

SCCHA Newsletter April 2024

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President's message:

Well, this should certainly tell you something about me. I'm sitting here, bereft of ideas for a column, thinking up April Fools Day pranks instead. Yes, it's my favorite day of the year. Many would say to a fault.

I've already worked on my friends/victims in Wyoming, because they're an hour ahead. I've already been called a devil and a bitch. One of my best friends told me that she hates me. In other words, it's been a successful day so far. And the day is young.

My strategy is to get new marks every year—the folks who don't know about this little character flaw. Of course, I still rotate through previous victims/friends, depending on how raw they are about the previous year.

Over the years, I have learned a lot about people from their responses to my jokes. Last year—or maybe it was the year before—I called a few SCCHA board members asking that they get our tractor, their trucks, and whatever else they could to barricade the entrance to the Showgrounds. My request "was because PG&E was coming back to take over the Showgrounds to use as a staging site. Again."

Let me tell you, PG&E should never even think about using the grounds again! No questions asked, each of them rallied, declared they were on the way. Lorraine Flores was going to stand outside of the gate, ready to do shovel to shovel combat. I had to yell to put the brakes on the stand-off. They just rolled right past my "Happy April Fool's Day."

A few years ago, I told Heather Shupe (our new club Treasurer) that some kook was at the Showgrounds "liberating" the horses from stalls. Then there was complete silence on her end. "Heather, are you there?" I asked. She was already out the door, headed to her truck. (She had a few choice names for me.) These are people who move into action faster than I can talk!

(That's another lesson I've learned. Don't leave messages. People often react before they get to the "April Fool's Day." Things can spiral out of control.)



Just a few of the fun events to come:

- 4/6 Spring Tuneup
- 4/20 Trailer Checkup / Sidesaddle Presentation
- 5/11 Garrocha Clinic / Ali Kermeen
- 5/25+ Memorial Day Weekend Obstacle Challenge
- 6/1 Nat'l Trail Day / Corral & Trail Work / Fun
- 6/15 English Schooling Show
- 6/20+ WE Super Clinic
- 6/23 WE Schooling Show
- 6/29 SCCHA Kids Playday
- 7/20 Poker Ride



For more information and more great events in 2024, keep reading and click the links below:

One of my previous colleagues, a department head at the County building, announced at a staff meeting on April Fools Day, to beware of me. I still got him, and some of his staff. Those are the pranks I cherish ...when they know you're coming, they're ready for you, but they still bite.

My history of pranks is too long to recite—I have a minimum goal of 25 every AFD. Some haven't gone so well, but on the whole, it's been a great run.

On my retirement, a friend/victim/colleague gave me a calendar to use during my days ahead. Every Single Day was April 1. Now that's a perfect gift.

Oh, by the way, don't let your horse eat grass at the Showgrounds. We have a new rare plant growing there that will make your horse turn into a butterfly.



—Robin

Don't forget to check the SCCHA website for more events and for archived photos of past events:
<https://sccha.wildapricot.org/>

and our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Santa-Cruz-County-Horsemens/100057818433171/>

Welcome to the New

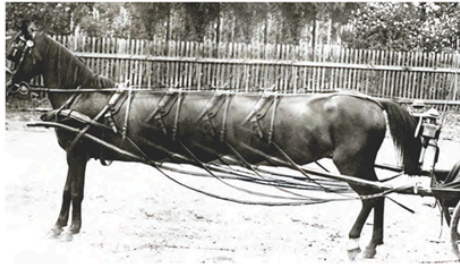
2024/2025 SCCHA Board Members!

All candidates running for positions were officially voted in last month.

Please thank them for volunteering for countless hours of work in the coming year. Without our committed Board Members, we wouldn't have such a great Association, fantastic Showgrounds, a variety of events, and advocacy for horses and trails.

Thank you to outgoing Board Members Steve Shupe and Patricia Davis; you are appreciated for all your work in 2023-2024!

Board Member contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter.



April Fool's Day, 1928: The Dutch Magazine *Het Leven* published a photo of a "Super Horse" that it said was on display in Rotterdam.

