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Upcoming Events

November 9, 2006

HDH Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Factory in Silver Springs.
Annual Election of High Desert Horsemen Officers and Board Members at 7:30 p.m. Please come and make your vote count. If you cannot attend, you may e-mail your vote to Linda Mulkey at llmulkey@yahoo.com or via snail mail to HDH, P.O. Box 2263, Dayton, NV 89403, or call Margy Hamilton at 629-0807.

Nov 12—Virginia City Ride. This depends on the weather (if we get early snow up there, the ride might be cancelled). Ride out at 10:00 a.m. Staging area will be announced at the November meeting. Contact Margy Hamilton at 629-0807. Keep checking the website for updates or call Margy.

Nov 18—De-Spooking 102. Conducted by Vince Pirozzi. 11225 Silver Lane, Hamilton's Arena. 9:00 a.m. Get your horse accustomed to smoke, firecrackers, carts, dirt bikes, many types of obstacles. \$10 members/ \$25 non-members. Contact Margy Hamilton at 629-0807.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR TIME AND DATE CHANGES. SOMETIMES THINGS CHANGE AND WE HAVE TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL.

Nominations for 2007 Officers

President—Tony Sumner
 Vice President—Vince Pirozzi
 Secretary—Kelli Lyon
 Treasurer—Margy Hamilton

Board: Mandy Brinnand Herb Fawcett
 Dan McKeever Linda Mulkey
 Theresa Panziera

If you cannot attend the meeting and vote, you may vote by e-mail to llmulkey@yahoo.com or telephone—Margy at 629-0807.

Classifieds

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Hi, I'm passing this information on to everyone I know since the owner Clint Wolfe said if our club, Desert Hoofprints 4-H helps him sale these items and no one wants the tack he will donate it to our club. So please help us and pass this on to anyone that you know that might be interested and please remember to mention our club so we might get the donation. Thank you, Melinda Cash 246-0198—See below:

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Thanksgiving Baskets



We still need items for the Thanksgiving baskets HDH will be donating to the people in need of Stagecoach, Silver Springs, and Dayton.

Items still needed are:

- 14 cans sweet potatoes or yams
- 14 cans of corn
- 22 cans cranberry sauce
- 11 cans green veggies
- 11 boxes instant mashed potatoes
- 9 boxes stuffing
- 9 packages of turkey gravy mix
- 19 turkeys
- 25 roaster pans
- 20 cans of cake frosting
- 23 Quart size UHT milk boxes
- 7 bottles of Sparkling Apple Cider

You may drop off items to Kelli Lyon at 211 David Avenue, Stagecoach (Tel: 629-0865). Or you may bring items to HDH events or the meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9th. We will be collecting items until November 12th. The baskets will be put together on the weekend of the 18th and 19th.

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Memorable Ride
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I tightened my helmet as I stepped outside. My colt Shasta and I were taking our very first ride. I'd worked two years with him long line reining and other aspects of modern horse training.

There was a reason I had waited this long. I wanted my horse's legs and back to be strong. I weigh two hundred forty and I sure was afraid he'd wind up with a spine that was bowed or swayed.

I had a few concerns about kicking vs. clucking and was a little nervous about him rearing or bucking. I was hoping he'd giddy-up when I said "go" and stop the instant that I said "whoa."

I needn't have worried about nary a thing. This horse was perfect for trail or show ring. I sat tall in the saddle and boy, did I beam as my colt performed like an absolute dream.

My wife Diana was coaching my technique and pointing out areas where she thought I was weak. She preceded us in the arena in a backward walk as we followed and listened to her instructive talk.

Then she bumped into something and began to teeter and plunked right down into the double tire feeder.

This Kodak moment gave us both a good laugh and I whipped out my camera for a photograph.

I couldn't help her up - all I could do was grin as she laboriously struggled out of that rubber feed bin.

This ride was a classic - Shasta was outstanding, but the most memorable part was Diana's crash landing

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Silent Stallion Auction



Stallion Auction Bids Accepted until 12/31/06

Current Bid is \$100.00

Silent Bids are being taken for a breeding to one of three stallions. High bidder has his/her choice of one of the following three stallions:



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News Briefs

Red and Babe Bowlsey of Sundown Saddlery have generously donated a silver-trimmed handcrafted western headstall to High Desert Horsemen. We are currently selling raffle tickets for the headstall. You may buy tickets until December 9th (day of the Christmas party). They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may purchase them at any HDH function.

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We had some fun rides in October. Unfortunately, we did not have a working camera with us, so there are no pictures. Now that the campers are gone, it was wonderful riding along the shore and in the water. We rode at Washoe State Park on October 7th, and had a potluck lunch after the ride. On October 22nd we rode at Lahontan State Park. After the ride, there was a surprise birthday cake and ice cream for Linda Mulkey.

Welcome to our new members, Cindy and Dean Rogers, Virginia Highlands; and to our returning members—Debbie and Dave Young, of Sparks.

