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## Upcoming Events

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**April 12:** Marathon Clinic—Horsemanship Level 1, Ground work and under saddle, all day clinic. Starts at 9:00 a.m. at Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Limited to 12 participants, \$20 participation fee. Open to HDH members only. Clinic is currently full with a waiting list.

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**April 20:** Bleacher Work Session, Hamilton's Arena, 10:00 a.m. Potluck lunch to follow work session, HDH will provide hamburgers—Marty Martins will be chef. Bring a dish to share.

**Ride following lunch.** 1:00 p.m.—ride out from Hamilton's. This is an HTAP ride.

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**April 26:** 4th Annual Hairy Horse Schooling Show, Hamilton's arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Halter, English, Western, and Speed Classes. Judge: Nancy Henker. Entry forms available online at [www.hdhorsemen.org](http://www.hdhorsemen.org).

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**May 8 & 9:** Equine Dentist Clinic. The following people are signed up for the clinic. If you cannot make it those days, please let Margy know ASAP, 230-2335.

<u>May 8th</u>	<u>May 9th</u>
Anne Martins - 2	Linda Mulkey - 1
Deb Denkler - 2	Ingrid White-1
Cindy Messenger -1	Mark Terrel -1
Sandy Blair - 2	Kelli Lyon - 2
Nancy Cuccato -1	Fran Bettencourt -1
	Jane Brown - 2

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## President's Corner

### THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF HDH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of HDH. We are off to a great start with some great trail rides and horse demonstrations. I know a lot of work goes into putting these events on, and I would like to thank the members for bringing this about and especially those who donate their time willingly to ensure that these events run smoothly.

We should all be thankful that we have a forum for learning, training, showing and just plain enjoying our horses. Our personal growth with horses depends on the acquiring of knowledge and experience, which is greatly enhanced with increased access to knowledgeable horse people, horse clinics and events. Plus - horse people, and their better halves, are just more fun to hang out with.

Our club is especially thankful to Margy Hamilton for allowing us to use her arena and facilities. Public facilities are expensive and difficult to arrange and meet our full calendar. Without Margy's arena our horse life would be much more difficult and restricted to a few events per year.

Thanks should also be given to all the officers and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes producing newsletters, event schedules, signs, sign up sheets and on and on. The club would not function well, if at all, without these individuals putting in the time to "take care of business".

None of this should be taken for granted, and we need to be aware that there is a social license allowing us to conduct these events. Please be mindful of the public, as unfortunately, not all people condone equines and their owners.

Nothing is forever, so enjoy it while you can, and you get out of the club what you put into it. And right now, everyone is putting in such a great effort, the club is exceeding expectations and I just wanted to say **thanks**.

*Tony*

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**WANTED:** We are looking for someone in the Fallon area that is reasonable and would be interested in giving a few lessons or pointers in teaching a horse to do gaming in barrels and poles. I am Seventeen and trying to train a new horse that is just a little lazy (not a Quarter horse or high spirited) and am not quite sure how to get her to move the right way. I am in High School Rodeo, but need more help. If interested call me at (775) 867-4907—leave a message or Email me at [shirl89406@yahoo.com](mailto:shirl89406@yahoo.com). Katy

**FOR SALE:** Synthetic, 17" seat, semi-quarter horse bars. Only used a few times. \$125. Linda, 629-0817, e-mail [llmulkey@yahoo.com](mailto:llmulkey@yahoo.com)



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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Debbie Young** is recovering from shoulder surgery. We hope to see her out riding with us soon!

**Betty Retzer's** father recently passed away. Our condolences go out to her.

## Lahontan Ride—March 2, 2008



### Poetry by Harold Roy Miller

#### Backfired Plan

Red is a horseshoeing cowboy who likes flirt with and charm  
all his lady customers; but really he means no harm.

He tells them jokes and stories, some of which are gems,  
and keeps everyone amused while the horses' feet he trims.

All his regular clients know Red's one of those "helpless romantics"  
except for his newest customer, who was unaware of his antics.

Her name is Nettie Walker and she's a lady proper and prim.  
Nettie was not prepared in any way for the likes of him.

Nettie had five horses to shoe, and most were calm and mild;  
but there was one unruly mustang that was still just a little bit wild.  
The horse had been clicker trained and would raise his feet on cue,  
but he was green as the springtime grass and had never felt a shoe.

Red wasn't scared of any horse but he was in a mischievous mood.

He walked cautiously into the arena to get the mustang shoed.  
Red told Nettie he had a bad heart and if things happened to go south,  
he did not want no chest compressions; he wanted mouth to mouth.

Ms. Walker was taken aback. She hoped she wouldn't have take that course,  
but she became a little nervous as Red approached the target horse.

She is such a caring person and didn't want to see anyone hurt  
whether it be the skittish mustang or this big ol' cowboy flirt.

When the cowboy picked up the mustang's hoof, it jerked it away from Red.  
and seeing a chance for a practical joke, he howled, "He kicked me in the head!"

Nettie watched in horror as Red lay moaning on the ground.  
He seemed to be disoriented and was writhing all around.

Then he stopped breathing (or rather, acted like he had).

He wanted Nettie to believe he'd been injured really bad.

She yelled to him "Are you all right?" Her voice was high and frantic.  
She told herself she had to calm down because it didn't help to panic.

Then she noticed Red had outstretched arms and his lip were kissy puckered.

That was when she figured out that she had just been suckered.

