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*President Nancy Kouchekey and her horse, Tango, out for a ride*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Greetings and Happy New Year. I greatly appreciate everyone's support and confidence in electing me as your President for another year. I start this New Year with a renewed commitment and even greater passion for this organization and you the member.

This past year your Board of Directors has worked extra hard to expand the organization and I want to thank the out going board members for all their help and support.

The 2012 Board of Directors is a wonderful blend of seasoned board members and new eager individuals. They are currently working on a very effective Facebook presence. You can find SMCHA on FB now and we will continue to add links for our upcoming events and more.

Take time to review the calendar. Mark your calendar accordingly; you won't want to miss out on what the BOD has planned for you. The General Meetings this year will consist of good times and more educational information you all have been asking about. The rides and clinics are growing and well attended. I have enjoyed the new locations for rides, and the clinics have benefited all who have participated.

I would like to welcome our new Board members. You can view pictures of all the board members in this magazine. I know I will enjoy working with all of them. When possible take time to share your thoughts and ideas for the club with them so they can bring your ideas to the board meetings.

I appreciate those of you who have already renewed your membership but if you have not please "get 'er done." Your membership is needed in many ways. Numbers show strength throughout our communities and the dues allow us to produce this wonderful magazine, send fliers and keep our website going to better serve you. Remember to encourage those around you to join.

May the coming year exceed the previous one in every way -- lots of health, success, and fulfillment of all your wishes.

Cordially yours,

*Nancy Kouchekey*

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## JOURNEY TO THE GRAND NATIONAL RODEO

by Christine Friis

Your SMCHA Color Guard team went through a bit of a transition back in August when long-time Captain Anne Whitten announced she would be heading off for her own journey of a lifetime! At that time Anne gently handed over the reins and since then we've been working hard to make Anne and the club proud! Your team, Cheryl Basin, Patty Walsh, Kristi Elfert and I decided we were ready for the challenge of competing at the Grand National Rodeo in October. We certainly had a dedicated team willing to work hard and we all put many hours into planning and practicing for this event. Jen Mize, our newly appointed Ground Crew Manager put in just as many hours assisting in every aspect of the preparation.

We were invited to ride in the Grand Entry Friday night with 120 other riders. This was the first time in over 20 years that the Cow Palace had such an extravagant Grand Entry. The plan was for all riders to enter the arena at a "walk" following a slow moving serpentine and exit accordingly. However, when you add 100+ drill team horses, music blasting and the energy of a huge crowd, there was not much of a "walk" in our entrance. We pretty much cantered the entire serpentine, and this well anticipated "slow" Grand Entry was over much sooner than we expected!

Saturday morning was our scheduled competition which was a little different this year as riders were requested to perform several sets of maneuvers. These maneuvers were not terribly difficult for the level of this team; however, we needed to be tight when competing against the other veteran Color Guard Teams. All teams were also allowed to do a "free style" routine for extra points and we took full advantage of this performing our routine to music. The GNR Color Guard competition has always been held in the parking lot of the Cow Palace and this year was no exception. We did struggle a bit with the wind which caused a few flags to wrap around our line of sight thus causing loss of formation for a few seconds but we soon recovered. During our freestyle we had a tractor and a street sweeper zoom loudly by several times but the horses were beyond bombproof. It seemed like they, too, knew what was at stake and all stepped up to the challenge. Saturday afternoon was the scheduled award ceremony which we proudly took First Place! We took a victory lap around the arena (at a nice relaxing walk this time) and ended up dedicating a well deserved salute to our hard working ground crew, Jen Mize, Liz Sullivan, Caprice Teneffoss and Pam McClure-Roman.

Saturday we actually changed our outfits and tacked up four times, and by that evening the team, our ground crew and the horses were thoroughly exhausted. Saturday Night's Grand Entry was scheduled for Color Guard teams to enter first. Since SMCHA's team was the First Place Winner, we were first into the arena and we were thrilled to have our families as well as 100 members of SMCHA cheering us on.....it was a very proud moment for all of us!

We enjoyed our time hanging out with the San Francisco Horsemen's Color Guard team as well as the San Francisco Police Department's Mounted Unit. We considered it a privilege to ride with them all.

This team would like to thank Noelle Rodolari for her willingness to be a "back-up" rider in case of an emergency, Adeline Forrest for her beautiful work decorating our stalls and Stacey Jenkins, GNR Competition Coordinator for putting up with all my questions. A huge "thank you" to the best ground crew ever, we couldn't have done it without you all! And last but not least, on behalf of your entire 2011 Color Guard team, we would like to thank Nancy Kouchekey and SMCHA for supporting us throughout the year, thus enabling us to reach this high level of achievement. This team is looking forward to representing SMCHA in 2012 and will be working hard to retain our title next October at the GNR.

If you wish to view the performance, it's posted on YouTube! Grand Entry Sat. Night: [http://youtu.be/W\\_fWPno2oQE](http://youtu.be/W_fWPno2oQE)

Top: Pam McClure-Roman, Adeline Forrest, Liz Sullivan and Jenny Mize



Patty Walsh, Christi Eifert, Cheryl Basin and Christine Friis



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## EXTRA GAITS OF THE HORSE

**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.

**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.

**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.

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## PRESIDENTS' RIDE

By Sharon Butler

As the year comes to a close we had one more ride up our sleeves. This ride would be none other than the Presidents' Ride where we honor our past (and current) Presidents that have served with SMCHA.

One week before the event I found out there was a marathon being held right on the trails of Half Moon Bay where we would be riding. As we all know horses and 300 or so runners do not make for a fun ride. So I cancelled Cameron's Pub coast ride and Noel Moody gave a call to Carleen Whittelsey and she very graciously offered her beautiful home for our ride.

