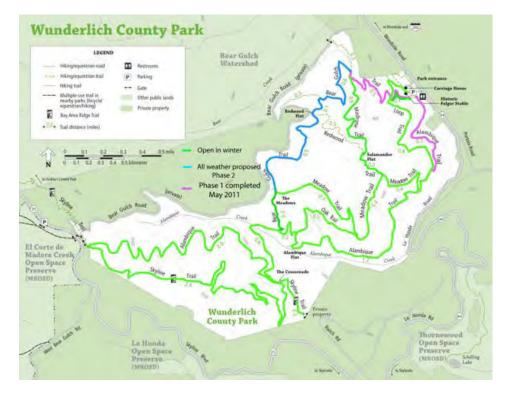
Phase 2 II A & B – Completed in Nov 2009

Chinquapin from Dean to the Ridge Trail near Skyline

Lower Crystal Springs from Richards Road to Toyon Campground

Bridge Repairs on Chinquapin and Crystal Springs

#### ALL WEATHER TRAILS IN WUNDERLICH PARK



Phase I – Completed May 2011

#### **Bear Gulch Trail**

Barn to Loop Trail to Madrone

#### **Alambique Trail**

Barn to Loop Trail

Phase II – Completed November 2012

#### **Bear Gulch Trail**

Madrone to Redwood Flat to Meadows

Meadows to Alambique



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#### **GAITS**

by: Sue Sheehan

#### The Boink

One-beat gait with suspension, often exhibited by horses ridden into a field of white-tailed deer.

#### The Lateral Swoop

A sudden sideways leap with shoulder horizontal to the ground, leaving the rider hovering briefly over where the saddle used to be before descending to the ground. Can be precipitated by a tractor starting up outside the arena, snow sliding off the arena roof, a large rock that magically turns into a bear or a green plastic garbage bag. Mine was a PIG!

#### The Whirling Dervish

Advanced version of the Lateral Swoop in which the horse spins like a top, frequently launching the hapless rider a long distance by centrifugal force. Specialty of certain Arabians, often caused by viewing a 4-wheeler approaching on the trail ahead.

#### The Yahooey

One of the natural Airs Above the Ground, a highly suspended movement exhibited when turned out or during the first canter in an open field. A variation is the Jet-Assisted Buck & Fart, in which the horse achieves maximum height and momentum aided by the loud expulsion of exhaust gas. Occurs on cold, windy days when the wind goes up the horse's tail and blows his brains out his ears.

#### The Omigod

Sudden backwards movement accompanied by loud, rolling snorts, ears stiffly forward and eyes bugging out, exhibited by a horse that has spotted a monster (invisible to the human eye) advancing on him from the front. Can be precipitated in visible form by riding up to a large blue tarp, which the wind then moves slightly.

#### The Hot Wheels

Speed gait in which all four legs rotate at high speed, often leaving rubber strips on the ground. Frequently exhibited by runaway ponies, rushing jumpers and horses returning to the barn.

#### The Shark Circling the Rowboat

Characteristic movement of lesson horse in ever-decreasing

concentric circles around the instructor, until the horse is in the center standing on the instructor's left foot and further progress is impossible. (Old school horses tell new school horses how to do this.)

#### The Sloth

Typical gait of school horse who has perfected the art of laziness. No perceptible forward movement, in spite of encouraging kicks, clucks, flapping reins, ineffective crop swats, shouts and jumping up and down. (Note: the Sloth can be transformed into Hot Wheels by the sight of the instructor advancing with lunge whip in hand.)

#### The Flapper

Movement in which the horse shakes like a wet dog, totally terrifying the beginner rider. Horse then grins an evil grin and eats grass.

#### The Wallow

Rotational movement performed on the ground, especially in mud, sand or water, usually defiling the purity of a perfectly clean saddle regardless of screams. Always performed when the instructor is at the other end of the trail ride or not looking.

#### The Upsie Daisy

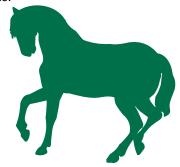
Immediately follows the Wallow, and always occurs before the arrival of the instructor.

