



Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association Newsletter

March-April 2008

TWHA Annual Membership Meeting

About 30 TWHA members attended the TWHA Annual Membership Meeting on January 28th at Bay Laurel Arabians. The meeting featured discussions of this year's scheduled events, elections for the new TWHA Board, and a talk by Debby Young on Horse and Rider Fitness for Balance and Endurance in the Arena and on the Trail.

TWHA's first event, on Saturday, April 12th, will be our Spring Trail Work Day on the Nimitz Trail in Tilden and Wildcat Parks. May 10th is Fun Day at the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp, and in June. July and August, TWHA is sponsoring weekend camp-outs at Tilden, at Las Trampas Regional Preserve, and one more at either Point Reyes or Sequoia Arena. The Seventh Annual East Bay Hill Trails Benefit Ride will be at the end of August, ending on Labor Day, followed by our fall trail work-day. This newsletter has more information about many of these events.

We are indeed blessed that many of our board members agreed to continue serving on the TWHA Board meeting this

year. Martha Mikesell, our Vice President for the last few years, was the only Board member who stepped down. We thank her for all of her contributions over the years, and wish her luck in her horse adventures. This year Kirsten Whitsett becomes our new Vice-President, Alison Martin has agreed to coordinate our Trail Work Days, and Becky Mertens joins as a Board Member-at-Large. The full list of the new Board is on page 11 of this newsletter.

Debby Young, the owner and trainer at Grizzly Peak Stables, started with some basic definitions of dressage terms and spoke about focus and tempo in the arena, turns on the forehand, leg yields, balance and rider position. She related all of these to riding both in the arena and on the trail and answered numerous questions from those attending. For the first time in recent years our annual meeting actually focused on riding, rather than on lameness or dentistry or parks, and those attending participated and learned useful techniques that can be applied when they go out and ride their horses.

TWHA Events:

Saturday, April 12—TWHA Trail Work Day—in Tilden and Wildcat Parks—meet at 9:30 a.m. at Inspiration Point to help clear brush encroaching on the dirt trail that runs alongside Nimitz Way. More info from Alison Martin, 510-55-9534 or by email at Alison_m@pacbell.net

Saturday, May 10—TWHA Fun Day—starts 10:30 a.m. at the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park. Combines elements of Trail Trials, Competitive Trail Riding and Endurance in a short ride, followed by horse games in the afternoon. For more info, contact David Whittall at 510-595-8525 or at cdwhittall@comcast.net

Friday, June 13—Sunday, June 15—TWHA Campout at Tilden Park— Ride in Tilden and Wildcat Parks. Come for part or all of the weekend. \$25 camping for

both nights or \$15 per night; Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch available. Contact Morris Older at morrisolder@comcast.net or 925-254-8943 for more info.

Friday, July 11—Sunday, July 13—TWHA Campout at Las Trampas—Ride at Las Trampas, with optional ride from Las Trampas to Anthony Chabot Sunday. Come for part or all of the weekend. \$25 camping for both nights or \$15 per night; Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch available. Contact Judy Etheridge at mixxfire@yahoo.com or 925-862.0232 for more info.

Friday, August 9- Sunday, August 11—TWHA Campout—Location tbd

Wednesday, August 27-Monday, September 1—Seventh Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride—more info in this issue.

October-TWHA Trail Work Day

December-TWHA Holiday Party

TWHA Horse Stories:

Baydal's Next Chapter

by Gary Fitts

I remember the rainy day in February 2004 when I first visited Peter Rich's barn and thought about riding. I had no experience, but I'd always loved animals, the outdoors, and athletics. I used to be a marathoner until my back gave out, and perhaps I thought that a horse could carry me over the trails I used to run. And I might have remembered some faint echos of horse stories from my childhood.

My Dad was born in rural Vermont at the trailing edge of the horse-as-transportation era. He never owned one, but he certainly wanted one in high school when he had to walk 17 miles to my future mother's house. I know he spent several summers on his grandfather's farm getting acquainted with horses. Each winter after the first heavy snow, Grandpa Eli would hitch his team to a sleigh and drive 120 miles or so into Boston, returning with supplies that usually included a barrel of fresh oysters. Once a week it was Dad's job to uncover the barrel from the snowbank and chisel out some frozen oysters for a stew. That recipe was passed down to my Mom and then to me, and I still love oysters, and I can still imagine the sounds of sleigh bells on long distance rides.

Now it's February 2008 and I've progressed from a beginning rider to a novice owner: I've just purchased my first horse -- Baydal (Fames Baydal BL). She's a 15.1-hand Arabian mare, no spring chicken, but then neither am I, and I think we're well suited. She's a veteran endurance horse with 38 AERC rides (including 5 Tevis's) to her credit. Even at 19 years she's going strong, usually well mannered but fierce in competition. Many Bay Laurel riders know her well. I've heard stories of match races with other horses, even with our bigger geldings, that (at least in my hearing) she has always won. My hopes for



our partnership include many NATRCs, some shorter AERCs (limited by my back), and endless trail rides near and far in California.

It astounds me that the freedom to ride that we now safeguard was taken for granted as recently as my father's childhood. Now we have to fight competing interests for this freedom, and the TWHA is doing its part. (See Es Andersen's history of the TWHA on our website if you don't know this story.) Even if we can no longer ride from Berkeley to Monterey (say) for a barrel of oysters, there are still a thousand miles of trails that start right outside our barn door, and Baydal and I plan to enjoy them for years to come. I had also hoped to have my Dad meet her and close a circle of sorts, but he passed away a few months before I could introduce them. But insofar

TWHA Member News

This year we have a higher number of renewed TWHA memberships than in previous years, in large part because so many of you signed up for 2 years last year. But there are still a fair number who have yet to renew for 2008, so please use the renewal form on the back of this issue if you are one of those. If you are not sure, do not hesitate to contact our membership secretary, Jenni Smith, and ask her. Her contact information can be found on page 11. Membership this year gets you a 10% discount at Orinda Village Horse shop, Vista Madera Tack and Concord Feed, as well as our newsletter and discounts on TWHA sponsored events.