Thank you, Carleen. Robin Whalen and I showed up the day before and did some SMCHA magic and turned the back yard into a festive party place, which I must say was pretty easy since we started with such a beautiful canvas. Thank you, Robin, for all your hard work and great decorations.

The ride was lead by Noel Moody who took everyone through Woodside to Wonderlich Park, up to the meadow and back down to Carleen's. It was about a two and a half hour ride. From all the great stories, it sounded like everyone had a great ride. Thank you, Trail Boss Noel

We had 15 enthusiastic riders and 32 for lunch, which included 7 Presidents that we honored. Our Presidents included Jim Estep, Ron Harris, Noel Moody, Barbara Stogner, Bill Ashton, Patty Dana (represented her husband Amos) and Nancy Kouchekey, our current President. SMCHA was pleased to award two of our past president with "Lifetime memberships." Nancy Kouchekey had a lovely speech prepared and then honored them with their certificates, well done Nancy.

Rush Hour Catering provided our lunch, Patty fixed up a wonderful BBQ lunch, which included ribs, chicken and all the sides. Yummy! The food was amazing and we will be looking forward to more meals prepared by Patty and Rush Hour Catering.

We ended the day with a fun group photo of the Presidents, past and present, and reminisced with some funny SMCHA stories from years past. We all look forward to the years to come and many more stories to add to our SMCHA memory log.

Happy Trails



SMCHA President's Bill Ashton, Jim Estep, Patty Dana, Ron Harris, Nancy Kouchekey, Barbara Stogner & Noel Moody

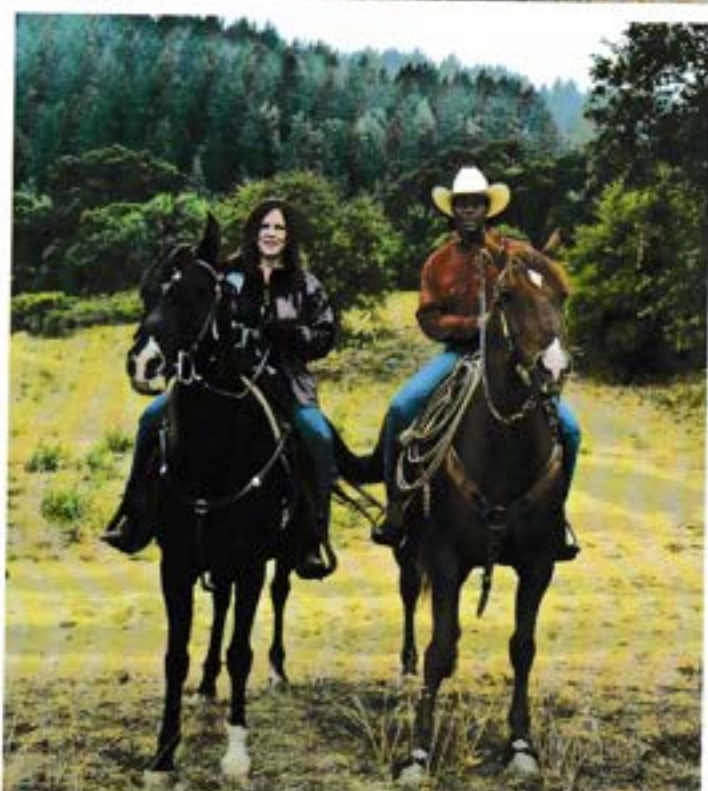


Middle: Past Board Member & Captain of the Color Guard - Anne Whitten  
Bottom: A nice turnout for the day's ride

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*Carleen Whitelsey enjoys the ride with a friend*



*President Nancy Kouchekey and Clif Evans*



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## GENERAL MEETING - BUCK, THE MOVIE

By Cheryl Basin

For the summer general meeting this year SMCHA held an outdoor "Night at the Movies" on September 30 at Webb Ranch in Portola Valley. Thanks to the efforts of past president, Barbara Stogner, SMCHA was able to procure a pre-release DVD of the excellent documentary "BUCK" which tells the story and philosophy of renowned trainer and clinician Buck Brannaman. After an abusive childhood, Buck was rescued by the county sheriff in Montana and placed in a loving foster home where he developed his natural affinity for horses. His talents were advanced by Ray Hunt and Tom Dorrance, who became friends and mentors, and his life was the basis for the movie "The Horse Whisperer" starring Robert Redford. "Buck" is a very powerful and touching film which appeals to all audiences, especially horsemen.

Approximately 75 members and guests of SMCHA turned out to enjoy the film, bringing folding chairs, blankets and for the loge seating, backing up their pick-up trucks on Webb Ranch's polo field. For coming attractions, pictures of Buck's April clinic at Stonyford Ranch were set to music featuring SMCHA members Bonnie Bertetta, Gretchen King and Liz Sullivan and projected by Dan Ryan (or Mr. DeMille, as he is now called) to set the mood. Chris Friis, Cheryl Basin and Jenny Mize established and ran the Color Guard Cafe for all hungry movie goers, with the proceeds going to help support the Color Guard. After feasting on the offerings of the Color Guard Cafe, which included hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and other treats and waiting for darkness, it was time for the show.

Thanks to the help of SMCHA President Nancy Kouckey, Liz Sullivan, Gretchen King, Dan Ryan and many others, everyone found the location, were able to park their cars, the equipment was hooked up and the film was enjoyed by all. The beer and wine available may have helped with the enjoyment somewhat. The weather cooperated, although slightly chilly, and Sue Winslow took a number of her always great pictures which can be found in the photo gallery on the SMCHA website. With the cooperation of Webb Ranch, we hope to be able to make this an annual event and are looking forward to suggestions for next year's film.



