



THE NEW HORSEMEN

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President's Message:

Herpes Virus outbreak: As many of you already have heard: This news item came out of Utah from the National Cutting Horse Competition. Horses there were exposed to the EHV-1 (herpes virus) at that event and have returned home after the May 8th show; to include those returning to California. There are numerous bulletins & information going around on the web and personal communication sites. Keep updated on the press releases as posted by the Ca. Food & Ag department; the link is on the CSHA website.

CSHA has circulated the bulletins that were released from both Utah & California. Many members are contacting their own veterinarians directly for guidance. A number of National shows have been cancelled to stop exposure of horse to horse contact; particularly those in the cutting, reining and cow horse events.

As a precaution many CSHA shows, rides and horse related activities have cancelled their events for upcoming dates & will reschedule as the situation dictates. Direct contact is the most common means of exposure. Horses remaining home for this period of time in self-imposed isolation may prove the best defense and provide some peace of mind until we have more data.

"Best of America by Horseback" – City of Norco hosted ride of May 6-8, 2011

On a lighter note, we returned tired, with lots of dirty laundry, a big chunk of change put out on the fuel bill but it was one of the nicest R & R trail rides we have had.

Our northern California caravan left on May 2; Marie Grisham, Beverly Hayes, Liz Ravenscroft, Carolyn & myself. Heading into Norco & were greeted by our host Liza Rogers. We arrived a few days ahead to get the horses adjusted from the road trip; camping out at an adjacent ranch. We were given the VIP treatment and joined the welcome dinner for the RFD-TV show host Tom Saey, his wife Pat, Producer Mark Laney, his wife Brenda & their crew along with committee & coordinators from Norco that put this event on the map. They deserve a huge THANK YOU for all the hard work, coordination and attention to detail. Liza, Corrina, Kathy, Rick, and their cast of hundreds. This was hosted by the City of Norco with the blessing of city manager Beth Groves & assistance of the City council and Mayor Berwin Hanna. CSHA 1st Vice President, Rick Wagner gave us a home-town car tour prior to the rides filling us in on the local history and highlights. Including the "Bob's Big Boy" that wears a cowboy hat!

Unique is the key word for Norco and success is what they attained for this Event. It seems most of the town's people and city staff had some part in pulling this off. Hats off to all the volunteers and the Norco Mounted Posse; they made the ride through town smooth and enjoyable. This is a town built for horses, riding and shopping in town; by horseback! Our rides included the Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve; town of Norco to the historic Norconian Hotel and the trip up the Norco Ridgeline trails to a great overlook of town from "Pumpkin Rock". I think the part that impressed all of us the most was the down-home attitude of the whole RFD-TV group. Tom has a gentle and honest way to how he spoke to the group and earnestly promotes the "bigger picture" of the ride—that we enjoy ourselves and it was not about the cameras. We did try to look as best as we might on an often dusty trail or meandering through the bamboo of the river bottom because usually when you least expected it –there was the camera crew! We have a few snapshots to share.....



Return from Hidden Valley; Our group&Kathi; Marie &Patt (TRAP Award); our girls pulling up to the “saloon”;Norco ride T-shirts for the RFD-TVcrew; Historic Norconian Hotel; “Bob” in his Cowboy hat; Tom Saey talking with group at ride stop;local sight “Bert” the camel Ride (cont.)

This ride was a great experience, not Hollywood; good rides, nice horse-people with a great host and crew. The RFD-TV filming should air August 2, 2011. Corrine also did video during the rides and we got to see the film at the banquet; it was fun to see so much of the ride and people having a great time. Also at the Banquet, Marie Grisham CSHA TRAP Chair & Rick Wagner CSHA 1st VP were able to coordinate awarding the TRAP – 5000 HOUR Supreme Buckle Award to Patt French of Region 11. It made for a special highlight to acknowledge the dedication to riding and the trails. Congratulations Patt !

Ken Brown, CSHA Member and member of Region 5 and subsequently Region 1 passed away

April 21, 2011. In passing the word it was noticed that there were lots of little memories and comments by members who knew Ken. Since his family has been in contact with us – I would like to pass along these memories to them. We will also be working with his son Jeff to Memorialize Ken in some way during the Spring Stampede 2012. Ken was one of the main people involved in getting this off the ground and running for Region 5 as an annual fundraising event. Please send any short stories or shared memories of Ken and we will print them in the Newsletter and forward to the family.

