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Wendy Holp has resigned as President. The position will be filled shortly. In the meantime, Margy Hamilton is acting President.

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Upcoming Events

February 9 - General Membership Meeting—7:30 p.m. (Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.) Stagecoach Community Center. Rick Smith from Animal Control will be discussing Disaster Preparedness. Contact Margy Hamilton 629.0807.

February 11 - Membership Drive / Pancake Breakfast. 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. Margy Hamilton. Volunteers needed.

February 12 - Valentine's Day Ride/Drive 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.

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 Linda Mulkey 629.0817.

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.

March 25 - Ground Manners 102. Conducted by Tony Sumner. 9:00 a.m. 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Cost \$10.00 members / \$25 nonmembers. (Applications available day of event.) Lunch included in entry fee. Contact Linda Mulkey 629.0817.

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Horse Blanket Cleaning & Repair by "Wendy"
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For Sale - Black leather dressage saddle from Team-S, is a superior quality saddle. This saddle has a reinforced regular tree with 7" gullet. Recessed stirrup pegs, long dressage billets, matching black 1" stirrup leathers, and a pair of stirrup irons with pads. Includes a matching black English snaffle bridle with matching reins. \$150. Margy 629-0807.



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.

For Sale - 2001 Registered Paint Breeding Stock Gelding. Nice looking, sound and very well built, just shy of 15.2 hands with one blue eye. Very gentle, responsive, smart and just loves people. He's had ground work done, and has been saddled, but isn't broke to ride. He's ready to break the way you want. \$1300. 775-629-9696



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Member of the Month



Mandy and Dante as a yearling at the Nevada Paint Horse Club Zone Show

Hi, my name is Mandy Brinnand and I was born in London, England. My family eventually made its way to Nevada and I attended school at the University of Nevada, Reno, receiving an associates degree in Farm and Ranch Management in 1982 and a bachelors degree in Forestry in 1985. I started working for the Forest Service in 1986 and am still there. In 1997 I moved to Stagecoach into a wonderful neighborhood.

As for my love of horses, I had asked my parents for a horse since I was a little girl, my Christmas and birthday wish list had only one item: A Horse. We lived in tract housing with no horse facilities, my family knew nothing about horses, so I think to shut me up, my parents finally said they would buy me a horse when I was 13 years old, if I could show I had the money to pay the upkeep and board. So I found a job, saved my money and when I turned 13, I told my parents I wanted that horse and have had one since.

In 1993, I met my future husband and he got me into breeding and showing paint and quarter halter horses. We traveled to horse shows across the West and even showed our quarter horse stallion "A Bold Conclusion" at the AQHA World show in 1998 and 1999, both times standing in the top ten. When I divorced in 2002, my showing days also ended. I still had a few horses though, and last year, the horse show bug caught me again. I started fitting, training and showing my 2003 paint

gelding "A Clasical Conclusion", aka "Dante". Dante and I have had fun showing and have done very well, including many Grand and Reserve Championships and Eleven State Awards. I'll be showing Dante again in 2006 and hope to get an open and amateur superior on him (50 points).

Besides Dante, I also have my solid paint riding gelding, Bomba; my 30 year old appaloosa mare, Tequila (who I've owned for 29 years); a 4 year old paint gelding, Jagz, who was orphaned and I hand raised; and a pregnant paint mare, Sizzle, who is due to foal February 13, so I guess I'll be adding one more to my herd soon. I also have my faithful little dog "Rodent". She is a queensland heeler and is "ball obsessed", so if you see a dog dropping a ball at your feet time and again, that's Rodent.

Mandy is one of the Directors of High Desert Horsemen.

Hittin the Hay Harold Roy Miller

We left the gate unlocked last night.
Stormy the Huge got out.
She went to the hay barn for a bite.
Her tracks belied her route.

I also noticed that the top
of one of my evergreens is gone.
This behavior we've got to stop.
It can't keep going on.

So now we'll check our gates every day
cuz our horses are worth keeping.
And next time Stormy hits the hay,
let's hope it means she's sleeping!

