

Paradise Horsemen's Association

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thing you would like shared with the membership, please feel free to get it to Stacy so that it can be included.

As the result of all the information surrounding the outbreak of the Equine Herpes Virus we have had to cancel all PHA events until at least June 9th where as a club we can discuss if we want to continue this precautions to protect our beloved equine companions.

I would like to personally thank all that helped with making the Horse Festival. Without this help, the arena and grounds would not have been ready, Barbara from Back at the Ranch did a wonderful job again keeping things moving along. Pam and the Horse Festival Committee in organizing the event and being flexible in scheduling the exhibitors, vendors, and demonstra-

tors. The volunteers in stepping up and helping out where and when they were needed.

If you would like to share any ideas with me personally, feel free to contact me at:

rockingranch@clearwire.net.

Russ Mullins
President

Hello all,
As we head into June and the Summer, I must ask, where is the good weather? So far this year has been quite wet for some of us and our members further up on the Ridge getting more snow then they have planned. It has been due to the lack of input that we have combined the April and May Newsletters. The newsletter is only as good as the input we receive. If you have a story or some-

Reminder to all

Come out to the next meeting to be held at the Paradise Association of Realtors Office on June 9th, 2011. General meeting will start promptly at 6:30pm. This office is located at 6178 Center Street in Paradise off of the Skyway. We truly hope to see you there!!

Important Information!!

Information concerning the outbreak of the Equine Herpes Virus can be found at:

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus.html

The California Department of Food and Agriculture tries to update this link by noon each day.

Old Farmer's Advice

"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."

Equine Dental

At Dr. Darling's Vaccination Clinic, we scheduled to have my horse, Mae, have her teeth floated and teeth pulled. I have to say I was a little nervous as I saw Mae's eyes get droopy after Dr Darling gave her a shot and the needle was pulled out. Dr. Darling propped her head on to the stand and started explaining how the floating would work. Mae was amazing, a complete lady. She had Three wolf teeth instead of the normal two. Dr. Darling let me stick my hands in her mouth and feel around. He talked me through everything he was doing and I soaked up every ounce of the information. After Dr. Darling finished he put the three wolf teeth in a container for me to keep them. He told me the anesthesia should be wearing off soon. Ten minutes later I went to walk Mae away and she was still wobbly. I Learned a lot with Dr. Darling and he was full of information. Thank you Doctor for helping in the process of putting more weight back on my baby girl!

Ashley Mullins



TRAIL ETIQUETTE



There is safety in numbers, or is there? When riding in a group there is a certain protocol that will make



your ride safe and fun. All horses are different, all riders are different. They come to your ride at different levels of skill for the riders and different experience for the horse as well. Therefore, there should be a trail leader. Preferably one that is an experienced horse person, knows the trails and is riding an experienced trail horse. It is helpful if you choose our trail leader in advance. That person should then find out about the people and horses in the group. It is also good to have an experienced person in the back of the group.

The leader will lead the way, set the pace, and generally be in charge. The person in the back will be able to see the line ahead and can make sure that no one in the line is in trouble. These positions are necessary and important.

1. The Red Ribbon—a horse that kicks should be ribboned in red and be in the back, just in front of the last horse. However, all horses put into certain situations can and may kick.

2. It is the responsibility of the RIDER to keep a safe distant behind the horse in front of her. Horses have attitudes and they have different ideas about their space. Always keep your horse out of range of the horse in front of you. Horses signal their discomfort, laying back their ears/swishing their tails are the common signs, but there may be others. STAY ALERT. STAY SAFE

3. The trail leader should signal any change of pace. IE.: trot now, canter now, low branch, water, banks, etc. she should relay that information to the person behind and on to the last rider. If you are not comfort-

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Newsletter info

The newsletter is now offering ads. The cost for a business size ad is \$15.00, 1/4 page is \$25.00, and \$45.00 for a half page. PHA members will receive a 50% discount for their ads placed in the newsletter. Monies raised from the selling of ads will offset the cost of printing and postage.



Horse in the Snow at Doon Grade Ranch in Magalia. Photo by Jaya Gregory

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

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able with the change of pace no is the time to speak up. However, if you are not comfortable (say at the canter) you should have told your leader BEFORE the ride started.