SAVE THE DATE!

★ Obstacle events ★ hosted by SCCHA

Open to kids & adults at all riding levels.

Camping available too.

More info at sccha.wildapricot.org/events

April 6-7 Spring Tune-Up Clinic

This event is full, but volunteers are welcome to help and audit at no cost!

May 24-27 Memorial Day Obstacle Challenge

Two 1-day shows (Sat & Sun) at SCCHA + optional guided trail ride on Monday.

Aug 3-4 Summer in Santa Cruz Obstacle Challenge

Two 1-day shows (Sat & Sun) at SCCHA

Oct 19-20 CSHA State Obstacle Challenge

State final event! Talk to Heather about how to qualify... You'll find her at any of the events listed above.



Membership Meeting on a Saturday!

Saturday, April 20 ★

Two Great Events at the Showgrounds!



11-1 p.m.



Annual Trailer Checkup

Review the "nuts and bolts" of trailer safety. Learn what you need to check every year to keep your trailer and horse safe. No need to bring your trailer, unless you want to ride. This is not a safety inspection of your individual trailer, but rather a checklist of what to look for and where to look.



1-2 p.m.



Sidesaddle Presentation

Learn about the art of riding "aside" from two active sidesaddle enthusiasts. Anita Reisinger will present the history behind sidesaddles, and discuss the various types (with some onhand). Karol Kafka will demonstrate correct sidesaddle seat wearing traditional English hunt attire.

★ Please bring your own brown bag lunch.



Big Basin Update

We've gotten some great news about our immediate and long-term trailer parking in Big Basin!

Long term plan: As many of you know, Big Basin never had any specific horse trailer parking—it was catch-as-catch can to find a space to park on any given day.

With the Reimagining planning that has been going on for the last couple of year, dedicated equestrian parking is being proposed in the facilities plan. That plan won't be finalized for a while (so much to consider!) but the locations being evaluated include the area around the previous Gatehouse and the Saddle Mountain Welcome Area, both of which would connect to trails and have space for multiple rigs. Remember that this is a long-term plan and it will be several years before it comes to fruition. BUT IN THE MEANTIME ...

Short term plan: Parks staff are pursuing temporary shared parking for at least a couple of rigs at a time. These also will have easy access to open trails, and a good turn-around. The spots will have to be reserved, using the reservation system that all park users go through, but spaces can be reserved weeks in advance. The temporary access to these spots will be on weekdays, subject to availability.

This isn't much change from pre-fire when going to BB was only for weekdays due to the park's popularity and the lack of designated horse trailer parking. The good news is that with this new approach to specific horse trailer parking, we will have designated spots that we can validate with a reservation. While many of us (including the park guys) would like more and sooner, there are many players in this decision who will need to weigh in and that could take a few months.

As we get closer, we will give you instructions on making reservations and maps of the open fire roads (there are lots!). We will all need to be flexible as there is and will continue to be a lot of heavy equipment working in the park for the foreseeable future, but we will be able to park and ride there again very soon—hopefully this summer.

One tough note: the park planners have stressed the need for accurate information on what they are doing, and what is being planned. Unfortunately, there is a petition circulating that is not accurate in regards to Big Basin, and is pretty frustrating for those of us working hard to figure out both short and long term parking for equestrians. We don't need unnecessary drama—the park planners are doing their best to get us, and a host of other users, what we want.

—*Debbie Bascoe*, Trails & Advocacy

Garrocha Clinic

with *Ali Kermeen*
May 11

Learn this respected art form from a top WE rider & author. Find out how the garrocha pole can help you communicate more intuitively with your horse. For more info, contact Darren (831) 234-9080



June 1

National Trails Day



This annual nationwide celebration, organized by the American Hiking Society, is focused on advocacy and service. We're proud to join in! We will host a work day at the Showgrounds and on the trails in Henry Cowell. At the Showgrounds we will be topping off the footing in the camping corrals! In the Park we will be trail brushing.

Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewards are also organizing a day with hundreds of community members taking care of over 20 different trails. Whichever event you choose, you will help show the community that equestrians really do care about trails!

June 15

Hunter Jumper Schooling Show



Watch for more details!

Working Equitation

Super Clinic

June 20-23

A unique opportunity: Multiple days of specialized classes with seasoned experts. Gain insight into equine behavior and deepen the bond with your horse as you hone your riding skills. For registration or more info: alice.bizri@gmail.com or call (904) 878-7871



Horses in the Balance



Those of us with horses in our lives are a fortunate few. Scientific studies have proven that horses profoundly benefit humans physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Unfortunately, the number of humans who have access to horses is dramatically decreasing.

Urban sprawl pushes horses too far away from most Americans. The rising cost of land and restrictive zoning makes keeping horses at home nearly impossible. Boarding stables are closing at an alarming rate, in part because of a lack of community support from those who don't understand the role horses play in human health.

All of us should be concerned about the loss of horse facilities and open space. We should ensure that future generations will be able to connect with horses and have places to ride.

Access to horses should be available to everyone, not just the financially privileged. Community stables, especially established facilities with historic use, should be preserved and included in every land use plan. Officials should plan for the inclusion of those needing equine therapy, and those less fortunate and most likely to benefit from access to horses.

We need to raise our voices together. If you hear of a boarding facility in danger of being closed, speak up. Raise awareness. No one will fight for something they don't understand. If you hear of horsemen losing access to open space, voice your concerns. Support and join organizations that speak for the horse. Help keep horses and humans connected, now and in the future.



Last month the Pebble Beach Company announced the closing of the 100-year-old Equestrian Center (PBEC) because the stables are "no longer economically viable." Who is ultimately responsible?

The Company allowed the facility to deteriorate. The cross-country course, polo field, and hunt field have been appropriated for golf, car shows, and other big events. Without a quiet, safe place for lessons, horse shows, trail rides, or boarding, the entire soul of PBEC has been slowly extinguished along with its economic viability.

The Coastal Commission approved the Company's development plans in exchange for the stewardship of environmentally and historically sensitive areas. Per written agreement, that included rebuilding PBEC.

In spite of PBEC's legacy, the Pebble Beach Company has failed to uphold the history, community identity, open space, culture, and aesthetic sustainability of the stables.

PBEC touched so many lives. From 1946 to 1979, the stables were managed by Dick Collins. He formed the first US Pony Club on the West Coast, developed a summer day camp, and held monthly horse trials that were popular with local youth. He also encouraged working students, several of whom went on to become international course designers and Olympians.

We need to speak up because the loss of these stables diminishes us all. We need answers about why this was allowed to happen, and what the Company plans to do to remedy the situation. Closing and razing the stables is not the answer.

Click the links below to help keep horse boarding and equestrian activities in Pebble Beach:

Rescued
HEARTS
DOCUMENTARY

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Two award-winning filmmakers are on a journey to help people better understand the miracles, mystery, and science of healing with horses. Their documentary, **Rescued Hearts** will share remarkable stories from those who have experienced incredible transformations in partnership with horses, and wisdom from people who live and breathe the horse-human connection in their daily lives. They highlight researchers who can speak to why this connection is so powerful—but more importantly, they share some of the tools they've learned to help people transform their lives. As a way to build excitement for the release of the film, and to raise the funds needed to bring it to the world this summer, we've decided to create an exclusive sneak preview fundraiser where you can learn from powerful interviews and see some of the beautiful footage the filmmakers captured over the last year. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to interact directly with the filmmakers and some of the people who were filmed for **Rescued Hearts** and enjoy a delicious paella dinner crafted by Magical Horsemanship's Eva Jones. We hope you'll join us in bringing this film to life!

Exclusive sneak peek & fundraising event

Free Spirit Stables

1148 Green Valley Rd Watsonville, CA

April 26th @ 6:30pm

Cost: Your \$125 donation will help the filmmakers finish **Rescued Hearts** before the end of this summer.

