NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

When did it get so complicated?

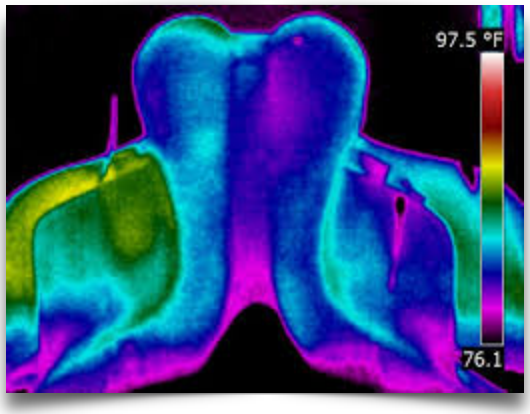
I've had horses since I was a kid. I bought my first horse in the San Fernando Valley with my babysitting money. Of course, I didn't have enough for a saddle too, so I rode Chacaos bareback for a couple of years. Finally my dad broke down and bought me a used English saddle when he was away on a business trip.

I've had many horses since my childhood, and several different saddles too. But I didn't buy a new saddle because of "fit" for my horse. If it didn't seem to sit right on his back, I bought a new pad instead. Who knew if I made the problem better or worse?

But now I'm like the "princess and the pea". When I bought my Rocky, my trainer thought that the seats in my saddles were too forward for a gaited horse. On a recommendation, I bought a gaited horse saddle. Almost immediately, I could see that it was too narrow in the shoulder for Levi. Sold it and bought a treeless saddle. I loved the light weight and close contact. Only problem was that I couldn't keep it straight on top of my horse (not very good— I sold it too!)

So finally I have a saddle that has been custom fit to my horse. It cost a lot more than the bareback pad, but this princess and her pony are now happy. Sometimes it takes both time and money to get everything just right!

Hope you are enjoying the Spring days and are getting ready to join us at the Showgrounds this Summer. *~ Elise Levinson*



Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday Evening June 20

6:30 ~ Clubhouse

Conditioning for the Rider

The evening's topic will cover ways to strengthen the riders' physical dynamic for a better riding experience.

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must be horse related & non-commercial. Free to members, $5 for non-members. Include item, price, name, phone.
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each month ad is to be run.

STORIES & ARTICLES
from members are welcome. Share your horse interest and experience with us.

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Call to Action! **Monday, June 12, 4-6pm**
Meeting at City Council Chambers at 809 Center St. #10

The Santa Cruz County Parks Department has been busy creating its first Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is being developed with input from the community and is an opportunity to create a collaborative vision for the future of County parks, programs, and facilities. This opens a window for all user groups to advocate for an increase in access and new facilities. Mountain bikers will be there advocating for more trails. *Equestrians need to be there too, to be a strong presence advocating for trail access for horses!*

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If you cannot attend, you can write a letter, and email it to:
City Council: citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com
Parks & Rec Commission: tjones@cityofsantacruz.com

TO ALL MEMBERS: NOTICE REGARDING TRAINERS

SCCHA's Insurance Company and Santa Cruz County Parks requires any trainer who trains at Graham Hill Showgrounds to carry equine liability insurance. Members may only work with trainers at the showgrounds if they have this required insurance. A trainer is: Anyone who accepts monetary or other compensation (includes trading items or services) for giving instruction to riders & handlers.

SCCHA MAKES NO ENDORSEMENTS of any trainer, even those with the required Certificate of Liability Insurance. Trainers must follow the same rules set forth for all members and have no additional privileges. Members with trainer questions may contact any board member. Members are welcome to contact Mary Sullivan-White (see back page) to find out if a trainer has recently filed their Certificate of Liability Insurance, and exactly what is required to satisfy insurance obligations.

Trainers who meet requirements & their insurance exp. date:

Rebekah Crill 7/17
Kelly Eynon 11/17
Dori Fontaine 8/17
Patty Kiersted 12/17
Wendy Killingsworth 7/17
Kristin Praly 8/17
Bonnie Stoehn 6/17

Regarding the Horse Camping Article in Last Month's Issue...

I thoroughly enjoyed the article on camping and what you should bring with you. I would like to add one item I think you should carry whether camping, hiking or just riding out your back gate: a **whistle**.

If you and you horse part company, and you are unable to navigate home on your own, a whistle could save your life. If you are grounded so to speak, you can call for help and not be heard and then become too tired to call any longer. The sound of a sharp whistle will carry a further distance, will require much less energy on your part than shouting for help, and can direct people to you more accurately. The whistle should be carried on your person and not in the saddle pack on the horse that has disappeared from sight It will do you no good there! Just an added safety thought.

- Julie Suhr

Ride For Relay 2017

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME TO RIDE FOR RELAY.

