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## Upcoming Events

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**January 12** - General Membership Meeting—7:30 p.m. (Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.) Stagecoach Community Center. Contact Wendy Holp 241.0926.

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**January 21** - Stagecoach Dr. Ride/Drive. Stagecoach Drive, Stagecoach. Ricky Bailey 629.0283. 11:00 a.m. Potluck lunch following. Bring can of corn as ride fee (to be used for Thanksgiving baskets). Members only (applications available day of ride/drive).

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**February 11** - Valentine's Day Ride/Drive and Equipment safety check. 215 David Avenue, Stagecoach (Churchill Rancho Estates). Potluck lunch. Participation award. Wear Red! Bring can of cranberry sauce as ride fee (to be used for Thanksgiving baskets). Members only (applications available day of ride/drive). Contact Linda Mulkey, 629.0817.

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**February 25** - Membership Drive / Pancake Breakfast. There will also be a bake sale. Stagecoach Community Center. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Cost \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 children ages 8-12, Free for children 7 and under. Wendy Holp 241.0926.

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**March 4** - Ground Manners 101. Conducted by Tony Sumner. 9:00 a.m. 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Cost \$10.00 members / \$25.00 nonmembers. Applications available day of event. Lunch included in entry fee. Contact Wendy Holp 241.0926.

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**March 18** - St. Patrick's Day Ride/Drive. 11:00 a.m. 215 David Avenue, Stagecoach (Churchill Rancho Estates). Potluck Lunch. Wear Green! Bring can of green beans as ride fee (to be used for Thanksgiving baskets). Members only (applications available day of ride/drive). Contact Kelli Lyon, 629.0865 or Linda Mulkey, 629.0817.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

Free classifieds for HDH Members. Contact Linda Mulkey to put an ad in this section.

**Horse Blanket Cleaning & Repair** by "Wendy"  
Free local pickup & delivery. Call for prices. (775) 241-0926 (Dayton)

**For Sale** 9 year old, 16.1 hand Quarter cross gelding. Pretty liver chestnut with four socks and a blaze. Great trail horse, pretty mover with lots of English potential. Good feet and legs. Lots of fun for an intermediate rider but too responsive for a beginner. \$3,500 OBO. Call Kelli for more info at 629-0865.



**For Sale** 16" Western leather saddle in good condition \$250 or possible trade for a youth 14" saddle. Call Kelli 629-0865

**Wanted** The Desert Hoofprints 4-H club will be participating in the 4-H tack sale in Reno in February. This is a great opportunity for our club to earn some seed money to purchase badly needed items like helmets. If you have any tack that you would be interested in donating to us for the tack sale please contact Melinda Cash at 246-0198. Since we are a non-profit club we would be happy to issue receipts for your tax deductions.

*Bob Retzer*

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## I Think She Likes Clint

Harold Roy Miller

My annual Christmas shopping was just about to start and I asked my wife what would please her heart.

I said, "Do you want jewelry, candy or clothes?"

She replied, "No, I don't want any of those."

She said, "Do you realize, when I am training your colt, I risk my neck every time it tries to bolt.

It's dangerous working with such a nervous steed, so let me tell you exactly what I need.

"I would like to have a DVD from a horse expert so that neither one of us gets ourselves hurt.

I've researched every one of them on the Internet, and Clinton Anderson's DVD is the one that we should get."

I asked her to think about this request.

Was she sure Clinton Anderson's method was the best?

I'd watched a lot of horse trainers on RFD-TV and all of them seemed pretty knowledgeable to me.

I argued, "John Lyons has some very good techniques and is a whole lot easier to understand when he speaks.

Chris Cox's philosophy enhances horse training, and Pat Parelli is interesting and much more entertaining."

Each time I mentioned a horse expert's name, the blank stare she gave me was always the same.

After an hour of discussion I gave in and conceded and told her to go ahead and get the training DVD she needed.

She wasn't interested in any other horse trainer.

When I realized, why it was an absolute "no brainer".

Though there's no lack of trainers who are competent and skilled, I suspect she likes the Aussie's accent and his slim cowboy build.

## Member of the Month



Kelli Lyon is a new 2006 Director for HDH.

Kelli was born in Susanville, CA in 1971. She married Stevan Lyon in 1991. They

have two sons,

Jarod, 5 and Jake, 2. She graduated in 1994 with a B.S. in Biology and worked as a Wildlife Biologist from 1994 to 2001, both for the U.S. Forest Service and a private Timber Company in Northern California. Kelli and Steve moved to Stagecoach in 2001. She is now a stay-at-home Mom, and currently has 4 horses—Rainy, Bob, Pepper and Jaimie. Kelli says "We mostly trail ride, but try to participate in as many HDH activities as schedules permit. I am enjoying teaching my boys about horses and to ride".

