



THE NEW HORSEMAN

California State Horsemen's Association, Inc.
September 2011

PRES SEZ.....

I have made it to a few trail rides and reported my hours to T.R.A.P. There was a joint ride put on by East Bay Regional Park District; hikers, bikers and Equestrians and Point Pinole on August 7th. This is organized in the continuing effort to mingle the different modes of trail users into a single day, on the same trails to encourage sharing the road & promoting awareness for riders, horses, hikers & bikers. The ride was followed by a hosted picnic by the park district. The history of the area extends back to the 1850's when this was a major area for companies making powder for dynamite, used in the mines of California gold country. We recently went to a "Cattle Drafting" Clinic hosted by Region 1 and demonstrated by Buzz Bozzini. This is a skill course for an arena setting with two-three cattle and obstacles. It is not a new type of event but one that is being regenerated and people are finding it fun and challenging. Region 5 will be working on formalizing a rules & illustration sheet with plans to combine this with their sorting events.

September Quarterly: Region 15 Reactivation; see the Bulletin for a Public Hearing

The Quarterly meeting will take place in Santa Nella due to contract circumstances; we have been assured there are no other (loud) groups booked into the hotel for September. We are seeking other 2012 locations that will work for our quarterly meeting arrangements.

There are a number of Regions that have struggled not only economically but with leadership. These are difficult times and some of our member's focus is on jobs & family, limiting the time available to volunteer.

I want to encourage other people to step up and keep their regions going. It is this strength that keeps our organization main stream. We are making progress in spite of the economy. It requires re-organizing how things "have always been done". It takes time and takes effort but it is worthwhile to see our programs flourish and people having fun with their horses.

Jim Hendrickson
CSHA President

Bulletins and Notices:

Region 15 Re-Activation Process:

Region 15 Reactivation:

Members of CSHA Region 15 have petitioned the Board of Directors to reactivate their Region. Due to no active meetings or business taking place since late 2010 the Region fell into a non-active status requiring the reactivation process be taken as outlined in: Administrative Practices section 9.14 of the CSHA Bylaws.

The preliminary steps were taken at the July Quarterly meeting with Lisa Shields as spokesperson. To complete the process a Public Hearing is to be called for anyone wishing to address the Reactivation. The hearing will take place at the Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors at 3pm on September 17, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted;
Rick Wagner
CSHA Vice President

Keep up dated on the current EHV-1 case in Sonoma County via our CSHA Website link. It is not altering major event plans but everyone should take their own precautions if the picture were to change. Be aware, be preventive and we can see this through.

Resolutions: Those resolutions submitted by the August 1st deadline will be prepared and available for review at the September Quarterly.

Officers and Regions: Intent paperwork for all *Elected offices at State* level were due September 1st. Anyone wishing to Nominate a person to a State Office can do so prior to the Convention; please forward any nomination, in writing, to the CSHA Office. Anyone nominated on the floor at Convention must be present to accept said nomination. Greta DeGraeve will handle nomination paperwork.

“Metrolink” letter:

An outreach letter was sent to the CSHA office regarding accidents along railroad tracks. There is a joint effort by Operation Lifesaver and the US Rider Foundation to publish and distribute their “Railroad Crossing Tips for Equestrians”. Please see the enclosed flyer.

Newsletter:

Due to changes in the office staffing and hours, the Newsletter cannot be produced on a monthly basis and we need a person that will dedicate some time to getting in put together.

Many of our CSHA members wear multiple hats and we need to encourage others to step in and take up some of the tasks to keep CSHA informed. Please contact the office or the president with your inquiries on this position.

Apologies to those Regions that sent information however the event date was surpassed before the Newsletter could be put out.

CSHA Office Staffing: Jay Tyson has left employment with CSHA effective September 2, 2011. The Board of Director's was notified of this action. The details are an employer/employee personnel matter.

Debby Dean remains the CSHA Secretary and will increase her hours to compensate for the workload.

Show of Champions is fast approaching. There has been a good response from numerous Regions throughout the organization. Carolyn is swamped with Entry Forms now & some still arriving late. This year we have allowed late arrivals if packets were not delivered by Region Chairs in a timely manner.

