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Al & Sarah Filice's spring crop of foals:  
Rocky, Shooter and Maggie.  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer has officially begun, the kids are out of school and many of you are gearing up for your summer vacations; but are you also readying yourself for what may be one of the worst fire seasons since the 1980's? California is experiencing close to drought conditions throughout the state and moisture is in short supply; a survey in May of the snow pack in the Tahoe area found it to be 29% of normal levels – the lowest since 1988. Southern California isn't fairsing any better; the National Weather Service has issued a "red flag" warning for all of southern California because of the high level of fire danger. In recent months, the area has only had three inches of rain; as compared with fifteen inches in normal years.

As of June 28th, on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection website, there are three major fires that continue to burn throughout the state. The "Goldledge Fire" in Tulare County started June 3rd and is finally 96% contained – 4,196 acres have burned and the fire came within 10 miles north of Kernville. The "White Fire" of Kern County began on June 24th and is only 60% contained. High winds and low moisture to the area have fueled the fire; which has already burned 11,400 acres! The fire has already cost the state of California 3.5 billion dollars in four days! The most highly publicized fire has been the "Angora Fire" of El Dorado County; west of South Lake Tahoe. Over 3,100 acres have burned, over 300 residences/commercial structures have been destroyed and over 1,000 more are in danger. In only four days this fire has cost the state of California 5.7 million dollars; and counting!

On June 25th, a lot closer to home, a grass fire broke out in the undeveloped Stanford University property known as "the dish"; near Junipero Sierra and Frenchmans Road. More than 100 firefighters from multiple South Bay agencies fought the fast moving flames from both the ground and the air; keeping the flames from enclosing around nearby homes and equestrian facilities. Fortunately no one was hurt in the wildfire and no structures were destroyed; but 128 acres of 2 foot high dry brush and trees were burned. This fire was too close for comfort and got me to think about what measures we can all take when it comes to preventing and preparing for a fire.

Prevention is the number one key; taking action to reduce the chance and spread of fire to your property is the most important step you can take to ensure the safety of your family, animals, home and barn. These important steps should also be carried out and recommended to any horse facilities you may be boarding at. Creating a fire break of at least 100 feet between your home/barn and flammable vegetation/materials is necessary in defending any fire. Keep grass and weeds mowed; this is a huge fuel source. Store hay, bedding and equipment in a separate section of the barn; or better yet, in its own building or location. Keep the barn clean and free of cobwebs and dust; these are easily combustible and make excellent fuel

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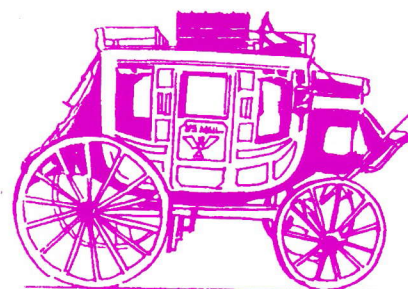
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sources. Be sure to keep all shrub and tree limbs free from contacting any electrical wires or hanging over your chimney. Keep your roof surfaces and rain gutters clear of any pine needles, leaves and debris at all times. Stack firewood away from your home and other buildings. Store combustible and flammable materials in approved containers. Keep all smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in good operating condition. Post "No Smoking" signs around the property and strictly enforce this policy. Remember, trucks bringing in hay and bedding materials have been known to ignite the product they are hauling from the truck's hot exhaust and catalytic converters. Frequently inspect electrical wiring, circuit panels and outlets for repair needs – note exposed wires, overloaded circuits, light fixtures and plug outlets problems, etc. All wiring and electrical equipment should be rated for agricultural use when used for livestock. Fortunately, much of fire protection involves taking simple common sense fire prevention measures.

Protecting a barn from the dangers of fire is much more difficult because of the environment of the barn and the housing requirements of the horses that live in them. Unfortunately there is no such thing as a fireproof building, especially in regards to agricultural settings, but there are ways to minimize the risk of fires when it comes to building and maintaining barns. Estimates show that 95% of all unintentional barn fires arise from human carelessness when using or discarding smoking materials and faulty electrical systems. Surprisingly enough, baled hay can be its own fuel and ignition source! Most hay fires will occur within six weeks of baling the hay – the cause: excessive moisture trapped in the bale. How does this moisture cause the bale to ignite into flames, you might ask – well, let me explain. Even after hay is harvested, plant respiration continues and this process generates a small amount of heat. This type of heat is normal and, under regular moisture conditions (15-18% moisture level), this is generally not a problem. If the moisture levels in the hay are too high and the hay is baled when it is wet, this respiratory heat will provide an environment that is highly favorable for certain microorganisms to grow and multiply. Another heat cycle is generated by the respiratory byproduct of these microorganisms, but as these microorganisms begin to die the internal temperature of the bale generally decreases. Occasionally though this internal temperature does not cool after the first heating cycle and the interior bale temperature continues to rise; eventually igniting. Newly baled hay should be checked twice a day for heat buildup; this can be done with a special temperature probe available at farm supply

companies (cost \$12-\$20). If the interior bale temperature reaches 150 degrees F, the temperature is most likely to continue to rise. By the time the interior bale temperature reaches 200 degrees F a fire has already begun; although it may not even be visible yet! Many of you may not know, but the best way to store hay bales is on their side; with the stems of the cut hay running up and down. This allows warm moist air to flow up and out of the bale.

Stable and barn design is very important too when preparing to fight a fire and when planning for the possible need of evacuating people and livestock. Be sure your facility is easily accessible for emergency vehicles; some entry gates or lanes are not wide enough for the fire department to enter or maneuver their vehicles. Make sure your property address is well marked and highly visible. When designing your stalls, it is important to provide two exit routes for the horse to escape. Make sure all exit doors swing outward; frantic horses will often catch a hip on half-open doors. Have halters and lead ropes easily accessible at every stall door. Be sure to keep all exits clear and unblocked. Having multiple fire hydrants with adequate water volume and pressure is critical in aiding fire suppression. Remember, additional water sources, like ponds and swimming pools, can also be used in fighting a fire. Have at least one charged and mounted "ABC" type fire extinguisher every 50 feet – this type of extinguisher is designed to fight ordinary combustibles (wood and paper), flammable liquids (grease and gasoline) and electrically energized fires. Practice fire drills and post evacuation routes – a plan of action may be your best defenses in saving lives and property. Post emergency numbers, written directions to the facility and any other important information that will aid emergency operators in dispatching emergency responders – this will aid in a prompt response time by those coming to help.

When dealing with a fire, there are four things to remember. First and foremost, remain calm! A panic reaction will only create situations that will endanger lives and property. Secondly, survey the scene. If it is not safe you must get out – do not try and be a hero! Surveying the scene of a fire should only take a second, but it is the single most important step in ensuring everyone's safety. Always send the most qualified person in to do the task, otherwise they can cause greater dangers and put everyone at risk. Always be alert to hidden dangers – for example, if smoke is seen or smelled in hay do not move it or walk on it; disturbing the hay may expose it to oxygen and it will quickly flash! Third, call 9-1-1 and ask for help. Regardless of the size of the fire, the potential risk of fire, or even if the fire was

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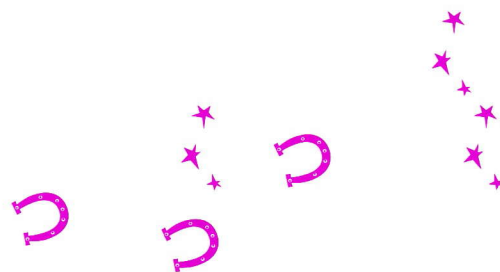
contained without professional help, it is imperative to immediately enlist the help of trained, certified and experienced firefighters. This is the only way to ensure the safety of all involved. Fourth and last, is the evacuation. If time permits, get the horses/livestock out and into a safe location; preferably an enclosed pasture far from the fire, smoke and embers. If there is only time for someone to run down the barn alley and open the stall latches, it is possible for a horse to push open their door and escape on their own. If the stall doors slide open, instead of swing, the same principle can be applied by having someone unlatch and slide each stall door to aid in evacuation. It is important to remember that even the most "bomb proof" horse will become distressed during a fire. Loose horses pose a problem for all involved – many horses will even run back into a burning barn, so it is imperative to prevent this! We need to remember that the stall, for a horse, is a place of refuge; it is where they are fed and where their stable mates are. Horses should be escorted out with their eyes covered – this helps decrease their anxiety – this drill should also be practiced to get your horse accustomed to walking blind folded. Following all of these principles will increase your success rate in dealing with a fire.

It is important to realize that fires can grow quickly and without warning. Barn fires can happen during all seasons and from a variety of different sources. Protecting a barn is not the same as fire protecting a home. We need to remember that most stalled horses are standing on dry bedding material that is highly flammable and that this material will only help fuel the fire. The speed of the rescue is of major importance, but even more importantly is preventing the fire to begin with. Enlist your friends and neighbors to take the same fire prevention steps to their property – together we can make a difference in decreasing the likelihood of a fire or its devastating effect.

On a final note, I would like to notify you of a potential fire hazard that can occur for those of you who trailer your horse with bedding material. There have been proven cases where a passing vehicle has thrown a lit cigarette out of their window and the cigarette has blown into the horse trailer. Since bedding material is present, the lit cigarette has the potential for igniting the bedding and creating a fire – trapping the horses inside and endangering the lives of all involved! Even though trailering with bedding material is a common practice, safety is always a number one concern for both AI and I, and for this reason we choose to trailer without bedding. Having screens on the drop down windows, if possible, will help eliminate this risk – but for those of you who have stock trailers, this is not feasible. Just a little food for thought!

