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**Sunday, Oct 17th Scavenger Hunt**, Jim & Linda Mulkey's, 215 David Avenue, Stagecoach, 10:00 a.m. \$10 entry fee. Reserve your spot by October 14th—it is limited to 20 participants. Potluck dinner after HTAP ride. Ribs & chicken will be provided. Contact: Anne 629-9368 or [anne@hdhorsemen.org](mailto:anne@hdhorsemen.org).

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**Sat - Sun, Nov 6th - 7th** Despooning 101 and 102, 10:00 a.m. sharp both days. HDH members only - you may join day of the first clinic. Clinician Vince Pirozzi. \$15/day. Prerequisite to 102 is attendance at 101. 5620 Meacham Street, Washoe Valley. Contact Vince: 775.737.1243.

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**Thursday, Nov 11th** Board & General Membership Meeting at Round Table Pizza in Dayton, 6:30 pm. Election of 2011 Officers and Board Members (Nominations listed on page 2).

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**Saturday, Nov 13th** Yerington Ride (HTAP), 10:00 a.m. Ride will be 4-5 hours (sand, a bit of small rock and a couple of hills to climb and go down). If your horse has good feet he/she should be fine. Location: 7 Yermo, Yerington. Sponsored by Trish Clark and Brenda Rogers. Hot dogs will be provided - please bring a dish to share. Directions: From Silver Springs, take Hwy 95A to Yerington. Go to Texaco - W. Goldfield Ave. - it is a "T". Head towards Schurz, go past fairgrounds. Go approx. 2 miles to Spence Lane. Turn Left on Spence, go to stop sign. Turn left and continue on Yermo Lane to 2nd to last house on the left. Contact: Trish 775.315.5799.

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**Sun, Dec 5th** HDH Christmas Party, Noon, Carson Nugget (upstairs). Bring a gift (\$10 limit) for the white elephant exchange. RSVP by Nov. 29 to Anne Martins. \$17.95 includes meal and tip/per person. Call Anne 629-9368 for more info.

**Please check the website regularly for time and date changes. Sometimes things change and we have to re-schedule or cancel. [www.hdhorsemen.org](http://www.hdhorsemen.org) or call the contact number listed for the event**

## Classifieds

Classified Ads are free for all High Desert Horsemen members. To submit an ad, email:

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**FOR SALE:** hand-crafted Horse Christmas Trees. Trees have horse ornaments and other horse-related ornaments as well as native Nevada dried plants as garlands. Call Jennifer at 720-3091 or e-mail her at [starbuddy@hdiss.net](mailto:starbuddy@hdiss.net) to order your tree. Jennifer has donated a tree for the year-end raffle (drawing will be at the Christmas Party on Dec. 5th).



## October Birthdays



**October 6—Diana Miller**

**October 21—Linda Mulkey**

**October 22—Anne Martins**

**October 27—Marty Martins**

**October 28—Bob Retzer**

## Election

The election for 2011 officers and board members is just around the corner. If you would like to nominate someone for one of the positions, please contact Linda at [llmulkey@yahoo.com](mailto:llmulkey@yahoo.com) or call at 629-0817. Nominations will close on Monday, November 8th. You will be able to vote absentee via e-mail or by telephone until Thursday, November 11th at 5:00 p.m. (day of the meeting).

Nominations to date:

President: Vince Pirozzi & Sandy Blair

V. President: Anne Martins

Secretary: Jennifer Kersten

Treasurer: Kelly Knapp & Kelli Lyon

Board Members:

Deb Denkler

Jamie Buettner

Jill Ann Stevenson

Mary Jessberger

Please nominate someone and be sure to vote.

## Feedback Wanted

Attendance at some of the events has been poor this year. This is a survey to find out why.

Why did you choose to not attend an event?

Which events would you like to see discontinued next year?

Do you have other events you would like to see added to the calendar in 2011?

HDH has always tried to keep the entry fees to a fair \$ amount. Has price been a factor whether you attend?

Remember a club only continues to function if members participate.

Please send any comments/ideas to our secretary, Jamie Buettner at [motokjh@schat.net](mailto:motokjh@schat.net). Or you may tell any of the other officers or board members.



## Member of the Month—Trish Clark

Wow what an honor to be Member of the Month. Well here goes. I am 44 years old. I grew up in Oakdale, CA. I married Mike in 1999, thanks to my horseshoer who is now my brother-in-law. I guess when he shoes your horses for 10 yrs I might as well be part of the family, so I am. We have been married for 11 yrs—we have 3 boys and a girl that we blended and now we have 2 granddaughters and a grandson.