4. Obstacles — going down a bank, it is ONE horse at a time, let the horse in front of you get up the other side and moving on before you start your decent, go in an orderly fashion. Horses can get excited and want to run up the other side, Collisions are possible if things are not kept under control.
5. Gear — helmets should be mandatory for anyone under 18 years of age. I would recommend helmets for all. Take water, leave the wine for later. Make sure that your equipment is in good shape. Check cinches, headstalls, and reins. Take a hoof pick, a long lead rope and carry a pocket knife.
6. Oncoming traffic — if you meet another horse/group of horses, those going uphill have the right of way. If there not enough room to safely pass each other the downhill group will move off and hold. Make sure the horses are turned to face downhill.

Most of this seems to be straight forward, but may not be fully understood by everyone. Having everyone following the same plan is a good thing. Be courteous, be careful, and have fun.
Gloria Conly

DRIVING CLINIC

At the request of several members, PHA is considering offering a Driving Clinic this summer for anyone in the club that would be interested. The point of contact for this is Sarah Teall. Please contact Sarah on what you would like to see offered in this clinic and the type of carts you would be using. Sarah can be contacted at:

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Newsletter submissions are due into Stacy Mullins by the general meeting on the second Thursday each month. Submissions may be about a ride you have been on, something you have done with PHA, equine related topic, or about an upcoming club event.

Submissions may be sent to:
rockinmbranch@clearwire.net or 1657 Wee Dell Lane, Paradise, CA 95969

Trail Rides

The Trail Committee has been hard at work setting up trail rides for the club this year. They have come up with a series of Show and Go rides happening on the 1st Monday and 3rd Saturday of each month.

The first ride was set up at Saddle Dam on April 4th. A few members and non-members met in late morning and rode out stopping at Brooks Orchard for a lunch we all packed with us.

Their next ride was on May 2nd at Bidwell. Jack and Russ with Raven and Bleu set out on a ride in Upper Bidwell. Once on the top, even with the wind blowing they were able to take in a great view below of Horseshoe Lake. After making their way back down, Raven and Bleu to the opportunity to play a bit in the creek before heading back to the CEA arena where they had their lunch.

For more information about the Trail Committee, contact Jack Wright at 519-2711.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2011

June 2011

- 4th Ranch Hand Trail Course ***Canceled due to EHV-1**
- 6th Show and Go Ride at Doon Grade, ride out 11:00am, bring a lunch **
⇒ **Members Only Canceled due to EHV-1**
- 9th PHA General Meeting **
- 16th PHA Play Day *
- 19th Father's Day Ride Doon Grade Ranch **
- 25th Trail Ride with Chico Equestrian Association** ⇒ **ride out at 10am from CEA Arena**

July 2011

- 7th PHA Play Day Horse Soccer *
- 14th PHA General Meeting **
- 16th Horse Soccer with Chico Equestrian Association
- 23rd Ranch Hand Trail Course * **Canceled**
- 23rd Reining Clinic with Regina Terry * **Rescheduled due to EHV-1**
- 25th -28th Show and Go Group Camp Out, Skillman Flatt Campground**
⇒ **Tentative Date & Place**
- 30th & 31st Desperado 2 Day Gymkhana Show

August 2011

- 6th Ranch Hand Trail Course *
- 11th PHA General Meeting **
- 13th Open Ranch Hand Trail Course
- 25th PHA Play Day *
- 27th Poker Ride Meadowbrook Ranch **

September 2011

- 5th Labor Day Ride
- 8th PHA General Meeting **
- 10th California State Horsemen's Association Gymkhana Show ⇒ **Date Changed**

- 15th PHA Play Day *
- 17th Horse Clinic with Jeff Crawford

October 2011

- 1st Junior PHA Campout *
- 2nd Junior PHA Campout *
- 13th PHA General Meeting **
- 29th Halloween Play Day

November 2011

- 10th PHA General Meeting **
- 19th Trail Ride Upper Bidwell **

December 2011

- 3rd Town of Paradise Tree Lighting **
- 8th PHA General Meeting **

* PHA Members Only
** Events not at the Paradise Horse Arena
(All events subject to change)

Important Notice to All Members

The Paradise Horse Arena is not a public arena to be used by non club members. The use of the arena is for members only unless other arrangements have been made, i.e., open show, clinics, etc. Members need to remember to safeguard the combinations.