Happy Trails,

Sarah Filice



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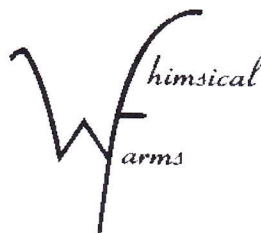
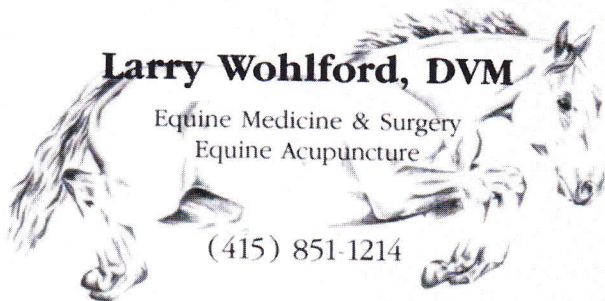
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## SMCHA at the Cow Palace

By Cindy Machado

Once again the Cow Palace Color Guard Competition is here. I feel like we are all old pros at it by now. We were sorry to see Emma and her family leave the color guard. They were great supporters and very hard workers. We welcome Mele and her family who jumped right in and brought everything together.

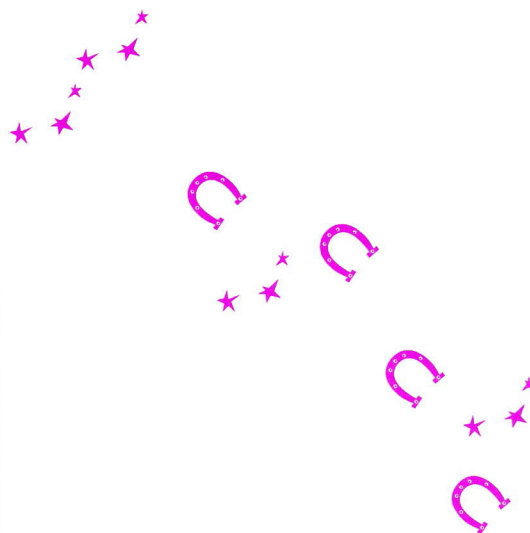
We had some set back with our practice this year, but managed to work it all out and get ready for the competition.

The girls worked very hard to get new saddles and tack this year. They raised over \$500 which they were able to use to finish out the new saddles that the club generously purchased. They really looked fabulous. We would like to thank our anonymous donor for the wonderful new black vests. They really completed the outfits this year.

The girls looked wonderful and made us all very proud. They kept their cool and came out with a perfect score on their maneuver.

I can't thank the parents, Janice, Melanie, Sarah, Lee, Kurt and Gary enough for their wonderful support throughout everything. This is truly a team effort and everyone gave without asking. A special thanks to Kathie, she got us a place to practice and a horse when we were down one. And boy what a horse, he filled the spot perfectly.

As always a very special thanks to Jaycea. We really appreciate the time you put into helping with everything. Thanks to everyone that stopped in and offered help and support. Thank you to Betty for the arena, it saved us. And last but certainly not least I want to thank Anna, Britney, Mele and Jenna. You girls are awesome and I am very proud of you. It is a privilege and an honor to have you represent the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association as their Junior Color Guard



## Friday Nite at the Races

By Sarah Filice

On April 20th, SMCHA celebrated another "Friday Nite at the Races" at Bay Meadows Racecourse. This year we sold one hundred and one tickets to the event; most of those who attended were SMCHA members (seniors and juniors), but many of their family and friends came too! The first race started at 7:00 pm and the last race ran at 10:00 pm; a total of eight races in all. The price of the ticket included general parking, admission, a racing program and a fabulous buffet dinner in the Club House. Where else can you go for \$25.00 and enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner (of good quality food), visit with friends and family, watch eight entertaining horse races and maybe even go home a little richer than when you came!! A few of us left a little poorer, but we still had a great time!

SMCHA had the second race named in our Honor; Misty Miss Cristy was the winner and Chad Schvaneveldt was the jockey. Six members of SMCHA's 2007 Executive Board (President Sarah Filice, 1st Vice-President Cheryl Basin, 2nd Vice President Adeline Forrest, Treasurer Dan Johndrow, Sergeant at Arms Stan Ramirez and Historian Kathie Goddard) were given the privilege of watching the race from the Winner's Circle and having their picture taken with the winning jockey. It was a very thrilling experience to be so close to the action and to hear the thundering hooves racing towards you!

Since 1934, Bay Meadows has been a jewel right in our very own backyard and SMCHA has truly enjoyed hosting many "Friday Nite at the Races", but unfortunately this is probably the last year our Association was able to partake in this favorite pastime. Since 2001, developers have been working with the Bay Meadows Land Company in developing a concept for the future use of this location. The 83-acre Bay Meadows racecourse may soon be the new site of 2.5 million square feet of office space, 1,500 residential units and a new shopping corridor. After a year of submitting proposals for the redevelopment of this land, the Planning Commission and the City Council both unanimously adopted the redevelopment proposal. It is only a matter of time before Bay Meadows Racecourse, as we know it, is no more.

Since the racetrack is loved by so many, the Bay Meadows Land Company has hired a real estate firm, Collier International, to identify a possible future site for the racecourse. Hopefully the efforts to retain the operations and the employees of Bay Meadows racecourse will be a reality; in a future not so far away! If Bay Meadows is still in its current state the same time next year, every effort will be made to host another "Friday Nite at the Races"; keep your fingers crossed!



Annie Kennedy and Stan and Jake Ramirez plan their next pick!



Michelle & Wayne Goodspeed are having a great time!





Rick Payne and Tanya & Larry Rebarchik



Noel Moody, Dave and Carol Sternberg, Betty Fontana, Kathie Goddard and Jim Keeton



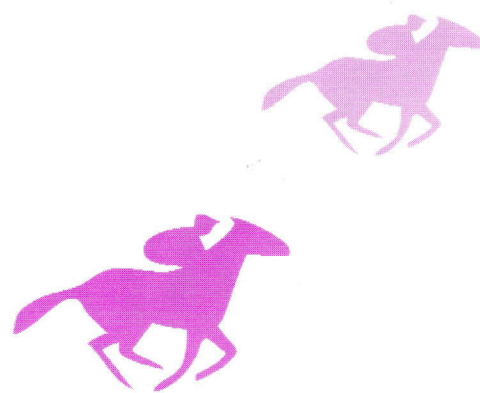
Faith Mack, Rosemarie Menager, Maryann Agosti, Guido Nannini, Sue Sheehan & Cheryl Basin



Terri Pacheco, Maria Fonseca and her girls Gabriela & Marian



Big time winner for the night!





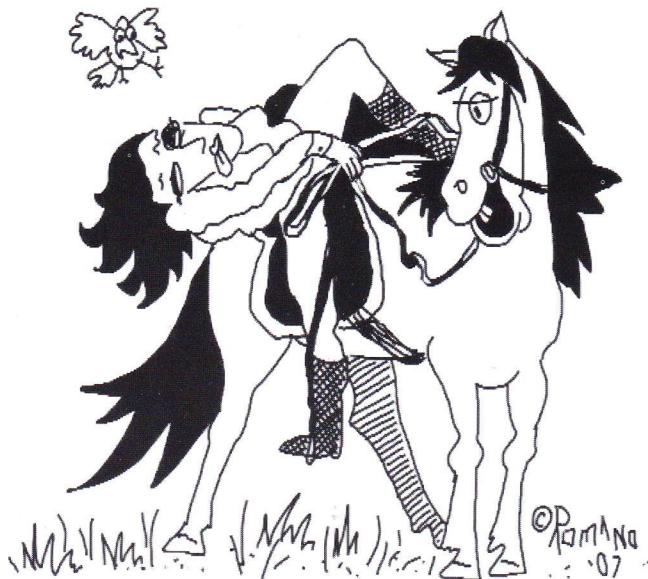
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## Jack Brook Work Day 2007

*By Mike Hertert*

It was a dark and stormy night... OK, no it wasn't. It was a beautiful sparkling morning. We just weren't sure it was going to be that way. Mother Nature had threatened rain right up until the very last second or so it seemed.

Last April 21st Jack Brook supporters came from near and far to participate in our annual camp clean up and preparation for the camping season. Rangers Steve and Pedro greeted us with hot coffee, juice and doughnuts. I have to presume that they know a happy crew is a productive crew. At last count we had 40+ attendees! Ranger Steve kept asking us what he could do to help us out and we kept telling him that we were here to help him. He'll get it sooner or later and we are very glad to have them as "our" rangers.

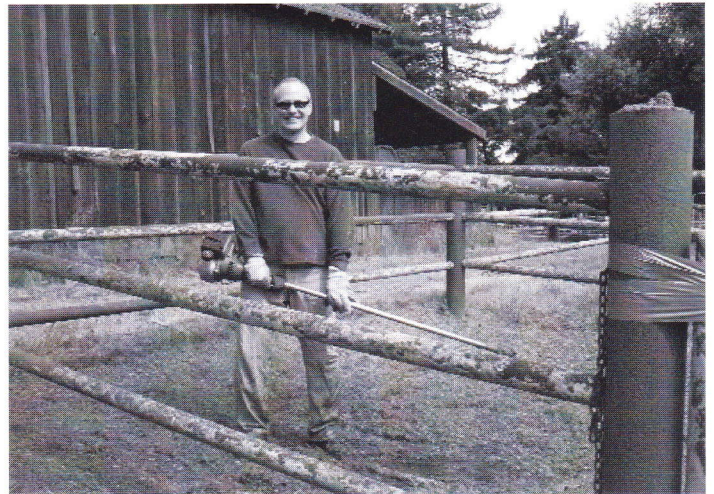
The Ad-hoc committee met with the county last February to collaborate on what needed to be accomplished. First on the list was the start-up procedure. Thanks to the efforts of Rob Krensky and with the help of our past Ranger Tommy O'Connor, a start-up/shut down sheet was generated in order to better protect the facility during winter. And it is equally important to make sure this information is passed on to any succeeding rangers. Shutting down in the fall includes making sure the drainage on the incoming road is ready for the upcoming winter rains and shutting down most of the water system, draining or wrapping the exposed pipes. Startup is mostly reversed.

