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Upcoming Events

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March 9—General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.). Stagecoach Community Center. Marie McIntyre 629.9705.

March 18 - Ground Manners 101. Previously scheduled for March 4th. 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 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.

April 1 - Brand Inspections. 9:00—11:00 a.m. 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach (Hamilton's). Contact Marie McIntyre to set up a time. 629.9705.

April 2 - Virginia City Ride. 10:00 a.m. Staging area north of Highway 50. Contact: Margy Hamilton, 629.0807

April 13 - HDH General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.). Stagecoach Community Center. Marie McIntyre 629.9705.

April 15 - HDH Ride/ Drive - Washoe Valley State Park. 10:00 a.m. Potluck lunch. Bring turkey gravy (can or envelope) as ride fee (to be used for Thanksgiving baskets). You are responsible for \$4 entry fee to park. Contact Marie McIntyre 629.9705.

April 22 - 2nd Annual Hairy Horse Schooling Show, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. 9:00 a.m. High point awards at end of day (also count toward year end awards if attend all three shows) Contact Marie McIntyre, 629.9705 or Linda Mulkey, 629.0817.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank everyone for their help with our first pancake breakfast/membership drive. A good time was had by all. We had a special guest, Ron John who is running for sheriff.

Special thanks to Stevan Lyon and John Deines for doing all the cooking. "Thanks guys - you were great.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the set up and the clean up - we couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks again,

Marie McIntyre

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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: Well broke gelding, not too old, so I can enjoy "uneventful" rides! Needs to be sound, stout and fairly tall. Prefer gaited but doesn't have to be. Harold Miller (775) 629-0789 handdmiller@pyramid.net

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BUCK

Harold Roy Miller

I saw a classified ad that read "Horse for sale, real cheap.
This is the kind of horse that any cowboy would surely want to keep."
So I sent an email to the owner who said, " You sir, are in luck.
I still have the tan colored beauty and His name is Buck."

I have a love for buckskins so I bought that one sight unseen
But unbeknownst to me, my new gelding was a wee bit green.
It turned out to be a constant battle of our wit and wills
And he would toss me quite consistently, head right over heels.

This horse was smart and very quick and he'd catch me unprepared,
and I would hit the rock hard ground, fuming mad and scared.
A lot of the time my mind was somewhere else when I was ejected,
He would wait until I was relaxed and then do the unexpected.

I would saddle him up and take a ride nearly every morning.
He'd act completely normal and give no hint or warning;
Then before I could react he'd lower his head and tighten his haunches
it was then I would feel the force of his powerful rocket launches.

It stuck in my craw that perhaps I'd made a "not so bright a move,"
but I kept on trying to ride him right, hoping he'd improve.
But the more I tried to fix him the worse he would behave,
and I'd breathe a sigh of relief after each humiliating close shave.

I was starting to get aggravated and actually quite perturbed
As I came to realize that this horse was emotionally disturbed.
I was also feeling more than my share of buyer's remorse
Since I had jumped in with both feet to buy this temperamental horse.

I knew I couldn't sell him because he was much too dangerous to ride,
And I would never admit I made a mistake, because of my cowboy pride
There wasn't any way to get my money back because the owner had lit a shuck,
So I knew I had to keep this troubled horse that was called buck.

I was getting to be a bundle of nerves because of his humping fits
And walking back home for miles on end was getting to be the pits
I really wasn't enjoying those rodeo rides of splendor,
because my poor body had sore spots that were now bruised and tender.

So I put the horse out to pasture, now he is just a big old pet,
When I think of how he turned out it kind of fills me with regret.
I am reminded of words of wisdom, and I got a little sampling taste
Of what its like to repent at leisure, when you buy in haste

The wool was pulled over my eyes by a slick horse trading cheater
And when I get a chance to exact revenge, life will be so much sweeter.
I am kind of slow but it finally dawned on me ,like I had been lightening struck
The real reason that this buckskin horse was given the name Buck !

How Do You . . . ?

Quick Cures for Common Problems

To induce labor in a mare?
Take a nap.

