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Upcoming Events

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January 11, 2007 – General Membership/Board Meeting, 777 S. Stewart St, Carson City (Fire Department Main Conference Room). 6:30 p.m. The Fire Department is located across from Copeland Lumber. Bring your favorite food to share with a pot-luck dinner.

Events for the rest of January and February will be scheduled at the January meeting.

April 21 – 3rd Annual Hairy Horse Show, 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena, Stagecoach. 9:00 a.m. Info: Kelli Lyon, 775-629-0865 or www.hdhorsemen.org

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High Desert Horsemen is raffling off a pair of tickets to the two-day Clinton Anderson Clinic listed below:

Mar 31 - Apr 1, 2007, Rancho Murieta, CA

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- What its like to ride a sports car with hooves and how you can accomplish incredible things with your horse at home!

Cost for the pair of tickets is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. They will be available at HDH events and from Kelli Lyon. Winner will be drawn on March 1st

President's Corner

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY

Happy New Year and welcome all to HDH. We have an exciting year planned with many, many horse activities and, hopefully, everyone can find something that fits their needs. As this year's president I would like to reinforce our mission by focusing on 3 main areas - **Safety, Horsemanship, and Fun.**

Recent research has found that people "involved in horseback riding are hospitalized due to severe head injuries more often than those involved in hockey, football, boxing and soccer. Although there are factors that may increase the risk of falling off such as a green horse, slippery footing or bareback riding, it is the height from where the rider falls, that jeopardizes head trauma. A fall from 2 feet (60 cm) can cause permanent brain damage and a horse elevates a rider to 8 feet (3 metres) or more above the ground. A human skull can be shattered by an impact of only 7-10 kph while horses can gallop at speeds up to 65 kph. Riders age 10-14 are most likely to be involved in an accident with a horse. According to research conducted by the American Medical Equestrian Association (AMEA), the most common reason among riders for hospitalization and equestrian-related deaths are head injuries. In addition, HorseQuest.com and Horse Canada recently published that horseback riding has a higher serious injury rate than motorcycle riding. While a motorcyclist can expect to suffer a serious injury every 7,000 hours of riding, a horseback rider can expect to suffer a serious injury every 350 hours of riding. These numbers do not lie and prove that horseback riding is a leading cause of head injuries." (www.horse.on.ca/news/2005_conference/helmet_safety.html)

To this end I will be promoting Equine Citizenship levels I and II certification. This certification will cover ground skills, levels of desensitization and riding skills. It is Fun and Educational, as well as giving people a yardstick for measuring the level of "brokenness" in your horse.

Of course, every time we work with our horse we are teaching it something. So, in effect we are all trainers, and it is gratifying to see such a high level of horsemanship within the HDH members. However, for those who wish to further their skills we will be offering a number of ground skills and under saddle clinics, as well as short, impromptu sessions for horse problems. These short sessions will be conducted by various members and it is a chance for many to test their problem solving skills. The more control we have over our horses, the safer they will be, and the more FUN we can have with them. There is hardly anything more emotionally draining than riding a horse that is out of control.

So, **BE SAFE**, and have **FUN** in 07.

Tony Summer

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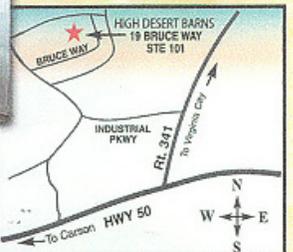
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Owning a White Horse

Harold Roy Miller

Horses always captured my attention whenever I watched a cowboy flick. The hero's magnificent white horse would usually be my favorite pick.

I would be totally enamored with them and would slip into a fantasy zone. Then I would go off and daydream for hours about owning a white horse of my own.

One day I went out and bought one. She was almost pure snow white. A tall young filly that would have been a cowboy movie star's delight.

I was as proud as a peacock to have her, but learned a few things in due course, about the cold hard facts of owning what I thought was a pretty white horse.

The simple truth of the matter is clean and white they just won't stay. It's always becomes very apparent what they came in contact with that day.

They can change to about any color from mud brown to manure green, Or be spotted like an appy or a pinto or perhaps somewhere in between.

I have seen her turn into a buckskin when she gets all coated with mud, and she's been a golden palomino after she has wallowed in the crud.

One thing I can always count on when I saddle up my white pride is I have to give her a shower before I can get on and ride.

One day I saw something so shocking, it filled my heart with dread. My young filly's snowy white chest was covered with streaks of red.

I was horrified - I thought it was blood and I darn near almost fainted until I realized she'd only leaned against some panels I had just freshly painted.

I know they are other horse owners that share in this pigment plight. They too have seen their ivory equines turn different colors overnight.

As for myself, I admit it's a losing battle that there just ain't no use to fight, since a supposedly white-colored horse never, ever seems to stay white.



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**2007 HDH Vice President
Vince Pirozzi**

I was born and raised in New York City and moved to St. Petersburg Florida in 1974. I spent 19 years there, and moved to Nevada in 1993. My wife and I live in Washoe Valley. We have one daughter who now lives in Dallas, Texas.

I have been a firefighter for 33 years and currently work as a battalion chief in Carson City.

I have been riding horses for about 14 years, and spent 8 years as a mounted police officer for the Carson City Sheriff.

I also work as a big game hunting guide in Montana and take clients on horseback trips into the wilderness in the summer and fall.

I enjoy anything about horses and spend as much time riding as possible.

I currently have 3 horses and ride all of them when I get the chance.

I joined the High Desert Horsemen to meet and ride with other people of similar interests, and I have met many such people.

News Briefs

Congratulations to Debbie Young, the winner of the sil-

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High bidder for the Silent Stallion Auction was Kelli Lyon. Congratulations!

This lovely handcrafted wooden saddle rack that was donated to HDH, is being raffled off. Tickets are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may purchase tickets until January 11, 2007 (day of the HDH General Membership Meeting). You do not need to be present to win. Contact Kelli Lyon for tickets.



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Christmas Party—December 10, 2006

There was great company, excellent food, and a lot of fun at the HDH Christmas Party. The party was held at the Gold Canyon Steak House in Dayton.

Outgoing President Margy Hamilton turned over the gavel to the new president, Tony Sumner.

Year-end High-Point Awards were handed out. The awards were given for the total points accrued from the three horse shows (Sagebrush Circuit) held throughout the season. The winners were:

18 & Over Division: Champion—Tony Sumner, Reserve—Bonnie Replogle
 17 & Under Division: Champion—Theresa Cash, Reserve—Dallas Ott
 Driving Division: Champion—Jackie Jones, Reserve—Kathie Peterson



Aimee and Tony Sumner – Champion High-Point Winner (18 & Over), Conner Panziera



Albert and Bonnie Replogle—Reserve High-Point Winner (18 & Over Division)



Jarod Lyon, Conner Panziera, Kelli & Jake Lyon

Plaques were awarded to Aimee & Tony Sumner for conducting the ground manners clinics, riding clinic, & fun day. Vince Pirozzi was also awarded a plaque for conducting the de-spooking clinics. HDH appreciates them sharing their knowledge with them.

There was a lively White Elephant Gift Exchange. There were many swaps and a lot of fun was had by everyone.

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