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Upcoming Events

Oct 6 – Ride and Potluck Lunch, Washoe State Park, 10:00 a.m. Ride fee cash donation for Turkeys (or a Turkey). Everyone welcome. Responsible for your \$4.00 state parking fee. Contact Bonnie 882-6604.

Oct 20 – Fun Day, 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena, Stagecoach, 10:00 a.m. Cost \$15.00 all day adults, \$10.00 under 18. Includes lunch. Members only. You may join day of event. Contact Aimee or Tony 423-9381.

Nov 8 - Board/Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Pizza Factory in Silver Springs. Contact Kelli 629-0865. **The 2008 calendar will be set up at the November 8th meeting.** If you have any ideas of what you would like the club to do next year, please let us know. Put the meeting on your calendar—it is the most important meeting we have all year. **Elections will also be held for 2008 Officer and Board.** See New Briefs on page 5 for a list of the nominations.

Nov 10 - Despoaking 102 conducted by Vince Pirozzi. Hamilton's Arena 11225 Silver Lane Stagecoach Prestart with Tony Sumner at 9:00 am. Clinic fee: \$15.00 members, \$25.00 non members, \$5.00 less for under 18. Limited to 20 people please prepay and pre-register to hold your spot. Memberships available day of event. No lunch available. Contact Vince 841-3563.

Dec 9—Christmas Party, Q's BBQ in Carson City (next to Lowes). 2:00 p.m. White elephant gift exchange. Call Kelli for more info: 629.0865.

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.

You, your Horse and Safety...

Perceptions are like ears and elbows, personal and particular to each and every one of us. They stem from a mish mash of experience, personal values and varying degrees of processing. Not that they are wrong, they just are what they are. This is no more evident than in the horse world. One person's gentle ride in the wilderness is another person's nightmare of a wild ride, that they wouldn't wish on their worst enemy. One person's "angel of a horse", is another person's "red-headed step child". The difficulty with perceptions occurs when one person pushes their perceptions on other people using various avenues such as experiential or intellectual superiority, morality, and especially safety. My point to all this is:

- Each and every one of us is unique, and no one can step inside another person's experience. Therefore, we all have a responsibility to assess our levels of expertise, capability and fear, and not put ourselves in situations that we perceive as dangerous to each of us or our horse. No one on the planet, not even our significant other, can step inside our perception and gauge if a situation is dangerous to us. So, it is up to us to assess the situation and figure out if we can or should continue or not. Take the responsibility for your own hide and the well-being of your horse.
- By the same token, we need to stay within our boundaries, respecting the perceptions of others. A slow lope for some, is the equivalent of winning a Nobel Prize for others. If someone asks me a training question, I tell them, but otherwise, their horse and their relationship with their horse is theirs and theirs alone. And I expect the same treatment. I am always willing to answer a question; I just don't enjoy someone telling me how to work my horse without me asking. I once had a trail trial judge tell me to use voice commands if leg aids didn't work with a particular obstacle!?
- Our relationship with our horse is based on many hours spent interacting with it alone. Its me and my horse going around and around that arena, or down that trail, or over that obstacle. No one can know, with certainty, how another person's horse is going to react with that person in any given situation. Each of us therefore, are responsible for how our horse behaves within the normal bounds of horse space.

If you want to join a club where boundaries are respected, perceptions acknowledged, and expertise and fun encouraged, HDH is the place for you.

Tony Sumner

Classifieds

Animals Available for Adoption: High Desert Equine Rescue has currently available for adoption: 2 burro's (must go together) and a TB/Qtr Cross Gelding 16 hands, 17 yrs old. Please check our site or email for more information.

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Purchase tickets at any HDH function. Final chance to purchase will be the day of the Christmas party (December 9th), when the drawing will take place.

Riding 101—September 8, 2007

Another great clinic conducted by Tony Sumner. Participants went away with a feeling of accomplishment, and a better sense of a working partnership with their horses. Great job Tony!