Trish & Misty at Marlette Lake

We moved to NV in the fall of 2004. Mike lived here in the mid 90s and I wanted out of California. My mom is here in Yerington and my dad lives in Washoe. He has been here since the 70s—he always told me you will love Nevada. Boy was he right - it is so nice to just be able to take off on the horses or quads for that matter and not wonder if the Sheriff is going to stop you cuz the neighbor called you in for being on their land.

I have had horses since before I could walk—my dad used to rope and my mom used to hang out at the ropings—so I am one of the lucky ones—I've had a horse all my life and hope to for the rest of it. My breed of choice is the good old QH but I'm getting older and the gaited horse out there with Jack is feeling pretty good these days.

I was in 4-H—I showed horses, sheep, pigs, and beef mainly—horses and sheep. You ask why did I join HDH? Well I work with Charlie Knapp - yes, I am a truck driver. I run team with my hubby Mike. For those that don't know it already—Charlie invited me to a poker ride back in 2007 at Washoe. It was fun and I liked the things HDH does for the members in need and the community, and I was sold so here I am and of course I had to bring along my partner in crime Brenda Rogers. With my job—if it was not for her taking care and feeding good ole Jack and Misty I would probably not have horses anymore. She is awesome and she never knows what she's in for when I say were going to an HDH event and she never knows what she's signed up for—she's a trooper

I have showed, done gymkhana, roped at brandings, and done trail trials. Yes trail trials are my event of choice—it took me a couple of years to talk HDH into it but we are doing them now and I hope we keep doing them.

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## A Green Rider's Thoughts

Harold Roy Miller



It's been at least 25 years now since I've been on the back of a horse and I ain't up here now by choice; it was more of a friend's coerce. I was visiting with some ranch folks when they suggested we take a ride, and I wasn't about to admit I was green; it's a matter of cowgirl pride.

I decide to act nonchalant and try to appear at ease while hiding my trembling hands and trying to control my shaking knees. As I plunk into the saddle, this thought is foremost in my mind: if this horse decides to buck or bolt, I am surely in a bind.

I hang on with my legs pinned firmly against the horse's bouncing belly and when he starts moving forward, my arms and legs both turn to jelly. I grab the saddle horn with both hands as I lean forward in the saddle. I will get proper riding form later; right now, I just want to stay astraddle.

I smile and act like I'm having fun and conclude this wouldn't be so hard if the neighbors weren't all standing around, watching from their front yard. They have all gathered to see the show, probably hoping I'll hit the dirt, not realizing if I fall from this red giraffe, I will be in a world of hurt.

The horse is trying to trot on out but I am holding these reins real tight. He keeps swinging his head and tail back and forth like he's itching for a fight. I am bouncing around like a rubber ball and about to lose my balance but praying while cussing a blue streak is one of my greatest talents.

This would not be so bad, I think, if this horse were not ten feet tall and I did not have this sensation of running fast like I am about to fall. Will this ride ever be over? I think as I look down and see the rocks and tumbleweeds that cover the hard baked ground.

Finally the ride is over. It was sure enough a western thrill, tho my blood pressure is now sky high and I feel like I've been run through the mill. The ranch folks ask "Ride again tomorrow?" and I know I probably should, but as I hand the reins back, I meekly smile and say "No thanks, I'm good."

There are few "official" rules for trail riding. But there are some commonly accepted practices that are good to remind ourselves of every once in a while. And while the word "etiquette" implies good manners, **trail etiquette is as much about safety as it is about courtesy.** Horses are herd animals and prey animals and this is the driving force behind how they think. Most horses do not like to be "abandoned" and can get upset if they feel this is occurring. When they encounter something which they perceive as frightening, their natural prey animal reaction is to jump and run. Much of what is listed below comes from an understanding of these facts.

1. When encountering hikers and bikers
  - a. Ideally hikers and bikers will yield to a rider.
  - b. When encountering hikers or bikers, talk to them and get them to talk to you. Hikers with backpacks and bikers with helmets do not look human. Explain this to them and ask them to speak so that your horse will understand that this "thing" is actually just a person.
  - c. Ask them to stand off on downhill side of the trail. Once again, horses are prey animals and often attacked from above, so keep the scary looking thing down low. It can also be easier to control a horse going uphill if he spooks.
  - d. Stay relaxed yourself and keep talking to the hiker and your horse if he is nervous.
  - e. Find out if there are more in their party and tell them how many in your party. Thank them for their cooperation and be kind and courteous. We are all out there to enjoy ourselves.