“Minimum Standards of Horse Care in the State of California” The document released in November 2010 through UC Davis was discussed at a meeting May 10, 2011 in Sacramento at the California Farm Bureau with attendance by horse associations from across California. CSHA attended with Bob Gage, Carolyn & myself representing our organization. Berwin Hannacame from City of Norco, representing their horse community. The attendance was far-reaching; to name a few -- California Horse Council, Quarter Horse Association, Draft Horse Association, Pacific Coast Racing Assoc., Valley Quarter Horse, 4-H, Pacific Coast Quarter Horse, Reining Cow Horse Association, +many other associations, private ranch owners & trainers. After a vary lengthy Question & Answer period our audience felt there were too many aspects that the authors were unable to adequately address at this time. There was concern that the document would generate more problems than those it solved. Further discussion is planned. I will keep the membership advised and monitor future developments. I encourage everyone to become aware of these far-reaching proposals that do not have input from our horse communities or associations !

Programs:

DRILL TEAM PROGRAM - 2011 CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

I hope some of you caught the live webcast of the CSHA California Championships May 15th; we had many viewers from all across the country. We were really worried about rain but the weather cooperated all day until the sky opened up with just three teams left to ride, we also had to forego flags in the afternoon due to lighting in the area. But what a performance all the teams put on. The three judges, Patti Souza, Robert Lorbeer, and Alice Lawellin were very impressed by the quality of rides and the five new teams were amazing, fresh and exciting. The afternoon brought both smiles and tears. A beautiful rider less horse ceremony was conducted by the teams to honor the life of our comrade Billijo Dyer of the Mokelumne Mounties. The sun broke through just as Billijo's horse was led in by her daughter Bridgette with her favorite boots strapped empty & backwards in the stirrups. A poignant rendition of "Gone But Not Forgotten" played on a slide guitar, brought tears to everyone's eyes. To watch the Mounties trailing slowly behind pulled at your heart, but the Mounties were surrounded by the support of nearly 150 riders and their horses in the arena, an amazing sight. As we prepared for awards we dried our eyes and were treated to a very special performance by Robert Lorbeer's new wife, Belinda Gail. Belinda, "America's Western Sweetheart" is a 7 times "Female Performer of the Year", 3 times "Duo of the Year" and an "Album of the Year" winner with the Western Music Association. What an incredible voice and lovely lady!

A special presentation and expression of gratitude for Robert Lorbeer kicked off the awards honoring him for the remarkable work he performed for CSHA Drill Teams.

Congratulations to the 2011 California State Champions in the following Divisions:

Quads: The California Rhythm Riders; Theme: Blue Shadows Juniors; Novice: The California Country Crew; Rodeo: Blue Shadows Seniors; Military: Blue Shadows Juniors; Junior Freestyle: Blue Shadows Juniors; Mixed Freestyle: The Flying Fillies & The Sacramento Sheriff 9-1-1; Senior Freestyle: Blue Shadows Seniors. Overall

Champion Titles in the Junior Division went to the Blue Shadows Juniors, Mixed went to The Flying Fillies, and Senior went to the Blue Shadows Senior team.

The First Annual "Robert Lorbeer Spirit of Drill Award" was awarded posthumously to Billijo Dyer and the Mokelumne Mounties.

Thank you to CSHA President Jim Hendrickson & Carolyn for coming out and supporting the drill team program.

Jill Kraut/CSHA Drill Team Chair

Show of Champions

Stay updated on the most current information for the 2011 show.

Circulate this information sheet or contact me with any specific questions.

SO YOU WANT TO QUALIFY AND COMPETE IN THE 2011 C.S.H.A. SHOW OF CHAMPIONS?

This is what you need to do to qualify and compete with us this year:

#1 – you must be a member of C.S.H.A. either through a C.S.H.A. Club membership, direct membership, or life membership.

#2 – you must sign up with your C.S.H.A. Region Gymkhana or English/Western Chair.

<http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/>

#3 – run and qualify at your Region level to participate in the Show of Champions.

#4 – please join us at the Murieta Equine Complex for our 2011 Show of Champions; win wonderful awards, great competition, and the right to be named State Champion!

