

HOOF IN MOUTH GAZETTE

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc., Norco, CA

Editor's Message

The 2009 Saddle and Harness show season came out of the gate with a fury. Our February show topped last year's attendance with more than 200 entries. A lot of old and new faces, the word is out that *Saddle and Harness shows are a real value and a fun place to be.*

Welcome and thank you to all our new sponsors this year has started out great with 30 sponsors so far. The club would like to thank our members who have sponsored classes or recruited sponsors and especially Sharon Peek and Janella Denny for their extraordinary efforts in recruiting many of our new sponsors. You can help too! Ask friends, family or someone you do business with, if they would like to make a tax deductible donation to the club. They will be recognized in the newsletter and at shows as a sponsor of Saddle and Harness and for a \$100 dollars they will receive an S&H family membership. Each sponsor will also receive the sincere appreciation of the S&H members. All sponsor money goes towards year end awards and only sponsored classes will receive awards.

I also would like to remind you that only current 2009 members will receive a mailed newsletter after April 1st..

Join Now!

Membership and Sponsorship forms are available:
<http://saddlenharness.org/forms/membership.pdf>

Please Pre-enter

Pre-registering by mail for S&H shows does help the show committee. It also saves you and the committee time on show day and *saves you money!* Pre-registration is only \$6 per class, show day is \$7 per class.

If you pre-register and for any reason you can not make the show your check will not be cashed and will be returned or credited to the next show, your option.

Pre-registration will be accepted by mail anytime prior to the Wednesday preceding the show. Just send your show premium or a listing of the classes you want to participate in to:

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc.
 P.O. Box 7862
 Norco, CA 92860



Saddle & Harness Open Show

March 29th

Judge: **Sheri Odem**

We are off and running!

Let's keep it going!

Be There!

Please Pre-enter by mail

The Show Premium Form and 2009 Rules have been updated and are available on line at

<http://saddlenharness.org/forms/>

Class fees are \$7 per class on show day.
 Class fees are \$6 per class if you pre-enter

Support our new food vendor;

Great food at reasonable prices

Saul's Kitchen

Monthly Board meeting
 April 9th, 7 to 9 pm.

Norco Fire Department

(Corner of Sixth Street and Hillside)

Please plan to attend (no food or drink).

Minutes of the meetings are posted on the website.

Runaway ... be prepared!!

Everyone including handlers, riders, drivers and others who enter the show ring should be prepared for the possibility of a runaway horse and should know what to do if an incident does happen;

- **Remain calm** and know what to do and do it.
- *Do not put yourself or your horse in the direct path of a runaway horse.* Do not try to grab a runaway horse or any part of the tack or vehicle.
- The priority of immediate concern is first humans (your personal safety then others), then the horse, then property.
- Nothing should be done that would unnecessarily scare or upset the horse.

Emergency Protocol in the Ring

In the event of a runaway listen for and follow the instructions of the judge, ring steward and the announcer. These are the individuals responsible for the control of the ring and the safety of the participants.

The announcer shall ask for every one's attention and will inform everyone of the situation.

- All riders or drivers should come to a walk and make their way carefully off the rail and into the center of the ring. The center of the ring is the place where you can move in any direction to stay out of the way of the runaway.
- Drivers should remain in the cart or wagon, and grooms should head their horses.
- No one should enter the ring unless requested by the judge, ring steward or announcer. No one should enter the ring unless they can do so safely.
- Juniors accompanied by an adult should hand over the reins as soon as it is safe. Juniors should only exit the carriage or the ring when instructed by an adult.
- The judge or ring steward will provide immediate attention and protection to any person down on the ground or obviously injured. The judge or ring steward will alert medical personnel for any sign of injuries.
- Do not open arena gates to let horses out unless the judge so orders.
- If it can be done safely participants or assistants should attempt to keep the horse on the rail and away from down personnel. Allow the horse to run on the rail without attempts to corral him against the rail until he obviously tires. At no time should

anyone block the path of a runaway horse. As the horse tires, he may attempt to join 'the herd' in the center of the ring. He may often come down to a walk or a halt and can be caught at that point.

- Once the horse is captured, the person at the head of the horse is in command of the horse and the unhitching and unharnessing procedure. The handler should establish reliable control of the horse's head before any harness parts are undone. If unharnessing is necessary, unhitch as quickly, as orderly and as quietly as possible.
- Relocate the horse to a safe place away from the ring as soon as possible.
- If an ambulance is needed, all competitors should exit the ring quietly at a walk before the ambulance is allowed in the arena.