With this issue, the TWHA Newsletter takes its second

tentative steps into the digital age with the introduction of more color to the pdf newsletter format. I probably should take a course on using color and designing e-newsletters, but in the meantime you'll have to bear with me as I learn how to move beyond print. Critiques and suggestions are welcome-- please let me know what you think of the changes.

TWHA members **Renee Benoit, Lisa Culin, Shirley Delsart, Morris Older, Edie Black, Fred Goff, Kirsten Whitsett, Brownyn Swan, Steve Feldman, Alice and Richard Brown, Pam Bullen** and OHA members Liz Strauss and Georgia Williams were among the guests at a memorial gathering March 29th in El Cerrito for TWHA Board Member **Jane Binder's** husband Ron, who died of a heart attack on a South American cruise sheet off Punta Arenas a few weeks ago. The dignified yet informal recollections of many of the

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guests celebrated Ron's generous, always positive nature, and his fascination with matters both scientific and recreational. Ron attended numerous TWHAs events with Jane over the year, always adding a touch of class with the good wine, well prepared food and pleasant attitude that he brought with him. He will be missed.

TWHA Board member **Judy Etheridge**, who lives in Sunol, missed the February board meeting, noting that "the properties up here are infested with apparently ownerless cattle and we are looking after one of the properties while the owners are in Hawaii. Yesterday the cows got into their horse pastures, which are bounded by electric tape, and one of the horses ran off and it took several hours to find her. I got hold of the local cattle grazing leaser and he came up and told us that the cows are not his???" The joys of country living:)" Eventually the owners were located, cows removed and fences repaired.

TWHA member **Kim Zvik**



Ilana Zimmerman on Cooper at the Shine'n Shine Only 25

reports that she and her daughter, Ilana Zimmerman completed the Shine and Shine Only 25 on February 16th. Ilana was wearing a cast on an arm broken the previous week snowboarding. As a result she rode Kim's reliable Cooper instead of their new horse Camou, who had just come out of "training to know how to steer," Kim writes. They rode slow, and came in over-

time at 7 hours 5 minutes. Later it was determined that the re-routed trail was in fact 27.8 miles, and so the qualifying time was extended, giving them completions. Kim writes that Camou did well, spooking only at an ATV carrying a barking Australian Shepherd that "crossed the trail in front of us as I led Camou into the vet check. He backed up so quickly that I was literally taken off my feet. He dragged me about 100 feet up the trail by the belly and I just hung on. I

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TWHA's
New and Improved

FUN DAY

Whether you are an AERC rider, NATRC rider, trail trials rider or pleasure rider, the TWHA Fun Day will have something for you.

- *New Obstacles
- *Mini trail trials style event
- *New challenging equestrian games for all Ages
- *BBQ - All you can eat!

Saturday, May 10

Obstacle Course: Come join in the fun—test your horse's cool and your sense of adventure while negotiating our new obstacle course.

Equestrian Games: New exciting and challenging equestrian games

Lunch: If you can't bring your horse, come for the fun and enjoy lunch, a sumptuous feast prepared by TWHA's renowned master chefs.

Volunteers needed — Lots of fun for those who judge and/or help set up the games/obstacles. If you can help or have an idea for a new obstacle or game, please call David Whittall at 510-595-8525.

RSVP & Contact: Contact us as soon as possible so we know how many people to expect. For further information, call David Whittall at 510-595-8525.

Begins at 10:30 A.M. at Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park.
All participants: helmets and saddles required.

Mail Entries & Checks to:
David Whittall, 6945 Chambers Drive, Oakland CA 94611

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	
Obstacle Ride/lunch/games:	
\$20 for members	x \$ _____
\$25 for non-members	x \$ _____
\$15 for juniors (16 and under)	x \$ _____
Lunch Only:	
\$10	x \$ _____
Obstacle Ride & Games:	
only \$15 for members	x \$ _____
\$20 for non-members	x \$ _____
\$10 for juniors	x \$ _____
Total \$	_____

Mt. Diablo Trails Plan Discussed

Mount Diablo State Park is holding a series of public meetings to gather input as they begin to develop a Unit Trail Plan for the park. This started with a staff decision to “inventory” the trails on the mountain to give them the ability to define them as “assets” for purposes of funding. A request by the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay to consider allowing bike access on 19-single track trails in the park provided further impetus to develop a comprehensive approach.

In addition to public meetings, park staff will be conducting a physical inspection of every trail in the park, using GPS to accurately map and measure their trails, and they will also survey the condition of each trail on the mountain, including bootleg trails. In a February meeting with the East Bay Area Trails Council, attended by 3 TWHHA members among others, MDSP staff presented a Power Point presentation explaining their plan, answered questions, and distributed survey questionnaires to all present.

So far this meeting has been held at least 3 times—with Save Mt. Diablo and the Mt. Diablo Interpretive Association in addition to EBATC. They plan to repeat these meetings until they have met with all of the stakeholders. On Saturday, April 12th, MDSP Maintenance Supervisor and equestrian Sue Schwartz will be meeting with members of the Concord Mt Diablo Trail Ride Association and other equestrians in Clayton. This will be an early opportunity to express any concerns we have as they begin the process, rather than reacting later on.

The CMDTRA presentation will be followed by further meetings with hikers, bicyclists, and other community opportunities for public input. MDSP staff envisions a 2-year timeline for completing this process, as they wish to carefully consider

all aspects of trail use and safety, and to solicit broad public comment. Once these meetings and the trail inventory are completed, they will prepare draft plans, followed by a public comment period.