Over in the "Paul Bunyon" department, Rick DeBenedetti and gang, managed the splitting of enough wood to completely fill the wood shed.

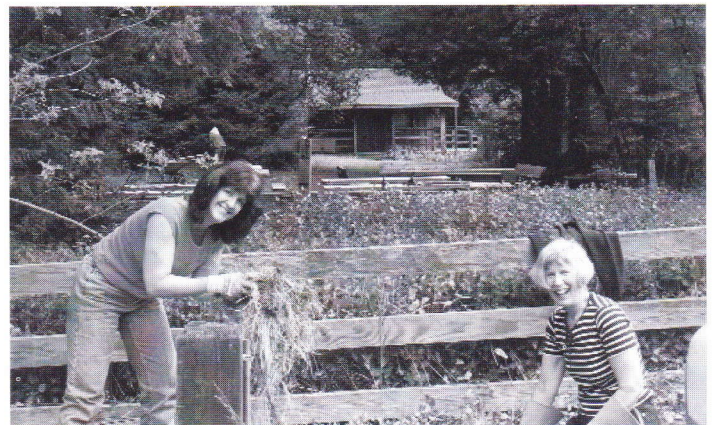
The rangers had brought up 12 or so large trees and by work day the trees were already limbed and bucked. Willy Johnson, Tom Bratton and John Sullivan brought up log splitters so fire wood was being split in wholesale fashion. Rick was also backed up by Don Elvander, Adeline Forrest, Shan Egan, Nora Johnson, Karen Cassidy, Danielle Bushue, Stacy Andrews and others schlepped the split wood to the wood shed all day. Larry Rebarchik tried to (and did) prove that a good old "splittin' maul" is just as fast and he won't need to go to the gym later. Overall, these guys and gals just wouldn't stop! They worked into the late afternoon (it had started to rain) and Tom even came back the next week to finish the last bit.

This year it was time to provide some much needed maintenance to the old pipe corrals. The years of rain and fog have taken quite a toll and some of the posts were

rusted through at the bottom. Under Rick Payne's supervision, the steel caps were cut off by Rick Payne, Mike and Danielle Bushue. Willy Johnson and I mixed concrete and filled the posts to the top. We went through 25 sacks of concrete which was about 8 posts worth. Fortunately, that was enough to hold us until next year. Our plan is to do a few posts a year.



All work and no play makes Dave a dull boy



Always a smile



Damn I lost another contact lens

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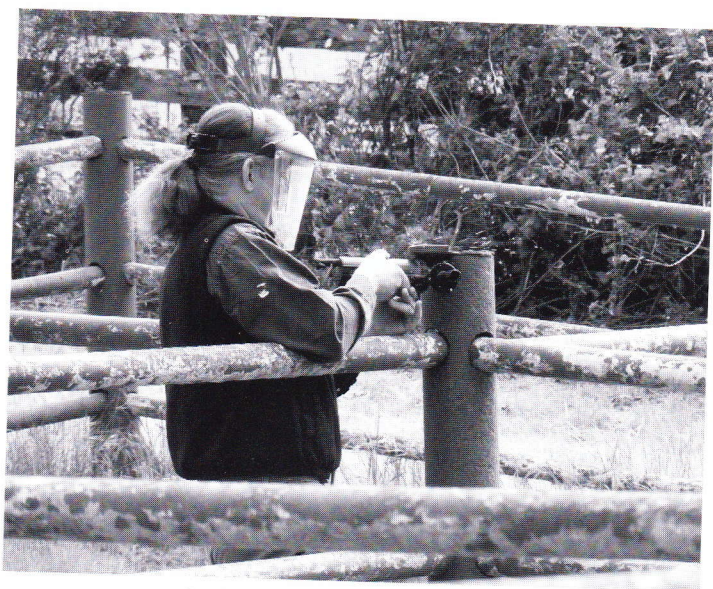
Over in the landscaping department, site 3 was spruced up by BJ MacLellan, Barb Stogner, Adeline Forrest and has been declared fit for camping. Kitty Haddix wouldn't rest until the VHP site was ready for duty. Shan Eagan made sure there were no "bats in the belfry" (see photo). Karen Cassidy and Shan trimmed "Dougie's Tree" in the apple orchard. The weeds were trimmed inside the corrals and much rock was brought in by Ranger Pedro and by the end of the day, a sizeable dent was made in fixing up the corrals for opening day. Noel Moody, Lucy Krensky, Faye Brophy, Leandra Steenkamp, Natalie Greco, Carol Bridgeman and others concentrated on the common areas. Thanks to Joyce Halpin for some great photos.

The County did a lot of the chores that we typically took care of ahead of time. They brought in a tractor mower and did the bulk of the mowing so all we had to do was the weed whacking where their mower could not get. Also in preparation for the camping season, the three remaining eucalyptus trees were removed and MANY truck loads of fill and rock were brought in to create a parking area for the larger than large rigs. It will easily handle two and, if we all inhale, three really big rigs. When driving in, you will notice the road has been widened by a foot or so, on each side! The road has also been re-rocked and additional drainage provided. In addition, the committee was planning to bring a small team up to re-roof the Towne cabin and

the County took care of that as well. A BIG THANK YOU to the rangers and the County for doing that.

At lunchtime, those same rangers fired up the barbecue and they cooked us hotdogs, sausages and put out chips & sodas with all of the fixins. I think they just became our favorite rangers.

All in all, this year's work day was a fabulous success! My apologies go to those who worked their tails off and did not get mentioned in this article. There were several new faces and I am sorry I did not have time to get around and meet all of you. On behalf of the Jack Brook Ad-hoc committee I would like to thank the SMCHA, Shack Riders, VHP, Los Viajeros and the Mounted Patrol for all of their efforts and for the support of this very special place. We also would like to thank Rangers Pedro, Steve, Frank (the road guy), Ranger Matt DelCarlo and the boss man, Dave Moore for all of their support and for allowing us this opportunity to help keep this camp going.



Don't catch your hair on fire Mike



Fill 'er up



Glug, glug, glug

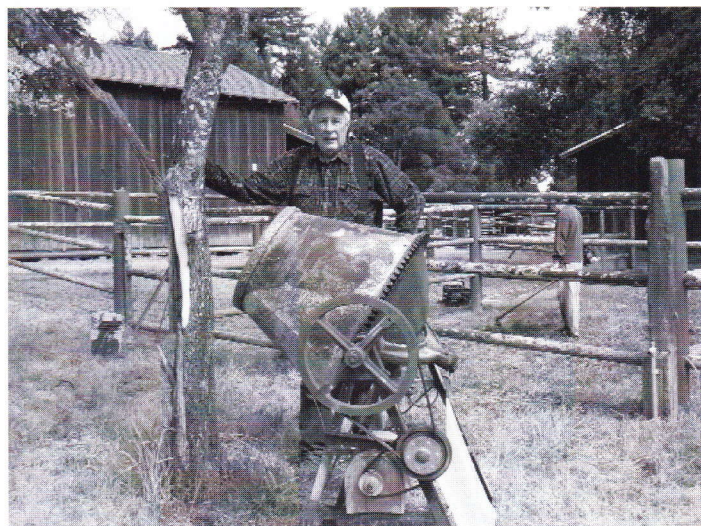




Have we run out of work yet



Hey Kitty nice hat



I am working I'm holding the tree up



I'm glad I'm not cleaning the men's room



I'm reserving this corral for the next visit



Just glad to be here

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*Jack Brook Work Day 2007 continued*

Lunchtime



My Hero



Note to self - Watch fingers - Not camera



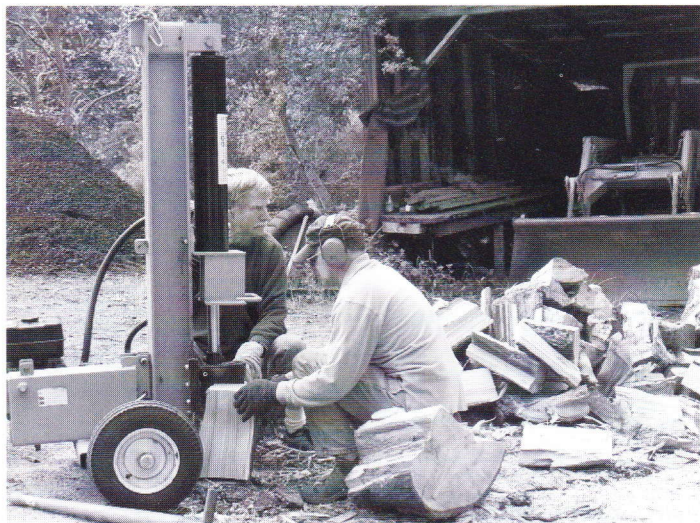
Okay girls after lunch it's back to work



Please tell me it's lunch time



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**Spring Ride 2007***by Adeline Forrest*

It was a beautiful day for a ride on April 29th. Twenty-one riders came together along Runnymede Road for a great breakfast.

Two groups of riders (led by Kathie Goddard and Noel Moody) enjoyed meandering through the Rosecrans

Sculpture Garden property and the scenic trails of Woodside.