To donate and secure your ticket, visit
rescuedheartsfilm.com

Tax-deductible donations available. Space is limited so secure your tickets right away!

Contact Hannah Francis for more information at 805-205-0626 or Hannah@freespiritstables.com

To voice your concerns about the historic Pebble Beach Equestrian Center, send an email to our representative on the Central Commission:

Justin.Cummings@coastal.ca.gov

Be sure to include a copy of your email to the Pebble Beach Company CEO:

David.stivers@pebblebeach.com

A petition to reverse the closure of PBEC is being circulated by a boarder. Click the link below to add your voice:

https://www.change.org/p/reverse-the-closure-of-pebble-beach-equestrian-center?source_location=search&fbclid=IwAR2rqyz1HKyvU-tpPPIEJ6PyhBxCB4EF3ZN7QwfBtZxn3nO2x9y2arErwQs

For a 3 Min Teaser of Rescued Hearts: <https://vimeo.com/927278269?share=copy>.

For a ticket to the preview of Rescued Hearts, visit [Rescued Hearts Film | healing with horses](#)

**Coastside Horse Council Opposed to GGNRA's
UNILATERAL PLAN TO DECIMATE HORSE BOARDING
on the Rancho Corral de Tierra In
San Mateo County, California**

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) has released a plan without any significant community engagement that would reduce horse boarding on the Rancho Corral de Tierra (RCDT) from about 220 to at best 40 horses.

This would be disastrous to the vibrant local horse culture on the San Mateo County Coast. The land covers over 3,800 acres, stretching from Pacifica to El Granada, and is actively enjoyed by equestrians, hikers, bicyclists, and dog walkers.

GGNRA has admitted that the plan lacks sufficient input from the constituents impacted or any published public comment. The Coastside Horse Council (CHC) believes developing a plan without formal public involvement is pre-decisional and violates the National Environmental Policy Act. The RCDT has four boarding/training centers that currently host a variety of programs for the public, including summer camps, clinics, trail rides, lessons, and an adaptive riding/job training program. The proposed plan titled RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA COMPREHENSIVE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN, January 2024 proposes eliminating two boarding stables and consolidating and significantly downsizing the other two. GGNRA has posted signs at these stables that say they are working ranches, but their plan calls for "reimagining" one of these working ranches into an "educational" working ranch with little if any horse boarding facilities.

GGNRA has attempted to quell public fury by telling the CHC that the plan is an early draft, and more community involvement will be sought in redrafting it. However, that community involvement has yet to be scheduled and GGNRA has repeatedly postponed meetings with the CHC. Recently, Caltrans, who appears to be working on behalf of GGNRA, arrived at one of the four ranches without prior notice. They were inspecting the area for a potential trailhead and a parking lot that is part of the draft plan for removing that ranch. This alarming incident has further eroded the horse community's trust in the GGNRA.

The CHC has asked GGNRA to show its good faith by withdrawing the inadequate draft plan and truly engaging the Coastside Horse Council and the community at large to draft a new plan that accommodates the needs of the equestrian community, including keeping horse boarding at its current levels.

The Coastside Horse Council remains committed to constructive dialogue with GGNRA but emphasizes the need for transparency, accountability, and genuine collaboration in addressing critical issues affecting the community and the environment.

For media inquiries, please contact: [Larry De Young, Executive Director of the CHC, 650-224-2579, larrydeyo@gmail.com.

From San Mateo County Horsemen's Association:

Our coastside members and friends are up against a plan by the Golden Gate Recreation Area (GGNRA) that could drastically reduce horse boarding on the coast.

Below is a link to the press release issued by the Coastside Horse Council, and a link to the GGNRA draft.

Please take a moment to review these materials and help support our coastside equestrians.

Here's how you can help:

Contact 16th District Congresswoman Anna Eschoo ASAP! [eschoo.house.gov]. Anna has a track record of supporting Bay Area lands for open space.

Important things to remember:

- GGNRA is a RECREATION AREA. Horses are now classified as RECREATIONAL animals in California.
- Equestrian culture is 150+ years old in San Mateo County and deserves support as a recreational activity and lifestyle.
- Open space and public land holdings on Rancho Corral de Tierra offer a last remaining opportunity for affordable stables and pastures on San Mateo County's coast.