Apparently the 19 trails that the BTCEB has asked for bicycle access on include the George Cardinet Back Canyon (or Back Creek) Trail, Middle Trail, Tick Wood Trail, and the Hetherington Loop Trail, trails that we have used on the TWHHA's East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride. If you are concerned about the safety or other aspects of opening these trails to bicyclists, your best chance to say so will be at these meetings. State Park will be distributing surveys at the meetings they hold, but will not be distributing them outside the meetings.

The April 12th meeting will start at 4 p.m. at the CMDTRA clubhouse at 1600 Trail Ride Road in Clayton.

To get there take the Ygnacio Valley Road exit off 680 and go .6 miles to the stop light. Turn right onto Ygnacio, and go 7.7 miles, past CSU-East Bay and Pine Hollow Road to Clayton Road, at the far end of a shopping center with a Bank of America on the corner. Turn Right on Clayton Road and go 2.5 miles. When Clayton Rd becomes Marsh Creek Road, keep going straight (do not turn earlier where Marsh Creek turns off Clayton). Go 1.2 mi on Marsh Creek Road, which becomes one lane in each direction. past the Pumpkin Farm on the right. Turn right onto Russelmann Road just past the horse ranch with wooden fences and go straight up the hill, past 2 cattle gates. Turn right towards the clubhouse about .9 miles up the hill and then sharply left to the parking area above the clubhouse.

A Horse Story

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.

From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down, But has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that

she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

Good friends are like thisyou don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle

Seventh Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride News

Changes are in store for the Seventh Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride, scheduled for August 27-September 1st. This year's 6-day ride starts at Bort Meadow, followed by 2 days at Sequoia Arena, and finishes up at the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp. And in celebration

of the 20th Anniversary of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, this year's ride will be held in conjunction with the first through-hike of the East Bay section of the trail, from Castro Valley to Martinez. The hike will be 5 days at 10-15 miles per day, and will share camp with the equestrians.

This year's ride and hike has deep roots in TWHA history. In 1990, shortly after the formation of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, TWHA sponsored a Ride for the Ridge from Tilden to Sequoia Arnea as a fundraiser for the trail. The next year TWHA invited hikers, runners and bicyclists to join us in the renamed Tri for the Ridge, which, along with similar events in the North and South Bay, helped provide significant support for the Ridge Trail in its early years.

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wanted to finish with my horse :)” Which she did.

TWHA member **Elise Geske**, riding one of Jazon Wonder's horses, completed the 65-mile 20-Mule Team ride, near Bridgeport, on March 8th. TWHA member Bronwyn Swan took Kajima on the 100-mile ride there, and the duo finished 7th out of 30 horses..

Bronwyn reports that in 2006, her farrier Sunni Razvi, gave her a rare heritage turkey for Christmas. The Blue Slate male, who the Swans named Thompson, took up residence in her henhouse and was quite happy with the chickens. A wild turkey landed on her neighbor's roof a few weeks ago, and by the time she got home this wild turkey had descended into her yard and was snuggled up to Thompson. They have named this female Willa, and the pair seem to be getting along well. Although Willa, who apparently lives with a band of wild turkeys in the hills above Cedar Street has not yet spent the night, she has become Thompson's regular visitor, returning to visit about 10 times in recent weeks.

You need a scorecard to keep track of the changes in horses around TWHA, but we'll mention a few here. TWHA member Renee Benoit has moved her daughter's horse Brego to a ranch North of here for training at jumping. Kim Zvik's

horse, Camou was at OHA briefly, went to training, came back to OHA and briefly formed a band with TWHA member **Christie Larner's** Missouri Fox-Trotters, also new to the OHA pasture. Camou is off training again. After her ride in Arizona, Judy Etheridge's Rats got tangled in a fence, so she is starting to get her horse Orion ready for some rides this year.

New TWHA Board member **Becky Mertens** has agreed to survey TWHA rider enthusiasm for the Orinda 4th of July Parade this year—please let her know if you might be so inclined, or know anyone else, TWHA member or not, who might want to ride this year. TWHA Board member **Alison Martin** has been approved as a full member of the OHA pasture, and is looking for a horse to buy or lease.

TWHA member **Ellen Pofcher's** fingers are recovering from broken bones and sprains suffered when a speeding mountain biker caused her horse to spin as she approached the Seaview Trail in Tilden Park. Ellen is the ride manager for the Mt Diablo NATRC ride coming up on May 3. This is a great chance to see the trails we used on the East Bay Hills Ride at Diablo the last 2 years, and then some; if you are interested, you can find more info in this issue's events calendar.

TWHA Board member **Debby Young** has been taking her relatively new Missouri Fox Trotter, Cowboy, on the trails in Tilden and having a great time with him.

As usual, if you would like to read more TWHA member news, go out and make some of your own—and then tell us about it!

In most respects the 2008 ride will be very similar to recent years, although obviously we will not be at Mt. Diablo, as we were the last 2 years. Aside from the 2 days when we move from one camp to the next, hikers and riders will be following different routes. And in order to accommodate the hikers, we may have to limit the number of riders this year to keep the event at a manageable size.

The ride organizing committee, consisting mostly of TWHA Board members, has set a limit of 75 participants per day, including both riders and hikers, ensuring that the combined event will be no larger than our largest ride two years ago. Even if that maximum size is reached, significant hiker turnout will mean fewer horses and vehicles, less crowded camps, and smaller dinners the final 2 evenings.

A separate hike committee of Ridge Trail enthusiasts has already met to begin organizing the hike, and we expect hiker volunteers to share the load of coordinating and supporting the event. It remains to be seen how hikers will respond to this opportunity, but we expect there to be quite a bit of interest. Some equestrians have talked about bringing along family members to join them by hiking. Sign up for the hike will be through the BARTC web site at www.ridgetrail.org.