They proceeded to Stu and Carleen Whittelsey's Fox Hollow Farm for a Tri-tip/ Chicken lunch with all the fixings, catered by Alan Forrest and Jose Rios. Everyone leisurely returned to Runnymede Road around 3 pm. Lots of fun was had by all!



Riders enjoy some breakfast goodies before heading out on the trail.



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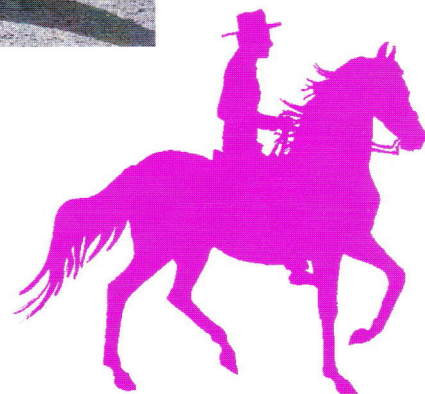
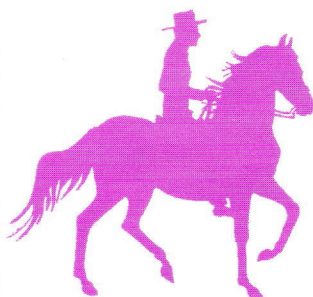
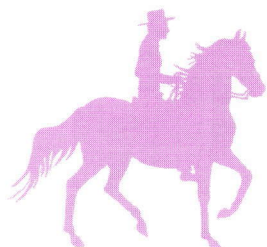
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## Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Day

by Adda Quinn

SMCHA members turned out in force for Trail Work Day on the Clarkia Trail in Edgewood Park on May 12, 2007. It is vital that horsemen be perceived as bringing value to our local parks and open spaces so that we do lose the privilege of riding on these trails. Every horsemen should become a volunteer at a park or open space near you. An easy way to do that is by joining an organization such as SMCHA, the Volunteer Horse Patrol for County Parks, or the MROSD Trail Patrol. Call in your rides and volunteer time spent and get credit that will keep horses on trails in the future.

The Clarkia Trail is the only safe route for many horsemen to get off of Emerald Hills and down into the Town of Woodside. SMCHA has a commitment to work on the Clarkia

Trail at least twice annually, once in spring after the flowers have bloomed, and once in fall to prep it for winter use. Please sign up when you get dates from us for these events. Edgewood Park is a bike and dog free park and



Danielle and Mike Bushue hard at work!



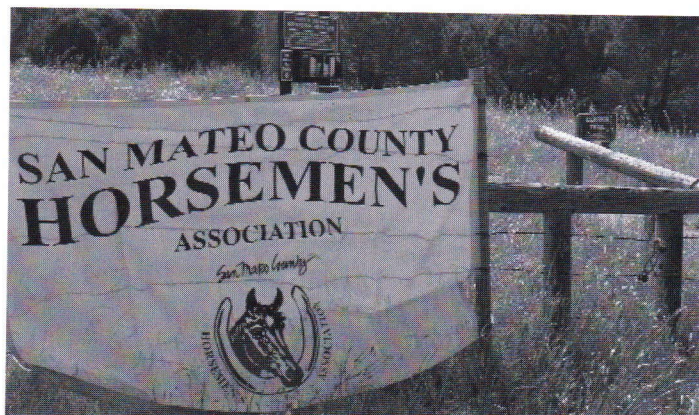
Adda Quinn, Bill Ashton, Kathie Goddard and Ann Kirby



The gang's all here!



Workin' on the trail gang!



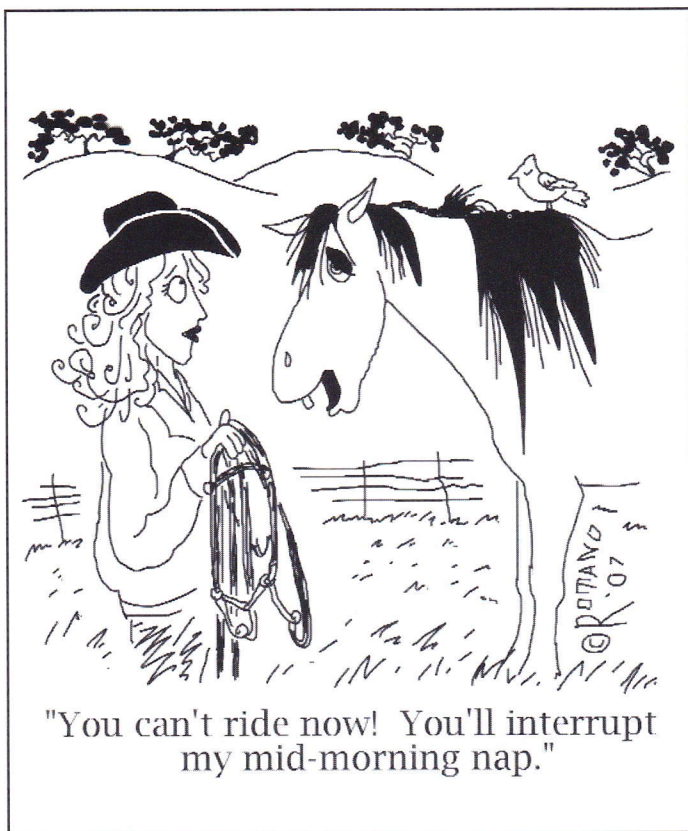
open space providing safe riding for horsemen. It is open year round and provides an open grassland in sunshine for cold winter month riding. Thanks to all who showed up for this important event; Bill Ashton, Cheryl Basin, Danielle and Mike Bushue, Al and Sarah Filice, Kathie Goddard, Mike Hertert, Shannon Kane, Ann Kirby, Ranger Scott Lombardi, BJ MacLellan, Ernst Meissner, Noel Moody, Chris Romano Puckett and myself. The next scheduled clean-up day for this year is Saturday, September 8th - see you there!



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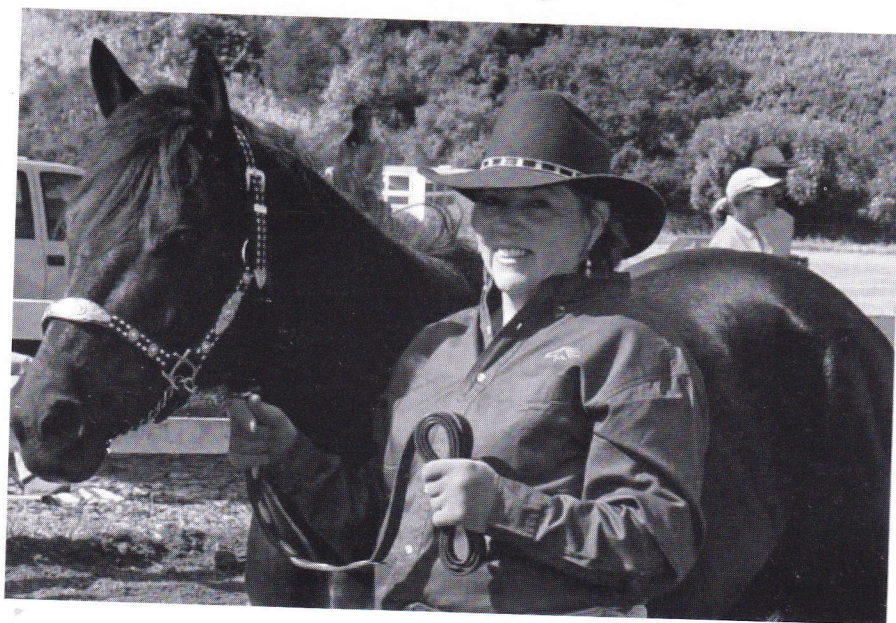
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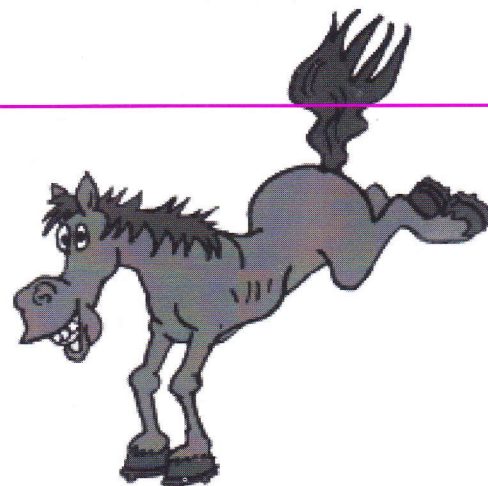
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## Junior Barrel Racing Clinic

by Cindy Machado

The juniors tried something a little bit different this year. They decided to put on a barrel racing clinic. With a beautiful Saturday morning and 6 riders ready to learn the fine points of barrel racing, our clinic started with Jenny Bruno in charge. She started with warm ups and working in circles. Starting in a large circle and working your way down to a small one in both directions helps get your horse ready to make the turn around the barrel. The group was a nice size. It allowed Jenny to help each one with the little things they need to work on. You could see the concentration on the riders faces as they tried to remember everything Jenny told them to do. With each run you could see more confidence in both horse and rider. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot from Jenny. They would even like to see a follow up clinic in the future.

A special thank you to Jenny for re-arranging her schedule for our clinic. Thank you to Betty Fontana for the use of your arena, it was perfect. I also want to thank Kathie and Anna for dragging the arena for us so we would have good footing.