She quickly formulated a plan and told Red, "You just lay real still.

I know someone close who knows first aid - my neighbor big fat Phil."

She called for Phil and he came running in a frenzied heat.

Red, realizing that the jig was up, jumped back onto his feet.

He wasn't about to let fat Phil give him lip service, now or never.

There was a kink in his backfired plan that he'd thought was so darn clever.

Red straightened up, brushed himself off and got back to what he was doing.

With a sheepish grin, he skillfully finished up the mustang's shoeing.

When he left, Nettie was standing there, smiling and shaking her head.



The weather was great and the ride was even greater at Lahontan.

Thank you to Nancie and Dennis Cuccato for sponsoring the ride.

Riders: Marsha Arthur, Holly Buettner, Jamie Buettner, Ken Buettner, Karen Chandler, Nancie Cuccato, Dennis Cuccato, Margy Hamilton, Kelli Lyon, Linda Mulkey, Bonnie Replogle, Anne Martins, Herb Fawcett, April Dziabo, and Sheila Aerick.



## Jeff Sanders Natural Hoof Balance Clinic and Under Saddle Demo 3-8-08

### High Desert Horsemen Gets Educational

High Desert Horsemen held a Natural Hoof and Vaquero Horsemanship ([www.modernvaquero.com](http://www.modernvaquero.com)) educational clinic on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Hamilton Arena in Stagecoach. The clinic was conducted by Jeff Sanders and his wife Katrina, residents of Fallon. Jeff is a farrier and horseman schooled in the Vaquero method of horse training, and Katrina is a dressage and hunter/jumper trainer and clinician.

Jeff comes from a long line of horse trainers and ranchers. Raised in California, Jeff was involved with horses even before he could walk. His family schooled their ranch horses in the snaffle bit and finished them "Up in the bridle" according to the Vaquero method. A farrier by profession (and also an accomplished practitioner and instructor of Mixed Martial Arts) with an active practice in the Fallon area, Jeff started the clinic with a dissertation on hoof care and followed it with a demonstration of equine ground manners and under saddle work.

The hoof care covered the basics of the balanced hoof and how to achieve it. The balanced hoof is important for the long term health of a horse's feet. Most wild horses' lives are shortened either by poor feet or poor teeth. A model of a typical Mustang's foot was presented and the problems highlighted. Jeff also covered the main hoof problems that he encounters in his practice working with domestic horses and how to go about correcting problems such as low heels and splayed quarters.

The equine demonstration covered the whole Vaquero schooling method. Starting with lunging and progressing through ground manners. all the while demonstrating how this relates to under saddle work.

Jeff then demonstrated the whole progression of Vaquero under saddle schooling from starting with the bosal though the snaffle bit to the final finished spade bit. Jeff emphasizes the need to accommodate the sensibilities of the horse pointing out that a truly finished horse may take 10 to 12 years to produce.

The attendees found the clinic very informative, educational and entertaining given Jeff's easy going style and relaxed demeanor. The whole clinic is a testament to the depth and professionalism available in Northern Nevada when it comes to horses.

Submitted by Tony Sumner



Jeff Sanders—Under Saddle Demo



Jeff Sanders—Ground work



**Soda Lake Ride 3/22/08 (Photos by Tony Sumner & Trisha Clark)**



Anne Martins, Diana Goodrick, Sonia Scott, and Jamie Buettner



Great view of Soda Lake. Sonia Scott on the right.



Marsha Arthur, Carolyn & Jim Kates, April Dziabo, Margy Hamilton, Trisha Clark



Jamie & Ken Buettner



Tony Sumner



April Dziabo & Margy Hamilton



Anne Martins, Linda Mulkey, Trisha Clark



Diana Goodrick, Anne Martins, Carolyn & Jim Kates



Carolyn & Jim Kates

Another great ride at Soda Lake! Thank you to Tony and Aimée Sumner for hosting the ride.

Riders: Jamie & Ken Buettner, Tony Sumner, Linda Mulkey, April Dziabo, Marsha Arthur, Nancie & Dennis Cuccato, Diana Goodrick, Trisha Clark, Sonia Scott, Anne Martins, Margy Hamilton, Carolyn & Jim Kates.

**COLT-STARTING CLINIC - March 28 to March 30, 2008**



Tony Sumner and Brooklyn



Kelli Lyon and Rosie

The Colt-Starting Clinic was held on March 28-30. It went very well.

Tony worked with "Brooklyn" and Kelli worked with "Rosie".

They did ground work the first day. On the second day, both horses had their first ride. They walked, jogged, and loped. By the third day, the horses were going right along.

Kelli and Tony did an awesome job and it was fun to watch.



Diana Goodrick, Aimée Sumner, Valerie Wolverton, Sheila Aerick



**April**  
**Happy Birthday**

- 4/5—Ingrid White
- 4/5—Denise Walker
- 4/11—Jarod Lyon
- 4/16— Brenda Rogers
- 4/21—Al Berecky
- 4/25—Kay Letchworth

**Belated March Happy Birthday**

- 3/7—Micah McFall
- 3/12—Jim Kates



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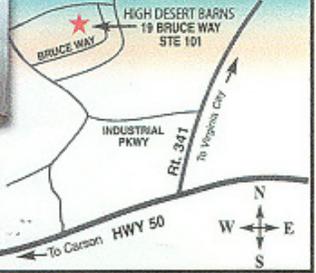
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