We will be rapidly organizing the Barn & camping assignments, finalizing schedules and ordering awards. At this date Full camping hook-ups are all taken. MEC is very short on the available RV sites but dry camping is open. It is important to note that all rigs entering will either have paid a camping fee, a daily-haul-in fee or be required to do so upon arrival.

There are some joint camping situations but SOC will not allow 4 & 5 families to camp on One paid Camping fee. SOC is charged for all camp set ups, all horses in stalls, barns & pens. Please do your share to help us with the cost of this event.

PORKER RIDE



California State Horsemen's Association Region 6 is hosting a fun poker ride and lunch (\$5.00 donation for lunch) after the ride.

September 24, 2011 Saturday morning at 10:00 am

The ride will be held at Harvey Bear Ranch Park
Located in San Martin, CA. on San Martin Ave.

Each hand will cost \$25.00

This will be a 50/50 poker ride ($\frac{1}{2}$ of the winning funds go to the club and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ will go to the person holding the winning hand).

There will be two different trails to choose from.

1. The trail on the flat is 2.2 miles
2. The trail up into the hills is 4.0 miles

If you need more info call
Linda Jacobsen
President, CSHA Region 6
831-630-3028

TnT Poker Ride!

1st Prize \$100 !

Other Great Prizes!



October 22, 2011

Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline

5551 Giant Rd. Richmond

\$25 per Adult - \$15 per Kid

Includes Barbecue Lunch & 1 Poker Hand

Extra Poker Hands \$6 ea or 2/\$10 - Discards \$1 ea

(Reservations received after 10/14 or day of ride - \$5.00 more!)

PLEASE PRE-ENTER (for lunch count!)

No alcohol allowed in the park

\$6.00 Parking fee will be collected at park entrance

Helmets REQUIRED for riders under 18 years of age whenever mounted!

Check-in opens at 10:00 First Riders out at 11:00

Benefits California State Horsemen's Assoc., Region 5 Trails & TRAP Programs

Directions: From I-80 in Richmond, exit at the Richmond Parkway. Go west on Richmond Parkway. Take the Giant Hwy. exit and turn right. At the stoplight, turn right onto Giant Hwy., cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn right again. The park entrance is approx. ¼ mile on the left.

+++++(cut here & mail to address below)+++++

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

of _____ Adults @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

of _____ Kids @ \$15.00 (15 & under) = \$ _____

of Extra Hands: _____ @ \$6 ea or 2/\$10 = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Reservations received after 10/14 or day of ride are \$5.00 more per person

1st & 2nd Preferred depart times:

11:00 __ 11:15 __ 11:30 __ 11:45 __ 12:00 __

Mail with check payable to CSHA to:

Marie Grisham, 663 El Centro Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803

For more info call Marie on 510-304-1025 or www.csharegion5.org

Railroad Crossing Tips for Equestrians

P R O V I D E D I N T H E I N T E R E S T O F S A F E T Y

Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI) and USRider Equestrian Motor Plan remind equestrians and drivers of vehicles pulling horse trailers to be especially cautious around railroad tracks and trains.

INFORMATION FOR TOWING HORSE TRAILERS: Recent research into 400 horse trailers incidents showed an inordinate number involving gooseneck horse trailers becoming stuck on railroad crossings. Nearly all of these incidents resulted in loss of human and equine life. To avoid tragedy, remember the following guidelines.

IF YOU SEE A TRAIN COMING, WAIT!

- Don't be tempted to try to beat a train. An approaching train may be closer and traveling faster than it appears.
- A vehicle pulling a horse trailer may take more time to clear a crossing than you anticipated.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. The average freight train traveling at 55 miles per hour takes a mile or more to stop. That's 18 football fields. If the locomotive engineer can see you, it's too late to stop the train.
- At multiple track crossings, the number of tracks will be shown. Your view of a second train may be blocked by the first. Do not proceed until you can see clearly in both directions.

DON'T GET STUCK ON THE TRACK!

