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Upcoming Events

June 15: Bleacher Work Session & Ride—9:00 a.m. at Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Wear old clothes—we will be staining the boards. Potluck lunch follows work session. Happy Trails Award Program ride will be after lunch. Bring something for Thanksgiving baskets. Contact Anne at 246-4247 for more info.

June 21: Fun Day - Rescheduled to September 28th.

June 22: Ride—10:00 a.m., from home of Nancie & Dennis Cuccato. Directions to their house are on our website. This is a Happy Trails Award Program ride. HDH members only, please. Potluck lunch following ride. Hot dogs and chili will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Bring donation for Thanksgiving baskets. Contact Nancie for more info: 721-6941

June 29: Despooping 101 Clinic, 9:00 a.m. at Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Open attendance. \$15 fee. Contact Vince at 775-841-3563.

July 10: Board and General Membership Meeting at Pizza Factory, Silver Springs. 7:00 pm. For more information contact Anne at 775-246-4247.

July 12: Formation Riding Clinic 101, 9:00 am at Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Limited to 20 riders, \$15.00 participation fee. Contact Vince Pirozzi 775-841-3563 for more information.

July 19: Colic Clinic and Moonlight Ride, Potluck at 6:30 pm, Ride out at 8:30 pm. Meet at Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Ride fee: bring canned corn or green beans for T.G. baskets. For more information contact Margy at 775-629-0807.

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.

President's Corner

TRAIL TRIAL

The trail trial at Scout Camp on the Carson River was an excellent event, organized in great part by the tireless Trish Clark. The weather cooperated and over 40 people participated. Set in the scenic River Ranches along the Carson River, the course was challenging and fun. Trish Clark laid out 10 obstacles ranging from a trot over a bridge to the very steep hill climb and stop (terrifying obstacle, that one). All obstacles were very fair and tested the training and experience levels of everyone's horses. The placings by class are available on the HDH website (www.hdhorsemen.org).

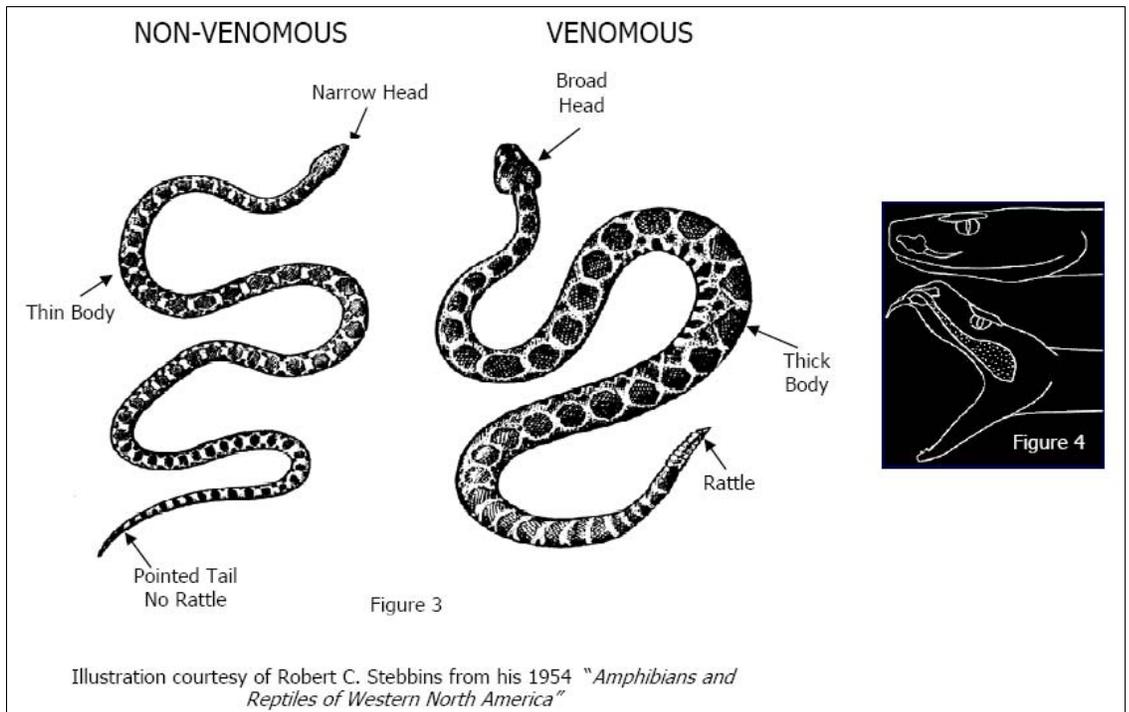
Many thanks from all of us to Trish Clark for organizing the entire event, from laying out the course, to advertising, rounding up all her friends to compete, and providing all the prizes. Also thanks to Linda Mulkey, Anne Martins, Kelli Lyon, and Valerie Wolverton for helping out in the organizing and during the event. A special thanks to all the judges who did a great job and selflessly waited out in the sun judging horse after horse through the obstacle.

