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Thursday, July 10th - HDH Board/General Membership Meeting 6:30pm, Dayton Valley Branch Library, 321 Dayton Valley Rd, Dayton. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions please contact: Linda Mulkey 775-629-0817 llmulkey@yahoo.com.

Saturday, July 12th - Moonlight Ride Washoe Lake State Park - Pot Luck dinner before the ride is at 6:00 p.m., bring your own grill items. Ride out time 8:00 p.m., ride will be about 2-2.5 hrs. It'll still be light then & also still pretty warm. I have glow necklaces for everyone to attach to themselves and their horses just for fun. We may ride on the east side of the dunes for awhile, heading north, then cut down to the beach & continue up to the north boat ramp & possibly beyond. We'll return after dark along the beach & in the lake. Hopefully, the sky will be clear & we'll be able to see a beautiful full moon. Footing is sandy, restrooms and horse water available. HTAP ride - open to guests - ride fee is 1 canned good. \$5 parking fee. For info contact the ride host: Amy Casey 775-530-3748 (no text msg) acasey@washoeschools.net. Horse camping is available at Washoe Lake Park for those who would like to stay overnight - contact the park directly for details: washoelake@hdiss.net 775-687-4319 or 775-684-8053.

Saturday, July 19th - Tamarack Area Ride Ready to ride out at 10:00 a.m. - approx. length for the ride is about 8.5 miles & 4.5 hours including lunch. Make sure that you bring bug spray for yourself and for your horse. The terrain is in the beautiful High Sierras along the Pacific Crest Trail and dirt road. The trail, which is a single track, has multiple creek crossings and some pretty technical spots - this ride is not for very green horses. There are some rocky areas and boots are definitely recommended. Hikers & dogs will probably be on the trail as well. Trucks/off road vehicles may be on the dirt road. Brown bag lunch on the trail. There are restrooms at the trail head and creek water on the trail. Parking should be adequate but ride sharing is recommended, no parking fee. HTAP ride - open to guests - ride fee is 1 canned good. Driving directions will be emailed. For info contact the ride host: Deb Denkler 267-2228 stonecastle@charter.net.

Saturday, August 23rd - Showers Lake Loop Ride Ride leaves 9:30am sharp and will be about 5+ hours long, brown bag lunch at the lake. It is mostly forest bed with 1 big up-hill and 2 kinda rocky hills, bring boots if your horse is barefoot. This is a single track, very pretty trail. If you wish, make a weekend of it and camp-out. Camping is primitive and dry - no facilities or water - so you must bring your own. Plan on using a high-line. HTAP ride - open to guests - ride fee is 1 canned good. Directions will be emailed. For info contact the ride host: Trish Clark 775-315-5799 lv2bhorsebak@aol.com.

Classifieds

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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

Happy Birthday

July

July 5—Sonia Scott
July 7—Karie Wright
July 8—Deb Denkler
July 10—Christina Ellis
July 13—Cerena Cooper
July 19—Jake Lyon
July 23—Barbara Laber
July 31—Ryan Carr

August

August 2—Samatha Patti
August 5—Sheila Aerick
August 9—Jan McIntyre
August 13—Anthony Jackson
August 15—Harold Miller
August 19—Kelly Knapp
August 28—Roy Bridges

Happy Birthday

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.

No Money—Driver Married

By Harold Roy Miller

An old rancher had just parked his truck in a bad part of town
When three gangsters came up and started pushing him around
They pulled a knife and said” this is a jack give us your money”
My friend just laughed like they had said something funny

He told them they had picked the wrong man to rob
Because even though he worked like he had a full time job
He was in actuality still pretty darn poor
Because all his money had long ago been spoken for,

You see, pards he groaned I have limited sources
But I still have to support a ranch, a wife, 3 dogs and 5 horses,
It’s not very often that I even have an extra buck
That’s the reason I have that bumper sticker on my truck

They all turned to look and begin to snicker
When they saw what was on the faded bumper sticker.
Driver has no cash because he is married” it read
Are you getting my drift?” the old cowboy said.

Between ranch expenses and my young extravagant wife
I’ll most likely be in hock for the rest of my life.
My mortgage and my truck payment are costing me a mint
And credit card statements remind how much my lady has spent.

Disappointed the crooks stared at the old rancher for awhile
Then shook their heads and shuffled off gangster style.
But before they left they all did something very strange
They reached into their pockets and gave him their spare change.

Upcoming Events

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Saturday, September 6th - Trail Trial Pre-Ride & Judge’s Training For judges and assistant judges and any member NOT competing in the HDH Trail Trial. Fort Churchill State Park - Scout Camp at 10:00 a.m., ride time 3-4 hours with good footing. We will be riding the route, assigning obstacles, practicing the obstacles to make sure they work they way I think they should and going-over/practicing judging skills. The more riders we have of different levels the better we can test the obstacles out. For those not interested in riding on the pre-ride but want the info and some instruction/review we will be doing quite a bit of the general info and reviewing 3-4 obstacles in the camp area. Restrooms but no water, brown bag lunch. HTAP ride - ride fee is 1 canned good, \$5 parking fee. For info contact: Cerena Cooper cerena713@gmail.com 267-9275.