Lisa Lynn Bellangero - A THANK YOU is not nearly enough for all the hard work you did on ALL the GREAT awards and raffle prizes, AND taking charge of the arena! I LOVED the way you did the leadliners!!

Thank you **Kathy Rodoni** and **Noelle Slay** for the raffle items and helping me wherever I needed it!

More thanks to **Laurie DeLalla** and **Chris Rice** for the great items you donated!!

Nolan Sands - Great job again this year announcing!

Donna Rodoni deserves a hand (no pun intended) for so much time writing and dealing with the paper work BY HAND when my printer died.

Thank you **Valerie Flores** for running the snack bar and helping set up the raffle after working all day with my husband! **Sherri Lust** and **Jake** for filling in all over the place! Thank you to **Steve Highland, Sienna Thomas** and **Kelsey** for helping with the dinner! Thank you to **Red** for dragging the arena when I was (figuratively) dragging Sunday morning and to his wife for doing the dishes Sunday morning!

Thank you to **Andy Thomas** and **Kathy Soule** for coming Friday to help me setup stuff!
Thank you to **Karen Keener** and **Chris Chambers** for helping me on Monday morning packing things up!

Saddlites Gymkhana donated the equipment again this year and donated the BEAUTIFUL high point buckles!

And THEN... Thelma & Louise (aka **Jaime Quinn Donato** and **Wendi Silva**) SHOCKED the heck out of me when they gave me an AWESOME buckle. You two ROCK!!

~ Mary Sullivan-White

About the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...

To be eligible, an applicant must be an active member of SCCHA for at least 2 years, must be at least a senior in high school or equivalent and under 23 years of age. The scholarship is for academic purposes, i.e. trade school, 2 yr. or 4 yr. college, or graduate school. To be considered, applicant must complete the application, include an essay, make a presentation at a Membership Meeting, and turn in two letters of recommendation, one from a current member and one from a professional trainer, teacher/coach.

Funds will be paid directly to the college or institution and may be used for tuition, books, and/or academic fees. SCCHA will offer up to three scholarships per year, each for $500. Primary consideration will be given to new applicants. We look forward to receiving your scholarship application in the near future. ***Please find the application on the following pages and also online with more information at sccha.wildapricot.org.***

General Feed & Seed Company

Farm Supply and Saddle Shop

1900 Commercial Way - Santa Cruz

831-476-5344

www.generalfeedandseed.com
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Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association & Quicksilver Endurance Riders Present

Fireworks Endurance Ride
July 15, 2017

RIDE! Enter the amazing Fireworks Endurance Ride in beautiful Santa Cruz County. The route includes single track trails and roads, a river and several stream crossings, and hills – some short and steep and others longer and more gentle. We consider the ride moderate in difficulty with some technical stretches. Choose **25 or 50 miles**, then come prepared to take your time and enjoy the ride! This event is sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference (www.aerc.org) Ride is limited to 100 entries.

American Endurance Ride Conference

SIGN UP ONLINE, It's Fast & Easy!

www.sccha.wildapricot.org/event-2503624

Enter before June 30 to secure your spot & save $25
$115/Adult Rider; $90/Junior Rider;
plus $15 for non-AERC members

Entry Fee After June 30:
$140/Adult Rider; $115/Junior Rider;
plus $15 for non-AERC members

Entry Fee includes event, Camping Friday & Saturday; Dinner Saturday, drug fee & park access.

See Online Entry for Ride Details, Refund Policy & Forms

RIDE MANAGERS: **Jill Kilty Newburn** **650 823.0589**
mail@knfarms.com

Heather Shupe **408 348.9512**
shrkshupe@sbcglobal.net

RIDE SECRETARY: **Donna Stidolph** **831 419.0835**
donna@stidolph.com

VOLUNTEER!

Here's a few ways YOU can be a part of this great event

- Clean Up
- Equipment/Supplies
- Hospitality
- Kitchen Crew
- Number Marker
- Parking
- Rescue Trailer
- Runner
- Start/Finish
- Timer
- Traffic Control
- Trails
- Vet Secretary
- Water

Contact us today to Volunteer!

Melissa Broquard
mhbroquard@gmail.com
or
Bonnie Stoehn
831 252.2163

SCCHA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Welcome to the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association Scholarship Program. To be eligible, the applicant must be an active member of SCCHA for at least 2 years; must be at least a senior in high school or equivalent; and under 23 years of age. The scholarship is for academic purposes, i.e. trade school, 2 yr. or 4 yr. college, or graduate school. To be considered, the applicant must complete the application; include an essay; make a presentation at a General Meeting; and turn in two letters of recommendation, one from a current member and one from a professional trainer, teacher or coach. Funds will be paid directly to the college or institution and may be used for tuition, books, and/ or academic fees. SCCHA will offer up to three scholarships per year, each for $500. Primary consideration will be given to new applicants. We look forward to receiving your scholarship application in the near future.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SCCHA ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 OF THE YEAR YOU'LL BE ENTERING COLLEGE

Date of Application: _____/_____/_____

Name: (Last)_____(First)_____ (MI)_____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (Home): _____ (Cell or Work): _____

Email Address: _____

Number of years as a member of SCCHA: _____

Indicate education completed: High School or equivalent _____ Where: _____

2 YR College _____ Where: _____

4 YR College _____ Where: _____

Year Graduated: _____

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, what school will you plan to attend?
Include contact information for SCCHA to make payment.