To cure equine constipation?
Load them in a clean trailer.

To cure equine insomnia?
Take them in a halter class.

To get a horse to stay very calm and laid back?
Enter them in a liberty class.

To get a horse to wash their own feet?
Clean the water trough and fill it with fresh water.

To get a mare to come in heat?
Take her to a show.

To get a mare in foal the first cover?
Let the wrong stallion get out of his stall.

To make sure that a mare has that beautiful, perfectly marked foal you always wanted?
Sell her before she foals.

To get a show horse to set up perfect and really stretch?
Get him out late at night or anytime no one is a round to see him.

To induce a cold snap in the weather?
Clip a horse.

To make it rain?
Mow a field of hay.

To make a small fortune in the horse business?
Start with a large one!



What Blanketing Does He Need?

By Sandra Cooke

Take the guesswork out of bundling up your horse this winter with Ox Ridge barn manager Sue Louther's easy-to-follow system.

Follow these guidelines if your horse is body-clipped. (Temperatures are Fahrenheit.) If he has his full coat, subtract 10 degrees from recommendation (for example, you'd put on a turnout sheet at 50 degrees, not 60). And, clipped or not, for turnout on days that are sunny and calm, dress him as if the temperature were ten degrees higher.

60-65 -- Turnout sheet

50-60 -- Sheet over lightweight liner

40-50 -- Midweight insulated turnout rug, or turnout sheet over stable blanket

30-40 -- Heavy turnout rug, midweight rug over stable sheet or fleece liner, or turnout sheet over stable blanket plus liner

20-30 -- Heavy rug over fleece liner, or medium rug over quilted liner or stable blanket

Below 20 -- Heavy rug over quilted liner or stable blanket, or midweight rug over quilted liner or stable blanket plus fleece.

Is he chilly? Too warm? Here's how to tell.

Not warm enough: Ears cool to your touch, exposed hair coat stands on end, body tense (for instance, he stands stiffly on the crossties without cocking a leg), shivering, tail clamped.

Too warm: Restlessness, sweating under his blankets. To check, put your bare hand between the innermost layer and his coat -- and feel all the way back to his rib cage. The shoulder area near the binding, where dirt and dander accumulate first, tends to feel warm and sticky even when the rest of his body isn't.

Important: Even if temperature and conditions don't change, your horse needs you to remove and reset his blanket(s) at least once a day; twice is better. This is also your chance to check for rubs and sores that can result from even the best-fitting blanket, especially if dirt or shavings get lodged underneath. And if his blanket goes askew during the day, don't straighten it by tugging -- that hurts! Instead, undo straps and fasteners (always back to front), lift up the rear portion of the blanket(s) and fold forward to the withers, then lift completely off his back and put down again in the correct position.

These guidelines first appeared in the September 2001 issue of *Practical Horseman* magazine.

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Member of the Month

Hi, Marie McIntyre here. I am your new President. I was born and raised in Queens, New York. I have a very understanding husband (who puts up with me) and four wonderful children.

From the time I was little I always wanted a horse. But I didn't get one until we moved to California in July of 1972. From that one horse I now have a third generation mare.

I purchased another mare in July of '05 and didn't know she was in foal. On February 27 around 1:00 pm my mare foaled a beautiful bay 1/2 Arabian filly. She was born on 2/27 at about 1:00 pm. I don't know what I would have done without Kelli Lyon. She is a great person and friend. The filly has no name right now, but she will be up for sale, as soon as she is weaned.

I also worked 18 years for what is now Robinson's/May in Southern CA as Exec. Secy. I have been retired for 15 years and love it. We moved to Stagecoach in Aug. of 1997. Now I have my horses in my own backyard where I can look out the window and see them. I have also learned that no matter how much you know about horses, each and every day you learn something new.

I hope you enjoy all the upcoming events we have planned for this year.

Marie

Marie is the new President of High Desert Horsemen



Top: Marie on "Chubby"



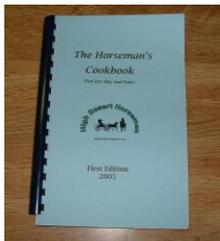
Left: Filly born 2/27

Below: "Chubby" and her new baby.

