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NEW DATE Saturday, April 19th - Trail Trial Clinic At Washoe State Park Arena, riders meeting at 9:30am, the clinic starts at 10:00 a.m. This clinic is suitable for all levels of horses and riders. It will cover both trail trial basics and the specifics of what the judges are looking for. Many different types of obstacles will be set up and several experienced coaches have volunteered so we can provide lots of practice and advice. HDH members only, brown bag lunch, \$15 fee (per our rules, this must be paid 1 week prior to the clinic) Limited to 12 participants. Restrooms and horse water available, helmets are required, \$5 parking fee. Directions will be emailed. For clinic info contact: Cerena Cooper 267-9275 cerena713@gmail.com To sign up contact: Amy Casey 530-3748 (no text msg) acasey@washoeschools.net.

Saturday, April 26th - Fay/Luther Canyon Ride Ready to ride at 10:00. The ride will be about 3 hrs. Trail consists of mostly single path up and down terrain, with sandy dg footing through pine trees, there is a creek but not a cross over. Hikers, dogs, other riders but no motorized vehicles. Brown bag lunch, no restrooms or water, bug spray recommended. Limited parking so please double up if you can. HTAP ride - open to guests - ride fee is 1 canned good - no parking fee. Directions will be emailed. For info contact the ride host: Deb Denkler 267-2228 stonecastle@charter.net.

Sunday, May 4th - Horsemanship Clinic Level 1 At the Fernley Rodeo Arena - 9:00am. HDH members only, \$15 fee (per our rules, this must be paid 1 week prior to the clinic) Limited to 12 participants. (NOTE: You must have attended a Level 1 clinic with the same horse to participate in the Level 2 clinic in June.) Restrooms and horse water available, brown bag lunch. Rope halter (preferably 4 knot) and 12-14 foot lead rope, training stick (aka Carrot stick, Handy stick, etc), snaffle bit (no shanks) and a helmet are required. Recommended: spurs & dressage whip. Directions will be emailed. For clinic info contact: Tony Sumner 423-9381 sumnera@cccomm.net. To sign up contact: Amy Casey 530-3748 (no text msg) acasey@washoeschools.net.

Thursday, May 8th - HDH Board/General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm at the No. Carson Round Table Pizza, 3325 Retail Dr., Carson City. If you are ordering dinner please come early, the room will be open at 6:00. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions contact: Linda Mulkey 775-629-0817 llmulkey@yahoo.com.

NEW Saturday, May 10th - Dry Lake Ride by Fallon. Ready to ride at 10:00 AM, ride will be about 2 hrs long. No shoes are needed, this is just a nice easy ride and fun to get together afterwards. Bug spray may be needed, hikers, dogs & ATV's are not normally in the area. Brown bag lunch. No restrooms or water, no parking fee. HTAP ride - ride fee is 1 canned good, open to guests. Directions will be emailed. For info contact the ride host: April Dziabo 775-691-4019 gifts01@yahoo.com.

Classifieds

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Many of us have a group called the Happy Hoofers. We get together and ride in parades. If you'd like to join in on the fun please contact: April Dziabo gifts01@yahoo.com 775-691-4019 or Kelly Knapp kelcha@netzero.com. I can send you a schedule of the parades. Thanks, April Dziabo