Thursday, September 11th - 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.

Friday, September 12th - HDH Trail Trial Set-Up and Trail Marking For information contact: Cerena Cooper cerena713@gmail.com 267-9275.

Saturday, September 13th - High Desert Horsemen Trail Trial Fort Churchill State Park - Scout Camp. ATTA & NQHA approval pending. Registration 8:30 a.m./ride out at 10am. Open to everyone. \$25 for 17 & under, \$35 for adults, \$20 schooling, \$10 companion rider, lunch included. Placing 1-6th & High Point Awards in Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. A fun ride about 4 miles long, on sandy ground in the cottonwood trees, by the Carson River and on the high Nevada desert. Restrooms but no water, dry camping available. \$5 parking fee. HDH members will get HTAP hours for participating in this ride. For information contact: Cerena Cooper cerena713@gmail.com 267-9275.

Friday, September 19th - Sunday, Sep 21st - HDH will be having its annual weekend campout at Weber Reservoir on the Walker River Paiute Indian Reservation September 19-21, 2014. Weber Reservoir is located 30 mi east of Fallon, 19 miles east of Yerington and 54 miles from Stagecoach. Permits cost \$10 for 3 days camping or \$8 for one day. They have to be purchased at the Four Seasons Smoke Shop on Hwy 95 - about 4 mi from the reservoir. You will be responsible for purchasing your own permit for camping. There are a lot of large Cottonwood trees and good footing for camping. It would be dry camp and high line or portable corrals. The club is looking into renting a porta potty and a large water tank for the weekend. There will be a scavenger hunt on Saturday (it was originally scheduled for Sep 21st). Cost of the scavenger hunt is \$5. Contact: Linda Mulkey (775-302-6278) or llmulkey@yahoo.com if you plan to participate in the camping and/or the scavenger hunt.

Ranch Horse Versatility Clinic—May 17-18, 2014

The Ranch Horse Versatility Clinic was conducted by Sharon Blanks. It was two days filled with learning and doing. Great job by Sharon and everyone walked away with a better awareness of things to work on with their horses. Many more pictures are on our website.

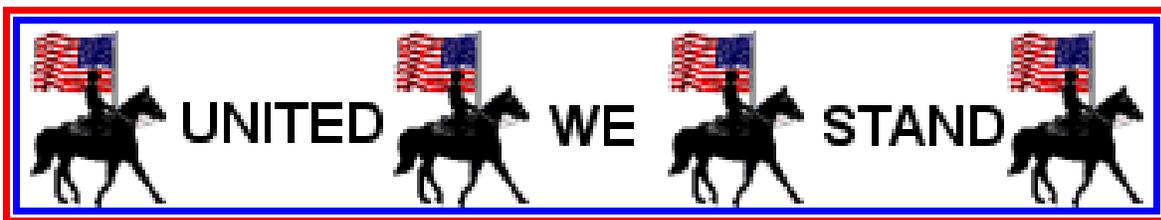


Sandra Jean (Britton) Blair



Nov 20, 1946 - Jun 1, 2014

In the early morning hours of June 1, 2014, Sandy passed in her home in Stagecoach, NV while being held by her three children. This ended her very brief entanglement with cancer. She was 67 years of age. Sandra Britton was born in Oklahoma City on Nov 20, 1946 as the first born to Norma Jean and Jesse Joe Britton. Sandy grew up in a military family which resulted in many hometowns in her youth. She landed in Lompoc, CA in her teens and settled and raised a family there for the next several decades. She worked for ITT Business Services for over 30 years. She retired in 2006 and pursued her dream of a little ranch complete with horses, chickens, goats, geese, dogs and cats. She moved to the wild and desolate beauty of the Nevada desert where she called Stagecoach, NV her home for the rest of her days. Sandy held a profound and devoted Christian faith. She was a kind and exceptionally selfless person who always found herself sharing her generous, caring nature. Sandy was an adventurer with a wild imagination. She was bold and intrepid, riding her horses on long solo rides into the desert as well as riding with the local Pony Express reenactment and the High Desert Horseman's club. Sandy is survived by her three children, Beau, Joanna and Matthew, her daughter-in-law, Ilsa, her grandchildren, Jesse-Joe, Tristin, Ziggi, and Daisy Grace. She leaves behind her three brothers, Barry, Dallas, and Anthony, and her little sister, Linda. A memorial service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 4 Flowery Ave, Dayton, NV, at 1pm on Sat, Jun 28, 2014. Flowers and condolences can be sent to the church before Jun 28, or to 8355 Tahoe Ave, Silver Springs, NV after Jun 28. Sandy's gravesite can be found in Dayton cemetery, Dayton, NV



Formation Riding Clinic—June 7, 2014

Cerena Cooper conducted the Formation Riding Clinic. It was fun way to get the horses used to working together as a team and in close quarters. After lunch we went for a ride down to the Washoe Lake beach (what is left of it). Participants were: Heidi MacDonald, Amy Casey, Vicki Johnson, Leah Singleton, Carol Roudebush, Deb Denkler, Kendall Howard, and Linda Mulkey. A big thank you to Cerena for doing the clinic.