Color Guard Cafe: Cheryl Basin, Christine Friis & Jenny Mize



Movie screen courtesy of Barbara Stogner




## BUCK CLINIC

By Gretchen King

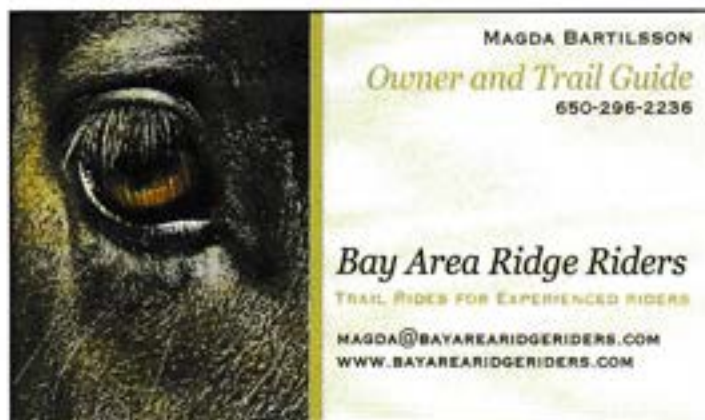
Since the movie "Buck" is fresh right now, I thought I'd share my reflections of my participation in his clinic in May 2011. With me as riders were SMCHA members Bonnie Bertetta and Anne Griffin, and we were joined by auditors Elizabeth Sullivan and Rich Boyd. The clinic was held at the beautiful Stonyford Ranch in Elk Creek, CA. If you were wondering what Eden was like, look no further than breathtaking Stonyford! Elizabeth's childhood friend, Muvvie Marks and her family, own the ranch and some of us had attended clinics there previously with the buckaroo clinician couple of Dave Weaver and Gwynn Turnbull-Weaver.

I first saw Buck in person a few years back competing at the annual "The Californios" ranch roping event formerly held in Red Bluff and now held in Reno each spring. The event is sponsored by the Weavers, who have made it their life's work to keep interest alive in the old Californio traditions of horsemanship, roping, and stock handling. This natural, quiet, and respectful way of handling stock was brought to us by the Spanish vaquero ("buckaroo" is an old-timey corruption of the word) tradition. The Californios competition features real cowboys – only folks who make a living cowboying are even considered for invitation – and the roping contests are the opposite of the rodeo roping we are all familiar with. The events are not speed events, and the cowboys use real rawhide reatas, with very large loops (50' long ropes minimum). There is no hootin' and hollerin', and the contestants are judged by the quality and beauty of their throws as well as their horsemanship. The music playing over the loudspeakers is Dave Stamey and Ian Tyson, and not Big & Rich, and there are no light shows. When I first saw it I was bored to tears but within a few hours I was hooked and converted. Horses are brought along in the "jacima to freno" (hackamore to bit) tradition. Buck Brannaman was the celebrity roper then, as now. Buck's loops were artful, his hands soft, his bearing that of a quiet-bodied dressage rider. He rides large and handsome ranch geldings, and his horses have a higher neck and head carriage than is preferred for Western Pleasure. He has his own buckaroo style (his well-known hat has a round crown and short brim), and he rides only in hackamores, snaffles and mane hair mecates, or git downs and spade bits. Since seeing Buck at the event some years ago, I was hoping to have the opportunity to take a clinic with him.

Buck is a natural horseman, since he is a protégé of Ray Hunt, but he appears to eschew the marketing and salesman trappings of other natural horse clinicians. That said, writing a few books and starring in a movie is not exactly avoiding



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## Buck Clinic, continued



publicity! His clinics normally are four day events, with the mornings devoted to "Fundamentals of Horsemanship" where both ground school and riding are practiced, and the afternoons are "Advancing Horsemanship." Like Ray Hunt's clinics, his clinics are open to all styles of riders, but it is important to note a line found in his class description: "all maneuvers stress the vaquero style of riding." It is a good idea to ride in both sections, as he expects you to audit and internalize the material from whatever class you are not riding in.

Buck is a strict clinician and believes in the importance of groundwork and obtaining that elusive "soft feel" that takes a lifetime to recognize. One of his favorite exercises is the serpentine, both large and small, to obtain lateral flexion and bend. He also had us practice the slowest walk and trot we could, and the fastest so our horses could learn the speeds of each gait. He doesn't believe in spurs, and we called them "boot jewelry" at our clinic, so off came my beautiful silver ones within one hour of the first day. He talked a lot about offering your horse a good deal, and if he didn't take the good deal, then the deal got tougher. Release your hands when your horse is doing the right thing. He is much more entertaining in person than on his videos, which, if truth be told, are terrible.

As a teacher, I found Buck to be pretty tough but fair, just as he is with horses. He doesn't mollycoddle his students; he expects a lot from you, and he better see you try. He has strong opinions about some tack, so don't show up in a tiedown or bitless bridle. The clinics are all about the horse, and not about him, of which you can learn all about by reading his books or seeing the movie. Keep in mind that he does not come and seek you out if you are struggling or puzzled, you will have to ask for his help, otherwise he leaves you alone. We had a few horses that were very ill-trained or green, and dangerous for the rider, so he asked some of his protégés that were in the auditors' crowd to ride those horses. For this reason, I think, he has quite a few followers that attend all of his clinics, waiting to be called out to come and assist him.

Before taking Buck's clinic, or any clinic for that matter, I recommend you do your homework first so you avoid looking like a "cowdork." Since we were unable to audit his clinic in advance, we took some lessons with a local Buck devotee and trainer to prepare ourselves. Thus we learned his "language" and we brought the equipment we knew he would like (rope halter, no snap; snaffles and mecates). And be prepared to work, work & work; Buck is a taskmaster and you will be expected to practice even after the clinic is over in the afternoon. He likes horses to have a job, and their riders too!

Mr. Bean gets a Blessing

## DAY OF THE HORSE

By Nan Meeks

During this year's Seventh Annual Woodside Day of the Horse held on Saturday, October 8, hundreds of horses traveled the trails of Woodside in the state's largest progressive trail ride, and kids of all ages explored the world of horses at the Horse Fair in Woodside Town Center.