This year's ride flyer is elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

Seventh Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Wednesday, Aug. 27--Monday, Sept. 1

Ride: Labor Day week with members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. Ride up to 100 miles in 6 days, or 14-18 miles each day in small groups at your own pace. Join us for one, for more or for all 6 days. The ride will follow and/or parallel the S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail much of the time as we spend 2 days riding from each of 3 different campsites. In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, this year's ride will be held in conjunction with a 5-day Ridge Trail through-hike from Castro Valley to Martinez.

Trails and Camps: Camp opens at Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Regional Park Tuesday, the day before the ride starts. On Wednesday enjoy sweeping Bay Area views, single track trails, and the clear waters of Lake Chabot. On Thursday a short Chabot loop will precede the ride through Chabot and Redwood to Joaquin Miller Park, where we will camp Thursday and Friday night at Sequoia Arena. Friday's itinerary will include loops in Redwood and Joaquin Miller Parks. On Saturday we follow the Ridge Trail through Redwood, Huckleberry and Sibley Regional Preserves and EBMUD Watershed to camp in Tilden Park, where we will camp on Saturday and Sunday nights. Sunday's ride will mostly be in Wildcat Park and Labor Day will feature a shorter ride in Tilden.



Food and Evening Entertainment: Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for riders and campers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Swimming and showers will be available 5 minutes from our Tilden and Sequoia Arena campsites. Evening programs will include a visit to the Chabot Space Observatory (5 minutes from Sequoia Arena), a harp concert, a slide show on long distance trail adventures, an equestrian drill team performance and other surprises.

Costs/Benefits: This ride will help raise funds for the Bay Area Ridge Trail and for equestrian improvements on East Bay trails. The \$60/day fee, with a discount for 6 days at \$325., covers your camping, food and horse provisions. For visitors, dinner in camp will be \$15/night. We encourage you to solicit pledges from friends, neighbors and other trail supporters to benefit the trails, but this is optional. Please surprise us with raffle items for this year's raffle. For hikers the cost will be \$50/ day with 5 days available at \$225. Hike sign up will be through the Bay Area Ridge Trail at www.ridgetrail.org

Volunteers: If you can't ride, join us by volunteering to help with the important tasks that will make this ride happen..

Camp Rules: Riders will be responsible for stabling their horses at each camp. You may tie to your trailer or bring your own portable corral or picket line. Stallions will not be allowed on this ride and we will enforce restrictions on generators after dark. Helmets are strongly suggested for all riders. No dogs will be allowed at this year's ride.

Reserve Now for this popular event: We are limited by the available space for trailer parking, and with hikers added this year, could hit our maximum early this year. Use the entry form on the reverse of this flyer. If space permits, we will accept last minute entries, particularly for the first few days.

Questions: Contact Kirsten Whitsett, at kirsten@i680n.com or 925-283-1997. or Morris Older, at ebhillsride@comcast.net or at 925-254-8943, for more information or to volunteer. More info at <http://www.twha.org>--click on events.



2008 East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Entry Form

Name(s) _____ Phone(s) _____ email _____

Address _____

Dinner/Ride/Camping \$325 all 6 days riding/camping x _____ \$ _____
 \$60 for Tuesday night camping and one day riding x _____ \$ _____
 \$60 for Wednesday night camping and one day riding x _____ \$ _____
 \$60 for Thursday night camping and one day riding x _____ \$ _____
 \$60 for Friday night camping and one day riding x _____ \$ _____
 \$60 for Saturday night camping and one day riding x _____ \$ _____
 \$60 for Sunday night camping and one day riding x _____ \$ _____
 Non-Rider/Hiker Dinner/camping on _____ nights \$15 per night x _____ \$ _____
 (please note which nights _____)
 Additional contribution to the Ridge Trail and/or parks \$ _____

Trailer Info: Size: _____ # horses/ _____ Tow Vehicle size / _____ (#) horses coming with this trailer
 Please sign release form below and Mail entry form & checks payable to TWhA to Total \$ _____

Morris Older, 50 La Encinal, Orinda CA 94563

2008 EB Hills Trails Benefit Ride Release of Liability

NAME(s): _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse, and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.

I hereby release the Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association (hereinafter referred to as TWhA), the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association (MHA), the Bay Area Ridge Trail council (BARTC), the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and the City of Oakland from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of TWhA, MHA and/or any of its agents. In consideration of my participation in this event, I waive, release, and discharge TWhA, MHA, BARTC, EBRPD, EBMUD, the City of Oakland and their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors, and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless TWhA, MHA, EBRPD, EBMUD, BARTC, the City of Oakland and their officers, directors, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs, and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld. TWhA, MHA, EBRPD, EBMUD, BARTC, the City of Oakland and their agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, or injury to person, horse or property.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

MINORS DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM-- PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant, in consideration of my minor's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his animals, and property arising out of his participation in events.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ : DATE _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Give Trail Trials a Try

by *Gayle Jones*

CSHA Reg. V Trail Trials Chair

I started doing trail trials two years ago and was hooked immediately. I come from an English riding background, enjoying the hunter/jumper scene and a little dressage throughout my adult life, and owning a thoroughbred for nineteen years. I came across this cute gray appendix quarter for sale to a good home and couldn't pass up those dark eyes. He was green broke and I just suddenly came to the realization that I just didn't want to work that hard anymore. I wanted a horse that I could relax on, explore trails with and just enjoy riding with my friends. But that competitive side of me just wasn't quite satisfied. I decided that trail trials would be a good way to do those things, bond with my horse through training in natural surroundings, and yet enjoy the challenge of competition at the same time.

You can ride any discipline and compete in trail trials – english, western – you name it. You and your horse ride down new trails and come across usually

ten to twelve obstacles. A judge will read you the instructions and you follow them to the best of your ability, being judged through the obstacle's completion. The scores are accumulated and the ribbons and/or awards are given at the end of the day. There are also very nice yearly awards given in Region 5.

