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## Upcoming Events

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Jun 16—Trail Challenge, 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena—9:00 a.m. \$25 entry fee. Brown bag lunch. Brand inspections will also be conducted from 9:00 to 12:00. Contact Tony 423-9381 or Kelli 629.0865.

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Jun 30—Formation Riding Clinic 101, conducted by Vince Pirozzi, 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena, Stagecoach—10:00 a.m. Limited to 20 riders—prepay to hold your spot. \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers/\$5 less for under 18. Brown bag lunch. Contact Vince 841.3563.

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Jul 12—Board/Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Pizza Factory in Silver Springs. Contact Kelli 629-0865.

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Jul 14—Riding Clinic 101, conducted by Tony Sumner, 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena, 9:00 a.m. Limited to 15 riders—prepay and hold your spot. \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers/\$5 less for under 18. Contact Tony 423-9381

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Jul 28—Moonlight Ride/Drive and Potluck Dinner, 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena, Stagecoach. Potluck at 7:00 p.m. Ride/Drive begins at 8:30 p.m. Members only, memberships available day of ride/drive. Contact Margy 629.0807.

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**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR TIME AND DATE CHANGES. SOMETIMES THINGS CHANGE AND WE HAVE TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL. www.hdhorsemen.org OR CALL THE CONTACT NUMBER LISTED FOR THE EVENT.**

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HDH has started a "Happy Trails Award Program" (HTAP) which is a Year-End Recognition Program on how many hours members ride/drive throughout the year. Attached are the registration form and an article explaining the program. Enrollment in the program is voluntary for all members.

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***Practice, Practice, Practice***

Show season is upon us with any number of exciting and terrifying events to enter from Trail Trials to Showmanship. My problem is that my vision for a successful show is usually miles apart from my horse's. And there have been a few times of quiet desperation on my part. But in the end, it always comes back to doing the work and preparing my horse.

All healthy relationships require good, clear, unequivocal communication. Especially with my horse, who certainly does not understand the noises coming out of my mouth, other than Whoa, because then he gets to stop loping around the arena. So, how do I go about communicating with a creature who only relates to their experience and hard wired instincts? Over and over, I keep coming back to defining my space, moving those feet, and building confidence through repetition after repetition.

Every time I work my horses, or any body else's for that matter, first it's the 3 primary moves, followed by lunging, then side-passing, some desensitizing, and then its riding. The more I repeat these exercises, the quieter the horse becomes, the head drops down, the eyes gets softer, and the mind more willing. If the horse is resistant, I up the work load, change directions rapidly and repeatedly when lunging, repeat the squeeze game over and over, until the little feet decide to stand still. If this doesn't work, then its back to the round pen, and the horse really gets to move its feet. This has worked on every recalcitrant horse I have ever worked with. Sometimes, it takes more than a few days, but there is no getting away from a solid foundation of ground manners. The more I own those feet, the more I own their minds. This is important, as I am communicating the healthy relationship that I want with my horse, in a language that he can easily understand. The relationship I want is:

- Safe – don't want any negative behavior, such as spin, bolt and buck.
- Quiet – want the thinking side of the horse's brain developed, and the reactive minimized.
- Respectful – leadership without the use of fear, gets respect, respect gets trust, trust gets rid of the attitude.
- Confident – confident horses are happy horses.

Without this foundation, the under saddle work just becomes more and more difficult, and before you know it, the judge is politely telling you that you own a cow horse (euphemism for un-schooled and by the looks of things, not very trainable).

Let's get out there and practice, practice, practice. And if things aren't going well, be sure to contact someone at HDH, and we'll certainly try and help you, or point you in the right direction.

*Tony Sumner*

Equine Citizenship Test Level I

Congratulations to the following who have completed Level I with a passing score:



Sheila Aerick & Copper Penny  
Sheila Aerick & VJ  
Kelli Lyon & Pepper  
Theresa Panziera & Jamie

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** '87 Circle J two horse straight load trailer. Bumper pull, extra tall, good floor, tack compartment under feeder. New tires. Very good condition. \$3,500. Call Margy at 775-230-2335.



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Dad always said...

"In the horse business, it isn't necessary to blow out the other person's light in order to let your own shine."



## Thank You HDH

"Dear Every Member of HDH,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the \$386.00 you raised for me on your poker ride. It sure made me feel good and there are no better people in the world than horse loving people. The money will go toward my June Mortgage and being self employed it sure is appreciated. I thank you again for all your generosity.

