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Upcoming Events

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Feb. 10 - The CPR training that was scheduled for Sat Feb. 17 has been rescheduled for Feb. 10, 2007 10 am to 2 pm. We were unaware that Feb 17 is CPR community Day (what are the odds?) and there will be no CPR equipment /instructors available. Please email me or call me to RSVP for our new day. Please RSVP even if you already have so I know who can make the new day and keep Vince posted on how many instructors he might need. Hope to see you there. Kelli, 629-0865 Class fee—canned sweet potatoes.

Feb. 11—4-H Tack Sale at the Livestock Arena in Reno. Contact Melinda Cash, 684-2629, if you would like 4-Hers to sell your tack (20% Commission).

Mar 3—De-Spooking 101, 9:00 a.m. Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Contact Vince Pirozzi at 841-3563.

Mar 8—General Membership Meeting, Pizza Factory, Silver Springs, 7:00 p.m. Contact Kelli Lyon 629-0865 for more information.

Mar 17—Equine Citizenship Test, Part I, 10:00 a.m., Hamilton's Arena, Stagecoach. Testing fee—stuffing. Contact Tony Sumner 423-9381.

Apr 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

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR TIME AND DATE CHANGES. SOMETIMES THINGS CHANGE AND WE HAVE TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL. www.hdhorsemen.org

High Desert Horsemen is raffling off a pair of tickets to the two-day Clinton Anderson Clinic, Mar 31 - Apr 1, 2007, Rancho Murieta, CA Tickets may be purchased from Kelli Lyon (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). Winning ticket will be drawn at the March 8th Meeting.

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President's Corner

A Few Administrative Duties

Many thanks to all the members that attended the General Membership meeting in January. We covered a lot of ground and squared away a number of issues. It is always a pleasure to get people's input on various challenges facing HDH. The ever encroaching suburbia, the never ending litigation, and the increasing costs of keeping and training horses are major challenges to our pursuit of equine happiness.

However, we must face reality, and meet the challenges head on. The first being the state and cost of health care resulting in more and more lawsuits over injuries. In order to protect the club, we strongly urge our members to wear protective equipment, especially helmets. A horse rider is 15 times more likely to suffer a head injury than a motorcycle rider. If a member chooses not to wear a helmet, it was decided that a waiver to that effect will be now be signed, and the onus of responsibility lies with that person.

A number of members are diligently following the suburbia planning that appears to moving inexorably further and further east from Carson City. Some of these developments threaten to directly impact our choice of trails, and petitions have been drawn up for Councils to carefully include horse riding citizens. Please contact Denise Walker or Betty Retzer for details.

There are a number of horse related activities and "going ons" in the area including the government sponsored livestock reporting program, the 4-H tack sale, our Equine Citizenship testing. Keep your eyes on the website, or contact Kelli Lyon for further details.

As you can see there were numerous topics of discussion at the meeting, and in an attempt to better manage our time, future meetings will be from a pre-disclosed agenda. In order to get your topic of interest on the agenda, please contact myself or Kelli Lyon by email. Many issues can be dealt without a need for a vote, and we should be cognizant of members' time in order to encourage participation in the administration of their club.

Thank you.

Tony Sumner

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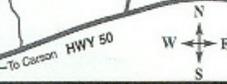
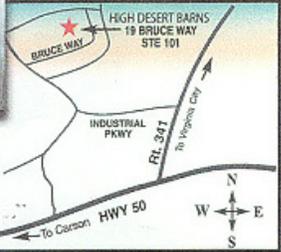
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Horses At The House

Harold Roy Miller

"Isn't it better to have your horses at your house than to board them at a stable?" asked my spouse.

I thought to myself, as I apple forked manure, just exactly how much better it is, I wasn't all that sure.

It crossed my mind that having the horses here is not as easy as it would first appear.

There are a lot of responsibilities that we have to take and not all of them are a "piece of cake."

It seems like I'm forever fixing a broken fence or gate or some other needed repair that absolutely can't wait.

Ivermectin, psyllium and vitamins keep us in debt since we order the stuff in bulk off the Internet.

We have to make sure every single day that they stay in good health and have plenty of hay. Plus, I have to stack that hay which we buy by the ton. Do that awhile and you won't think it's so much fun.

We regularly deworm and check for bots and keep them up to date on their West Nile shots. If they seem a bit off and not doing much frolicking, we have to pray that the horses aren't colicing.

I recalled the cold, wet night that I had to nail down tin after that big storm last winter began to move in. It's also a fact when summer weather starts getting hotter, I must continuously replenish the horses' drinking water.