It was a great event. Thanks Trish!

Tony

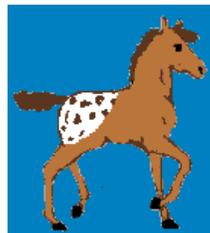
Snakes

Be careful when going out into the desert, working in the yard, picking up items laying on the ground, etc. Snakes are very prevalent this year. The illustration shows the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes—namely the shape of their heads and tails.



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STANDING AT STUD: "Candy Man" - Black/Bay Morgan. His sire is Canadian Grand Champion Western Pleasure horse. Stud fee: \$500/registered; \$300/others. Call Herb, 463-4976.

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Lahontan Ride 5/4/08

On May 4th, we had a ride out of the old horse corrals at Lahontan State Park. The weather was beautiful, the ride was fun, and we had a great turnout.

Riders were: Nancie Cuccato, Dennis Cuccato, Jamie Buettner, Deborah Young, David Young, Linda Mulkey, Margy Hamilton, Kelli Lyon, Holly Buettner, Anne Martins, Floyd Towne, Tony Sumner, Aimée Sumner, Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick, Linda Manz, Bethany Manz, Herb Fawcett, and Bonnie Replogle.

Following the ride was a great potluck lunch.



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June Happy Birthday

- 6/1—Joanie Soboleski
- 6/2—Betty Retzer
- 6/4—David Young
- 6/12—Julie Bean
- 6/13—Deborah Brown
- 6/19—Aimée Sumner
- 6/24—Marilyn Evans
- 6/25—Evan McCoy



Trail Trial 5/17/08—Ft. Churchill State Park Scout Camp



1st Place Jr. Division
Jesse Johnson



1st Place Novice Division
Jane Marriot



1st Place Intermediate Division
Dan McGarva



1st Place Advanced Division
Leah Singleton

The Trail Trial was a great success. There were 43 riders. Trish Clark did a fantastic job organizing the obstacles, finding judges, and obtaining great prizes for the event. There were 4 beautiful silver engraved, trimmed headstalls given out as first place for each division. Prizes were given out to the first 6 places. Pictures of the other winners of the trail trial are on the HDH website: hdhorsemen.org.



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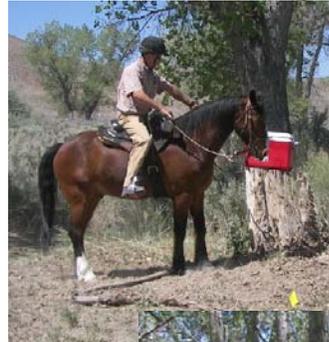
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- Mike Singleton
- Brenda Rogers
- Linda Giles
- Jaime Buettner
- Ken Buettner
- Anne Martins
- Linda Mulkey
- Steph Stonebarger
- Mike Clark
- Carolyn Peterson



Poisonous Plants



There are a number of Fiddleneck weeds that are growing everywhere this spring. They are toxic to horses so be sure to keep your horses from grazing on them.

Fiddleneck (tarweed)- Causes photophobia, photosensitivity, jaundice, liver failure, diarrhea, depression, aberrant behavior (head pressing, incessant licking, aimless walking), weight loss, edema of the extremities.