Thanks to funds raised through this annual event, the Woodside-area Horse Owners Association (WHOA!) has gifted more than \$70,000 to help support local equestrian activities and looks forward to making further contributions from this year's event, according to co-founder M. Fentress Hall.

Another important goal for Woodside Day of the Horse is to introduce horses and local equestrian organizations to those who don't yet have horses, says co-founder Donna Poy. At the family-friendly Horse Fair, children could pet horses, have their picture taken on a pony, watch a farrier shoe a horse, listen to a horse's heartbeat, and more. Adults as well as children enjoyed riding the Wells Fargo stagecoach, reminiscent of Woodside's past.

Celebrating the beauty of Woodside's trails and open space today, riders from across Northern California trailered their horses to Woodside to join locals in riding the renowned trail system. Many dressed in this year's Mardi Gras theme, with horses as well as riders bedecked in feathers, beads, and motley apparel.

Local equestrian organizations, dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors make the event possible, emphasized the co-founders. "We can't thank them enough," the co-founders agree. Especially generous are the "Grande Champion" sponsors, including Alan Steel & Supply Company, Friends of UC Davis Center for Equine Health, Rhys Vineyards, The Davidow Family, The Village Pub, Thomas Fogarty Winery & Vineyards, Town of Woodside, Until There's A Cure, and Wells Fargo, in addition to WHOA!

WHOA!, the Woodside-area Horse Owners Association

WHOA! is an advocacy organization whose mission is to preserve the fundamental role of horses in maintaining the rural character of the Town of Woodside and neighboring foothill communities and to celebrate the area's rich equestrian heritage. For more information, visit [www.whoa94062.org](http://www.whoa94062.org).



Mardi Gras was the theme of this year's Day of the Horse

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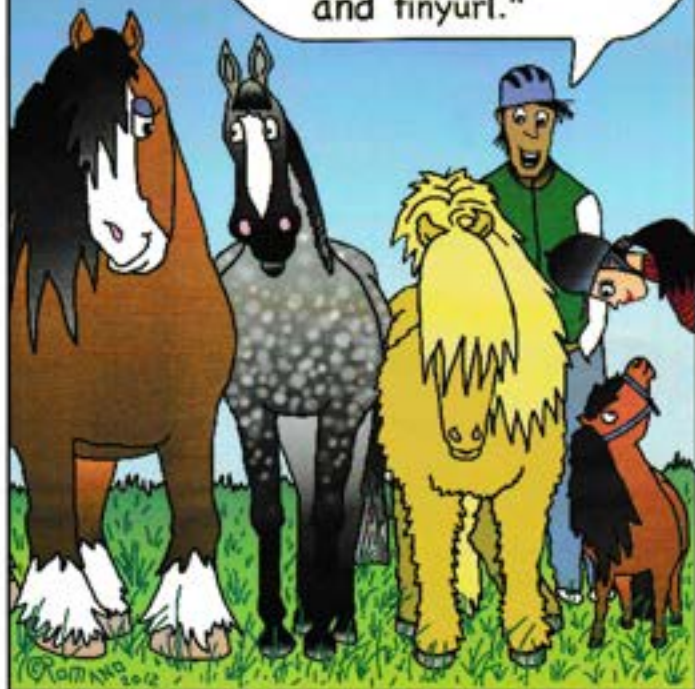
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## ALL HALLOW'S EVE IN WOODSIDE

By Sue Duggan

The spirit of Halloweens past filled my heart as I arrived at the Mounted Patrol Grounds last October 29 for the SMCHA Playday. How many times over the years had I driven my parents, Janet and Lowell, to the MP Halloween Party in elaborate costumes too large for a normal adult to fit into the driver's seat? We would bundle my colorful folks into the back of the truck, roll down Tripp Road and up to the MP Clubhouse for their entrance as Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty; or Anna and the King of Siam; or the Energizer Bunnies. For close to forty years my parents embraced, with great gusto, the delight of dressing up as someone else (or something else) to celebrate Halloween.

Now, years later, I arrived at the MP Grounds with my two-week old daughter, Coral, to honor those who chose to continue this great tradition of dressing up – and, this time – riding their horses at break-neck speeds to great fan fare. In other words: the Annual SMCHA Halloween Playday! This is the third time Mike Raynor has organized this fun event. He sets the tone by donning elaborate outfits, this year, dictated by his clever daughters. Others joined in dressing up as Pippy Long Stockings, a big yellow banana and a ninja ballerina. Even the Peruvian Pasos sported little pumpkins on their headstalls. I was out-of-saddle this year having just popped out this baby, but the spirit of my Halloween-infused parents urged me to participate and so I did: dressing up as a nervous groom-to-be going around asking for a bride's hand in marriage.

The great thing about Halloween is that it frees us up to be someone else for a day. Red wigs, striped stockings; the kids and adults alike sported colors and ribbons and masks, while their horses deigned to drag around wedding lace and bobbles dangling from their saddles. Many turned out for this sunny day of costumed levity and stiff competition. We all had a blast from beginning to end.

The day started with a parade of costumes led by last year's Junior Champion, Merilee Raynor while yours truly (last year's Senior Champion) sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Soon we were full on in the obstacle course jumping, side passing, and backing our animals through all sorts of challenges. The good news is that Mike crafts an intricate puzzle and we all made it through. The other good news is that we looked great doing it!

Many came out for the Playday proving to me, once again, that the joy of Halloween can inspire us all to do some crazy things. Our youths proudly showed us how fast they can

make those ponies run, while some of our more senior hands, like Don Pugh, displayed just how tight you can turn a barrel in a hunt saddle. We were pleased to welcome, again this year, a contingent from the East Bay, most of them astride magnificent Pasos; and my own goddaughter, Sami Lamont, on her tall and very fast horse, Kingpin. Larry Pelzner provided a cool-head and a deft eye as our ring judge, making sure we were square on with the rules of the event while having a ton of fun racing around.