Stay informed by joining the Facebook group "Friends of Rancho Corral de Tierra."

Attend any of several local meetings with GGNRA staff to voice your concerns. Meetings are posted on the Friends of Rancho Corral de Tierra FB page.

Join the Coastside horse Council by emailing: coastsidehorsecouncil@gmail.com

Complete the survey: Click the link below. In question 8, comment with regard to how the management plan deserves re-drafting for the continuation, protection, and future of horses on the coast of San Mateo County.

Thank you for helping support maintaining horses in San Mateo County.

Sharon Butler, President, SMCHA

Larry's El Duque looking out over the RCDT:



Press release from the Coastside Horse Council:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/4e9e8da4601/055c87f1-0670-4235-81ce-8bb5b42e620c.pdf?rdr=true>

Link to the GGNRA draft:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=303&projectID=59575&documentID=134797>

Link to the GGNRA survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/79899Y3>



Changing How Your Horse Approaches Novel Objects by Jackie Decker,

As posted on the Enrichment for Horses FB Group

"I recently read a number of posts showing people desensitizing their horses to man-made objects. Most of them have the horse on line, unable to leave the object, with the horse learning to tolerate it, rather than truly accept it."

I thought I would post an alternative approach, where the horse is free to avoid or explore a slew of man-made objects at once. By giving the horse choice and a reward for being curious that has nothing to do with an attached human, the horse learns to be curious about these objects, expecting good things from them and, as a result, learns to truly accept them, rather than merely tolerating them.

I have used a "treasure hunt" to get horses curious about man-made objects. I placed a slew of objects (tarp, balls of different sizes and colors, noodles, hose, jackets, rain slickers, umbrellas, ropes tied to the fence, inner tubes, buckets, cones, bubble wrap, squeaky toys, plastic bottles, feed bags, whatever was to hand) in the large paddock, each object with one cookie underneath and one on top. The horses were free to ignore them and did at first, then they got curious and explored the least odd object, found a cookie, wandered to the next, found another cookie and then the hunt was on.

After they cleared all the cookies on top of the objects, they started pushing the objects to reveal the cookie they could smell underneath, then actually grabbing tarps or noodles or bags in their teeth to get to the treat. Doesn't take long at all for the horses to decide "Man-made object? Must have a cookie someplace on it. Let's go find it." Horses introduced to man-made objects this way often play with those objects left in their arena or paddock because they view them as their toys, not the human's toys. As a result, I've seen them playing horse soccer with the ball and carrying cones in their teeth, sometimes beating their friend with the cone or playing tug of cones or tug of tarp together. Only down side to this approach is that horses do break their toys when they play, so budget for some replacements.

I first created the Treasure Hunt for a dangerously spooky mare, who would freeze when presented with some novel object, and then explode. This was particularly true for ropes, reins or other tack. Her spooks were dangerous because she would flee without thinking when frightened, running into things and even throwing herself to the ground. I needed a way for her to be able to see a variety of different objects at one time from a safe distance, decide on her own timeline if she wanted to examine one and ensure that she was rewarded for her curiosity. I stacked the deck in favor of curiosity, as opposed to fear, by having her boyfriend, Sandor, an elderly and very brave Arab gelding, join her for the first two days of the treasure hunt. In short order, Sandor started examining all the objects discovering and munching on the cookies and it did not take that long for Tiara to decide to join him.

It took a week of Treasure Hunt lessons for Tiara to get brave enough to find all the cookies on top of, as well as under, the objects.

This was step one with this mare. After she was OK with the objects on her own, I taught her the names of the objects and to touch them with her nose and to step up on them. Horses use their nose to explore new objects, and if it doesn't bite them, they will often whack them with their hoof. Teaching Touch and Step up are important as a means to change the horse's perspective of something unrecognized and potentially scary to something known and positive.