I was President of San Ramon Valley Horsemen last year and served on their board for three years. Well, why take any time off? I am now the Trail Trial Chair for CSHA Region 5. I'm entering my third year of competition and I just can't wait to get started. I want to extend an invitation to all of you to give it a try. Trail trial people are the best. We enjoy the competition on the trail and look forward to sharing that time at the end of the day

waiting for the results, getting to know one another and just relaxing together. A two-day camping trail trial is the best, and so is the State Championship ride at the end of the year, for meeting fellow horse enthusiasts and outdoorsmen (and women).

So, don't be shy, come and join a very fun group of equestrians. The necessary forms are available to you on the csharegion5.org web site (along with my contact info), or just check out www.trailtrials.com for the rules and the schedule for a competition near you,



*Drawing by
Debby Young*

Hawaii Hospital Turns Away Horse Visitor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, March 23

LIHUE, Hawaii — A man hoping to cheer up an ailing relative at Wilcox Memorial Hospital hadn't considered one of the visitation rules: No horses allowed.

The man thought the patient would enjoy seeing his stallion, said Lani Yukimura, a spokeswoman at the hospital. He and the horse entered the hospital earlier this month and rode an elevator up to the third floor, where they were met and stopped by security personnel.

Security managed to get the man

and the horse out of the hospital, with "just a few scuff marks," she said.

The hospital has a pet visitation policy, but it's for dogs and cats, not horses.

"On Kauai, we have a very warm inviting atmosphere at Wilcox," Yukimura said. "We just hope people understand this is not a place for a horse."

The man's good intentions were further dashed when his relative was brought out to see the horse.

"That's not my horse," the patient said to hospital staff.

and give it a try. The San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Trail Trial is May 18th at Mitchell Canyon on Mt. Diablo.

I hope to see you on the trail. Just contact me at gsj292@hotmail.com if you have any doubts or questions. I'll definitely talk you into getting out there!

Stewart Horse Camp News

The National Park Service announced last week that the new concessionaire for Stewart Horse Camp at Point Reyes will be—the old concessionaire. Amanda Stewart expects to open the camp as soon as it dries out from recent rain, but is not yet sure what changes we can look for this year at the camp.

Bay Area Horsemen's Calendar

Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 12—Grand National Horse Show and Rodeo—at the Cow Palace in Burlingame. The Buck starts Here. Tickets at 415-404-4111, more info at www.grandnationalrodeo.com

Saturday, April 12—TWAH Trail Work Day—in Tilden and Wildcat Parks—meet at 9:30 a.m. at Inspiration Point to help clear brush encroaching on the dirt trail that runs alongside Nimitz Way. More info from Alison Martin, 510-55—9534 or by email at Alison_m@pacbell.net

Saturday, April 12—Shine and Shine Only III—25 and 50 mile endurance rides at Grant Ranch Park near San Jose. More info from Becky Hart at 408-425-5860 or by email at bghart@garlic.com

Wednesday, April 16-Emergency First Aid on The Trail—a talk by EMT and Berkeley Firefighter Sam Hoffman, sponsored by the Martinez Horsemen's Association at 600 Palm Ave in Martinez. Starts 7 p.m. for more info go to www.martinezhorsemens.com

Friday, April 18-Sunday April 20--Alum Rock Trail Weekend--sponsored by the Volunteers for Outdoor California. Camp out and restore the South Rim Trail among others. Work Saturday and Sunday. Meals provided. More info at www.v-o-cal.org

Saturday, April 26—American River Classic—30, 50 and 70 mile endurance rides along the American River ending at Auburn. More info from Paul Klentos at 530-823-0602 or by email at paulkmentos@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, April 26—Mustang Fun Day and BLM Adoption— at Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association Grounds 20350 McKean Road San Jose, CA 95160

Saturday, April 26—Rush Ranch Horse Days and Horse Fair—near Fairfield, CA. Sponsored by AccessAdventure. 10 a.m.—3 p.m. in Fairfield, CA. Horse drawn carriage rides, working horse demonstrations and much more. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/2sgeul> or call 707-422-4491 for more info.

Saturday, April 26-Dressage Schooling Show—at Hossmoor in Martinez. More info at 925-219-1615 or at cowgirlinc.com

Saturday, April 26—Sunday, April 27—Spring Stampede—sponsored by the California State Horsemen's Association at Robertson Park in Livermore. English and

Western classes, team penning, gymkhana, winery trail ride and much more. For more info go to www.springstampede.org

Saturday, May 3—Shine and Shine Only IV—25 and 50 mile endurance rides at Grant Ranch Park near San Jose. More info from Becky Hart at 408-425-5860 or by email at bghart@garlic.com

Saturday, May 3—Mt. Diablo Competitive Trail Ride—sponsored by NATRC—Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure divisions. For more info contact Ellen Pofcher at 925-672-3733 or Martha Flannery at 925-673-9858 or by email at mtnoaks@earthlink.net

Sunday, May 4—Hunter Jumper Show at Heather Farms—in Walnut Creek, sponsored by the Equestrian Center of Walnut Creek. Registration Online at www.horseNpony.com/horseshows. For more information, email genesisequine@horseNpony.com or fax entries to 925-686-5485

Saturday, May 10—TWAH Fun Day—starts 10:30 a.m. at the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park. Combines elements of Trail Trials, Competitive Trail Riding and Endurance in a short ride, followed by horse games in the afternoon. For more info, contact David Whittall at 510-595-8525 or at cdwhittall@comcast.net

Saturday, May 10—Westerns States Fun ride—on the Tevis trail. 20 and 12 mile trail ride options. BBQ and educational forum. Entry deadline is May 2, entry form is at <http://tinyurl.com/3866zm>

Saturday, May 17—English Western Show—at Sequoia Arena, sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. A CSHA show. For more info go to www.mhaoakland.org or contact Judi Bank at JudiBank@aol.com or 510-531-5449

Wednesday, May 21-Wild Horses-Should You?—a talk and slide show by Virginia Mc Donald, who has owned and trained a few, at the Martinez horsemen's Association meeting at 7 p.m. at 600 Palm Ave in Martinez