College:_____ Mailing Address:_____

Field of Study/Major:_____ _____

Make Chk Payable to: _____ _____

Scholarship application continues on following page

Scholarship application continued from previous page

Please provide a brief description of the course work you plan to take:

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Personal Essay: A critical part of the selection criteria will be the applicant's description of how the scholarship will assist in meeting his or her career/educational plans. Attach a separate sheet with your typewritten personal essay (approximately 300 words) describing your personal career goals, educational goals, and any other comments, which would be helpful for the scholarship committee in evaluating your application. Please describe your activities with SCCHA, including volunteering. Feel free to include any supporting documents, which might be helpful in evaluating your application.

The Applicant must provide two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members. One from a SCCHA member and the second from a professional trainer, teacher or coach. This letter should include the relationship to the applicant; how many years the author of the letter has known the applicant; and any attributes that would qualify this applicant for a scholarship. Please include the letters with the application.

Presentation: Please provide a 15 minute presentation at one of our General Membership Meetings informing our members of why you feel you're an ideal candidate to receive a scholarship from SCCHA. Please include your involvement in the SCCHA and other equine clubs and associations. Also include any other achievements, including academics, community outreach, sports, etc.

Note: If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you must provide SCCHA with proof of your acceptance to an accredited institution by August 1st of the enrollment year.

I attest that all the above statements are true.

_____

Applicant's Signature

Failure to include any requested information in this Application will remove your name from consideration from the list of applicants

Graham Hill Showgrounds Events Calendar

All Showgrounds Events are Scheduled through the Calendar Secretary
Events listed in CAPS are SCCHA sponsored

✅ Check our events calendar online at **sccha.wildapricot.org/events** for late-breaking updates

2017 Date	Event	Facilities Reserved		Contacts, Etc
1st & 3rd Sat. 9am-noon	**Pony Club Mounted Meeting**	Large Arena		Betsy Cameron oatcakecameron@gmail.com / Nichole Fisher: nm84@aol.com
6/16-18	**Krista Koenig Clinic**	12 paddocks	Large Arena	krista@fromstarttofoundation.com fromstarttofoundation.com
6/16-18	**Pony Club Tetrathalon**	16 paddocks		
6/20	**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**			See page 1 of this issue
6/24-25	**Redwood Riders Camping**	12 paddocks	Large Arena	
7/1-4	**Summit Riders Camping**	12 paddocks		
7/15-16	**FIREWORKS RIDE**	entire grounds		
7/20-23	**Bay Area Savvy Players**	20-25 paddocks	2 Arenas	
7/28-29	**Pony Club D Camp**	20 paddocks	Both Arenas	
8/4-6	**Los Viajeros**	25-30 paddocks		
8/18-21	**Tri City Horsemen**	15-20 paddocks		
8/27	**Redwood Riders**	12 paddocks	Large Arena	
9/14-17	**BUSTER McCLAURY**	15 paddocks	Large Arena	Bonnie Stoehn, 457-2224 bonnies@cruzio.com
9/20-24	**CSHA TRIALS**	all paddocks		
10/7-8	**CAMP CUTLOOSE**	all paddocks	2 Arenas	
10/27-29	**VAQUERO CLINIC**	15 paddocks	2 Arenas	
11/3-5	**Krista Koenig Clinic**	12 paddocks	Large Arena	krista@fromstarttofoundation.com fromstarttofoundation.com
12/10	**HOLIDAY PARTY**			

Trading Post

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SCCHA NEEDS YOU

Our club has two very important jobs looking for one or more talented people ready to give back to SCCHA. These jobs can be done from home, while giving you a great opportunity to support your fellow SCCHA members. Do one or both... it's up to you!

Newsletter Editor - compile & format news items contributed by SCCHA members and announce upcoming events to all members via our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is a critical way to keep in touch with all members, and especially those who can't make the monthly meetings. C'mon, don't you want to be the first to know the news? Contact Claudia Goodman for more details on how YOU can become the new SCCHA Newsletter Editor: manedance@surfnetc.com

Webmaster - Add your unique signature to the club's website by keeping web pages current, adding photos, and sending messages to members as needed. A great way to be creative while keeping members up to date via the web page and Facebook. No experience necessary, contact Heather Shupe for more details: shrkshupe@sbcglobal.net

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Address correction requested

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