Cordially, Joanie"



### Mustang Band

Harold Roy Miller

Up in the pinions that cover the high land,  
I came upon a wild mustang band.  
There were 6 rangy horses grazing out there,  
counting the stallion and the lead mare.

I stood and stared at the beautiful sight.  
There were four bays, a roan and one mostly white.  
The big muscled stallion stood perched on a rise  
and he followed my every move with his eyes.

Then somehow he signaled to the lead mare  
in a language that only wild horses can share.  
She turned and led the herd up a winding trail  
and her movement broke my hypnotic spell.

I admired their surefootedness and survival skills  
as they followed the boss mare up the rocky hills.  
The stallion was last as he brought up the rear;  
it was a protective maneuver, and not out of fear.

It was an inspiring scene to watch the band flee,  
but a wistful, melancholy feeling overwhelmed me  
The mustangs, like the cowboy, symbol of the old west,  
drifted into the sunset and vanished over the crest.

### Member of the Month—Bonne Replogle



Well, it all began long, long ago. I grew up in the New England town of Sutton, Massachusetts. From as long as I can remember I always loved animals. I would bring home stray dogs, cats, and a few wild or injured critters. My grandmother would help me nurse them back to health, find them homes or set the wild ones free.

I drove my father crazy with my tall tales of having a wild mustang someday, because horses were my favorite things in the whole world. At the age of nine my parents divorced and I came out here to Nevada to live with my father. The first thing he did to make me want to stay was to buy me a horse. I couldn't get back on a plane and go home without Scout! So I stayed here in the west where the wild horses were all over the desert in 1971.

I now own four horses, two of them mustangs, three dogs, two cats, and a box turtle. If I had the land I'd have more animals. I work at Washoe Valley Veterinary hospital and love it. I'm surrounded by animals everyday!

I have a great husband Albert, who is into restoring classic cars, puts up with all the feed and vet bills and he claims.... "I met him and he made all my dreams come true!" Brother!!

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### News Briefs

Poker Ride Report—We had a great day and raised \$245.00 from entry fees and another \$141 from donations (\$100 of which was the prize for first place which was donated by Theresa Panziera) for Joanie Soboleski. 1st - Theresa Panziera; 2nd— Ken Buethner; 3rd—Charles Knapp; 4th—Bonnie Replogle; 5th—Cherokee Tran; Lowest hand—Kelly Knapp

Thanks to all the people who helped out to make this a great day: Our Chief BBQer—Jim Mulkey; BBQ assistants—Bobby Bean and Steve Lyon; Our card station people: Margy Hamilton, Valerie Wolvertson, Aimee and Tony Sumner; Our eyes on horse back: Vince Pirozzi; Registration—Linda Mulkey; and all the people who brought food (salads and deserts). The food was excellent!!

Thanks go to Trey Moncrief and Ryan Frizzell who both donated a free horseshoeing for raffle (proceeds to go to Joanie).

Thank you to Benson's Feed & Tack for donating hay

  
 **June—Happy Birthday**  
**Betty Retzer—2**  
**Julie Bean—12**  
**Dean Rogers 15**  
**Aimee Sumner 19**  
**Bruce Allen 19**  
**Phyllis Allison 21**  
**Marilyn Evans 24**  
**Joanie Soboleski 28**  


## Select Your Favorite Charity

At our last board meeting (5/10) a few charities were put forward as ones to support on Charity Ride at Fort Churchill on August 25. The board thought it was fair for the members to decide who we get to support so we all get one vote. Majority vote gets the donation. Please choose one and let Kelli Lyon know by **6/16/07** so I can make up flyers and get them out to the public. E-mail [stevanlyon1@juno.com](mailto:stevanlyon1@juno.com) or call 629.0865.