Emergency Protocol in Open Areas

If there is a runaway, *do not try to grab the horse.* Let the driver have as much room as they need to get control of the situation. For a runaway horse, if you can do so safely direct the horse to an open area and allow it to run until it tires and can be caught safely. Do not put yourself in the direct path of a runaway horse.

- First provide immediate attention and protection to any person down on the ground or obviously injured.
- Immediately notify officials, the show office, announcers and medical personnel of the incident.
- Riders or drivers in the vicinity should move to a safe location away from the incident quietly at a walk. Drivers should have assistants head of their horses.
- Once the horse is captured, the person at the head of the horse is in command of the horse and any unhitching or unharnessing procedures deemed necessary.
- Exclude non-essential personnel from the area of the incident.
- If an ambulance is needed, all riders or drivers should exit the area quietly at a walk before the ambulance is allowed in the area.

Sources:

Blog of the American Driving Society (ADS) Pleasure Driving Committee <http://pleasuredriving.blogspot.com/>

Be Safe Out There!
Hope this never happens,
but be prepared!

Princess is a Champion

By Pat Gesler

On February 14th the Southern California Morgan Horse Club had their Awards dinner and banquet. For the third year in a row LCS Ice Princess was high point senior horse and was Champion in Pleasure Driving, Carriage, and In Hand and was awarded Overall High Point Horse.

The American Morgan Horse Association Convention which was held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, February 17-21 and a great time at was had by all. The Region 7 Awards banquet was also held in conjunction with the convention on Sunday, February 22. Jay let us, Mary Brown and I, borrow his GT Mustang and we just zoomed our way to Sacramento. That's why neither one of us was at the S&H show in February.

LCS Ice Princess was awarded a Bronze Medallion in the Open Competition in the Carriage Division. She also received a plaque for Reserve Champion in the Open Pleasure Driving of the Show Division. Four years in the program and she has two Pleasure Driving Championships and two Reserve Championships and a Reserve Championship in Carriage Driving, two thirds and a fifth.

At the Region 7 Awards Banquet she was Reserve Champion In Hand (Halter) and Champion Carriage Driving Horse and Champion Pleasure Driving Horse in the Open Competition and my 2 yr old now 3 yr old mare, CCE Misty Morning, was Champion In Hand Mare in the Class A division.

The weather was actually nice, a little crisp but no rain until Sunday morning when we were ready to head back to Norco and did it rain, but only as far as Stockton.

All of this at the young age of 25. We won't mention my age.

Congratulations Pat and Princess!!

Reminder: Have you renewed your S&H membership? To be eligible for year end (high point) awards both rider/driver and owner must be S&H members before your points count. So to win the big prizes **Join Now!**

Ground Feeding

According to experts there are benefits to ground feeding. Drs. Foster & Smith wrote "there is more to your horse's health than the perfect diet. In fact, how your horse is fed can influence his health almost as much as the types of foods he eats." Ground feeding is considered a more natural feeding posture. Wild horses graze vast grass and pasturelands for food. As a result, most of their food is consumed in a heads down position. Floor-level feeding mimics this natural posture. Drs. Foster & Smith and others site that this position has many health benefits, including:

Slowed Consumption - Horses are more relaxed while eating off the ground. As a result, they take smaller mouthfuls of food; more thoroughly chew it, and better mix it with saliva, which helps reduce the risk of choking and impaction colic.

Improved Nutrition - Since horses chew more and the hay or grain mixes better with saliva, food is better prepared for breakdown in the digestive tract. As a result, more vitamins, minerals, and nutrients are absorbed from the food.

Reduced Irritants - A horse inhales fewer irritants when he eats with his head down. He also reduces the risk of irritants in his eyes. A lowered head also promotes airway drainage, which helps flush out inhaled dust or hay particles.

More Balanced Mouth - "Common Sense in Equine Dentistry" states "when the horse is not eating with its head down the teeth don't align properly and therefore wear unevenly".

Drs. Foster & Smith suggest "The best way to encourage your horse's natural feeding posture and promote better health is to feed him at ground level. However, your horse's health can be compromised if hay or grain is simply placed on the stall floor or ground where it can mix with waste, sand, and parasite eggs. Instead, use a ground-level feed tub to help protect your horse's food from contamination and promote a more natural grazing posture".

Sources:

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff

<http://www.drsofostersmith.com/pic/article.cfm?c=15498&aid=1874>

"Common Sense in Equine Dentistry", Equine Soundness Inc.
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If you have any questions or recommendations feel free to contact any of your board members or visit our website at <http://www.saddlenharness.org/>

Update on Silverlakes

By Peggy Hosking

The Norco City Council has voted unanimously to approve the Draft EIR (environmental impact report) and the CUP (conditional use permit) for the Silverlakes Equestrian and Sports Park to be developed by RJ Brandes' company, Belstarr.