Oct 6—Diana Miller	Oct 22—Shawnee Clayson
Oct 12—Kelly Knapp	Oct 27—Suzanne Brothers
Oct 12—Debbie Young	Oct 28—Bob Retzer
Oct 21—Linda Mulkey	Oct 30—Steven Brothers
Oct 22—Anne Martins	
Oct 24—Valerie Wolverton	
Oct 27—Marty Martins	
Oct 29—Joyce Gay	



October—Happy Birthday

3rd Annual Autumn Horse Schooling Show—September 22, 2007

Fun Day Class List October 20, 2007

1. T-Shirt Race
2. Tortoise Race
3. Hare Race
4. Ribbon Race
5. Relay Race
6. Musical Stalls
7. Speed Barrels
8. Cloverleaf Barrels
9. Flag Race
10. Pole Bending
11. Tortoise Pole Bending
12. Egg & Spoon



Nina Bray
17 & Under High Point



Kelly Knapp & Aimee Sumner



Barbara Davies



Teresa Hardy

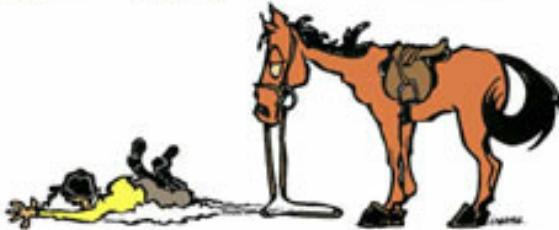


Julian, Amy, & Nina Bray



Anne Martins, Diana Goodrick, and Mary Kolwyck

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News Briefs

Kathie Peterson had surgery on September 12th. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The following people were nominated for 2008 HDH Officer/Board Positions:

President: Tony Sumner

Vice President: Vince Pirozzi

Secretary: Anne Martins

Treasurer: Margy Hamilton

Board Members: Kelly Knapp, Herb Fawcett, Bonnie Replogle, Kelli Lyon, Linda Mulkey, Mandy Brinnand, Theresa Panziera, Deb Denkler.

Nominations will be open until October

15th. If you are interested in a position please do not feel shy to put forward your name. If you think someone would do a good job then please put their name forward and we will check with them to see if they would be interested. **Voting will take place at our next board meeting on November 8th at the Pizza Factory** in Silver Springs. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call Kelli Lyon with your nominations. She will also take your vote over the phone prior to the November meeting.

Poetry

Looking for the Perfect Horse

Harold Roy Miller

I always check every available source whenever I am searching for the perfect horse. I check Internet, newspapers and my feed store bulletin board, hoping to find a quality one that I can afford.

I start out with my perfect dream horse in mind, which proves increasingly hard to find. No matter how many ads overall I might view, the choice soon narrows down to just a few.

I am quite optimistic as I start this endeavor, but to find the perfect horse seems to take forever. Some are obese while others are too small; some are too spirited and some are too tall.

Some are too young, others feeble and old, and the suitable ones I find are already sold. Some have behavior problems that are beyond my skills and it would turn out to be a constant battle of wills.

Occasionally I find one that is handsomely striking, just the right color and size to my liking. Then I see "Experienced rider" and I know what that means:
this horse is trouble and no doubt full of beans.

I have learned to pay attention to any type of red flags like telltale phrases or over-inflated price tags. So one by one they are scrutinized and disqualified as I diligently keep searching for a good horse to ride.

This fevered search can go for weeks on end until I finally realize I have no extra money to spend. I'm totally exhausted after the search is all done but it is very entertaining and a whole lot of fun.



A little bit of Horse Heaven

Linda Mulkey recently took Rasha (Left), her 3 yr old Arabian to join her old friend, Tuck (Right), 29 yr old Arabian who has been retired since April. They are out to pasture at Linda's sister's home in Pasco, WA.

3rd Annual Autumn Horse Schooling Show—September 22, 2007

- Congratulations to our High Point winners at the 3rd Annual Autumn Schooling Horse Show:
- Driving High Point: Jackie Jones.
- 17 and Under High Point: Nina Bray. Reserve was a tie between Emily Steel and Jessica Burgoon.
- 18 and Over High Point: Tie—Barbara Davies and Tony Sumner. Reserve was also a tie between Bonnie Replogle and Mandy Brinnand.
- Our show went very well and the weather even held off for most of it. I would like to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers who made it possible to have such a great show and a wonderful club;
- Marcy Petko- Judge
Laura Bell- Judge
Deb Denkler-Ring Stewart
Linda Mulkey- all around, set up, registration paperwork and clean up
Nancy Cuccato and April Dziabo-set up, registration and a little of everything
Melinda Cash-Announcer
Jennifer Lappin- Gate and ribbons
Shellie and Floyd Towne-cooked a great lunch
Aimee Sumner-timer
- Thanks again to all of you, and for all you did to help out.