We have four options:

1. **Silver Springs Spay and Neuter Project** (501c 3 non profit): They promote altering animals to help keep the population down. They work with a vet that gives them discount rates to help accomplish this. They also take hard to adopt animals such as those with diabetes or older pets that are orphaned by the death of their owners. They have a web site if you would like to read more: <http://truckeesrest.tripod.com> (no www) or 577-3518.
2. **Shirley Allen, Adoption Services Manager, Lucky Horse Rehab Project, Least Resistance Training Concepts**, [sallen5954@earthlink.net](mailto:sallen5954@earthlink.net) or telephone 775.246.7636. Least Resistance Training Concepts, Inc. (LRTC) provides adoptions for Nevada State Estray (Storey, Washoe, Lyon counties and private lands – not Federal land) horses. Nevada State Estray horses will be adopted under LRTC's criteria and field checks of facilities may be conducted at any time by an appointed representative of LRTC. Shirley Allen is the LRTC Adoption Coordinator in Nevada. She has taken in several orphan foals and keeps them in her downstairs bedroom until they are well enough to move outdoors. Shirley lives in Dayton, NV.
3. **Miracle Horse Rescue, Inc.** located in Pahrump. [rescue@miraclehorse.com](mailto:rescue@miraclehorse.com). Miracle Horse Rescue is a federally recognized 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which is dedicated to the preservation and welfare of abused, neglected and unwanted domesticated horses of all types and conditions. Miracle Horse Rescue does not receive Federal or state funding, and relies totally on the generosity of public donations. It is the goal of Miracle Horse Rescue to rehabilitate each horse to the best of it's ability, and then to locate placement into a "Forever" home through our adoption program. Miracle Horse Rescue is anti-slaughter, and for those horses which are deemed un-adoptable due to varying disabilities, they will live out the rest of their lives at the Miracle Horse Rescue facility receiving the care and love they so justly deserve.
4. **"Pennies for Penny"** this is a case that was presented by Melinda Cash. A mare in foal was rescued by Linda Hibbard who lives off Johnson Lane. The mare was skin and bones but managed to have a healthy Appy colt. The mare is requiring a fair amount of vet care, surgery for a hernia and broken rib as well as a nasty cut. Linda takes in rescue cases as she can and fixes them up and places them in a more permanent home. For more information you can email Melinda Cash [JCash8888@aol.com](mailto:JCash8888@aol.com).

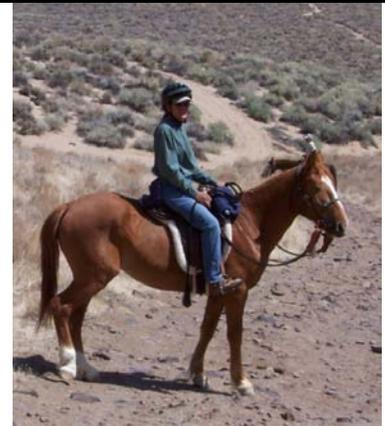
## May 26, 2007 Ride—from Linda Mulkey's



Margy Hamilton



Ann Martens, Vince Pirozzi



Anne Martins



Margy Hamilton, Kelli Lyon, Theresa Panziera, Kelly & Charles Knapp



Marilyn Evans, Vince Pirozzi, Charles & Kelly Knapp, Margy Hamilton, Kelli Lyon

Ground Manners 101—May 19, 2007



Diana & Harold Miller



Diana Goodrick



Suzanne Brothers



Sandy Blair



Nancy Dykstra



Cherokee Trans



Theresa Panziera

**Ground Manners 101—May 19, 2007**



Anne Martins

Tony Sumner did a great job on the Ground Manners 101 Clinic, and Kelli Lyon was a great assistant.

The clinic showed participants how to teach their horses to respect them and give them space while working with them on the ground.

This makes the horses safer and more enjoyable to work with and increases the control the handler has over the horses.

It was a great learning experience for everyone.



Patsy Drake



Marie McIntyre



Valerie Wolverton



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Linda Mulkey



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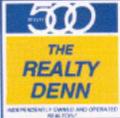
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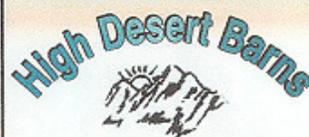
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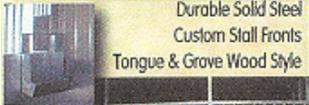
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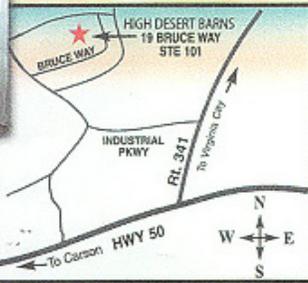


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Happy Trails Award Program  
"HTAP"  
Year-End Award Program for Hours Ridden/Driven