#### The Snail and the Rocket

The two walking gaits of experienced trail horses on the trail. Going out, the walk is so snail-like, time perceptibly slows. Coming back, trotting horses can barely keep up with the rocket walk. Essentially, horses perfectly understand physical law; the speed of the walk is directly proportional to the direction on the trail.

#### **The Bobber**

Gait which old experienced lesson or trail horses proceed with child or beginner on back. Walk a few feet, stop, horse pulls reins through hands of beginning rider and eats grass. Repeat 50 times.



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#### **BRIDLES TO BOOTS**

by: Gretchen King

I've found that riders in every discipline have their own preferred equipment and clothing, and that their preferences are sometimes fashionable, usually utilitarian, and always interesting. Welcome to the first in an occasional series where we feature an SMCHA member and call out the makers of their clothes, gear, and review their overall equestrian "style."

This issue features SMCHA Board member Elizabeth "Liz" Sullivan, riding Mikey, a Mustang/Belgian gelding owned by Rich Boyd. In this photo, Elizabeth was showing Mikey in the Ranch Horse class at a Webb Ranch Schooling show this past summer. Both are sporting a Vaquero (anglesized as "buckaroo" look). Note Liz's flat hat doesn't have the high crown cowboy hats do, and her "leggin's" are called chinks, not chaps; they buckle behind the thigh.

Mikey is wearing a bosalito (little hackamore) with a thin "git down" rope made of twisted mane hair under his bridle. Buckaroos will never lead a horse by the bridle reins when they are afoot, and in fact that practice will result in disqualification at a buckaroo/vaquero show. The bosalito also plays a significant role in the historic Californio tradition of colt starting; it is also used as part of the two-rein training program, when the horse learns to carry the spade and wears the bosalito under the bridle as part of the "two rein" stage.

For suggestions about future equestrians to highlight, please send an email to hightechbuckarette@me.com



Liz Sullivan

Liz has a rawhide riata tied to her saddle in case she spies a maverick out on the range. Those rawhide riatas, usually 45 – 65' long, will set you back a piece of change so think twice before you rope with them! If you have never seen a grown man cry, you will if one snaps on a tight dally with a bawling calf on the other end. Liz worked with Don Dodge when she was a girl and has a special kinship for the historic traditions of cow working and horse training. Her horsemanship mentors (in addition to Don Dodge) are Gwynn Turnbull-Weaver and Dave Weaver as well as Richard Caldwell. Special thanks to Rich Boyd for the loan of Mikey and gear.

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Scarf Slide	Prairie Karen	https://prairiekaren.com
Classic White Shirt	Roper	any Western wear store
Belt	Justin	http://www.justinboots.com/
Buckle	Diablo Silver vintage	Collectible, not available; current store at http://www.diablosilver.com
Jeans	Wrangler 20X Jackson Lower Rise	http://www.wrangler.com/
Chinks	Carlos Macias/Lost Buckaroo	http://www.lostbuckaroo.com
Spur Straps	Bryan Kunic/Tully Hole Saddlery	http://www.extendinc.com/tullyhole/
Spurs	Toklat	http://www.toklat.com
Boots	Twisted X	http://www.twistedxboots.com
Mikey's Item	Vendor	Website
Bosalito	Made by Dave Weaver	http://www.thecalifornios.com/
"Git" down	Sarah Hagel at Hagel's Cowboy Gear	http://www.mecates.com
Headstall	Collection of Dave Weaver	http://www.thecalifornios.com/
Reins	Steve Guitron Custom Rawhide Braiding	http://www.customrawhide.com
Saddle Blanket	Yucca Flats #98	http://www.yuccaflatsinc.com
Saddle & Breast Collar	Billy Cook	Select saddle shops
Stirrups	Capriola's	http://www.capriolas.com
Riata	Collection of Rich Boyd; vintage from Rancho Escondido on Catalina Island in the 30's and 40's	N/A

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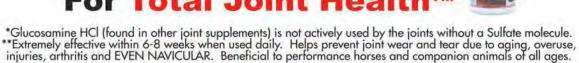
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#### MRSOD

by: Carole

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GPS Data: District preserve data, including preserve boundaries, trail data, and ward boundaries, are now also available for download. For ward maps and information, please see the Board of Directors page.