Mele Afu



Becky Witter



Christine Flock



Britney Olson





Janis Olson



left to right: Mele Afu, Janis Olsen, Britney Olsen, Anna Machado, Becky Witter and Christine Flock

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**Notes from Noel***by Noel Moody*

Los Viajeros knows how to put on fun rides! The season started in March with a ride to Alice's Restaurant on Skyline Blvd., and in Calero Park in April. This was followed by a great overnight ride in May at Lake Sonoma with its beautiful views and wonderful trails around the lake. But the highlight of the summer was the LV Four-day-ride to Montesol Ranch outside of Calistoga. Over sixty riders enjoyed riding the many miles of trails through the woods and up and down the mountains of this beautiful 14,000 acre ranch. Home of Calistoga Water, the ranch has numerous springs, creeks and even a lake. Everyone enjoyed a swim in the pool filled with 100% Calistoga water or took a refreshing dip in the lake which even had its own sandy beach and an island in the middle to swim to. Paradise found!

Grace Headquarters of Los Banos catered the yummy meals with very cute table decorations.

On Friday night LV presented "LV Idol" with Joe Amos, Norma Tucker and Don Pugh as the Judges and Christine Wright as MC. All decked out in wigs and outrageous costumes, they had plenty to say about the acts! We had Cowboy poetry read from the back of a horse accompanied by a guitar, the Supremes showed up in black wigs and sequined gold dresses, Members sang duets, some sang solos, one even wrote limmericks about LV members. Our host Dick Livermore's daughter and friend performed a terrific dance. It was a great evening!

Saturday evening it was time for the annual Raffle and Silent auction. The most sought after auction item was a \$1900 tree service certificate donated by Mountain Man Tree Service of La Honda. There were many other nice things, including a special edition Wells Fargo belt buckle from 1948 and some beautiful jewelry.

We were all camped in a beautiful orchard, where just about every horse had its own (shade) tree! Some rigs were parked in a grassy manicured meadow with a trout pond made of beautiful boulders. It was truly a luxurious venue!

The whole Four Day Ride was a "Ten". Thank you to our host, Dick Livermore, organizers Alison White, Tanya Rebarchik, Rick Payne, Norma Tucker, Christine Wright and Noel Moody.

It was a hard act to follow, but LV loves challenges! So in July, sixteen riders participated in the NCEFT Poker Ride, placing second ( behind SMCHA!) for group participation. The next day LV enjoyed riding the beautiful trails of the

Double Dog Ranch in Pescadero. Then we trailered to Ellie and Roy Ferrari's lovely Shade Ranch (also in Pescadero). We had lunch in their barn filled with Ellie's beautiful carriage collection. There was even a replica of a Wells Fargo Stage Coach and a Covered Chuck Wagon. The walls were decorated with antique ranch equipment. It was a great treat to see all of this!

LV has more fun rides planned: In August we'll spend a weekend at Point Reyes, and Labor Day Weekend will find us at Jack Brook Horse Camp. The October ride will take place at Henry Cowell Park in Santa Cruz, then we'll end the riding season with the annual LV progressive ride through Woodside.

Guests are always welcome! For more information about Los Viajeros contact Alison White at 650-368-1308 or [senbardoc@aol.com](mailto:senbardoc@aol.com), or Tanya Rebarchik at 650-867-2987 or [treabar@hamilton.com](mailto:treabar@hamilton.com)



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## ETRAC Is Still Busy!

by Jen Basiji

Slogging away at trails advocacy is often about "hurrying up and waiting"; particularly with regard to the Huddart-Wunderlich Master Plan, San Mateo County's (SMC) Blue Ribbon Committee for evaluating a multi-use trail from the valley floor up to Skyline, Driscoll Ranch/La Honda OSP's Master Plan Windy Ridge OSP and Bear Creek Stables. This article will touch on these "slow-pokes", and cover other issues such as Thornwood, GGNRA/Phleger/ Greer Mill trail proposal, Coastside, Jack Brooks, P.18 trail, Stanford S1 or C1 trails, Folger Stables, Arastradero Preserve, and — proposed Skyline to the Ocean Trail.

### SLOW-POKES:

#### Huddart-Wunderlich Master Plan:

A draft program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has now been prepared for the Draft Master Plan of Huddart-Wunderlich Parks, for which there is a 45 day public review and comment period from July 16 to Aug 30th 2007. Public hearing to receive public comment on the Draft Program EIR will be held by the County Parks and Recreation Commission on Aug 2nd, 2:30PM, County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 400 County Center, RWC 94063.

#### Blue Ribbon Committee (SMC):

Director Dave Holland is in the process of selecting participants. I hope to report that the Committee has been formed and is functional in the next article. Dave has been in contact with all other land managers (MROSD, GGNRA, SF Water), and feels he has a good foundation for the Committee as it is being formed.

#### Driscoll Ranch/La Honda OSP:

Joyce Halpin has nothing to report at the moment, as master planning is still in the MROSD process — and ...just... takes ...time. The Master Plan Draft is however, still due in September this year.

#### Windy Hill OSP to Russian Ridge OSP:

Nothing new to report – yet!

#### Bear Creek Stables:

This stable is still operating month-to-month, while awaiting a Site Plan.

### OTHER ISSUES:

#### Thornwood, Woodside:

ETRAC's hard-working Secretary, Carole Bridgemen attended an MROSD Use and Management Committee meeting covering this subject. A new trail has been suggested to bypass the damaged trail. The crossing of Dennis Martin

Creek will be via a ford instead of building a bridge. MROSD will then do creek restoration and drainage improvement along the creek. They want to leave a neighborhood trail for hikers. The hope is to finalize the plans soon and get the permits this year, starting work in 2008.

#### GGNRA/Phleger/Greer Mill Trail:

On March 17th, Mike Bushue, Brooke Fox and Ernst Meissner did a scouting project in Phleger along the proposed new trail alignment for the Greer Mill Trail. With help from Mike's GPS unit, they put up red marker ribbons along the way, at the 1200 ft. contour line. (Starting at the intersection of Richard's Road and Campground Road in Huddart, and into Phleger, ending at Mt. Redondo Trail). On June 8th, Ernst, Mike and daughter Danielle Bushue, along with Bruce Puckett, hiked this same alignment with Steve Griswold from GGNRA and Jennifer Green from the National Park's Conservancy. The proposed trail is about 2 miles long, and conveniently splits the upper and lower areas of the park to give two nice loops in and out. Protection of the creek is imperative. The overall results of this meeting were positive, and ETRAC will be formulating a letter to Mr. Brian O'Neill, Superintendent of GGNRA, to emphasize the regional importance of Phleger and encourage this trail's inclusion in future planning.

For the history, background information and map of the proposed trail, go to [www.ETRAC.com](http://www.ETRAC.com). On the home page, select PROJECTS, then GGNRA Phleger Park: General History and Current Trail Issues.

Jennifer Green is still interested in doing a much-delayed ride into Phleger to review the situation with the closed Windy Ridge Trail. This trail meanders between water utility land and GGNRA. The goal is to move the whole thing into GGNRA jurisdiction. Ernst will schedule a ride with Jennifer as soon as is mutually practical. We'll keep you posted.

#### Coastside:

It goes without saying how important preservation of the Coastal Trails system is, and ETRAC wants to help. Our members attend meetings when they can and try to keep on top of developments.

According to Faye Brophy, SMC has now formulated a Recreation Implementation Plan for the Mid-Coast District. Public Meetings are generally held in the Harbor House Conference Center, Princeton, the next being slated for July 31st from 7-9pm. These team meetings will not be open for public participation. However, the public may attend to observe. If you have any questions, contact Sam Herzberg. 650-363-1823.

**The priorities for this Plan are:**

1. Community Center construction
2. Playfields
3. Completion of Coastal Trail and crossing of Hwy 1
4. Small neighborhood playgrounds with bathrooms.

**Three subcommittees have been formed:**

1. Trails
2. Playfields
3. Pocket parks

**Gail Erickson is the chairperson for the Trail Subcommittee, operating under the Mid-Coast Community Council. Their specific priorities are:**

1. Completion of the CA Coastal Trail from Moss Beach north to Montara/Devil's Slide.
2. Crossings of Hwy. 1.
3. Potential Class One car free Commuter Trail (for use by cyclists, tractors, hikers, and potentially equestrians).

The latter would be within a 200-300 ft. wide CalTrans right of way, and would have to be initiated by CalTrans.

If anyone is interested in being on this subcommittee with Gail, please contact her at 650 727 4416, or email her at Gail\_E@earthlink.net.

**Jack Brook Horse Camp:**

Faye Brophy and Rob Krenksy (VHP) rode with Dave Holland on May 22nd. They took the Brook Loop trail, ensuring Director Holland got to see how beautiful Pescadero Creek Park really is, and what a good fit it is for equestrians. He also learned the extent of equestrian volunteerism at the camp, making it the premier horse camp it is today. Mr. Holland suggested using the cabin at the camp, and any decisions in this regard would be handled through the Ad Hoc Committee and Dave Moore. According to Faye, emails received from six parent organizations are favorable to opening up this cabin for equestrian use. These emails are now in the hands of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**P.18 Trail and New Skyline Trail to 92:**

A nice bit of good news regarding the P18 trail (Huddart, along Skyline to Purissima Creek OSP), is that during a BARTC affiliated cocktail party in Atherton on May 26th, Adda Quinn, Ernst Meissner and Lyndie Martinson presented the mighty sum of \$14,400 to SMC, donated by local horse people, and specifically allocated to the P.18 construction fund.

San Mateo County and other interested parties have engaged a certain Bill Harris to do a feasibility study, which includes what we call the P18. This study would cover a trail along Skyline from Huddart Park, all the way to

92, and would be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail (BARTC). Ernst is in contact with Bill, and will report details as and when available. Dave Holland mentioned recently, that the trail along Hwy 35 from Purissima Creek OS and Hwy 92 would soon be under discussion. Sam Hertzberg (SMC) will be including ETRAC in the list of invitees to attend scheduled meetings. If you are interested in attending or participating in these discussions, contact Sam at (650) 363-1823.