The Pancake Breakfast was delicious, even though we did not have a large turnout due to the weather. Thank you to Steve Lyon for cooking at the breakfast and the Fun Day.

There is a definite chill in the air and snow has already begun to fall. That can only mean one thing, winter is here. The following tips will help you and your horse make it through the winter and into the waiting spring.

"Horses grow hair in the winter to help them retain heat," says Dr. R.D. Scoggins, equine Extension veterinarian at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine at Urbana. "This can mask their body condition and it may difficult to accurately judge their body condition.

One method of determining body condition, whether too fat or too thin, Dr. Scoggins relies on is "putting hands on" the horse. He also suggested using weight tapes to check body condition. While these are not precise, if done monthly, they can ascertain changes in weight.

"One common misconception people have is that they feel they need to feed more grain in wintertime to keep horses warm," remarks Dr. Scoggins. "Actually, the thing that keeps them the most warm is fermentation of roughage in the gut. At least of the hay should be grass hay to keep them from getting too fat."

Exercise can be continued and horses should get as much free exercise as possible. Dr. Scoggins asserts

that once the horse is through working for the day, to make sure that the hair is fluffed up before turning them out.

"Avoid blankets if at all possible," claims Dr. Scoggins. "The hair coat is sufficient as long as they are dry and not in the wind. If clipped, they will need a turn-out rug."

Hoof care must be followed through on a regular basis. Frozen ground can cause hoof breakage and can get slick. Turning a horse out where there is sand or some mixture on the ground can help prevent injuries. Most importantly, do not turn the horse out if it is very slippery.

"The standard health program should be sustained during the winter," says Dr. Scoggins. "Most of the parasites we deal with in the Midwest can survive well in the winter and even thrive if the winter is mild. Vaccinations should also be maintained, especially in broodmares"

"Good ventilation in the horses shelter is very important," stressed Dr. Scoggins. "Horses are very susceptible to respiratory disease and can be affected by the ammonia that is produced from urine breakdown. A three sided shed facing south or east with a good wind break is more than adequate to house your horse over the winter."

More Winterizing Your Horse

Winter Management

Maintaining your horse's body condition during the cold winter months can be achieved by paying close attention to their nutritional needs and making adjustments before body condition begins to decline. The first area to focus on is their energy (calorie) requirements. Horses who live outside, with an open shelter to the southeast and a body score of 5.5 to 6.0, will develop a wooly coat, and will not need to consume more calories until the temperature falls below 15° F. When the temperature falls below 15° F, your horse's metabolic rate will increase by about 35% to stay warm. Shivering is the rapid contraction and relaxation of the muscles to create heat and combat cold temperatures.

Forage

Horses can obtain calories from carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. The first step in supplying more calories is to increase the amount of forage (hay) fed. Your horse benefits in two ways:

- 1) The calories are needed to maintain body condition
- 2) Heat is generated during the fermentation of fiber

in the hindgut.

Another benefit of continuous feeding of forage is its water-holding capacity inside the gut. Impaction colic is more prevalent in the winter when horses are prone to drink less water. Providing lukewarm water (35 to 45° F) is another good way to increase water consumption and help prevent impaction colic.

To Increase Calories

If your horse is eating a minimum of 2% of his body weight/day in hay and is not maintaining desired body condition, increase the amount of the appropriate grain mixture fed/day. For every 3° F below 15° F, your horse will need 3% more digestible energy, or calories. This amounts to an additional 1/3 to 1/2 pounds of grain mixture/day, depending on the amount of calories in your grain mix.

If you need more calories than this, start adding calories from fat. Fat contains three times the calories found in oats and four times the calories found in average grass hay.

Fun Day—November 4, 2006



Our Judge—Aimee Sumner

The Fun Day was exactly that—lots of fun! Thank you, Aimee Sumner for a great job of organizing and judging the classes. Everyone had a great time. The results of the classes have not been totally calculated, yet. High Point winner will be announced in the December HD Hoofprints.



Debbie Young & Nancy Davis—Ribbon Race



Tony Sumner & Bonnie Replogle—Ribbon Race



Dean & Cindy Rogers



Musical Stalls Class



Jake & Steve “our cook” Lyon



Theresa Panziera



Nancy Davis & Nancy Cuccato



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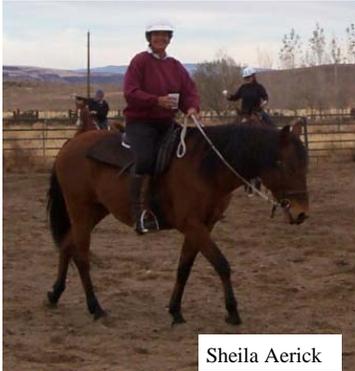
Tony Sumner & Nancy Cuccato



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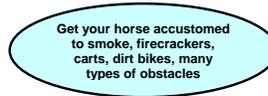


November 18, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Conducted by Vince Pirozzi

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