Beware the Wind

By the Editors of EQUUS magazine

Protect your horses from winter's wicked winds.

Wind is the universal calling card of winter. With or without snow, sleet and/or rain, gusty weather can be a deceptively harsh force visited upon your horses. Three potential health hazards come blowing in the wind.

Loss of body heat. Wind chills horses by blowing surface heat away from their bodies as quickly as it can be generated. Winds strong enough to ruffle winter coats leave horses even colder by sapping heat reserves normally trapped under thick hair layers. Combine such a wind with moisture in one form or another, and the chilling effects are even more drastic. When they can, horses stand with their rumps to the wind, using their tails to block the gusts. This natural protection is effective enough for unclipped horses, but a windbreak, such as a run-in shed or a stand of evergreen trees, gives them the best protection. Closely clipped horses require blanketing in cool, windy weather, starting at about 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Eye irritation. Gusty wind stirs up dirt and dust that can irritate a horse's eyes. Conjunctivitis, the inflammation of the tissues surrounding the eyeball, commonly results when a horse rubs his eyes in response to windblown irritants. Again, a windbreak reduces this hazard, but a fly mask is even better, providing mobile protection during gusty weather.

Flying or falling objects. Strong winds increase a field-kept horse's risk of bodily harm. Aged or weakly rooted trees can lose large limbs or be blown over by fierce gusts, and pastured horses near them may not have enough warning to clear the area before they fall. Lightweight or "balloony" equipment and materials, such as empty water troughs, buckets, loose roofing material and tarps, may be picked up by the wind to spook your horses and possibly cause injury, either through direct hits or by scaring them into harm's way. Shoddily constructed or poorly maintained buildings can come tumbling down in high winds, especially if snow or ice builds up on the roof. When high winds are forecast for your area, stable or pasture your horses in your safest areas, and batten down potential flying objects. In general, keep your buildings weather worthy and your trees pruned of deadwood.

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A Sad Note

By Mandy Brinnand

This is a sad note, but I felt it was important to include. This morning at 10:00 am, my paint mare, Sizzlin Tradition, had a beautiful filly. The mare had no problem foaling, in fact it was a textbook foaling and couldn't have gone any smoother. Unfortunately, as soon as I saw the foal, I knew it was in trouble - It was pure white. The sire of this white filly is a "Frame Overo" paint with a large amount of white on his belly. I knew the stallion was Overo Lethal White Syndrome (OLWS) positive, but because my paint mare is not a frame overo and is in fact a sabino overo with not a lot of white on her, I figured she was negative. I sent a DNA sample to UC Davis to be tested, but the mare came into heat so I had her bred. She was confirmed in foal when I received the test results back from UC DAVIS and was surprised that she was positive for OLWS.

With both parents positive for OLWS, there was a 25% chance of having a lethal white foal, but a 75% of a normal foal, so I decided to take the risk. So, the sad end to this story is that I am now headed to the vet to have this fully formed, beautiful, active little filly put down. Lethal white foals have intestinal tract abnormalities and the intestinal tract normally doesn't follow through to the rectum, so the foal cannot pass feces.

I felt it was important to inform people that breed paints, quarter horses or minis to have their horses tested before breeding no matter what coloring pattern they have. UC Davis has confirmed a lethal white foal born to a mini horse and two quarter horses, so you're not safe unless you have your horses tested. If your horse is positive for OLWS, you just need to ensure the other parent is negative.

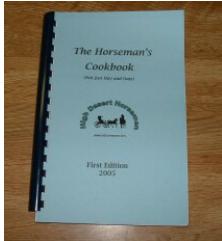
If both parents are positive for OLWS, you have a 25% chance of having a lethal white, if neither or only one is positive you have 0% chance of a lethal white. More information and a form to submit hair samples to have your horse tested is available at the UC Davis website at: www.vgl.ucdavis.edu.