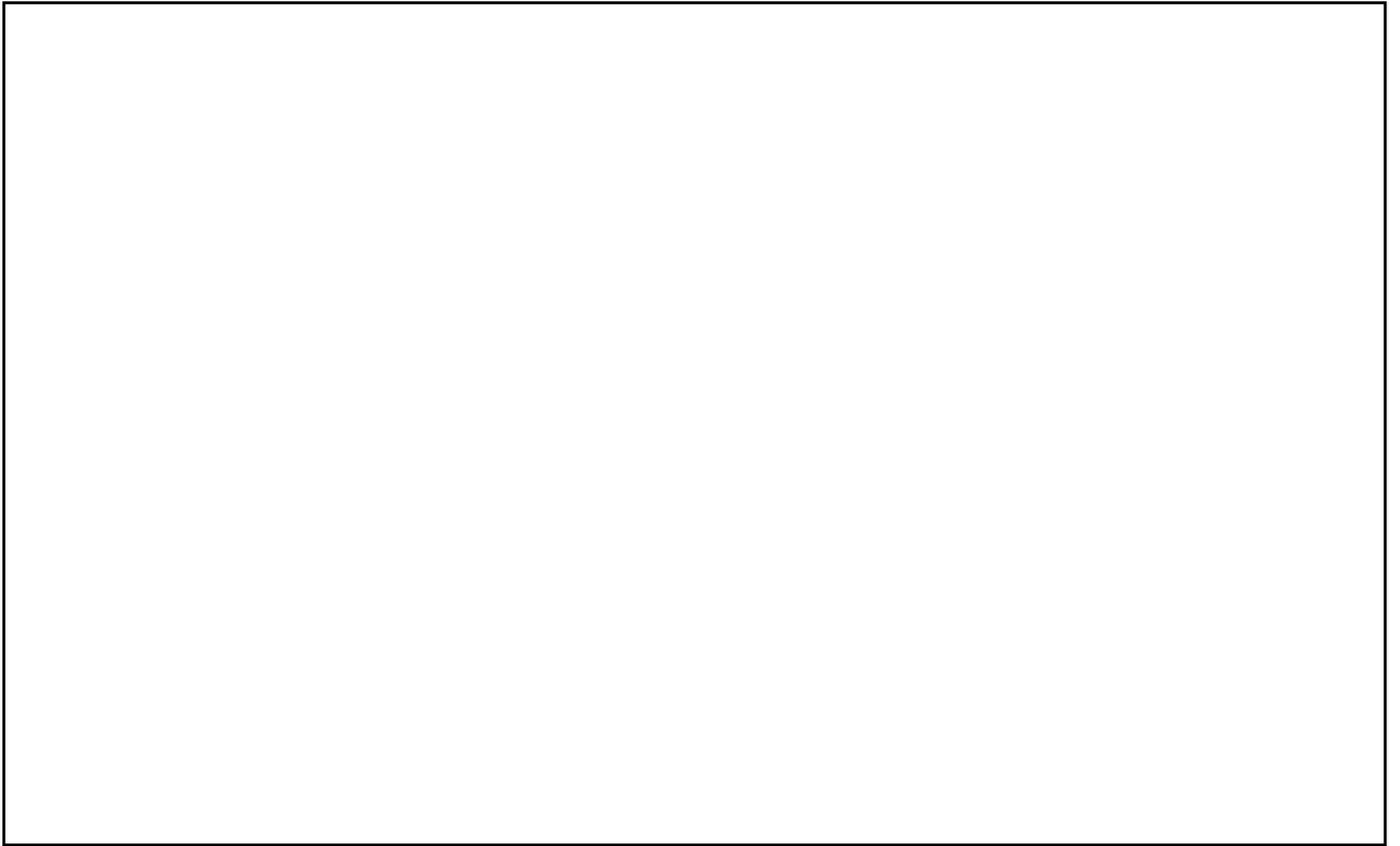


HDH ONLINE STORE

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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