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**You want to maintain a distance of about one horse length between horses while going down the trail.**

This leaves you time and space to react safely in the event of an accident in front of you.

When you encounter a short bridge on the trail, walk the horses across one at a time. Allow more than the usual single horse length between each horse over longer bridges.

For your safety and the safety of others around you, pay attention to your horse and keep him under control. Keep a peripheral eye on the rest of the horses and the environment around you. Being prepared for anything to happen can often prevent a bad wreck.

Think like a horse, especially if you are the leader of the group. If you look at objects on the trail like a prey animal (is it unfamiliar or potentially dangerous), you can help prepare yourself for anything. Once again preparation and awareness can be the difference between a controlled flight and a bad wreck.

Nasty horses in the back. If your horse is unruly, he should bring up the rear where his poor behavior will not be witnessed by the other horses and cause them to get upset as well. And, if you are lucky, he may learn a thing or two from watching calmer horses in front of him all day.

Tie a red ribbon in the tail of a horse that kicks. If you are following a horse with a red ribbon, obviously it would be safer to maintain a little more distance between you, but also you might be extra watchful for signs of forewarning: pinned ears, swishing tail, hind leg at the ready, etc. Remember that your horse could move to avoid the kick and put you in its path instead. A broken leg or knee from a kick 10 steep miles from the trailer is no fun

Watch the footing, especially on uphill and downhill. Gravel on rocks is like ice. Wet bridges can also be very slippery. If you encounter problems, warn any riders behind you.

**When leading and/or riding with anyone behind you**

- a. Walk
- b. Ask before trotting/loping**
- c. Warn of holes, bad footing and other dangers
- d. Warn when you are stopping
- e. Warn if a branch might snap back in someone's face
- f. Keep track of other riders behind you
- g. Take turns leading, if possible...share the dust.

When you reach a watering area, take turns and don't crowd. Wait for everyone to finish before moving off. And remember your Leave No Trace ethics: do not destroy additional water front so you can all water at the same time. Use only the obvious area where animals come down to drink.

Stop if there is a wreck. This should be pretty obvious. Your help may be needed. But also, once again, horses are herd animals and do not like to be left alone, especially in an unfamiliar area. If you ride off, while someone is trying to mount back up, their horse could panic and take off to catch up with the group.

Always be prepared for the idiot or the inconsiderate. Be prepared for someone to take off at a gallop while you are mounting, bump into you from behind or stop dead in front of you.

Keep your comments to yourself (or pick your battles). Unless the situation is a health risk or puts a life in danger, refrain from passing on your horsemanship wisdom. Many people may not respond well to a "know-it-all" or will resent the implication that they are stupid. Your "helpful suggestions" may cause more harm than good.

**Additional safety items**

- a. Always carry ID on your person and on your horse in case you become separated.
- b. Tell someone where you are going in case you don't come home, even when riding with a group.
- c. Carry basic survival gear on your horse and at least the bare minimum on your person: cell phone, matches, food, water.

Following basic trail etiquette can help ensure the safety of you, your horse safe and others who you ride with or meet on the trail.

Ribbons you can put on your horses and their meaning:

A Red ribbon tied into the tail indicates a kicker, so stay back.

A Red ribbon tied on the forelock indicates a biter. A Green ribbon on the tail of the horse means the rider and/or the horse is a novice.

A Blue ribbon on the tail means the horse is a stallion.

A Yellow ribbon on the tail means the horse has come into heat.

## Spoooner– Marlette Ride 9/25/10

Another great ride! A beautiful day—the weather couldn't have been better. Riders: Ken, Jamie & Holly Buettner, Nancy Martin, Jennifer Kersten, Jack Gerrard, Linda Mulkey, Anne & Marty Martins, Trish Clark, Brenda Rogers, Leah Singleton, Deb Denkler



Jamie & Holly Buettner, Marty Martins, Trish Clark, Brenda Rogers

## Happy Trails Awards Program

These are the hours earned in the HTAP awards program so far this year. We have two more HTAP rides scheduled—10/17 & 11/13 (with the chance that more may be added this year.)