I begin to question this ranch life I've chosen as I break ice each morning when their water is frozen. And it seems like it's always then that my wife wants to ride, when it's ten degrees below zero with gale force winds outside.

But through the years I've learned it's best to avoid disagreeing with my sweetie and getting her annoyed. So I smiled and nodded "Yes" as I concurred with my spouse, that it is so much better to have your horses at your house.

No Cook Yum Yums

Ingredients:

1 apple
sweet feed
molasses
chopped carrots

Instructions:

Mix sweet feed, molasses, and carrots in a bowl. Core the apple. Fill the inside of the apple with the sweet feed/carrot mixture. Feed to your horse and let your horse take bites of it. Above ingredients make one yum yum.



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Member of the Month



Theresa Panziera
2007 Board Member

My name is Theresa Panziera and I have a wonderful life! I was born in Madera, California and moved to Hollister, California when I was two. I continued living in Hollister until I graduated from High School and then my family relocated to South Lake Tahoe, California. I continued my education at the University of Nevada Reno where I earned two Master Degrees. One master degree is in elementary education and the other is in ESL. Learning and sharing my knowledge is one of my great passions. I have retired from teaching this year and I am now a stay at home mom.

Instead of working daily for the school district, I am now a volunteer for my

son's school. I participate in every committee I can as a parent and help his teacher out as much as possible. Being a teacher is a unbelievable tough job, that required a lot of time and dedication to children and their families. I have a lot of respect for teachers.

When I am not working at the school, I am basically playing. I know tough job, but I earned it!!! Riding horses and being involved with people that have a passion for horses gives me great joy. But, my favorite joy in the world is being with my husband and son. As I said, " I have a wonderful life." I am truly blessed.

Enjoy,

Theresa Panziera

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News Briefs

Winner of the handcrafted wooden saddle rack was Kelli Lyon.

Correction from last month: Debbie Young was the winner of the Silver-trimmed headstall that was donated by Sundown Saddlery.

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to
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January 1**

No Feb Birthdays

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HORSEY NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Submitted by Mandy Brinnand

I CAN walk and poop at the same time.

I will NOT leave when my rider falls off.

My stall is NOT my litter box. When I have free access to my paddock, I will NOT go back inside to pee or poop.

I will NOT leap over large nonexistent obstacles when the whim strikes.

I will NOT walk faster on the way home than I did on the way out.

I promise NOT to swish my tail while my human is cleaning my feet.

I promise also NOT to choose that particular time to answer nature's call or pass gas.

I will NOT bite my farrier's butt just because it is there.

I will NOT blow my nose on my human.

I will NOT lay totally flat out in my stall with my eyes glazed over and my legs straight out and pretend I can't hear my human frantically screaming "Are you asleep?"

I will NOT chase the ponies into the electric wire to see if it is ON.

I will promise NEVER to dump the wheelbarrow of manure over while my human is cleaning my stall.

I will NOT have an attitude problem. I won't. I won't. I won't.

I WILL forgive my human for the very bad haircut, even though I look like a freak.

I WILL recall that deer are NOT carnivorous.

I will NOT bite the butt of the horse in front of me on a trail ride just to say "Hi".

This is the test that will be conducted on March 17, 2007

Equine Citizenship Test Level I

Section A - Ground Manners

Disengage Hindquarters

Backup

Disengage Forequarters

Lunge Stage 1 Left

Sidepass against fence

Section B - Desensitized

Throw rope over back - Left

- Right

Handi-stick - Slap ground

- Helicopter

- Flag

Tarp over horse's back

Section C - Handling

Pickup Feet

Lead

Clippers

Trailer Loading

Section D - Under Saddle

Walk on Loose Rein

Trot on a Loose Rein

Disengage Hindquarters

Backup

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Breakfast Ride/Drive—January 1, 2007



Nancy Davis in background, Aimee & Tony Sumner



Charles & Kelly Knapp



Kelli Lyon & Theresa Panziera



John & Juliet Deines



Nancy Davis



Bonnie Replogle, Theresa Panziera, & Linda Mulkey

Breakfast Ride/Drive—January 1, 2007



Juliet Deines, Linda Mulkey, Theresa Panziera, Kelli Lyon, Tony Sumner, Aimee Sumner, Bonnie Replogle, Charles Knapp, Kelly Knapp. Not pictured: John Deines, Margy Hamilton, Nancy Davis

Round Pen Demo by Tony Sumner—January 1, 2007



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