Kelli has been involved with horses since she was 5 years old. Her Aunt Sue had horses and Kelli loved them from the first time she was around them. Kelli said "She helped me get a good solid foundation and then she helped me show Western and later English from the time I was 8 to 18. I showed a lot as a kid, but we always used our horses for a variety of activities including trail, 4-H activities, camping and moving cows for neighboring ranches".

Kelli's favorite breed of horse is the Quarter horse, but she feels a good horse is a good horse no matter the breed or color.

Kelli's favorite club activities are riding and visiting with people with similar interests. The variety is nice.

"Never argue with an idiot. They'll drag you down to their level and beat you with experience."



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## Winter Shelter for Pastured Horses

By the Editors of EQUUS magazine

### Even pastured horses need some shelter from harsh winter weather.

Horses thrive in the winter chill that makes us reluctant to leave our houses. In fact, horses can live outdoors comfortably in temperatures as low as 30 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, so long as they're given plenty of hay, ample unfrozen water and simple shelter designed to protect against the particular bad-weather patterns of their locale. Here are the best shelter types for the three basic wintertime-weather conditions:

**Dry and windy:** No snow and sleet may be in the forecast, but fierce winds that cut across the plains or desert can be even more brutally chilling to unprotected horses than frozen precipitation. A single wall built to block the prevailing winds may be all horses need to hunker up against and escape the discomfort. If winds are variable, a three-section windbreak with walls arranged around a center post like wheel spokes offers animals a choice of which triangle gives the best protection for the moment. In areas of particularly strong winds, these sheltering walls need some openings to let air pass through; solid structures are more likely to be toppled by gusts.

**Rainy and windy:** Cold rain driven by strong wind spells misery for even furry horses who can usually shrug off plain rain without distress. A simple three-sided, roofed structure offers adequate protection in these conditions. Site the shed on a well-drained location with its back wall to the prevailing wind, and design a roofline that diverts rain runoff away from the entrance where horse traffic makes some mud inevitable. Have the floor graded with a slight slope to the sides and a slight crowning at the entrance to reduce the formation of mud inside the shed. For most satisfactory footing during the worst of the rainy season, invest in underground drainage and stone dust or aggregate surface materials during construction.

**Snowy and very cold:** If winter regularly brings snowstorms and consistent subfreezing daytime temperatures, you can still keep turned-out horses safe and comfortable in a shed, but the construction needs to be solid and strong enough to stand up to heavy snow accumulation. Roof slope and strength, in particular, contribute to the safety of the structure. A steep pitch away from the entrance "shrugs off" snow accumulation where horses won't be standing and reduces chances that the entrance will be entirely blocked.

If properly sited with the opening facing the most protected direction (often south), a three-sided shed usually provides sufficient shelter, but in extra-frigid areas, partial enclosure of the fourth side makes the interior cozier. Just be sure to leave a generous entranceway, with room for two horses to pass comfortably. Grade and maintain the shed floor to reduce mud formation, and bed it to make a dry, warm place for horses to snooze out of the snow.

This article first appeared in the November 1999 issue of EQUUS magazine.

## Baby Picture Contest Winner Announced



Margy Hamilton

Winner of the Baby Picture Contest is Marie McIntyre. She did not guess everyone right, but she had the most correct. Marie wins a 2006 HDH Membership. Congratulations!



Marie McIntyre



Linda Mulkey



Susan Ransom



Ricky Bailey



Mike Bailey



Kathie Peterson



Bob Retzer

## Warm Up to Winter Riding

**It's not always the easiest time to ride, but you can beat the cold-weather blahs with some of these tips and strategies for winter riding.**

If you live in a cold weather climate, you know how challenging riding through winter can be. Here are a few tips for taking the chill off barn and riding time.

1. **Wear layers.** Wear a light-weight base layer that'll wick sweat away from your skin (polypropylene or silk are two options) then follow that with a middle layer of wool, or a synthetic that insulates without adding a lot of bulk. A jacket system that has a zip-in vest or jacket offers even more options.
2. If you'll be trail riding, pack a small waterproof container or ziplock bag that has matches, an extra layer of warmth and a "space blanket." Boating supply companies offer small kits that are waterproof and crush proof, and can usually be slipped into a saddlebag or fanny pack.

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

Harold Miller has been invited to do cowboy poetry (along with nine other poets, including Baxter Black who is considered the top selling cowboy poet in the U.S.) at Chadron University in Nebraska in February (brrrrr!!!). And his poems were printed this month in Natural Horse, Trail Rider Magazine, Cowboy Times and Horse Tales. Way to go Harold!

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Our condolences go out to Ricky Bailey who lost her father recently.

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Our best wishes go out to Mark King who is in the Carson Hospital. We hope to see you out and about soon, Mark.

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Our condolences also go out to Dennis Cuccato who lost his mother recently.