- Low-clearance equipment can get stuck on "humped" crossings, where tracks are higher than the road grade. Assume the warning sign before a railroad track is meant for you. Find an alternate route!
- Before you cross, be sure there is room on the other side for your trailer to completely clear the tracks without stopping. Trains overhang tracks by at least 3 feet on both sides. For safety, leave at least 15 feet between your trailer and the nearest rail.
- Be especially careful if you must travel across a private access farm-rail crossing that is not equipped with warning signs, lights, bells or gates.
- Never stop on tracks to open or close gates!



DON'T LOSE YOUR LOAD OR A LIFE!

- Check hitch pins to ensure they cannot dislodge while crossing railroad tracks.
- Secure loads inside the trailer so materials are not dislodged while crossing.
- Avoid tips and spills. Make sure your vehicle and the trailer are properly lined up with the crossing before you proceed.
- Weather conditions create additional hazards. Snow or fog can muffle the sound of an approaching train. Rain or ice can make crossings slick when roads are not.

GET OUT! GET AWAY!

- If your horse trailer becomes stuck on the tracks, get people and animals out and far away from the tracks immediately.
- Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing, or notify law enforcement. Look for a US DOT number, six digits plus a letter, to identify the crossing.

INFORMATION FOR EQUESTRIANS RAILROAD TRACKS AND THE RIGHT OF WAY ON EITHER SIDE OF THEM ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY.

- Ride only on an authorized and clearly marked trail. Not only is it extremely dangerous to ride on or near railroad tracks, but it is also considered trespassing, which is illegal.
- Never assume the track is no longer in use, even if foliage appears to be growing between the rails.
- Never attempt to cross railroad tracks at any place other than a clearly marked highway-rail grade crossing or public access crossing.
- A hoof can get caught in the gap between rail and road surface. It is best to dismount and lead your horse across the railroad crossing.

TRAINS CAN SURPRISE YOU AND YOUR HORSE

- Modern trains run swiftly and quietly on solid-weld steel rails. Don't count on hearing the old-time "clickety-clack" sound as one approaches.
- Locomotive engineers generally are required to blow the train horn at all crossings. They also will blow the horn as a warning if they see a hazard (such as a horse and rider riding too close to the tracks for safety).
- Always expect a train! Trains can run on any track, at any time, in either direction!

YOU CAN HELP OPERATION LIFESAVER SAVE LIVES!

SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION.

It's free. Across the nation certified Operation Lifesaver Presenters are available to speak to student drivers, professional drivers, school bus operators, general motorists, and 4-H and community groups.

VOLUNTEER!

Would you like to help deliver Operation Lifesaver's safety message in your community? Find out about becoming trained as an Operation Lifesaver Presenter or Associate.

VISIT

Visit www.oli.org or call Operation Lifesaver, Inc., at 1-800-537-6224 to contact your State Coordinator. To contact USRider Equestrian Motor Plan, visit www.usrider.org.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST.....

Feb 5/6, 1966- Anaheim Convention- Resolution accepted – Change date of Convention to third week of November of each year. – Hawaiian tour made \$700.00.- Elected President: John B. Costa, Vice – President: T. W. Carrithers – Regional Presidents where installed. – Denzil Gallaher stated. “There is a definite lack of communication and the Regional Presidents don’t seem to be passing on the State information. She also claimed that there is a common bond between the various horse groups.” – CSHA is going to sue Bob Williams & London American because they have been soliciting the membership.- Much discussion on letting Gymkhana become part of the Horsemastership Program after much amending to the original resolution it was passed.

March 12, 1966 - El Dorado Hotel, Sacramento – The attorney will file suit against R> H. Williams & London America Col for soliciting membership of CSHA. – Art V. Smith stated “ Membership Committee is the heart and soul of this organization. We don’t have a strong membership policy that goes all the way down into the grass roots of the organization. You can see what has happened to us over a period of 20 years – we have the same number of clubs that we had 15 or 16 years ago.” A Gymkhana Scholarship Fund was requested by O.A. Corl, Pres. Reg. 9.it was suggested that each region put on a fund raiser to get this fund started. – President Costa stated that the Board of Directors of the Calif. State Fair were considering doing away with the Horse Show events at the Fair due to lack of interest. He appointed Mary Bryant to represent him and CSHA at the next Board meeting. – The Organizational Chart was explained and discussed. –

June 11, 1966 – Quarterly Meeting – Paso Robles – The membership/insurance program was discussed. It boiled down to this “if you need insurance then join.” President Costa stated that we either will have to go out and get new member in CSHA to secure our present insurance program or the Fireman’s Fund Insurance they can go out and contact the clubs on their own and CSHA will not benefit in any way. – C.B Williams has been appointed chair to screen applications for the position of Executive Secretary.