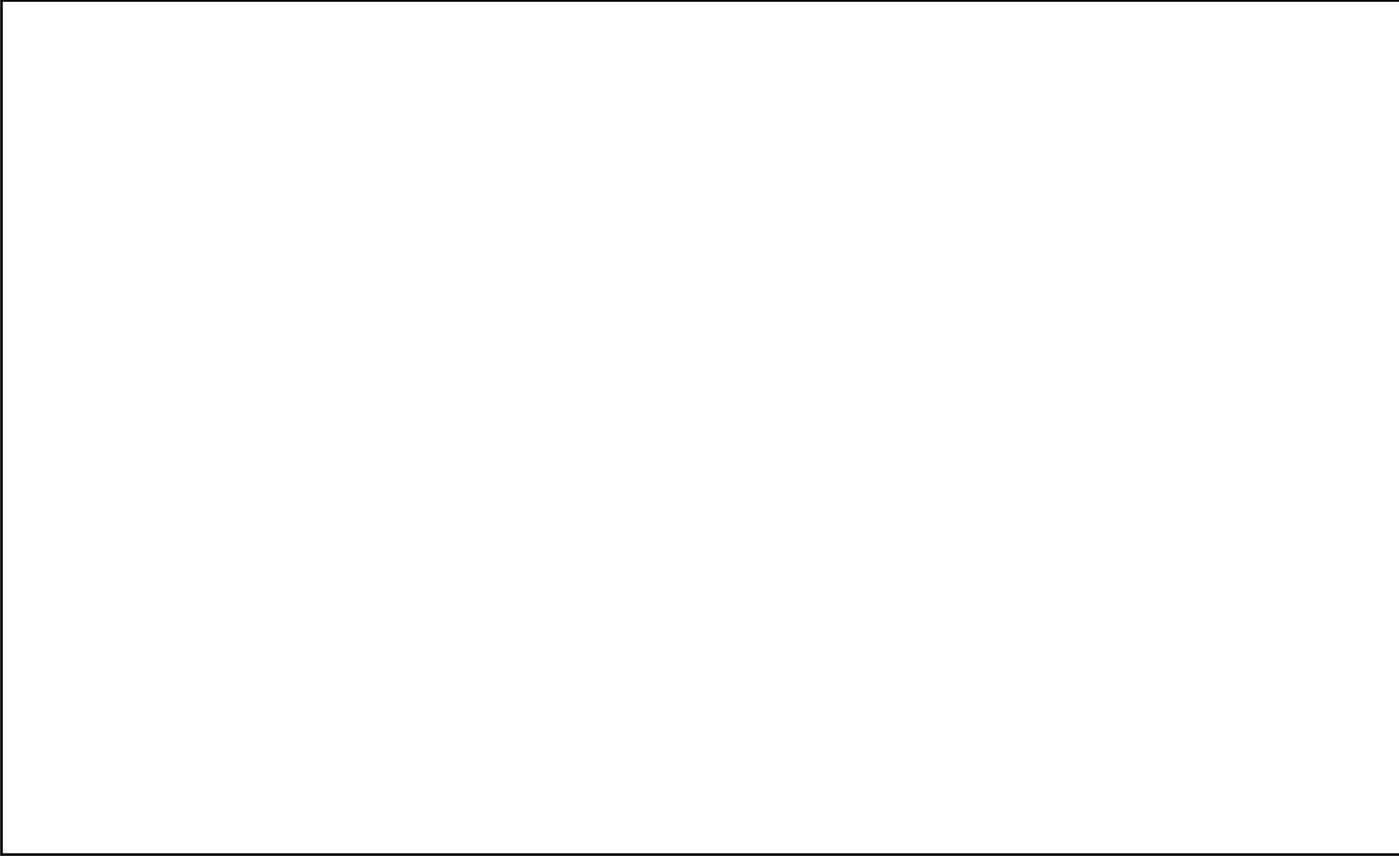
Sizzlin Tradition with a lethal white filly

HDH ONLINE STORE

HDH now has an online store. Please check it out at 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, mugs, and totes cost \$5. T-shirts (S-XL \$10, XXL \$11, XXXL \$11.50), Tanks (S-XL, \$10).



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