Friday, May 23—Sunday, May 25—Wild West Rides—25,30,35,50 and 55 mile endurance rides at Skillman Campground, 13 miles from Nevada City, CA. More info from Robert Ribley at 530-268-1378 or by email at mrribley@wildblue.net

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Horsemen's Calendar

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Saturday, May 24--Sunday, May 25--Gilroy Hot Springs Competitive Trail Ride—sponsored by NATRC- Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions. For more info contact Judy Etheridge at 925-862-0232 or by email at misxfire@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 3--Hunter-Jumper Show—at Sequoia Arena, sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. For more info go to www.mhaoakland.org or contact Judi Bank at JudiBank@aol.com or 510-531-5449

Friday, June 6--Sunday, June 8--Western States Horse Expo—in Sacramento, CA. More info at www.horseexpo.com

Saturday, June 6--Sunday June 7--Oakland Trail Wrok Weekend—sponsored by the Volunteers for Outdoor California. Camp out at the Okaland Zoo and create a new trail system in Oakland's 72 acre King Estates. Work Saturday and Sunday. Meals provided. More info at www.v-o-cal.org

Saturday, June 7--National Trail Days—a trail work day in Redwood Park in Oakland. Please call (510) 544-2631 after May 12 to register.

Sunday, June 8--Hunter Jumper Show at Heather Farms—in Walnut Creek, sponsored by the Equestrian Center of Walnut Creek. Registration Online at www.horseNpony.com/horseshows. For more info, email genesisequine@horseNpony.com or fax entries to 925-686-5485

Saturday, June 7--Quicksilver Endurance Ride—25 and 50 miles at Harvey Bear Ranch near Gilroy. For more info, contact Sandy Holder at 418-208-5028 or by email at sandy.l.holder@us.pwc.com

Friday, June 13--Sunday, June 15--TWhA Campout at Tilden Park— Ride in Tilden and Wildcat Parks. Come for part or all of the weekend. \$25 camping for both nights or \$15 per night; Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch available. Contact Morris Older at morrisolder@comcast.net or 925-254-8943 for more info.

Saturday, June 14--Cooley Ranch Endurance Ride—25 and 50 miles near Healdsburg, CA. For more info contact Ruth Waltenspiel at 707-433-8254 or by email at Ruth@timbercrest.com

Saturday, June 14--Mt Quarry Competitive Ride—near Auburn, sponsored by NATRC. Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure divisions. For more info contact Marilyn Hunter at 530-885-4819 or by email at mhunter@onemaincom

Saturday, June 21--Dressage Schooling Show—at

Sequoia Arena, sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. For more info go to www.mhaoakland.org or contact Judi Bank at JudiBank@aol.com or 510-531-5449

Saturday, June 21--Diablo Trail Endurance Ride—25 and 50 miles on Mt. Diablo. For entries email jseelen@savemountdiablo.org. For more info contact Bob Marx at 925-855-9898 or at bob@marxassociates.com

Sunday, June 29--Annual EBATC Picnic—Join hikers, equestrians and bicyclists at the East Bay Area Trail Council's annual picnic at the Oak Grove Picnic Area in Briones Regional Park. Call 510-544-2631 between June 9 and June 25th to RSVP

Sunday, July 6--Hunter Jumper Show at Heather Farms—in Walnut Creek, Register at www.horseNpony.com/horseshows. For more info, email genesisequine@horseNpony.com or fax entries to 925-686-5485

Friday, July 11--Sunday, July 13--TWhA Campout at Las Trampas—Ride at Las Trampas, with optional ride from Las Trampas to Anthony Chabot Regional Park on Sunday. Come for part or all of the weekend. \$25 camping for both nights or \$15 per night; Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch available. Contact Judy Etheridge at misxfire@yahoo.com or 925-862.0232 for more info.

Saturday, July 18--Western States 100—mile endurance ride, AKA the Tevis, from Truckee to Auburn. Contact Mike Pickett at 916-765-8480 or by email at mike@gbmedia.com for more info

Sunday, July 19--3 Star Dressage Show—at Sequoia Arena, sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. CDS, USDF and USEF sanctioned. More info at to www.mhaoakland.org or contact Judi Bank at JudiBank@aol.com or 510-531-5449

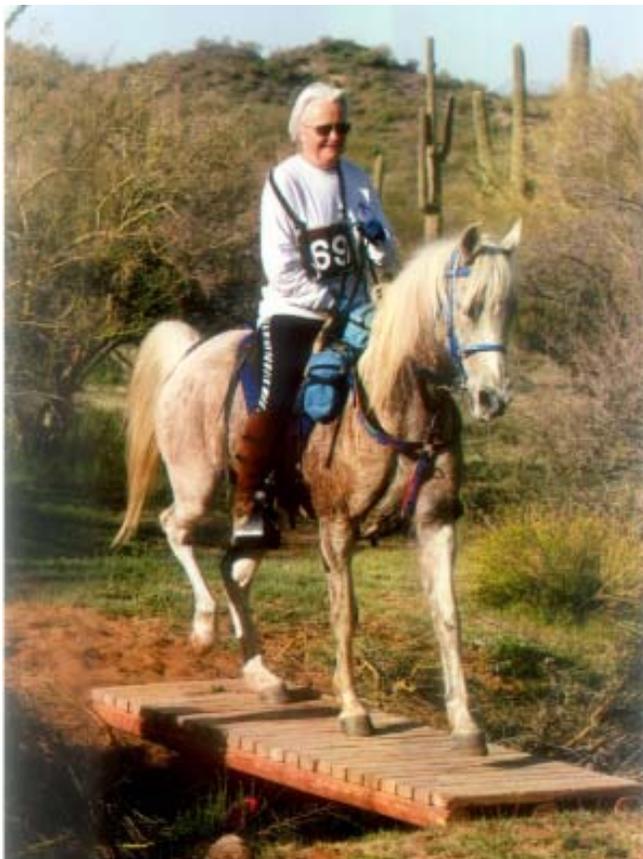
Sunday, July 20--Equine and Rider Biomechanics Clinic—with J. Ashton Moore, sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. For more info go to www.mhaoakland.org or contact Judi Bank at JudiBank@aol.com or 510-531-5449

Friday, July 25--Sunday, July 27--TnT Weekend at Bort Meadow—sponsored by the CSHA Region 5 TRAP and Trails programs. \$75/person includes 3 meals & Ice Cream Social on Saturday, breakfast Sunday, and nightly entertainment! Proceeds benefit the TRAP and Trails programs. More info at www.cshatrap.org!