**Stanford S1 and C1 trails:**

Sadly, unless someone out there really knows how to change Stanford's mind, these two trails are turning out to be non-horse friendly (i.e. paved) at this juncture.

**Folger Stables:**

As many of you know, the goal of the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks is to raise \$3.3 million by October 1st 2007. While fundraising is ongoing and results are encouraging, the goal has not yet been met. If you can encourage friends and acquaintances to give a few dollars – every little bit helps! Only a couple of months to go to the deadline! Also, the committee is on a crusade to obtain Folger's coffee memorabilia. Anyone with old coffee cans and the like, in good condition, (or know of other sources) call the office at 650 851 2660.

**Arastradero Preserve:**

Ernst Meissner's good relationship with the City of Palo paid off handsomely yet again! Earlier, Ernst had made a suggestion that a trail be built linking an existing trail behind the new Interpretive Center, to the pathway along Arastradero Road to the crosswalk into the part of the Preserve on the south side of Arastradero Road. No sooner said than done! We equestrians now have a lovely new dirt trail to use, and no longer have to enter the actual gravel parking lot to access the part of the park on the north side of Arastradero Road. THANKS ERNST!

**Proposed Skyline to Ocean Trail:**

A handy map to show exact areas where the Skyline to Ocean Trail is envisioned would be really helpful. In the absence of such a tool, the following is a rough guideline, just to whet your appetite!

One idea is to be able to ride, from Edgewood (SMC) to Huddart (SMC) to Phleger (GGNRA) across Hwy 35 to Purissima Creek OS (MROSD) into Lobitos Ridge (POST) and via easement through Elkus Ranch through Purissima Farms (POST) to Cowel Ranch (POST).

Another possible future route is from Windy Hill (MROSD) across Hwy 35 to La Honda Creek Preserve (MROSD) to

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Driscoll Ranch (MROSD) through the Town of La Honda to Sam Macdonald County Park to Pescadero Creek

County Park and Memorial County Park. From there we would need to connect to

Diamond Ranch (POST), Arata CE (POST conservation easement), San

Gregorio Ranch (POST conservation easement) and San Gregorio Farms (POST).

Additionally, from the above route you could hopefully, connect to Pescadero Creek Park, hopefully to Butano State Park to Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

ETRAC members are in the process of setting ride dates to explore these trail possibilities. More on that later.

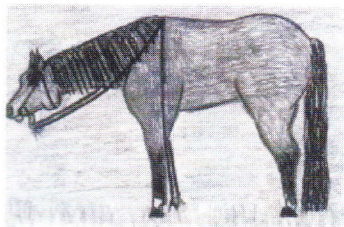
In drawing to a close, let me mention that if you fancy rolling up your sleeves any time, join us at one of our monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday, 7-9pm) — venue available from Carole Bridgeman at 650 593 2134. And, of course, our website is also a mine of trails related information:

[www.ETRAC.com](http://www.ETRAC.com) or [www.etrac.melinameissner.com](http://www.etrac.melinameissner.com).

That's all for now folks! Safe riding!

JenB

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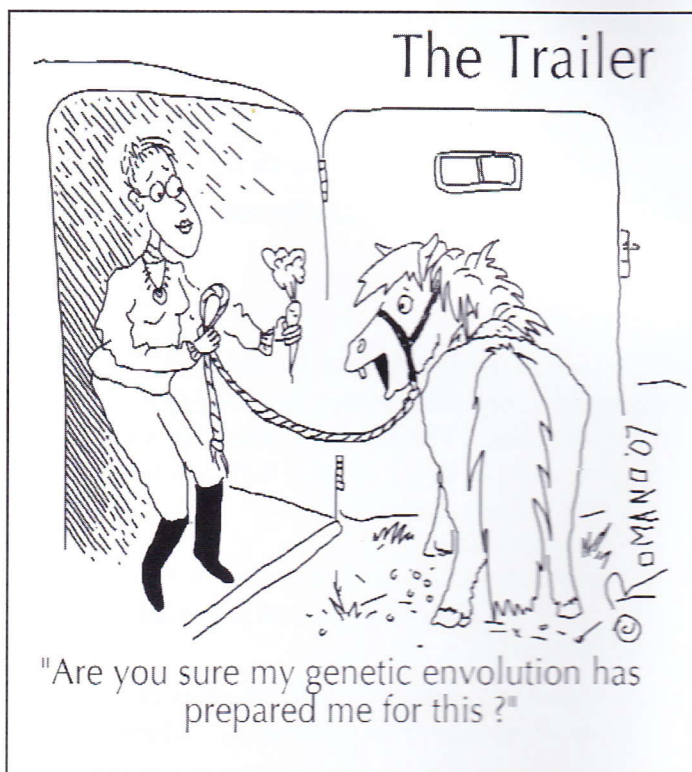


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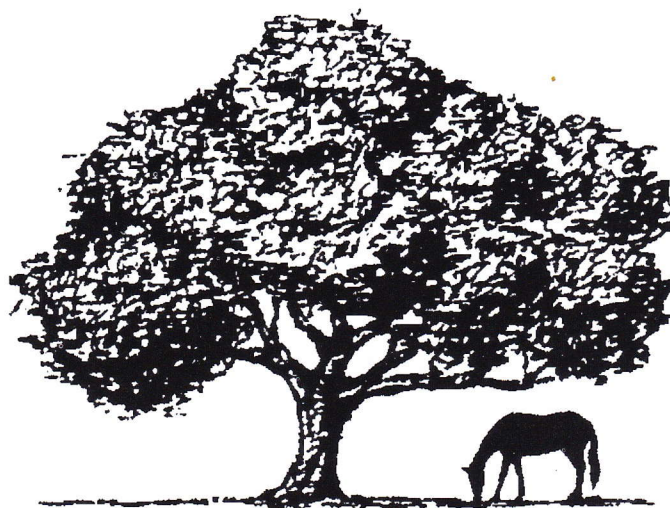
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## The Filice's New Editions

by Sarah Filice

For the last couple of years my husband, Al, has dreamed of breeding our two Percheron mares (a draft horse that originates from France); Mari-Anne and Rosie. Al always said that he wanted a six-up hitch (which is a team of six horses pulling a Hitch Wagon) and that if I wouldn't let him buy the six horses he would breed 'em! Well I never took him seriously until I saw that look in his eye – he wasn't kidding! Six years ago we were actively looking to buy another Percheron; we had recently lost our Percheron stallion, Junior, to laminitis and our beloved 28 year old Percheron mare, Bonnie, to old age. A friend of ours told us of a couple of mares located at Hames Valley Ranch, down in Bradley California. So off we went on a road trip. The choice between the two mares was easy and as soon as we saw Mari-Anne we instantly fell in love. She was just what we were looking for; well almost – she was already five months pregnant! That is how we got our beautiful Rosie and how the "baby bug" bit us hard! There is nothing more special as raising a baby from birth to adulthood and the lessons you teach each other along the way!

After much research and deliberation, we finally found the perfect Percheron stallion to breed our "girls" to; a stud out of Pennsylvania named Pleasant View King. He was ranked one of the top two stallions in the United States and Canada. He is a magnificent black stallion who stands 18-2 hands, is about 2300-2400 pounds, and has beautiful movement and action. We contacted the owners and got the paperwork started. We had already contacted our vet, Dr. Larry Wohlford, about our plans of breeding the two mares and had already worked out all of the logistics involved with artificial insemination (A.I.). We were on our way to increasing our herd!

Now here comes the second part to this equation! I have a very beautiful Quarter Horse mare named Suzy; but she has always been a very "moody" mare! A real She-Devil at times!!! Al has always said that breeding her would do her a world of good and that she would probably become a better mare after raising a baby. She also has great paternity; her sire is Topsail Cody – one of the "Legends" of the Quarter Horse world! Our dear friend, Noel Moody, got wind that we were contemplating breeding Suzy and she told me she knew just the stallion for my mare; an awesome Quarter Horse stallion named Custom Slider. Once I saw the picture of Slider my jaw fell to the floor; he was perfect! We actually even went to visit him where he was standing, at the Boyle Ranch, and his gentle disposition,

beautiful muscular body, good height (15-2 hands) and good sized hooves clinched the deal.

Although we finally got all three mares bred and settled in 2006, it was much harder than we all anticipated. The weather really played havoc on the mares "heat" cycling – lots of cold and rainy days – which really messes up the timing of when the mares were going to ovulate and when to schedule a shipment of chilled semen. My mare, Suzy, was confirmed pregnant first (via ultrasound); then Rosie and then finally Mari-Anne. Since Suzy and Rosie were both "maiden mares", no previous pregnancies, we thought they would be the most difficult to conceive; but it turned out that Mari-Anne was the third and final. All the mares experienced a normal and unremarkable pregnancy. We rode and worked all of the mares up until their last few weeks of pregnancy – this kept the mares in good physical condition and really helped them prepare for labor.

Suzy was expected to deliver first. She was bred on April 25, 2006 and was scheduled to foal somewhere around March 31, 2007. Horses are basically pregnant for eleven months and, as a general rule of thumb, you use 342 days past the day of their last breeding as their due date. There are many signs you watch for as the mare gets closer to the final days or hours of pregnancy – their udder size and tension increases, the nipples enlarge and fill, milk production goes from yellowish in color to milky white, the nipples often have a "waxy" substance that collects at the bottom of their nipples and is called "waxing", the mares abdomen will drop and the flank will become sunken, as the pelvic ligaments relax the croup area (around the base of the tail) will become spongy due to decrease muscle tone, the mare's tail becomes extremely relaxed and floppy, the mare's vulva (vaginal opening) will elongate in preparation to the delivery, the mare's appetite will often decrease, their attitude may change and they often become restless. Many mares have a drop in temperature about 18-24 hours prior to delivery. Manufacturers also make tests you can perform on the mare's milk to help you determine when the mare will foal – generally these tests are reliable, but with Suzy the test told us she had a 90% chance of foaling within 24 hours and she didn't deliver the baby for another two weeks!!!!