November 18-20, 1966- Hotel El Dorado, Sacramento – Convention – The whole front page of the Sacramento Union was about CSHA and the convention. Special meeting of the Exec. Comm. President Costa recommended Secretary’s office put a brochure of services that CSHA has done for horsemen and what we can do in other areas. – second Vice Presidents now to be known as Vice Presidents for Southern and Northern Calif. – CSHA develop[a point system and points given at duly-accredited CHSA horse shows. – Total number of clubs end of Nov. is 179. Of total, 38 clubs are not participating in master group policy. –CSHA Day at the Races: approximately 1070 attended this year. The date for next year will be March 31, 1967 at Golden Gate Fields. \$2.50 will go to the Horsemastership fund. –Gov.-elect Ronald Regan was made a honorary life member in CSHA with an open invitation to attend and participate in all meetings, events and social functions as a guest of CSHA.- House of Delegates Meeting – Financial report CSHA has a \$2,538.64 balance.

CONVENTION REPORT

Good morning all! Well there is a bit of a change for Convention: We were not able to accept the contract as presented by Asilomar. It contained many requirements that were not part of the original discussions. Another contract is in the works for an alternate location and should be finalized by Friday September 16th. Information will be posted as soon as possible. Our apologies for the delay.

The CSHA convention committee 2011 is working hard to pull together a fantastic convention this year! Convention Chairs from recent and not so recent CSHA Conventions have been amazing resources of information! Pam McClain, Kat Wion, Paul and Laura Gilman, Ron Jenkins, The Hendrickson's, Paulette Web, Liz Ravenscroft, Michele Jones, Tom Bair, Greta deGraeve, Linda Quattlebaum, as well as many others. My hat is off to all of you who have saved past records, pulled them out, and very graciously helped me, the Association and the committee!

Jim and Carolyn Hendrickson, Vickie Phillips, Linda Jacobsen, Rachelle Lightfoot, Debby Dean, Curt and Denise, The Martins, Ron Jenkins.... all have been great with help and advice and offers of more help..... which will be needed and appreciated.

Our convention core committee: Paulette Webb, Greta deGraeve, Sue Edwards, myself..... well, ladies the work has only just begun!!!!!!!!!!

Please do contact me with suggestions and Comments!

Sydney Cutting
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REGION 4

Clements Rodeo Arena, Clements, CA

Great Opportunity to get in this arena before Wine Country Classic

Low Entry - Moved to Friday September 9th, 7pm

A race that was scheduled for Friday in Sacramento was cancelled and a there is a race scheduled in Grass Valley is on Saturday night, so we moved our race to Friday September 9th, 7pm.

1D open winner will win a Bob Brooks Bracelet donated by Central Valley Mens Club. All adult contestants will get a Bottle of Wine from Legacy Ranch Wines of Clements. Other prizes include Vetericyn!

Come out to this warm up race to get ready for the longest running Barrel Race in the area the Wine Country Classic, September 23-25.

\$45 Open Entry fee: Currently we have \$500 added if we get more added money the entry fee will NOT go up. **Music, Dancing, Food, Beer...**Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun, fun, fun, o yea and Barrel Racing too!

BITS AND PIECES.....

MY TWO CENTS WORTH.....

As you may have noticed, the newsletter has become a bimonthly publication. This is due to a couple of reasons expense, time required in office, and the fact that we are receiving very little information to include in the letter.

On another note I am still collecting CSHA history info so if you have any old CSHA programs, meeting notes, agendas pictures, etc. let me know. Would the lady from up north who wrote offering me some stuff and asked me to get back to her please contact me again. I have lost your address and so cannot contact you.

Thank You

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