Saturday, August 2--Fireworks Endurance Ride—25 and 50 miles near Santa Cruz. For more info contact Patricia Verheul at 831-885-3907 or by email at Rverheul@aol.com

For more Bay Area equestrian events go to:
www.horseNpony.com/horsinaround

Arizona Trail Weekend



Judy and Rats cross a narrow Arizona Bridge

by Judy Etheridge

Every now and then I get the wanderlust to ride somewhere new and this year it was a NATRC ride in Wickenburg, Arizona. A fellow NATRC rider, Michelle Pimental, called me on March 8 to ask if I wanted to ride in Wickenburg the following weekend. Of course, I said and started scrambling around for a Coggins Test, health certificate and an early shoeing. After lots of driving around with Rats to meet the vet and to pick up the Coggins results plus a Sunday shoeing, bless Pat, we were ready to leave on Thursday. Ken dropped Rats and me off at Michelle's place in Ceres and we drove to the Barstow KOA experiencing strong winds for most of the trip. This KOA is a good place to stop; we were allowed to pull in to a site with water and electricity rather than be relegated to the bare overflow area. A few campers came over to visit with us and a woman whose son raises Arabians was so kind to us. She brought each of us a cup of fresh, hot coffee the next morning, much appreciated as we were anxiously cleaning up every bit of manure and hay and had hardly thought about breakfast. Back into the trailer Prancer and Rats went and off we drove to

Wickenburg through more wind, getting lost within a mile of the ride. It's not a real trip unless you have been lost at least once:) The camp site was at the rodeo grounds so we enjoyed the amenities.

We were amazed at the variety of equines at the ride; half a dozen mules, Quarter horses with riders in Western regalia, a full-feathered Gypsy Vanner, many gaited horses among whom Prancer, a Paso Fino, fit right in, and only a handful of Arabians, believe it not! Everyone was so friendly and relaxed—different from our somewhat high-powered Bay Area rides.

On Saturday we started out after enduring the usual morning mount; I was so stressed I forgot my helmet which made me even more stressed out. At first the trail was down a very sandy wash with rocky places then we got into to the real rocks. The trail was darn tough, lots of up and down and I am hanging on to Rats to keep her from passing Prancer and making him more excited than he already was. After a while I started noticing the scenery, wow, felt like I was in the pages of Arizona Highway. I counted at least 5 different kinds of cactus; the saguaro were the most spectacular and twice as many wild flowers. The ground was carpeted with green and the hills in the distance were jagged and scenic. The weather was perfect, cool with occasional clouds in the blue, blue sky. The vet checks and lunch were at windmill sites so there was lots of water and a little grass. We appreciated all the work done to mark the trails many of which weren't real trails so many, many ribbons guided us and even rocks were placed to keep us away from the cactus. Rats did pick up a few spines but nothing serious.

Finally we are at the two mile point at the end of the first day, and at last Rats decides to walk which sounds good but my legs were already tired and having them hang down made them even more tired. Should have stopped and shortened my stirrups. Michelle notices that Prancer seems to be feeling the rocks so we take it very easy. Back in camp, we clean the horses up and start for the check-in area—oh, no, Prancer can hardly take a step. We confer and decide to put easyboots on his fronts which makes him a little more comfortable. Michelle talks to the vet, Kay Kunkle, who is very sympathetic and agrees that Prancer is done for the ride. I show Rats who has a sore back, no doubt from all the jiggling, etc., so I decide not to continue. Michelle is very disappointed because this is her first Open ride but we pull ourselves together and enjoy the catered dinner and raffle. After dinner we check out the latest in living quarter goosenecks—a vendor brought 3 trailers to the ride.

On Sunday the weather doesn't look too promising so it is not so hard for to stay in camp and get ready to leave. For you

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AERC Convention Lessons

The 2008 American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) Convention, at the end of February in Reno, Nevada, was attended by TWhA members Jennifer Rader, Robert Upton, Linda Upton and Jenni Smith. Seminars by learned endurance experts (veterinarians, accomplished riders, etc.) were featured along with break-out sessions on topics such as equine forelimb and hind limb. Jen, Robert, Linda and Jenni share the top three interesting things they learned at the convention below.

Jen Rader :

- ◆ I found the hind limb lab the most fascinating - observing dissection, specifically, the suspensory ligament being cut and seeing how the leg collapses. Once was enough!

- ◆ I also learned that the most common hoof ailment in endurance horse is bruises.

- ◆ Lastly, and I've already acted on this, Susan Garlinghouse, DVM recommended not using splint boots because they hold in heat where you really don't want it - in the distal limb.

Linda Upton:

- ◆ I learned the three essentials are balanced feet, balanced rider (take cen-

tered riding lessons) and a good fitting saddle

- ◆ Yucca (in supplements like Nimble Supreme) is a banned substance by AERC.

- ◆ Every one pound of weight added to the distal limbs (shoes, boots, etc.) is equivalent to adding 18 pounds on the horse's back. And a bonus lesson:

- ◆ Those younger than us have no stamina when it comes to dancing!

Robert Upton:

- ◆ The horse has poor powers of deductive reasoning but has the second best memory in the animal kingdom (after the elephant).