Heidi MacDonald, Leah Singleton, Amy Casey, Vicki Johnson, Cerena Cooper



Kendall Howard, Carol Roudebush, Heidi MacDonald, Leah Singleton, Amy Casey, Vicki Johnson, Cerena Cooper



A Day With the Cows—June 14, 2014



Leah Singleton



Kay Letchworth



Carol Roudebush



Anthony Jackson



Cerena Cooper



Lena Verdicchio

A Day With the Cows—June 14, 2014



Barb Laber



Kay Letchworth, Nita Beaupre, Barb Laber



Heidi MacDonald



Heather Coleman



Diana Goodrick



Linda Mulkey

A Day With the Cows—June 14, 2014



Amy Casey



Deb Denkler



Claudia Taras

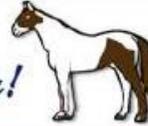


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Horses do not hold their breath to avoid girth tightening, but it is still important to take steps to ensure your tack is secure.

You were probably told, in your earliest riding lessons, that a savvy school horse might hold his breath to expand his chest and make it difficult to tighten the girth---and that's why it's important to recheck your cinch before mounting.

While that advice is good, the reasoning behind it is not quite right. For one thing, a horse isn't likely to voluntarily hold his breath. But even if he did, the first 10 ribs, which lie directly under the saddle, are relatively immobile, which makes it nearly impossible for a horse to expand the diameter of his girth area through lung power alone.

That's not to say that some horses don't "puff up" while they are being saddled. But what is happening is that the horse is tensing his abdominal muscles, an action that expands the width of the chest slightly, allowing the cinch to loosen when he relaxes. The tension may come because the horse is anticipating an unpleasant experience or because the act of tightening the girth causes discomfort, but it's more likely just a natural response to the feeling of having something wrapped around his barrel.

The key to "deflating" a horse's belly is relaxation. First, double-check your tack fit to make sure you are not causing him discomfort when you saddle up. You might need to switch to a different type of girth, such as one lined with fleece.

When you go to tack up, first place the saddle on your horse's back and attach the cinch loosely, so it is secure but not tight, then finish grooming him or picking his hooves. Before you mount, tighten the girth a bit more and walk him around until he relaxes, then check it again. Remember that your weight will push the saddle down on his back, so you may need to tighten the cinch one final time after you mount.

Clipping Horse Whiskers: Yes or No?

By Joyce Harman DVM - From Practical Horseman

A reader asks about clipping whiskers. This expert says, **"Don't!"**

JOYCE HARMAN, DVM : My question for you—and for most other competitive riders—is: "Why would you clip your horse's whiskers?" Although they may appear superficial and nonessential, horse whiskers provide valuable information to horses. Equine eyes are positioned in such a way that objects immediately in front of or below horses' noses are beyond their range of vision. So their horse whiskers help them "see" these objects. For example, while grazing, horses constantly rely on their whiskers to guide their muzzles toward edible food and away from other objects. The long whiskers near their eyes also warn them when there's a risk of bumping into obstacles, such as branches poking up out of the grass. Because whiskers serve as a sort of "third eye" for horses, I wonder if your horse's extreme reaction to having his whiskers clipped may indicate some type of visual impairment. We currently have no way of determining the accuracy of individual horses' vision. (Until we can teach horses how to read eye charts, our equine ocular diagnostic abilities are limited to obvious problems, such as foreign bodies, degenerative diseases and infections in the eyes.) But it would make sense that, just like humans, some horses may be nearsighted or farsighted. Perhaps your horse has a vision impairment and has learned to compensate for it by relying even more on the sensory ability of his whiskers, much the way blind people develop unusually sensitive -fingertips. The threat of losing his whiskers may be sending him into a complete panic. Another possible explanation may be that your horse is experiencing pain in his mouth or jaw. Young horses -experience tooth-eruption issues that can make their muzzles and jaws -sensitive to the touch. Older horses, too, can experience occasionally painful tooth problems. Incorrectly used curb bits and chains can also cause nerve damage and oversensitivity. Your veterinarian can help you rule out these possible causes. Whatever your horse's reason for -resisting trimming, ask yourself if it -really is necessary. The practice of clipping horses' whiskers may be common, but it is purely for cosmetic reasons. There is no box on the judge's scorecard for "trimmed whiskers." Sure, a healthy bloom to your horse's coat, produced through good nutrition, exercise and -basic grooming, can help to make a good impression in the show ring. But if you have a terrific trip, little details like your horse's whiskers should not affect your placing.

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