If you have any questions, please contact:

C.S.H.A. State Gymkhana Chair Angela Materne (510) 334-5119

C.S.H.A. State English/Western Chair Lisa Shields (209) 205-0800

C.S.H.A. 2011 Show of Champions Chair Susie Lopez (530) 662-5127

susielopez@sbcglobal.net

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Parade: The CSHA State Championship Parade was May 14th in Castro Valley, Ca. Winners will be announced in the next Newsletter and posted to the Website.

Interested in competing in the CSHA High Point Parade Program?

Open to any current CSHA Member:

Application online: www.californiastatehorsemen.com

(Parade application only)

CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Parade Program 20 __
Point Year January thru December
Parade High Point Registration

Date

Name Email:

Address Phone

City State Zip Region

Please circle: M or F Jr. or Sr. Birth date (for Jr.)

(A junior is a contestant who has not reached his/her 18th birthday by December 1)

Please circle class(s):

Sheriff's Posse Open Arabian Costume Jr. Sr. M F

Mounted Group Jr. Sr. Fancy Dressed Western Jr. Sr. M F

Drill Team Jr. Sr. Fancy Parade Horse Jr. Sr. M F

Charro/Charra Mounted Group Jr. Sr. Charro/Charra Costume Jr. Sr. M F

Authentic Novelty Mtd. Group Jr. Sr. Authentic Novelty Costume Jr. Sr. M F

Novelty Fiesta Mounted Group Jr. Sr. Novelty/Fiesta Costume Jr. Sr. M F

Family Mounted Group Open Indian (Native American) Jr. Sr. M F

Parade Horse Jr. Sr. M F

Color Guard Jr. Sr. Plain Western Jr. Sr. M F

Sets of Four Jr. Sr. Silver Mounted Jr. Sr. M F

Ladies Sidesaddle Jr. Sr. Spanish Costume Jr. Sr. M F

Matched Pair Jr. Sr. Working Western Jr. Sr. M F

Vaquero Jr. Sr. M F

Future Horseman - Western (1-8) Horse Drawn Vehicle Jr. Sr.

Future Horseman - Costume (1-8) Pony Drawn Vehicle Jr. Sr.

Junior Equestrian (9-17) Miniature Horse/Mule Vehicle Group

Signature

Parent/Guardian must sign for juniors

CSHA membership is REQUIRED either as a CSHA Direct member (Senior or Family member) or as a member of a CSHA Club (a club that has joined CSHA for the current year).

The CSHA membership year is January 1 to December 31 of each year. * Use CSHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION only, to join CSHA or RENEW your CSHA Membership.

Parade (cont.)

Please circle which CSHA membership you currently have: CSHA Direct Member CSHA Club Member

Club name: _____ Region

High Point Award Nomination Fee \$20.00 per individual award

(High Point awards given only if award fee is paid upon registration. Ribbons will be given if Nomination fee is not paid at that time)

Parade High Point Fees: (non refundable) FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Chk# Chk Amt

Single \$20.00 _____ Date Rec'd Postmark

Matched Pairs \$20.00 _____ Date in QB

GL#

Group \$30.00 _____ Date entered in Parade Journal

Award Nom Fees per rider \$20.00 _____ Date CSHA Membership Paid M#

Date mailed app to Chair

TOTAL PAID _____ Date mailed app to HP Secretary

Please complete and return the application with the appropriate fees to CSHA State Office at

PO Box 1228, Clovis, CA 93613-1228 559-325-1055 fax559-325-1056 csha@att.net Revised 12/10

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Gymkhana:

Hello CSHA, Well we had big plans for the start of 2011 Gymkhana season but as you know everything seems to be on hold! Every Region has been challenged differently, depending on show density, qualification requirements, arena- closures, etc.; due to the virus. At this point, all we can do is wait and see what happens. It looks like we might get the ball rolling again in late June. We

will evaluate the situation at the July quarterly and see what we need to do in order to make this season a success.