Spring Shedding Tips

By Christine Barakat From Equus
Want to help your horse shed his winter coat? Grooming expert Susan Harris offers advice about the best tools and techniques. A variety of shedding tools can help you remove your horse's winter coat. Come spring, a full body clip can make short work of a horse's winter hair coat, but when that's not practical or possible, a variety of shedding tools can be a groomer's best friend. The most popular tool for speeding removing a horse's winter coat is the aptly named "shedding blade." The long, flexible metal strip has sharp teeth on one side that, when dragged carefully across a horse's coat, pull out the winter hairs that have been pushed nearly to the ends of the follicle by the growing summer coat. While effective, shedding blades need to be used with extreme caution. "You can tear a horse's skin if you get overly enthusiastic," says Susan Harris, author of *Grooming to Win*. Another use for shedding blades is scraping through encrusted mud. "I have a Clydesdale cross that will come in from the field with literally an inch of dried mud just caked onto this winter coat," says Harris. "I'll use the shedding blade to break up the crust." Shedding blades come in one or two-blade varieties with either leather or plastic handles. A less common, but equally effective shedding tool for horses is the scotch comb, also known as a curling comb. Used primarily for grooming dairy cows, these metal t-shaped combs with wooden handles resemble miniature thatch rakes. "The teeth are set very closely together," explains Harris. "You set the comb on the horse and pull it with long, smooth strokes. It pulls loose hair and debris out as it moves along. I find them particularly useful for shedding out the rump. Metal shedding tools cannot be used safely or comfortably on bony portions of the horse's body, or delicate areas such as the head and legs. In these cases, a fiberglass block, often called a "slick block" can get the shedding job done safely. "The blocks are smaller, so they can easily work around tendons and joints and they tend to be easier on the skin," says Harris. "They are also great for pulling off bot eggs."



Classifieds

HDH members can put classified ads in the newsletter. There is no charge to place an ad. Please submit your ad and photo (if you have one) to llmulkey@yahoo.com. All ads are free for members. Submit them no later than the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Submissions

If you would like to submit an article or information for the newsletter please send it to llmulkey@yahoo.com no later than the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Trailer Wife

By Harold Roy Miller

Whenever I am towing our horse trailer, I find my wife tends to shatter my tranquil peace of mind. She is a genuine backseat driver I surely have to say and she guides me expertly every mile of the way.

If I am driving a little too fast, she always predicts disaster and if I am going too slowly she urges me to go faster. She closes her eyes, holds her breath and becomes a bundle of nerves whenever I am negotiating those dangerous winding curves.

If we pick up a little extra speed while heading down a hill she screams, "Slow down!" in a voice that's very loud and shrill. She always worries about rollovers or maybe having a flat tire or a thousand other mishaps that thankfully never transpire.

She is forever telling me to make my turns slow and wide so the horse can enjoy and not resent the trailer ride. Sharp turns make it hard for them to balance and stay on their feet, she elaborates fully from the passenger wisdom seat.

She is insistent that if I rode in the back for just a mile or two, I would have a better understanding of what the horses go through. She's convinced she needs to instruct me on the proper way to drive from the minute we leave home until at our destination we arrive.

Bless her heart, I know she's compelled to manage, control and guide every tiny little aspect of our horse-hauling ride. I love this woman dearly, but if she is going to constantly give me flack from now on I'll put the horse up front and let her ride in the back.

Upcoming Events

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Saturday & Sunday, May 17th & 18th - Ranch Horse Versatility Clinic at the Washoe Lake State Park Arena. Sharon Blanks will be our Clinician. This 2 day event will be a solid horsemanship clinic covering the components of Ranch Horse Versatility. Examples would be opening a gate, dragging something and many others. The exciting part is that even if you have no plans for showing these are all basic skills also used in Trail Trials and that are so handy to have when the need arises. Start time for both days will be 9:30 a.m. sharp and there will be 5 hours of instructions each day. This clinic will be limited to a total of 12 riders, members only. Instructions will be progressive so you must attend both days. Fee is \$85 for both days and must be paid by April 18th. Bring a brown bag lunch both days. Restrooms and horse water available, \$5 parking fee. For sign-ups and info contact clinic host:
Deb Denkler 267-2228
stonecastle@charter.net.



Indian Lakes Ride 3-23-14

We had a good turnout for the ride at Indian Lakes outside Fallon. There were thirteen riders: Sonia Scott, Claudia Taras, Heidi McDonald, Carol Roudebush, Leah Singleton, Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick Jeff Moosman, Leanne Cornell, Jan McIntyre, Kelli Lyon, Bonnie Replogle, and Linda Mulkey.

We rode one loop, and then ate lunch. Afterward we rode another loop.



Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick



Jeff Moosman, Jan McIntyre, Sonia Scott, Leah Singleton, Carol Roudebush, Kelli Lyon



Kelli Lyon, Claudia Taras



Sonia Scott, CarolRoudebush, Sonia Scott, Kelli Lyon, Bonnie Replogle



Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick, Linda Mulkey, Bonnie Replogle, Carol Roudebush

Indian Lakes Ride 3-23-14



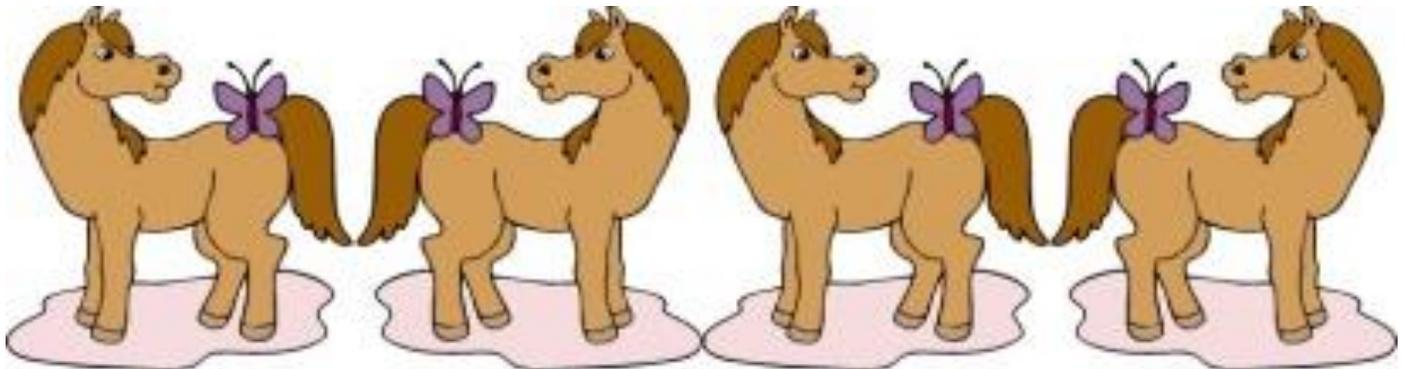
Carol Roudebush, Bonnie Replogle, Jeff Moosman



Sonia Scott, Carol Roudebush, Leah Singleton



Sonia Scott, Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick, Jan McIntyre



Lahontan Ride 4-5-14



Roxann White, Diana Goodrick, Madison Smith, Roy Johnson, Leann Cornell, Jan McIntyre, Beau Blair

The Lahontan Ride was fun. The footing was great and the day was beautiful. There were fourteen riders: Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick, Linda Mulkey, Roxann White, Jan McIntyre, Madison Smith, Leanne Cornell, April Dziabo, Roy Johnson, Sandy Blair, Heidi MacDonald, Claudia Taras, Sonia Scott, Beau Blair.

After a 2 1/2 ride we came back and had a potluck lunch. Good company, good food—you couldn't ask for anything else.



Linda Mulkey, Sheil Aerick, Diana Goodrick



Heidi MacDonald, Claudia Taras, April Dziabo, Sandy Blair



Madison Smith, Sheila Aerick, Leann Cornell, Roy Johnson, Beau Blair, Jan McIntyre



April Dziabo, Claudia Taras, Sandy Blair

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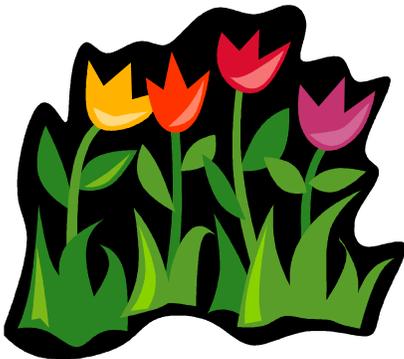
Roxann White, Sheila Aerick, Diana Goodrick