Kelli Lyon

Editor's Note: Due to a name not being documented on the judge's sheet for one of the trail classes, there was a recount of all the points. Originally, Barbara Davies won High Point for 18 & Over, and Tony Sumner, Reserve. Due to the recount, there was a tie for High Point between Barbara and Tony. There was also a tie between Mandy Brinnand and Bonnie Replogle for Reserve.



Mary Kolwyck



Jordan Aasad



Emily Steele



Diana Goodrick



Jordan Aasad



Mandy Brinnand



Driving High Point
Jackie Jones

More horse show pictures can be seen at www.hdhorsemen.org.

With the cold weather blowing in, this seems like a good time to review winter care for your horses.

The first most important thing you will need to attend to is WATER. Equine Veterinarians refer to Fall-Winter as colic season. When the weather changes this time of year, our horses often drink less than they require. Any grass that is left has little water in it. This leaves our horses susceptible to impaction colic. So it is important to address the water situation early—as soon as the temperature starts to drop. We all know that you can lead the horse to water, etc., however there are ways to encourage drinking. One of the easiest is to warm up the water, morning and evening, by adding a thermos full of hot

water to the water bucket. Adding a small amount of salt to the concentrate (feed) will also encourage those resistant non-drinkers. The addition of a cup of bran to the concentrate on a daily basis will promote a more consistent intake of water on the part of your horse. Bucket warmers that keep the water from freezing in the stall and paddock buckets are an excellent way to make sure your horse has access to drinkable water at all times.

The next aspect of winter care is Feed adjustments. In order to generate internal heat, horses require additional HAY in their diets. Again, the grass is mostly gone and what is left has little nutritional value. So put out extra hay whether your horse is inside or out, and he/she will keep themselves warm. CONCENTRATES (grain/pellets) need to be adjusted based on the ideal weight of the horse and the amount of work he/she is doing. Weight tapes should be used to monitor your horse's weight on a weekly basis. If your horse is losing weight - add concentrate - If he is gaining weight decrease the amount of concentrate. The working horse is going to need more concentrate calories than the idle horse. If your horse is going to be working less over the winter than during the rest of the year - it is OK to cut the concentrate and monitor the weight.

BLANKETING is always an important question. The answer depends on whether your horses are clipped or not. Did you know that our horses favorite environmental temperature range is between 20 and 40 degrees? On ordinary days, unclipped horses do not require blanketing for turn out until below 20 degrees. An additional layer of blanketing for turn out for each 10-degree drop in temperature is a good rule of thumb. If, however, the weather is very windy, wet, rainy or icy, than even fuzzy horses need additional protection outside. Inside the barn horses standing for long periods of time (like all night) may be better off with a light sheet - depending on the warmth of the barn. Barn doors left open even during the cold weather provide excellent ventilation and promote fewer winter coughs, colds and other respiratory conditions. Clipped horses need blanketing starting about 40 degrees. Start with a light sheet and add a layer for each 10 degrees of temperature drop. Protection from wet, windy cold weather is a must.

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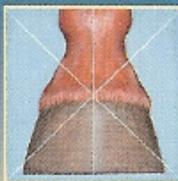
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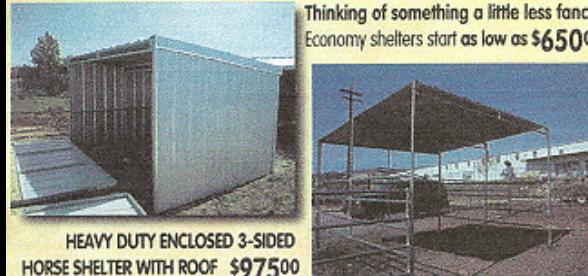
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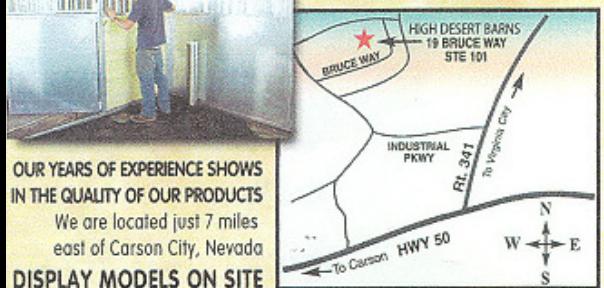


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