That being said, we have decided to postpone the Memorial Day Showdown (MDS) State Gymkhana Benefit Show to July 1-3rd in Dunnigan. We want all of our riders to feel safe and not have to worry about their horses. Hope you can join us! We have added an amazing Silent Auction. Hats off to Vice Chair Casey Raubach for everything she has done in the very difficult time! We want to Thank Region 5 for starting the season off by hosting a Benefit show earlier this spring. It wasn't a huge money earner but it's a start. Region 2 is also planning a 2 day fundraiser event for July. Stay tuned.....*Angela Materne, State Chair*

As many may know already, our State Rating Secretary Linda Hull passed away in early May after a battle with cancer. We extend our condolences to her family; there were no services planned at her request. We are respecting their wishes & privacyJim

Regions

Region 1

The Luther Burbank Rose Parade in Santa Rosa took place during the news of the recent EHV-I virus. In response to this situation, the parade riders took the opportunity to educate the public about the potential for disease by putting their parade horses "on display" but did not allow petting by the public. Instead they took the time to explain about how the disease spreads and the cautions they were observing to protect their animals. Petaluma Riding & Driving Club presented the Colors on foot & the Drill Team made their entry on their truck without horses.

Sue Edwards, Region 1 President

Region 5:

We survived the "Spring Stampede" for the 19th year and were happy with our continued success. Although numbers were down for a few of the programs we still attract lots of competitors and had a good showing for the BLM Adoption. The term "survive" is used because the Stampede is a true challenge for an all-volunteer organization. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, the CSHA State Patrol, ETP riders from Region 3, Tassajara 4-H and affiliated local 4-H groups, Moraga Jr. Horsemen's Association, Xenophon Therapeutic Riding, Offprints on the Heart, Grace Christian Youth Group, Livermore Hi Girl's Lacrosse Team, San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Association & Tri-Valley Trail Blazers. Their support and assistance makes it all possible. THANK YOU !!

In response to the EHV-I outbreak Region 5 has postponed our T "n" T Poker ride and a few Gymkhanas. We will re-work our calendar and adjust the season once we feel we are clear of the exposure period.

Carolyn Hendrickson, Region 5 President

Region 10:

Rescheduling of the Ranch Event from June 5th to June 19th

Trails ride schedule still scheduled for June 25-26 until further notice

See our Website for updates and information:

Rachelle Lightfoot, Region 1 President

Region 12:

Fullerton Recreational Riders \$\$Poker Ride\$\$

Saturday June 25th..

Signups and hand draws start at 830 am

Ride out at 9:00 am sharp!!! From the FRR Arena on corner of
Lakeview and Euclid

You do not need to ride to participate. Everyone is welcome.

You do not need to be a FRR member to participate.

Lunch served after ride for \$5.00

Cost of hands: one for \$5.00
Three for \$12.00
Five for \$20.00

Riders, please use saddles

Contact Bryan: saddlebumbryan@yahoo.com for info.

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Fullerton Rec. Riders Trail Trials (ride application)

Sunday July 24th

Location: Laguna Lake Park Equestrian Center, 3300 Lakeview Fullerton.

See FRR website for map: www.fullertonrecredriders.com

Sign ups at 8am, first riders out at 9am

Name (print): _____ Horse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ride out times are based on when entries are received. If you have a partner, send partner forms together please.

Cookshack will be open for breakfast and lunch

Juniors 17 years and under must be accompanied by an adult rider.

(Juniors only) Name and phone # of adult responsible for the day: _____

Note: Junior riders must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult.

Please check the appropriate category and division

1 Category: ___Advanced ___Intermediate ___Novice

2 Division: ___Junior (17and under) ___Adult (18-49) ___Senior (50 n up)

3 Name of Horse: _____

CSHA membership: # _____, REGION # _____

Member of club _____, name of club _____

Note: To participate in the CSHA State Championship Event at the end of September, you must be a member of CSHA either as a direct member, or a club member. Region 12 clubs are Fullerton Rec. Riders and Back Bay Equestrians.

Entry Fees: (make checks payable to FRR) *** Early registration cut off is April 20th. ****

Competitor----\$35.00 before April 20th \$40.00 on day of event. (includes all fees)

Schooling Rider--\$20.00 before April 20 \$25.00 on day of event (no ribbons/awards, ride novice)

Companion Rider (does not do obstacles) \$10.00

CASH_____ or Check #_____ Amount Received_____ By_____

Mail forms and \$\$\$ to FRR/Trail Trials PO Box 5528 Fullerton, CA 92838

Rider #

Trail Trials: Please see the enclosed flyer for the CSHA Benefit Golf Tournament July 2, 2011- Corning, CA. " Ridin' Wounded" Golf Tournament* a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project

Put on by the Trail Trials Program at the Sevillano Links at Rolling Hills Casino

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