The day zoomed by with a series of events including barrels; Big T; a handkerchief race; a form of musical chairs (but on horseback); and my very favorite: the Pony Express race. One rider races off and around an obstacle while the second rider waits, usually a bit nervously, to trade places. The first rider completes the course and hits the brakes just in front of his or her partner. With the horse dancing about the second rider gets hoisted up in the saddle – with everyone giving advice from the sidelines and cheering them on – then off they fly to finish the race!

Marty Raynor, Maria Fonseca, and Nancy Kouchekey kept us all well documented—from the wedding lace to the fastest times. Marty also organized a delicious Halloween Lunch. Cheryl Basin and Mike Tyo were invaluable. Many congratulations to Merilee Raynor who won the hotly contested youth division again this year. (The adults are worried that soon she'll be 18 and competing in our division!) Rachel Crill, a friend of mine and avid horsewoman from Boulder Creek, offered to ride my horse, Reymundo, who with me, won last year. So, as I stood on the side of the arena with my 18-day old daughter dressed up as a pumpkin, I was particularly tickled that Rachel (and Reymundo!) won the senior division in a modified version of her winning bride's outfit.

In the late afternoon, as the sun dipped down over the Woodside mountains, I looked up at the MP Clubhouse to see them preparing for that evening's annual Halloween Dance.

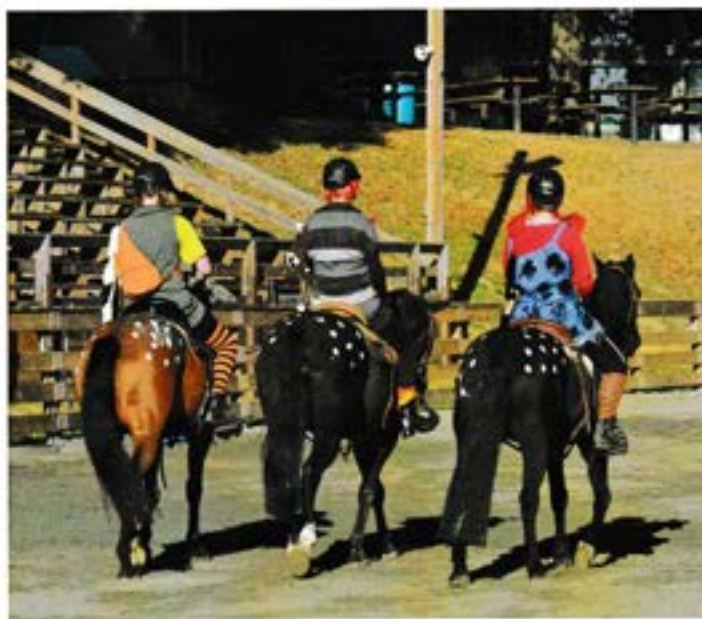


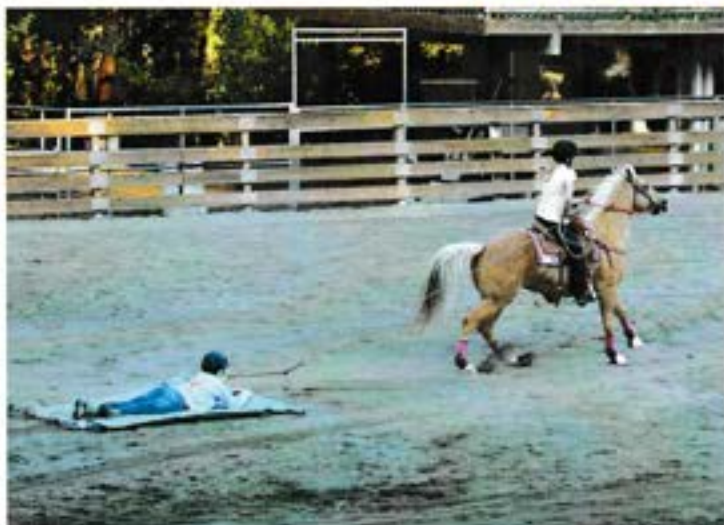
Mike Raynor sports his pink cowboy hat

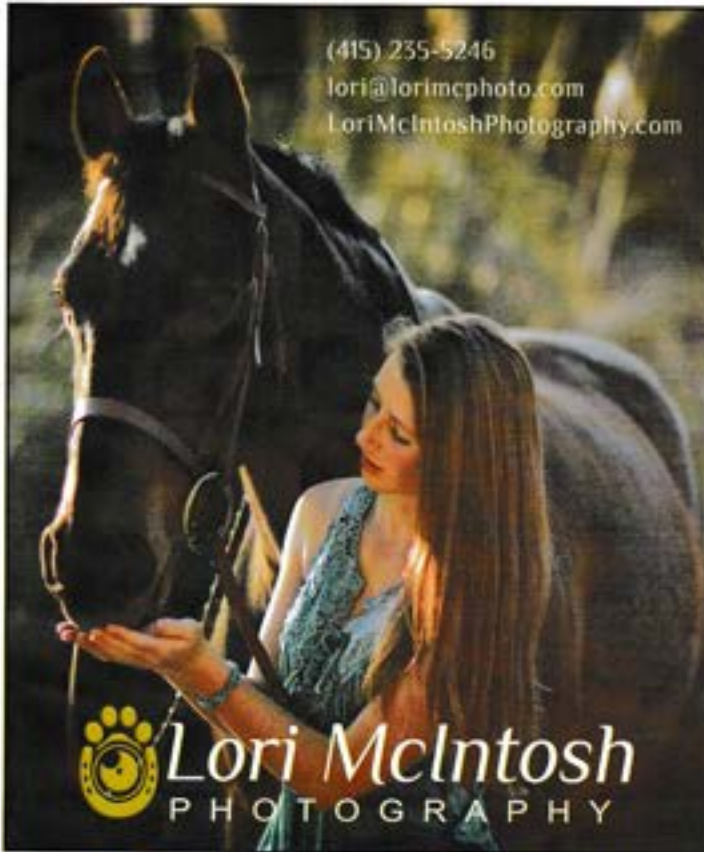
I felt the warmth of knowing a place for over forty years and the comfort of continuing the tradition of Halloween, be it on horseback or not. Seeing the kids delighting in ribbons and shining from a day of fast and furious events inspired me to buy a pony, soon, for my little one. The adult competitors smiled broadly at how fast we'd competed, even as our costumes (and our backs) were starting to show a bit of wear. At the core of it is a community where one can return every year and count on the camaraderie of competition and good ol' fashioned costumed fun. The spirit of my parents surrounded us on that Hallow's Eve Weekend: colorful fun; clever outfits; fine horsemanship; and, above all, a great sense of doing something outside of the ordinary. We all rode with panache on this Hallow's Eve in Woodside.