NAME	Horse's Name	Begin. Hrs	TOTAL	Hrs earned 2010
Aerick, Sheila	VJ	0.00	2.00	2.00
Aerick, Sheila	Coppery Penney	0.00	2.50	2.50
Arthur, Marsha	Annie Get Yor Guns	19.15	24.65	5.50
Blair, Sandy	Two Aces	0.00	2.50	2.50
Buettner, Holly	Pewe	34.40	47.90	13.50
Buettner, Jamie	Red	26.90	43.40	16.50
Buettner, Ken	Wind	39.40	55.90	16.50
Clark, Trish	Misty	9.50	14.50	5.00
Clark, Trish	Two Steppn Sonny	5.50	14.00	8.50
Cuccato, Nancie	Rag's	20.50	23.50	3.00
Denkler, Deb	Hawk	13.50	38.00	24.50
Johnson, Roy	Shaw	13.00	15.50	2.50
Kersten, Jennifer	Star Buddy	0.00	14.00	14.00
Knapp, Charles	Robin	0.00	8.50	8.50
Knapp, Kelly	Nevada	0.00	13.50	13.50
Lyon, Kelli	Pepper	49.40	51.40	2.00
Martins, Anne	Sam	34.90	45.90	11.00
Martins, Anne	Rosie	42.50	53.50	11.00
Martins, Anne	Jane	0.00	3.00	3.00
Martins, Marty	Sam	26.00	36.50	10.50
Mulkey, Linda	Cougar	57.40	62.90	5.50
Mulkey, Linda	Nikya	13.50	30.00	16.50
Pirozzi, Vince	Lacy	40.50	55.50	15.00
Pirozzi, Vine	Roady	6.00	6.00	0.00
Replogle, Bonnie	Caabo	0.00	5.50	5.50
Replogle, Bonnie	Shiloh	0.00	10.50	10.50
Rogers, Brenda	Frank	0.00	3.00	3.00
Rogers, Brenda	JJ	8.50	13.50	5.00
White, Ingrid	Cotton	11.50	23.50	12.00
Knapp, Charles	Individual	0.00	10.50	10.50
Knapp, Kelly	Individual	0.00	15.50	15.50
Lev.	HOURS	AWARD		
L 1	Less than 3 Rides	Participation Award		
L 2	12 Hours or less (Min. of 3 rides)	Bronze Medallion		
L 3	13 to 24 hours	Silver Medallion		
L 4	25 to 40 hours	Gold Medallion		
L 5	41 hours and over	Plaque		
L 6	Each subsequent year	Plate added to plaque		
Individual	Most hours for the year	Award		
Individual	2nd most hours for the year	Award		

**Congratulations!**



The Happy Hoofers took First Place in the Dayton Valley Days Parade on September 18th. Kelly Knapp, April Dziabo, Bonnie Replogle, Nancy Martin, Jennifer Kersten and Anne Martins



**Spooner-Marlette Lake Ride 9/25/10**

**Spooner-Marlette Ride**



Marty Martins



Jennifer Kersten



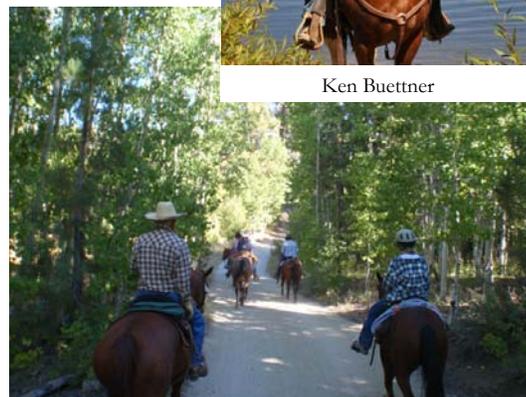
Ken Buettner



Leah Singleton, Trish Clark, Brenda Rogers



Trish, Brenda, Holly, Leah, Jamie



Those Wild Women—Trish Clark (top) & Brenda Rogers (bottom)



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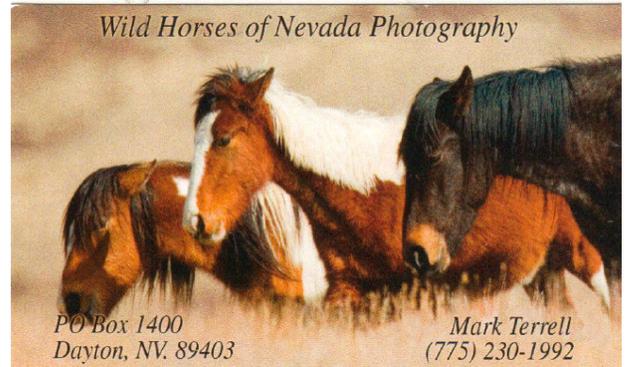


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