As little as 15 mg of dried plant per kilogram of weight over 2 weeks will induce severe liver failure. It takes approximately 50 lbs. to kill / poison a horse over a life time. The weed can't be digested and accumulates in the horse's belly. It is a sad death for your horse. The weed is about 24 inches tall. It grows in a bunch but you can see each tall stalk and at the tip it is curled over like the end of a fiddle. Small blooms are yellow. (Thank you, Diana Goodrick, for the for the heads up,)

Level 2 Horsemanship Clinic 5/31/08



Diana Goodrick



Linda Mulkey



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Anne Martins, Aimée Sumner, Suzanne Brothers



Kelly Knapp

Level 2 Horsemanship Clinic 5/31/08 (continued)



Bonnie Replogle



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Deborah Brown



Holly Smith, Kelly Knapp, Anne Martins, Aimée Sumner

Summer Hot Weather Horse Safety Tips

Summer is the perfect time to own a horse. The show and competition circuit is in full swing. Farms and ranches teem with activity. Long, sunlit days lend themselves to lazy trail rides. But summer's hot weather poses serious health risks for most horses and ponies. However, there are simple ways to help keep your horse cool and healthy.

Shelter from the sun

Searing heat and sweltering humidity can be dangerous for horses. Every year, numerous cases of colic, dehydration, and respiratory distress are attributed to warmer summer weather. Worse, potentially fatal heatstroke or exhaustion causes a few deaths each summer. Thankfully, however, responsible horse care and vigilance when the temperatures rise is all most horses need to cruise through summer in comfort. To help your horse beat the heat, keep the following tips in mind:

Water - use a suitable water bucket to frequently offer fresh, cool, clean water. Average size work horses can consume over 25 gallons of water per day when the temperature is above 70°F. Also, keep water troughs and stock tanks clean and free from insects to promote consumption.

Shade - offer an escape from the sun while in the pasture with a run-in shed. In addition, turnout your horse as early as possible in the morning to help avoid the heat. To combat early morning mosquitoes and flies, use suitable repellents, fly masks, and sheets.

Electrolytes - replenish salt loss during excessive sweating with a suitable electrolyte supplement, especially with work horses or when the combined temperature and humidity exceeds 140°F. Serious electrolyte loss causes fatigue, muscle cramps, colic, and more.

Ventilation - cool your horse while he rests in the barn with appropriate stable fans. If possible, leave barn doors and windows open and install misting fans near each stall. Choose a run-in shed with an open-end design to promote airflow.

Baths - sponge cold water over your horse, especially down the large blood vessels under the belly and neck and inside the legs. In extreme heat, spray a 50/50 mixture of rubbing alcohol and cold water over his body to aid sweating.

Fodder - feed quality hay, especially as warm weather slows grass growth and pasture quality declines. Hay offers energy, which your horse needs to help regulate his body temperature and power his natural cooling processes.

Coat Care - clip your horse's coat and keep his mane and tail trimmed. Apply a zinc oxide sunscreen to pink noses to help prevent sunburn. Use shampoos with added sunscreen to help protect against UV rays and sunburns.

Signs of heatstroke

A common misconception is that hot summer weather only affects work or show horses. This is untrue. While active horses are more susceptible to a rise in temperature, extreme heat can quickly take its toll on any horse. In fact, heatstroke can occur whether your horse is plowing a field, standing in a stuffy stall, or traveling in a trailer.