Al and I do "mare watch" during this time of impending delivery; which means we set up camp in the back of our Suburban and sleep out at the ranch until the mare delivers! We have a great little set up – we put wireless cameras in the foaling stalls and then have a video monitor in the vehicle so we can watch and listen to what the mare is doing. We take shifts of watching and sleeping, so that we don't both fall asleep during the main event!

During the late evening of April 16th I was sitting in the front seat and Al was asleep in the rear of the Suburban. One of our junior helpers, Danielle Bushue, and her mom, Ginger, were also camping out with us doing mare watch in their vehicle behind us. I was busy watching Suzy as she paced back and forth in her stall, pawed at the ground, and glanced at her flank; she was visibly uncomfortable and restless. I knew this had to be the night; she was in labor. Finally at 11:55pm, Suzy's water broke! By the time we made our way out of the Suburban and down the breezeway of the barn we already could see two hooves showing. Things were progressing really fast!!! We quickly called Dr. Wohlford to alert him of the delivery and that everything was presenting normally; we told him we would call him after the foal was delivered! By 12:10am on April 17th, Suzy gave birth to a beautiful baby colt! Her delivery was textbook and only took fifteen minutes from start to finish. The only real problem she had was following her delivery; the post-delivery uterine contractions must have been really severe, because all of a sudden she flung herself onto the ground and started to roll around in pain – fortunately it only lasted a couple of minutes and then she was back to normal. She instantly bonded with the baby and has been a great mom ever since. Originally we were going to name the baby "Jiffy Pop", because whenever you watched the foal move around during Suzy's pregnancy it looked like Jiffy Pop Popcorn popping. After the colt was born we knew that name didn't fit; he didn't look like a Jiffy or a J.P. Al came up with a brilliant name that fits him perfectly and he really lives up to. The colt was born on Suzy's 357th day of pregnancy (instead of the normal 342 days) and we incorporated that information into the naming of the baby. Al came up with the name "Sliders Colt Python" and his call name is "Shooter". The first part of the name is for his

daddy (Custom Slider), the second part is two fold – one because he is a colt and the second because there is a gun called a Colt Python and the caliber of bullet used is a 357 magnum (that's where the "357" comes in). Calling him "Shooter" really fits too because he is definitely a little pistol – he has both the speed and agility of both his dam and sire – he's a real little "reiner".



He's a keeper



Yipppeeee!!! Shooter at 2 days old



High ho Shooter and away!!! Shooter at 4 days old



Shooter at 11 weeks - Fast & Furious

Next to deliver was Rosie; fortunately she was much closer to her due date (which was April 22nd) and delivered on April 25th. We had noticed that Rosie was acting very uncomfortable that day, and her "Predict A Foal" test strip was registering that she was due to deliver within 24 hours, so we were ready for her to deliver that night. Once again our Junior helper, Danielle Bushue, was doing mare watch with us and this time her sister, Nicole, was also present. It was around 8:15pm and we had all just started settling in for the long night ahead when we heard a loud splashing sound – Rosie's water had broken! We all raced towards the stall and saw Rosie lying on the ground with two feet protruding from her birth canal. Al quickly went in to assess the situation and unfortunately Rosie and her baby were in trouble! The foal was presenting incorrectly in two different ways – the baby was actually trying to come out "upside down" or "belly up" and it also had its head rotated towards its chest; instead of the normal nose forward presentation. Al quickly started to try and push the foal back in, while I called Dr. Larry Wohlford on the phone. Larry jumped into his car and flew to the ranch in a matter of minutes (of course it felt like hours). During that time we were able to get Rosie to try and reposition the baby, by allowing her to roll and get up and down, and we were fortunately somewhat successful. Rosie was able to get the foal's head repositioned and the nose was now presenting forward, and she was also able to rotate the foal about halfway. With Al and Larry pulling the foal out in coordination with Rosie's contractions, they successfully delivered a beautiful little filly at 8:52pm! Rosie was too exhausted to come to the foal, so Al and Larry brought the little filly to her mom and the bonding began!

Unfortunately Rosie's problems were far from over. She had a difficult time delivering the placenta and when she finally did a fragment of it broke off and was retained – this created an infection! For the next five days we all worked hard at keeping the infection under control – Larry came multiple times to irrigate her uterus and give her medication to make her uterus contract (to help expel the retained fragment of placenta), we gave her antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications, we checked her temperature (as high as 104.2 degrees F) sometimes as often as every hour, and sponged her down with cool water. We watched her for signs of laminitis; which was a big concern because of the high fever and infection. One night she was in such discomfort, due to the high fever and all, she refused to let the filly nurse. Al and I stayed all night to intervene – we had to twitch Rosie's nose and raise one of her front hooves in order for her to allow the filly to nurse. Finally after about six hours, the medication began to take affect

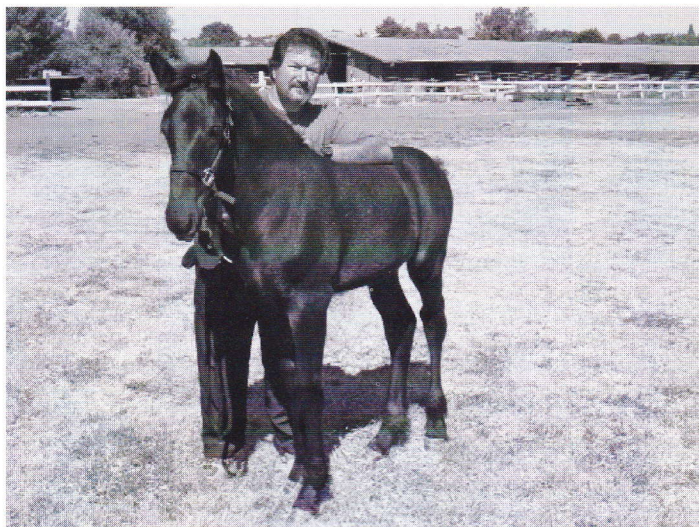
and Rosie began feeling better; she finally allowed the foal to drink on her own! That was the turning point for Rosie and she only got better from that day on! We finally named the little filly a few days after she was born. Since she was born jet black, we knew she would eventually become a dapple grey as an adult. I have always loved the movie "Steel Magnolias" – the story of strong women who rise to the challenges life throws their way and their strong sense of family/friends – and since the filly would eventually be a grey color this name just seemed to fit. So her registered name will be Dansaral's Steel Magnolia (Dansaral stands for the first few initials of our daughter's name – Danielle, my name – Sarah, and my husband's name – Al) and her call name is "Maggie"! The name suits her perfectly and she's our little diamond in the rough. She loves to please, but also has a very playful and inquisitive side!



Maggie and Rosie meet for the first time



Maggie at 5 days old



Maggie at 2 months old and still growing

The last one to deliver was our big, beautiful Percheron mare, Mari-Anne. Since Mari had already had one baby, Rosie, we kind of knew what we could expect from her. On May 17th, a little before 11:30pm, Mari's water broke! This time Danielle Bushue and her mom, Ginger, were there doing mare watch with us. Danielle was determined to witness all three mares deliver and she did! When the foal's feet started to present, we knew we had a big one on our hands; the hooves and fetlocks were huge! The foal was in the correct position to be delivered, but because the foal was so large Mari-Anne needed a little assistance with the delivery. Al grabbed the front legs of the foal and pulled with each contraction; finally the head and shoulders were delivered. Now the foal's pelvis needed to be delivered and Al needed a little help; so I grabbed the front legs and we pulled together. Finally the foal was delivered at 11:45pm and it was a colt; a huge boy that we guessed weighed at least 150 pounds! Mari-Anne immediately started to nicker to her baby and she jumped to her feet; which kind of made the colt's umbilical cord tear a little abruptly. As we did with all three deliveries, we immediately dipped the foal's umbilical cord in Nolvasan solution (to lessen the chance of an umbilical infection) and then continued to dip it twice a day for the next few days. Unfortunately this foal's cord just seemed to keep lightly bleeding on and off for the entire day. We finally had to swab the opening of the umbilical cord with Silver Nitrate sticks to help it seal properly. At one point, we thought we were going to have to transport the colt to an Equine Hospital for surgery, because the area surrounding the umbilical cord became very swollen. Our vet, Dr. Wohlford, performed an ultrasound on the umbilical cord and surrounding area, and determined that there was not an infection or an umbilical

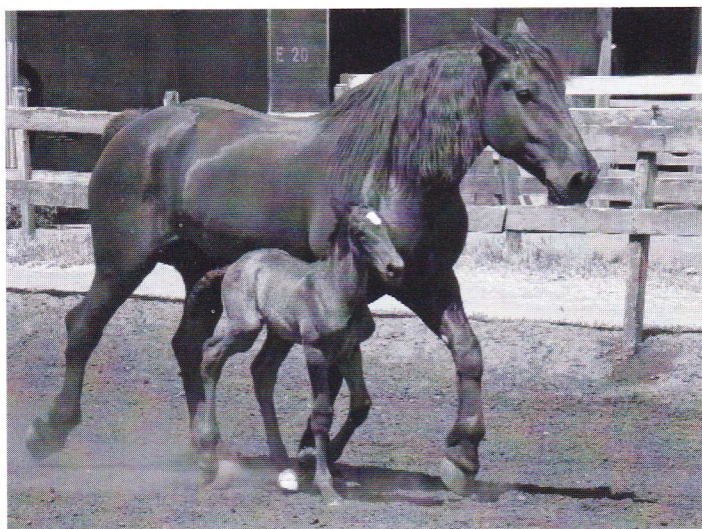
hernia. That was great news!! Since the foal was not acting sick (i.e.: was nursing well, had good energy...), he did not have a temperature and his lab results were normal, we decided not to put him on antibiotics and instead gave him a few small doses of anti-inflammatory medication. This seemed to do the trick and within a few days the swelling resolved. Unfortunately he still has a bit of sagging skin surrounding his umbilical stump, so in the future that may have to have that repaired; Dr. Wohlford says it's an easy procedure! Only time will tell...otherwise he is fit as a fiddle and a real character. Choosing a name for him seemed to be the hardest of all – nothing seemed to fit. Finally I came up with something that focused on his large stature and was a name with some substance. So his registered name will be "Dansara's Solid As A Rock" and his



Al and Sarah help deliver Rocky



Time for a little nap



Rocky at 2 days old!