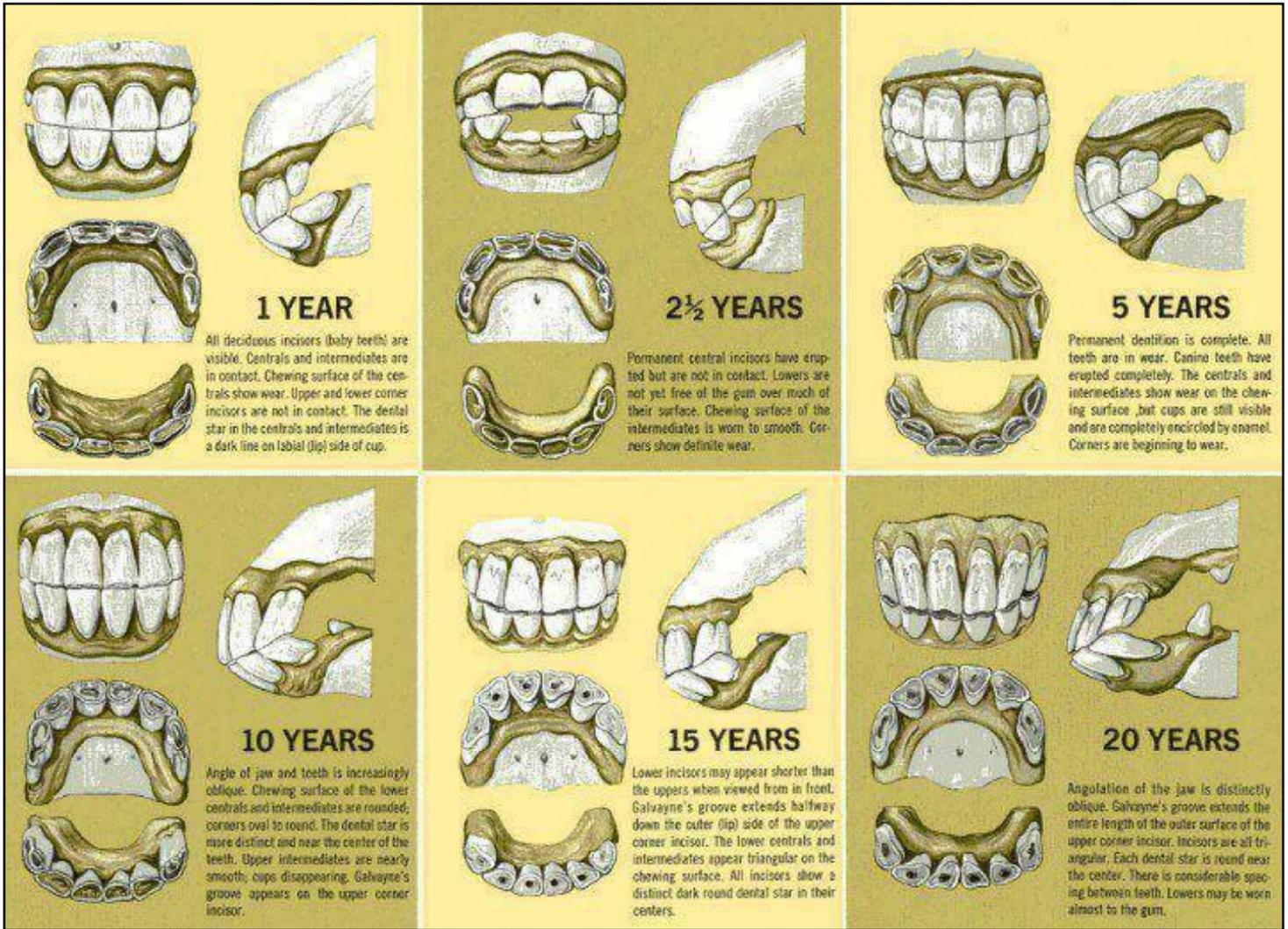
Madison Smith, Leann Cornell, Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick, Jan McIntyre



Jan McIntyre, Leann Cornell, Madison Smith



Sheila Aerick, Diana Goodrick, April Dziabo, Sandy Blair, Jan McIntyre, Beau Blair, Janet Freeland, Linda Mulkey, Roy Johnson



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