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By Liz Sullivan

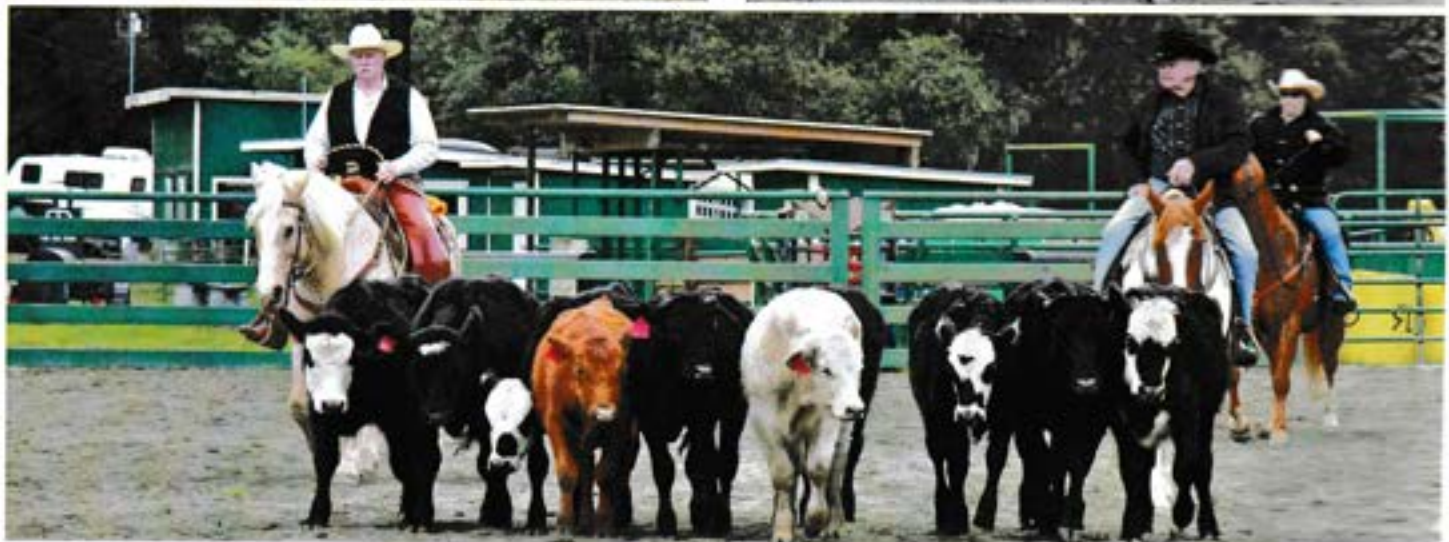
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Rich "polished" the more experienced horses and riders on the gate and the art of sorting out the numbered cows which were in numerical order.

Joan's focus was on the art of moving, turning and stopping a cow; to introduce the sorting event to the less experienced horses and riders.

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Thank you to Maria, Barbara and John for all their help. Beverly Kane arrived early and helped out as well.



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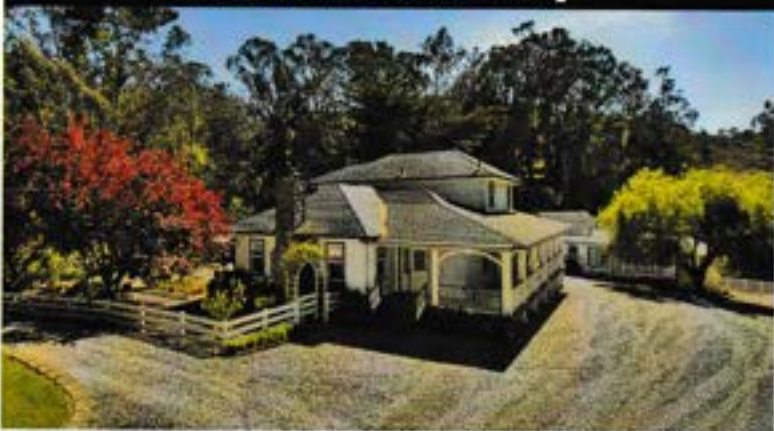
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## BITS OF HISTORY



By Sue Sheehan

### San Mateo County Volunteer Horse Patrol

"San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Division launched its new volunteer horse patrol program at Huddart Park in Woodside on Sunday, May 17, 1987. The purpose of the Volunteer Horse Patrol is to assist the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Division in providing safe and enjoyable trail usage for park visitors. Coverage will be extended to Edgewood, Wunderlich, and Pescadero parks as volunteers become available."