1. You must be a member of High Desert Horsemen (HDH) to be eligible.
2. Everyone must sign the HDH contract release of liability.
3. All horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules (all breeds thereof) are eligible for this program. Riders and/or drivers are both eligible for this program.
4. Adult Registration
  - a. Person/equine combination (eligible to earn an award for each combination registered)
    5. A yearly registration fee of \$7.50 per equine rider/driver combination is due prior to first ride/drive. A person may ride or drive the same animal under one registration.
    6. Additional combinations are \$5.00.
  - b. Individual only (eligible for year-end high hours award only)
    7. A yearly registration fee of \$7.50 per Adult is due prior to first ride/drive. Adult may ride/drive more than one equine. Mileage will accrue for the person only, not the equine. One annual high point award will be given per year for the Adult who has the most hours for the year.
8. Junior Registration
  - a. Juniors (age 17 and under) - a yearly registration fee of \$5.00 prior to first ride.
  - b. Juniors may ride/drive different equines at no additional cost.
9. Only the mileage on Happy Trail Award Program "HTAP" and HDH events will be recognized for award purposes. For each event that hours are accrued there will be a sign up sheet, and there will be a \$1.00 charge for HDH members who are registered in HTAP. HDH members who chose to ride but are not registered in HTAP will not pay any fees. Fees are to be paid the day of the event. No one will be allowed to ride unless he/she is a member of HDH (due to insurance restrictions).
10. Adult Awards
  - a. Awards will be given according to the total hours ridden/driven of every adult combination at the end of each year in the levels listed below. Hours will accrue each year as long as the adult combination is registered with HTAP and the rider/driver is a member of HDH in good standing.
  - b. One year-end high hour award will be given to the individual adult who has accrued the most hours.
  - c. Each rider/driver must sign-in on the day of the event to ensure their hours are recorded.
11. Junior Awards
  - a. Junior hours will accrue on the rider/driver only, allowing the use of different equines (equines do not need to be registered with HTAP).
  - b. Award levels will be one-half the adult levels with the awards being the same.

**AWARD LEVELS**

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Level 1	Less than 3 Rides	Less than 3 Rides	Certificate
Level 2	12 Hours or less (Minimum of 3 Rides)	6 Hours or less (Minimum of 3 Rides)	Bronze Medallion
Level 3	13 to 24 hours	7 to 12 hours	Silver Medallion
Level 4	25 to 40 hours	13 To 20 hours	Gold Medallion
Level 5	41 to 60 hours	21 to 30 hours	Ribbon
Level 6	80 hours	40 hours	Plaque
Level 7	100 hours	50 hours	Plate (Added To Plaque)
Level 8	120 hours	60 hours	To Be Determined
Individual	Most hours for the year	N/A	Trophy

Levels 2 through 8 and Individual will also receive a certificate.

Recognized hours will carry forward to the next year as long as the rider/driver registers in the program each year, and is a member in good standing with HDH.

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* This is a self-supporting program and HDH members choosing not to participate will not be contributing financially by either their dues or ride fees.**



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Happy Trails Award Program



## EQUINE REGISTRATION

**2007**

**INITIAL REGISTRATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 7.50

Rider's / Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Equine's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Information: Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of equine: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (17 & Under) YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL EQUINE REGISTRATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00 for each additional horse

Rider's / Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Equine's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Information: Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of equine: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Registration (Hours to accrue on individual only)**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 7.50

Name of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (17 & Under) YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ALL JUNIOR RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET ON HDH RIDES\*\***

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Parental Signature Required For Junior Members)

**REGISTRATION FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM:**

A yearly registration fee per equine/rider/driver combination is due prior to first ride:

1. Initial equine registration fee is \$ 7.50.
2. Additional equine combinations for each single membership is \$ 5.00.
3. Individual Junior members (those not part of a family membership) are also required to pay a registration fee of \$ 7.50 prior to first ride.
4. Family members are required to pay \$ 7.50 for the first equine combination and a registration fee of \$ 5.00 for every subsequent equine combination for all other members of said family membership prior to first ride.

**RETURN TO: Linda Mulkey, Happy Trails Award Program  
P.O. Box 2368, Dayton, NV 89403 TEL: 629-0817**

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NOTE: **This registration fee is in addition to the HDH membership dues:** This is a self-supporting program and HDH members choosing not to participate will not be contributing financially by either their dues or ride fees.

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