3. **Warm up.** A good grooming session before you ride will warm you up and will help warm your horse's muscles, too.
4. During your grooming routine, check your horse's hooves for snow or ice if he's been outdoors. Pick out his feet, then spritz with cooking spray or coat with Vaseline to keep snow and ice from packing into his feet.
5. While you groom your horse, wear your horse's bridle under your jacket to help warm the bit, or wrap it in gel hand warmers. Or, check out The Bitten Store's bit warmer--which'll double as a body warmer or can slip into your pocket as a hand warmer.
6. Plan extra time to cool your horse down after a ride. If your horse is clipped, consider using a quarter sheet--it'll drape over his hindquarters and keep him a little warmer during cold-day rides.
7. If you wear insulated boots, make sure you're able to move them easily in the stirrups. Consider ordering oversized stirrups for use during the winter months. Try gel-pack foot warmers to protect against popsicle toes.
8. Take time to stretch and warm your muscles before climbing into the saddle. And give your horse plenty of time to warm up before you start a strenuous schooling session.
9. If you're going on a long ride, wear a Camelbak (drink delivery system that you wear like a backpack) or similar product to carry water. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter, and dehydration makes you more susceptible to hypothermia and frostbite.
10. Water is a concern for your horse, too. Studies show that when they're offered warm water, horse's will drink more in the winter than if their water is ice cold. Keep an eye on water tanks and buckets (make sure they're clean and ice-free). Decreased water intake can increase risk for colic.

## HDH ONLINE STORE

HDH now has an online store. Please check it out at [www.hdhorsemen.org](http://www.hdhorsemen.org). There are club t-shirts available for purchase. We also have two tank tops left (Size L). More can be ordered for the summer.

Cookbooks and mugs cost \$5. T-shirts (S-XL \$10, XXL \$11, XXXL \$11.50), Tanks (S-XL, \$10)



# HDH Christmas Party



Nancy Davis, Marie McIntyre, Jake and Kelli Lyon



Lot s of good food!!



Wendy Holp at work in the kitchen



Jim Hamilton and Greg Holp



Margy and Jim Hamilton



Clockwise– Marie McIntyre, Wayne McIntosh, Claudia McIntosh,, Linda Mulkey, Kelli Lyon, Jarod Lyon

The food was wonderful and a great time was had by all who attended the HDH Christmas Party on December 10th.

Outgoing President Margy Hamilton handed over her gavel to 2006 HDH President, Wendy Holp. She presented plaques to Marie McIntyre, Ricky Bailey, and Linda Mulkey.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the officers and Directors. A special Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Jim Hamilton for his support, hard work and dedication to Margy and HDH.

**All photos courtesy of Margy Hamilton**



Mandy Brinnand, Harold Miller, Diana Miller



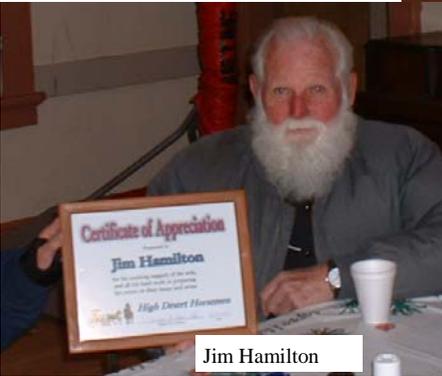
Claudia and Wayne McIntosh

Kelli Lyon was awarded the "Backpacker of the Year" award for her hard work at the July Horse Show, while carrying her son Jake in a backpack all day.



Jake, Kelli & Jarod Lyon

Margy Hamilton received a gold swatter—to be used in case she runs across a buffalo—like she did when HDH hosted the NEDA drive in July at Fort Churchill. Margy, not short on courage, hopped off her 4-wheeler and shooed the buffalo away with a stick.



Jim Hamilton

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Juliet and John Deines for their generous contribution of twelve turkeys for Thanksgiving Baskets. A Certificate was also presented to John to give to the Employees of Albertsons who donated thirteen turkeys.



Ricky and Mike Bailey



Nancy Cuccato



Juliet and John Deines

Awards were given to members of the "High Flyers Club": Dennis Cuccato, Luanne King, Tiffany Boggs, Marie McIntyre, Nancy Cuccato, Susan Ransom, and Sarah Ransom. Nancy accepted the certificate and a pair of wings for Dennis (who was at home recovering from knee surgery). Dennis will pass the wings on to the first person to "join" in 2006. In case you have not guessed—the High Flyers are people who have gone "flying through the air" off their horses in 2005.



Steve Lyon and Marie McIntyre

This will be your last newsletter unless you renew your membership in HDH for 2006.

A renewal form was enclosed with your last newsletter. You can find an application form on our website: [www.hdhorsemen.org](http://www.hdhorsemen.org).



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