The previous paragraph was quoted from the summer 1987 "San Mateo County Horseman" magazine. The SMCVHP actually was started by the inspiration of a group from the Marine Headlands National Park Volunteer Horse Patrol. That group consisted of several SMCHA members. The group was started in 1984 by the Head Ranger of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Then in 1987 one of the members from SMCHA and a member of GGNRA VHP (Stephanie Anise) conceived an idea to do the same thing in San Mateo County Parks. At the onset there were six members. They took their training from David Moore, Huddart Park Supervisor and Robin Wuersching, riding instructor and volunteer trainer. The original six were: Stephanie Anise, Marcia Keener, Walt Kirk, Karen Kirschner, Jackie Schlesinger, Hazel Wuersching and Robin Wuersching. They learned about park values, rules and regulations, public assistance, resource protection and first aid.

The VHP was off and running. Training sessions were held often and many more people were recruited. To join the VHP you had to be 18 years or older; have your own trail horse or the use of one; must have your own equipment and transportation to the parks; you were required to attend an orientation session and you and your horse were required to demonstrate your ability to negotiate trails safely.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1988 the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County presented the San Mateo County Volunteer Horse Patrol with a resolution honoring and commending our members for our community involvement and value to San Mateo County. The Volunteer Horse Patrol is still looking for riders with this kind of commitment to community involvement. Applications for membership are welcomed each spring.

Since that time the VHP has grown tremendously to the point that there are more than 50 active members. The scope of the volunteer activity is still the same in the sense that members

provide safe and enjoyable trail use for park visitors. They are considered the "eyes and ears" of the park staff.

First Aid and CPR training are offered annually to volunteers. Volunteer activities combine the joys of trail riding, the camaraderie of group activities, and the satisfaction of helping San Mateo County maintain a secure and safe environment for all park users. Volunteers perform trail maintenance at Pescadero Creek Park and on the adopted Skyline Trail connecting Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. VHP also provides a Camp Host service throughout the season at Jack Brook Horse Camp. Informal meetings are held several times a year.

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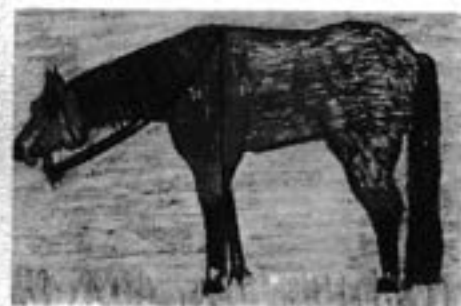
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## WHO WOULD YOU CALL?

By Al Filice

Have you ever had your tow vehicle not start, or it can't be driven, and now both you and the horses that are in your trailer are stranded? What if your trailer breaks down with your horses in it, who are you going to call? Have you checked with your tow service to see what their policy is regarding these situations? If you do, you might be surprised by their answer and then you may become really concerned!

After hearing of a few of these horror stories from others, as well as some of my friends and their experiences, I decided to contact my well known emergency roadside tow service; for which we have been paying for the Premier Roadside Service Plan. I advised them that according to my card I am a valued member, who has been in good standing with them for over 31 years, and that I have a few questions for them. Well, needless to say that after I posed those questions regarding the above scenarios and a few more, I received my answer; and I was shocked by their reply.

First, I was advised that if I encounter one of these situations, "NEVER MENTION" to the dispatcher that I am with my horses in tow. They told me that if I did they probably will not dispatch a tow truck or if they do dispatch one, upon their arrival, I would need to detach the trailer with my horses from my truck. In other words, if they have to tow my truck, my horses and the trailer are now stranded. They went on to say that if the problem is really with my trailer, that under no circumstances do I mention that to the dispatcher. See if you have a Premier Roadside Plan, like I do, then you can receive, as part of your service plan, tid-bits on how to lie to the dispatchers so hopefully someone will come out to help you!

They went on to say that when the tow truck driver arrives, tell them that you forgot to mention that the problem was with the horse trailer all along. The rational is that they may take pity on you and break company policy and help you out. If not, they may require you to remove the horses from the trailer; that would be my first choice on a busy freeway at night. Not! This actually happened to a friend of mine. The only thing that saved her was that a CHP officer showed up on the scene and told the tow truck driver, that under no circumstances will the horses be off loaded onto his freeway and yes you will change the tire. Of course, he complied.

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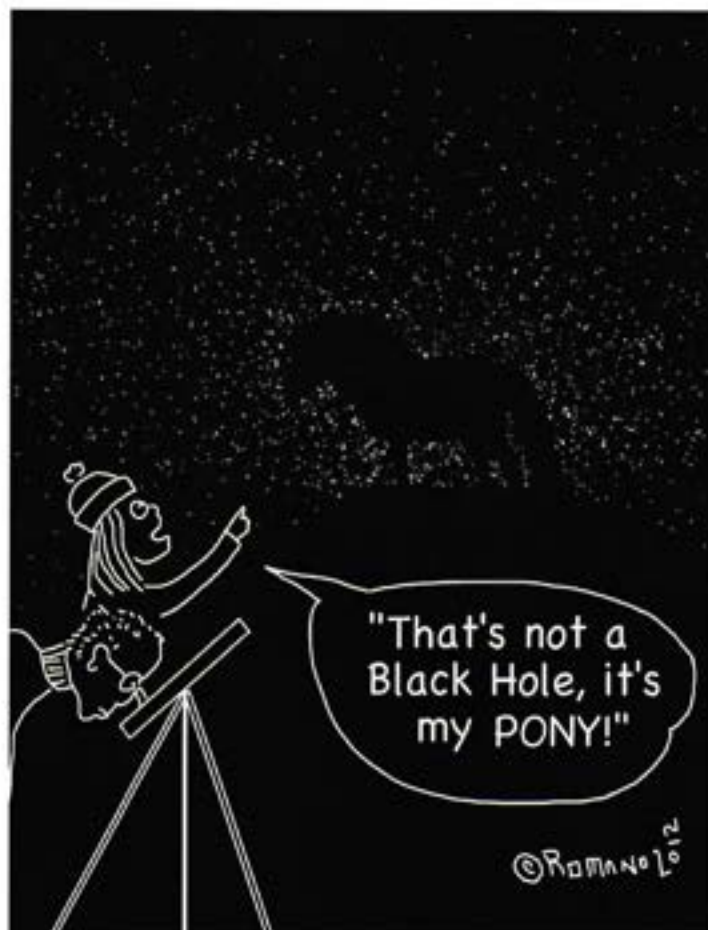
"Destiny's Temptress". Loves to go, but will go with the flow if asked. She is strong and atheletic, and loves to move.