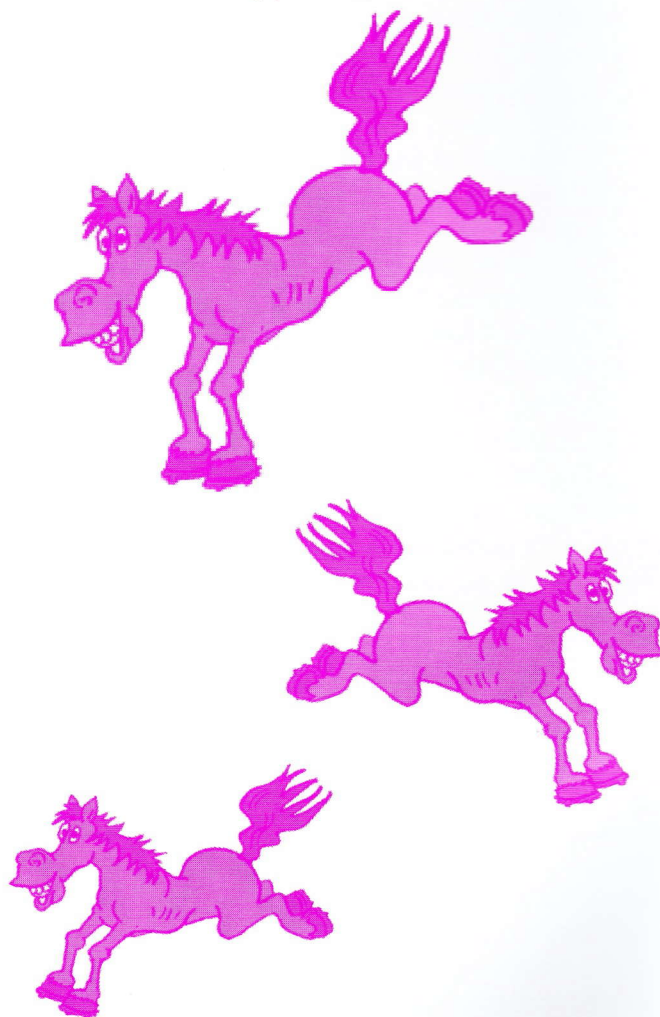
Rocky at 7 weeks old - he is HUGE!

call name is Rocky! He was born a seal brownish/grey color, so he will eventually be black in color – he has a perfect white star on his forehead and his left rear hoof is white (the other three are black) and there is a little white band of hair just above the coronet band. He is definitely a keeper!!

The training of the babies is going well. They all have their different

personalities, so you have to work with them differently; but the end result is the same! My mare, Suzy, is a true disciplinarian and has taught Shooter really good manners. Shooter is almost 3 months old now and is just so much fun to be around. Some things come easy to him, but other times he can be really stubborn. He is very athletic and is really showing amazing potential for an awesome Reining horse...although all I ever wanted was another nice horse to ride down the trail and have Al possibly train him to drive too! We'll see what the future holds for him and I! Rosie and Maggie are best buddies and we think of Rosie as the teenage mom who just wants to be friends. There isn't much discipline on Rosie's end!! Fortunately, Maggie is very loving and generally well mannered for a 2-month old. Out of all the foals, Maggie is the most accepting when it comes to doing new things – she is our diamond in the

rough! Rocky just keeps growing and growing! He is almost two months old and is already bigger than Maggie and weighs well over 250 pounds! He is also doing well with his training, but because of his size it makes it a little more difficult when he decides he doesn't want to do something! We believe in getting the foals used to a variety of things earlier, than later, so every day is a training day. The foals are now being "ponied" with their moms and we are riding all around the ranch – getting them used to tractors, cars, trailers, other horses, etc... Al and I are also getting the draft horse foals prepared for a future in driving and we are now ground driving the mares and foals around the property – the foals are attached to the mare's working harness; of course with quick releases! This allows the foals to get used to the commands we use, the feel of working like a team, and the sounds the harness will make when being driven. Both Maggie and Rocky are doing incredible! The next step is introducing them to the cart and eventually the wagon; where they will be attached to the side of the mare's harness just like when we ground drive them. The fun has only just begun!!!



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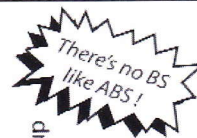
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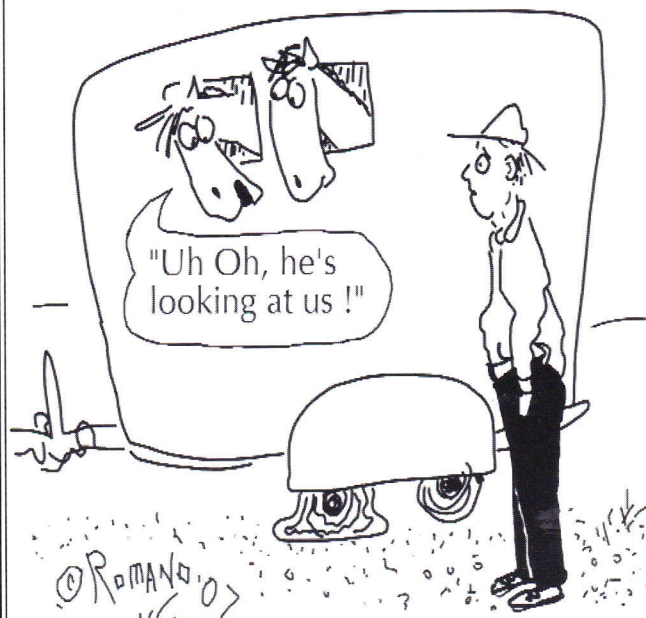
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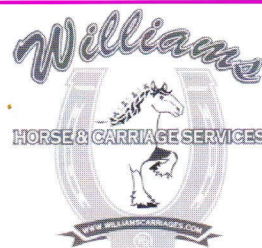
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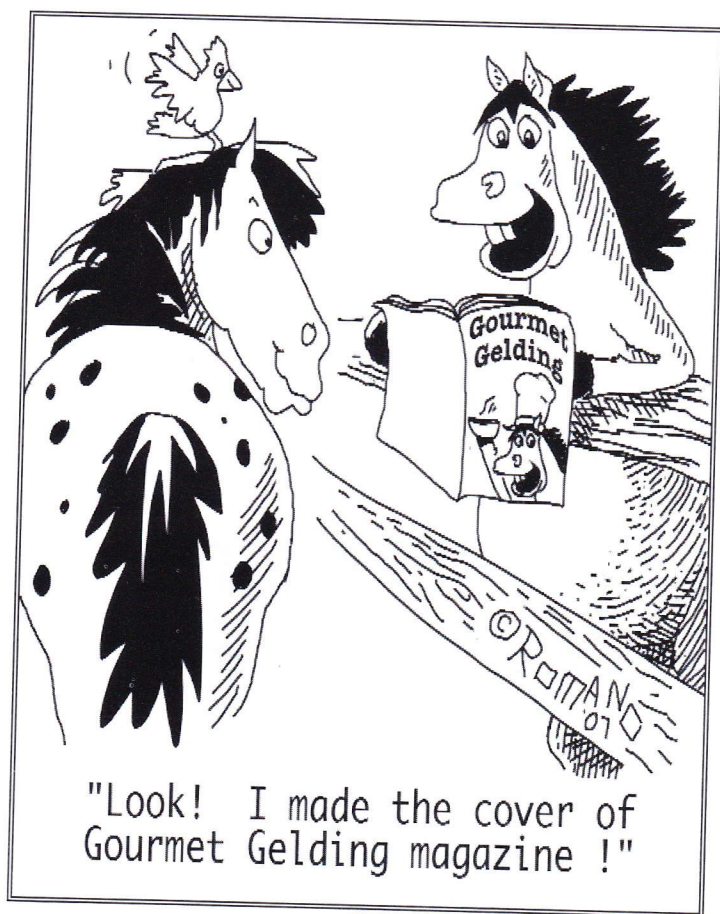
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- 9 Board Meeting
- 11 Folger Stable Benefit Open Horse Show
- 19 Nor-Cal Open English/Western Show  
(The Horse Park @ Woodside)

### September

- 1-3 *Los Viajeros: Overnight Ride*
- 8 Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Day
- 13 Board Meeting
- 20 General Meeting
- 20-23 *Grass Valley Draft Horse Classic*

### October

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 *Woodside's Day of the Horse*
- 21 SMCHA Presidents' Ride

### November

- 4 *Los Viajeros: Progressive Ride*
- 8 Board Meeting
- 29 General Meeting – Elections

### December

- 7 Board of Director's Dinner
- 16 Holiday Barn Party

### January

- 10 Board Meeting
- 26 Kick-Off Gala & Installation Dinner

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