There are many areas that are under utilized. They have just finished on the Master Plan for LaHonda Creek/ Driscoll Ranch. It still will be a number of years before we can ride in there. We have had to have a permit for the 16 hr Class to ride on the Driscoll Ranch property.

As you can see you can make maps of many of the areas. They encourage the public to attend their meeting... in fact some of us in ETRAC have been following their projects... One of the new ones is Mindego Ranch. Faye and Emmet Brophy and Bob Rosenberg are volunteers for MROSD and are like VHP for County Parks.

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January

10 Board Meeting

26 Kick-Off Gala & Installation Dinner

February

14 Board Meeting

21 General Meeting

March

14 Board Meeting

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11 Board Meeting

20 Jack Brook Clean-up Day

21 Spring Ride

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4 Woodside May Day Parade

9 Board Meeting

16 Western Riding Clinic – Mounted Patrol

19 Western Schooling Show – Webb Ranch

23 Western Riding Clinic – Mounted Patrol

27 Hillsborough Parade - Color Guard

30 Western Riding Clinic – Mounted Patrol

June

6 Western Riding Clinic - Mounted Patrol

12 Board Meeting (note: Wednesday NCEFT)

13 Western Riding Clinic - Mounted Patrol

20 Western Riding Clinic - Mounted Patrol

7-15 San Mateo County Fair

27 Western Riding Clinic – Mounted Patrol

29 Mounted Patrol Clean-up Day

TBD Clarkia Trail Clean-up (Summer)

July

3 Mounted Patrol: Rodeo Dinner & Dance

4 Color Guard @ RWC Parade

4 Half Moon Bay Parade

4 Mounted Patrol: Junior Rodeo

11 Board Meeting

TBD Reining by the Bay - Horse Park

15 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

22 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

24-29 Jack Brook Horse Camp

29 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

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4 English Schooling Show - Webb Ranch

5 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

8 Board Meeting

10-11 Chick Ride

12 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

19 English Riding Clinic - Springdown

25 Open English/Western Show – Horse Park

September 12 Board Meeting

TBD Clarkia Trail Clean-up Day (Fall)

19 General Meeting

29 Presidents' Ride

October

10 Board Meeting

12 Woodside Day of the Horse

18,19,25,26 Grand National Rodeo

19 Horsemen's Night/Bus to GNR

26 Play Day & Halloween Extravaganza

November

14 Board Meeting

16 General Meeting - Elections & Bingo Night

December

6 Board of Directors Dinner

15 Holiday Barn Party

January 2014 9 Board Meeting

25 Kick-Off Gala & Installation Dinner

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Annual Dues			I would like to help with the following events/functions:			
JUNIOR MEMBERS (17 OR UNDER)	\$15.00	□ Denewel	■ Board of Directors	☐ H Junior Members		
SENIOR MEMBERS (18 OR OLDER)	\$25.00 New	□ Renewal	□ B Trails	□ I Playday		
MR./MRS. MEMBERS	\$40.00		C Western Riding Clinic			
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**	\$45.00		□ D English Shows	·		
[Parent(s) and unlimited number of children I would like to contribute to the following eve	-		<ul><li>□ E Western Shows</li><li>□ F Magazine</li><li>□ G Trail Rides</li></ul>	<ul><li>□ L Junior Color Guard</li><li>□ M Senior Color Guard</li><li>□ Other</li></ul>		
listing at right) in the following amounts:						
B \$ E \$ H \$	L \$		**Please list names and ages of	children:		
C \$ F \$ I \$	M \$					
D\$ G\$ J\$	Other \$					
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOTA Annual dues are for January 1 through Dece Join after October 1 and your membership is Do you want to be included in our Members	nber 31 of each year. You paid through the followin	r cancelled chec g year.				
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SMCHA. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. MAIL APPLICATION TO: SMCHA • P.O. BOX 620092, WOODSIDE, CA 94062