Heatstroke occurs when your horse is unable to rid his body of excess heat. Your horse's body has a natural cooling process. However, extreme heat and humidity can overpower your horse's ability to cool himself. To compensate, the body redistributes blood flow closer to the skin, which aids cooling. However, this mechanism causes internal organs and the brain to receive less oxygen. Add excessive sweating into the mix, which causes a loss of fluids and electrolytes, and the results can be disastrous. Signs of heatstroke - also known as heat stress or heat exhaustion - include:

Elevated Respiratory Rate - between 40 to 50 breaths per minute, shallow breathing, and breathing that remains elevated after two minutes of rest

Elevated Heart Rate - a pulse of more than 80 beats per minute that doesn't slow down after two minutes of rest

Summer Hot Weather Horse Safety Tips (continued)

Increased or Absence of Sweating - full-body sweating or, worse, if your horse stops sweating entirely

Elevated Temperature - a rectal temperature of 103°F or higher

Lethargy - signs of depression, disinterest in food, stumbling or collapsing

Heatstroke is a serious condition. Severe cases of heatstroke lead to collapse, seizures, or loss of your horse. If you suspect your horse is suffering from heatstroke, immediately take measures to help cool him. Contact your veterinarian if symptoms persist or his condition worsens. To help cool your horse:

Stop Activity - cease workouts, rides, or farm work immediately

Bathe Immediately - douse him with cold water or a water/alcohol mix

Offer Water - allow your horse to drink as much water as he desires

Find Shade - get your horse out of direct sunlight and into the shade

Fan Your Horse - stand your horse beneath a stable fan or in a breezy area

Maintain overall health

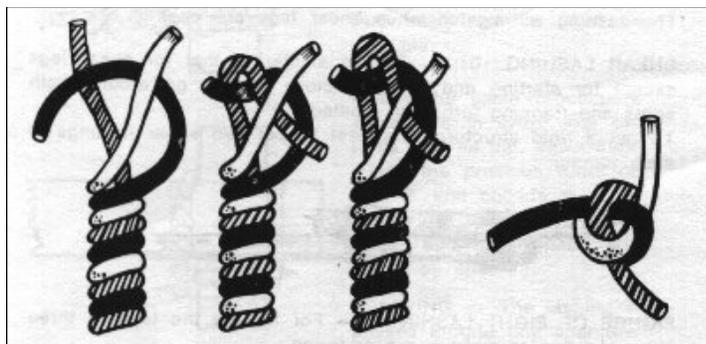
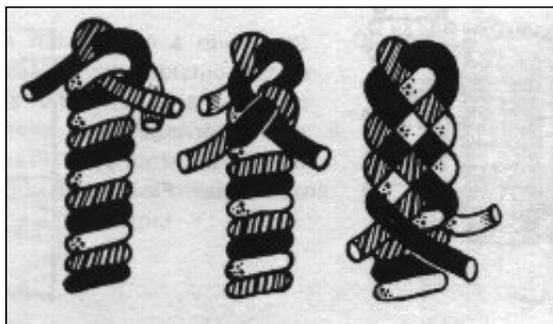
Your horse's ability to beat the summer heat depends, in part, on his overall health. Sick or injured equines may not have the energy necessary to naturally cool themselves. Similarly, internal parasites can rob your horse of his health and make him even more susceptible to heat exhaustion or stress. Furthermore, your horse can expend large amounts of energy fleeing the swarm of biting insects that usually accompanies summer weather and further expose himself to the elements.

As such, it is important to keep your horse current on his deworming schedule. Suitable insect sprays, fly sheets and masks, and barn and stable traps can also help protect your horse from flies, mosquitoes, and gnats. Together with diligent horse care, you and your horse should be set to enjoy the endless fun of summer.

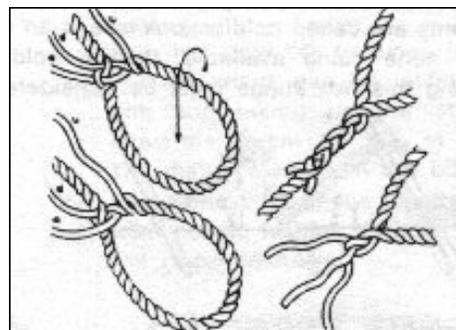
The Back Splice & The Eye Splice

In order to make a back splice, a crown knot must first be tied. This is shown to the right. It must be tied neatly so that the pattern is seen on the top of the rope.

The Back Splice



The Eye Splice



The Eye Splice is used to make a permanent loop in the rope end. The Eye splice is formed by doing the following as shown to the right.

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