- ◆ Hydration is critical to the competitive horse. Dehydration can lead to not only negative metabolic signs but also tying up and colic.

- ◆ Anything ending in "ito" (e.g. frito, dorito, etc.) is not a food.

Jenni Smith:

- ◆ In endurance horses it is a matter of when, not if, osteo arthritis becomes an issue to the horse's soundness.

- ◆ Roughly, for both ligament and tendon injuries, it takes as many months as there are letters in the word (e.g., a ligament injury takes eight months) to heal.

- ◆ Weather can be a stressor for horses at the following levels:

Temperature + Humidity	Stress Level
< 120	Minimal
121 - 150	Moderate
151 - 180	Severe
> 180	Dangerous

Horses in Heaven

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives.

When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day. One day Barb said, "Rose, we both loved riding horses all our lives. Please do me one favor. When you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's horse back riding there."

Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed and said, "Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you." Shortly after that, Rose passed on.

At midnight a few nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, "Barb, Barb."

"Who is it?" asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Barb - - it's me, Rose."

"You're not Rose. Rose just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Rose," insisted the voice.

"Rose! Where are you?"

"In Heaven," replied Rose. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," said Barb

"The good news," Rose said, "is that there's horseback riding in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can ride all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," said Barb. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're scheduled to lead the trail ride up here next Tuesday."

Riding Arizona

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NATRCers, the judges had an interesting observation at the start. The riders had to trot their horses in a circle, make a 180 degree turn on the haunches and trot another circle—more challenging than one might think.

Off we go again back to the Barstow KOA—we were startled by real snow falling near Kingman, enough so the ground was white, and more wind. The number of people traveling on Sunday in AZ amazed us; every place that was open had lots of cars and people. MacDonalds was more than full and we had to wait in line

to get diesel. At last on Monday afternoon we return to Ceres, put poor Rats back in our trailer for another two hour trip home where she ran around and around and around in the pasture in between rolling and drinking. It was a lot of driving but worth it; I recommend the Wickenburg NATRC ride to all!

Editor's Note: Judy is one of those rare people who can muster great enthusiasm, tell a charming story about driving 1450 miles and getting pulled, and make us wish we could have gone. Thank you Judy, for all you do for the equestrian community.

PCTA Thanks Equestrians

When the Pacific Crest Trail Association asked for donations last fall to match and thus earn a \$505,000 Forest Service Grant, TWHHA responded with a \$100 donation, and some members sent in checks as well. Apparently we were not alone—they got the full grant. In the February issue of the PCTA Communicator, they write that “Equestrians up and down the length of the trail and across the nation not only sent in individual donations, but also made donations as groups. From local stables to national equestrian trails organizations, we found that equestrians were meeting, discussing our urgent call for year-end donations, and voting to send us gifts. We also found that equestrians were passing on our letter to friends, other affiliated organizations, and beyond, and in this way, using simple word-of-mouth and other grassroots efforts, the PCTA received support and encouragement from new friends as well as old with nearly 50 gifts from equestrian groups and/or individual equestrians.

Because My Daughter Grew Up With Horses

By Tracy Meisenbach

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has compassion. She knows that we must take special care of the very young and the very old. We must make sure those without voices to speak of their pain are still cared for.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned responsibility for others than herself. She learned that regardless of the weather you must still care for those you have the stewardship of. There are no “days off” just because you don’t feel like being a horse owner that day. She learned that for every hour of fun you have there are days of hard slogging work you must do first.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned not to be afraid of getting dirty and that appearances don’t matter to most of the breathing things in the world we live in. Horses do not care about designer clothes, jewelry, pretty hairdos or anything else we put on our bodies to try to impress others. What a horse cares about are your abilities to work within his natural world, he doesn’t care if you’re wearing \$80.00 jeans while you do it

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned about sex and how it can both enrich and complicate lives. She learned that it only takes one time to pro-

duce a baby, and the only way to ensure babies aren’t produced is not to breed. She learned how babies are planned, made, born and, sadly, sometimes die before reaching their potential. She learned how sleepless nights and trying to outsmart a crafty old broodmare could result in getting to see, as non-horse owning people rarely do, the birth of a true miracle.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she understands the value of money. Every dollar can be translated into bales of hay, bags of feed or farrier visits. Purchasing non-necessities during lean times can mean the difference between feed and good care, or neglect. She has learned to judge the level of her care against the care she sees provided by others and to make sure her standards never lower, and only increase as her knowledge grows.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to learn on her own. She has had teachers that cannot speak, nor write, nor communicate beyond body language and reactions. She has had to learn to “read” her surroundings for both safe and unsafe objects, to look for hazards where others might only see a pretty meadow. She has learned to judge people as she judges horses. She looks beyond appearances and trappings to see what is within.

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20350 McKean Road

Friday Preview: 2pm - 5pm
Saturday Adoption: 8am - 5pm
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FRIDAY EVENTS

- At pens Mustang Training Demo w/BLM Volunteers & employees
- Friday night Dinner Dutch Oven Cooking/Pot Luck
- Backcountry Gentle Use Camp set up for viewing Fri/Sat

SATURDAY EVENTS

- 8 to 9 competitive bidding on the BLM Mustangs
- 9:30 to 11:30 Hands on Packing Clinic
- 11:30 to 1:30 Show Off Your Versatile BLM Mustang Parade
- At pens Mustang Training Demo w/BLM Volunteers & employee
- 1:30 to 3:30 Introduction to Horse Camping
- All Day Saturday Big Tack Sale & Art Show
- Breakfast and Lunch available on Saturday only
- Saturday night Dinner Dutch Oven Cooking/Pot Luck



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Do you have a trailer? _____

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2008 Dues enclosed: \$20 individual ___ \$25 family ___ \$10 junior ___

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Saturday, May 10--TWHA Fun Day in Tilden Park

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