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She horsecamps and gets along well with other horses. Is a little headshy, but not bad. Trailers, bathes, picks her feet up easily, and listens to you. Crosses creeks easily, doesn't particularly like bridges, but will do them if asked!

Motorcycles and bikes don't bother her. Is very smooth, especially her extended trot, which she can do all day long. If you are looking to lease, she can certainly stay where she is. She does need an experienced, firm but kind rider, one with whom she can build trust.

Debbie Tucker 408 773-8611



## HOLIDAY BARN PARTY

By Robin Whalen

We are so excited to share with you that our Christmas Barn Party was the most highly attended event we have hosted in many years. More than 80 attendees shared holiday cheer on Sunday, December 18, 2011. This year our event was held at NCEFT on Runnymede in Woodside. Santa (Kip Witter) arrived via horse drawn cart, which was driven by Bonnie MacCurdy and pulled by her Fjord, Sebastian. Sebastian is a seasoned therapy horse at NCEFT, so he took good care of Santa. Thank you to the NCEFT sponsors, Gari Merendino, Kristi Eifert, Caprice Tennesson and Bonnie MacCurdy for their generosity and assistance for making this a fantastic event.

New SMCHA members drove up from Morgan Hill and Los Gatos to see what we were all about, and gave us a thumbs up for our welcoming spirit, outgoing friendship, fantastic food that pretty much did not quit during the party, and wine that flowed past closing hour. Everyone was asking for the Hot Crab Dip recipe donated by Board member Sue Sheehan. You will have to hunt her down at our next event, the SMCHA Gala on January 28, and perhaps you can arm wrestle the recipe out of Sue then.

It was incredibly exciting and heartwarming to see how our members and their friends responded to our request for toys and food as an entry to the party. Everyone brought beautiful and thoughtful gifts for children in shelters and healthy food for the Food Bank of San Mateo County. For those of you who wonder where our gifts go, all of the children's gifts were delivered and secured in one of the garages at the Woodside Fire Department. The food was delivered to Sothebys International Realty in San Carlos, an acting dispersal site.

Let me give three cheers to our Board members who helped me make this event fun and festive, and run seamlessly for you. These sugar plum fairies include Tanya Rebarchik, Sue Sheehan, Sharon Butler, Cheryl Basin, Nancy Kouckeky and Barbara Stogner. An unexpected treat was listening to Christmas carols played on the accoridan by SMCHA Past President Ron Harris. Also, a big thank you to Kip Witter for playing an awesome role as Santa.







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# 2012 Calendar of Events

Subject to change - please check website for updates

## February

- 9 Board Meeting
- 25 General Meeting – Spaghetti & Bunco Night

## March

- 8 Board Meeting

## April

- 12 Board Meeting
- 21 Jack Brook Clean-up Day
- 28 or 29 SMCHA Spring Ride: TBA

## May

- 5 Woodside May Day Parade
- 10 Board Meeting
- 12 SMCHA Cow Sorting Clinic(Driscoll)
- 13 Western Schooling Show (Webb Ranch)
- 17 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 24 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 31 Western Riding Clinic(Mounted Patrol Grounds)

## June

- 1-3 Woodside Gaited Horse Show (Horsepark)
- 13 Board Meeting (note: Wednesday NCEFT)
- 7 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 8-10 Horse Expo – Sacramento
- 9-17 San Mateo County Fair
- 14 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 21 Western Riding Clinic (Mounted Patrol Grounds)
- 23 Western Riding Clinic Demo & BBQ (MPG)
- TBA: Clarkia Trail Clean-Up Day (Summer)

## July

- 3 Mounted Patrol: Rodeo Dinner & Dance
- 4 Fourth of July Parade – Redwood City & HMB
- 4 Mounted Patrol: Junior Rodeo
- 12 Board Meeting
- 16 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 18\*22 Reining by the Bay (Horse Park at Woodside)

## July -continued

- 23 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 25-29 Jack Brook Horse Camp
- 30 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)

## August

- 5 English Schooling Show (Webb Ranch)
- 6 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 9 Board Meeting
- 11-12 Chick Ride
- 13 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 20 English Riding Clinic (Springdown Equestrian Center)
- 26 Open English/Western Show (The Horse Park at Woodside)

## September

- 13 Board Meeting
- 20 General Meeting
- 30 Presidents' Ride
- TBA: Clarkia Trail Clean-up Day (Fall)

## October

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Woodside Day of the Horse
- 19/20 & 26/27 Grand National Rodeo
- 27 Play Day & Halloween Extravaganza

## November

- 8 Board Meeting
- 10 General Meeting - Elections & Bingo Night

## December

- 1 Board of Directors Dinner
- 16 Holiday Barn Party

## January 2013

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

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- \_\_\_ MR./MRS. MEMBERS
- \_\_\_ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP\*\*

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\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
\$25.00	
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[Parent(s) and unlimited number of children 17 or under]

I would like to contribute to the following events or functions (see listing at right) in the following amounts:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> G Trail Rides           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |

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