The venue will be based on the existing Oaks Blenheim facility in San Juan Capistrano and will be comprised of 122 acres landscaped primarily in lawns which will serve as soccer, football, lacrosse and baseball (w/o clay baselines) practice and competition fields when not being utilized for equestrian events, such as regular horse shows, the World Cup and Olympic Trials. The facility is also intended to host community days, concerts and other outdoor events. The facility returns to an unobstructed park when events are dark.

Because this lot is larger than San Juan Capistrano, more

amenities can be added - primarily RV parking (including overnight horse camping), trails, show barns and a multipurpose building which can be used for indoor sports and equestrian events.

These approvals pave the way for Belstarr to begin applying for building and signage permits and then, finally, to begin long awaited construction.

What Awards do you want?

By Janella Denny

I want to start this letter by thanking all the Saddle and Harness volunteers! I don't think any of us realize how much time each one of these individuals put into our club to make it the success that it is. One of the things that I do know that makes a club successful is member participation and we need to hear from each and every one of you.

We want to hear what S&H members would like to have for Year-End Awards. Our volunteers put a lot of time and effort into the Year-End awards trying to ensure that all the recipients of the awards are happy (within the constraints of schedule and budget). You need to tell us what will make you happy. We would like to start this discussion early in order to hear from as many members as possible.

To begin the discussion the current consensus is that there should be ribbons for all champions and reserve champions. Also in the case that an individual wins multiple awards this person should have the option to receive a debit card for all duplicate awards. Here are some suggestions that have been submitted to date: buckle, jacket, trophy, silver halter bars, conchos, plaque, folding chair, tack bag.

Please submit, preferably in writing or email, any suggestions or comments on year-end awards to me at JanellaMullican@yahoo.com or you can submit your suggestions to any board member or include them with your entry form at the show or in the mail and the show staff will set it aside for me.

I will collect the suggestions and comments and ensure that all suggestions and comments are presented to the Board and reported to our members in the newsletter.

A club cannot be successful without members who enjoy, support and participate. If anyone has any questions or suggestions on this subject feel free to contact me by e-mail: JanellaMullican@yahoo.com.

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Events of Interest

SAN DIEGO PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW

Show Dates: April 19, May 17, June 21, October 18
Place: Tumbleweed Arena, Willow Rd., Lakeside, CA
For Info: 619/994-9534; 619-224-0601

Sioux@siouxmunyon.com

<http://www.californiacarriages.com/SDPDS.htm>

ETI Corral 6 - Mira Loma, Windville Riders

Place: Laramore Park Equestrian Center
11380 Little Dipper Street, Mira Loma, CA 91752

<http://eticorral6.homestead.com/>

Open Show Dates: June 14, August 9, Sept. 13 (Rain 9/27)
Training Show Dates: April 26, May 17, July 19, Nov. 8
(Rain 11/22)

Western Regional Carriage Driving Events Calendar

<http://www.carriagedrivingessentials.com/calendar.php>

**ETI Corral 50, Gavilan Hills - Horse Expo and
Vaccination Clinic** on April 5th starting at 10:00 AM,
Santa Rosa Equestrian Center. Good opportunity to
attend to your horses health needs and a discounted
price. <http://www.gavilangirls.com/>

Classifieds:

'93 AQHA red dun mare. Great trail horse and broodmare. Has had palominos and duns. \$2000

'05 APHA palomino tovero colt. Ready to break, great disposition, gentle and good conformation. \$4000

Women's horse show clothes, size 20-22 & large & extra large. Nice show jeans, jackets and blouses, prices vary.

'94 spotted jenny donkey, 51" tall. Great trail donkey and has been started on driving. \$700
Cart and harness available for another \$700.
\$1300 for both

'06 Reg, pinto john mule. Sorrel with flaxen mane, white legs. Will be over 15.2 hands tall full grown. Trailers, clips, ties. Has been shown and won Grand Champion Jr mule at Pomona. \$2500

'06 Reg. dun john mule with zebra stripes on legs, dorsal and barring on shoulder. Trailers, ties, clips. Was shown at Pomona and placed 2nd. Gentle giant, should mature to 15.3 hands or more. \$2000

For any of the above items contact Bobbie Hundley at Mulelady5@aol.com

Dave and Heidi Aparicio have started a new business producing "Purchase Evaluation Videos" for people selling horses, visit their new website <http://www.equistudioproductions.com/>

Photos from the February show are available at www.printroom.com/pro/photographybyterrie
Terrie Medeiros, 714-693-0423

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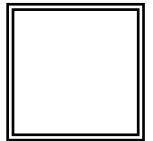
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