An example. I was doing liberty with Mystic on one side, and Kami on the other, as we walked down the paddock, when suddenly, both horses were facing in the opposite direction. They had done rollbacks without touching me. I looked to see what had frightened them and discovered that a empty feed sack had blown in across the fence and then got caught in the top of the fence and was whipping around in the wind about 40 feet away from us. Both or horses had big eyes and nostrils flaring and I waited between them until Kami looked at me and then I asked her "Can you touch it?" She blinked, looked at the feed sack waving in the wind, looked back at me and stuck her nose out about 1 inch. I told her great touch it, and handed her a cookie. She chewed thoughtfully, and when she was done and glanced at me again I said, "can you touch it?" and she proceeded to walk over, grab the feed bag from the fence, jerk it free, walk back to us, slap Mystic in the face with it and then hand it to me. Being asked the question "can you touch it?" And confirming that her guess was correct by risking a one inch nose reach converted it from potentially dangerous item to one of those stupid human things that if you touch it or grab it you get a cookie.

I should mention one other thing. I invented this to deal with a very spooky mare, but my horses like the Treasure Hunt as an enrichment activity. On somebody's birthday, I will lock them all out of the paddock and start pulling out as many human objects I have lying around and then go back and get treats and start planting them on and under the objects. Meanwhile, my horses are standing at the gate whinnying at me and banging at the gate eager to come in and start their treasure hunt. Since they know the objects and they know the game it usually doesn't take them much more than about 20 minutes to actually find everything but they'll spend another hour going back to the objects, checking to make sure that they haven't missed something.

Fireworks...2025?

We are very sad to report that we have to cancel Fireworks again this year. The trails and river crossing are still too compromised from the last two winters. We will keep working to get trails and crossing restored for next year.

On a good note: The Poker Ride is coming back by popular demand! Mark your calendars and watch for more details!

Poker Ride
July 20



What Your Horse Wants You to Know About



A recent study found that tight nosebands can cause permanent physical damage to a horse's jaw and nasal bones. Other research found that nosebands tight enough to immobilize a horse's jaw cause considerable stress, and possible damage to the nervous system, including the eye and brain.

Another study found that there was a "very clear correlation" between the tightness of the noseband and the occurrence of mouth lesions.

"Sustained pressure from such tightly fitted nosebands causes frustration and distress that can jeopardise horse welfare. It also may push the cheek against the molar teeth, compress soft tissues including blood vessels and nerves, and possibly induce chronic changes to underlying bone."

The historical guidelines for noseband fit—allowing a gap of at least two fingers between the noseband and the face—have been overlooked to create a competitive advantage. Subjective manual checking of noseband tightness by stewards has been called into question.

Some countries have outlawed tight nosebands in light of recent studies, and some equine sports are beginning to penalize riders. Had their horses been asked, and their opinions considered, flash nosebands, grackles, figure-eights, and cranks would have been outlawed long ago.

For more information:

<https://equusmagazine.com/horse-world/horse-nosebands>

<https://www.horseandhound.co.uk/?s=nosebands&search>



Framing a Different Attitude

Riding in a Frame

How often do you stay in the same posture?

Whether you're sitting, walking, running or standing.

How long do you maintain holding your head and neck the exact same way? How long do you stand with your spinal alignment the same way?

Do you shift your weight? Do you adjust your position at all, even slightly? Do you look around and take in your surroundings? Do you change how you elevate your head and neck or the direction your eyes fixate?

Do you ever slouch? Or stretch and straighten your back from a slouch?

Chances are your posture is fluid and ever changing. Chances are, you aren't very comfortable maintaining a static position for an extended period of time, making no adjustments, no matter how minor.

And, yet, this is often something we expect of horses posturally when we ride them. We have this idea of this fixed ideal "frame," where their head and neck should be for extended periods of time...

We don't want them to look around, not even a little, to take in their environment if it means moving out of this cookie-cutter posture. We expect them to do it pretty quickly and maintain such postures for lengthy periods of time, all at once.

And if they fight against this, it isn't uncommon to adopt training aids that force them into the desired posture, whether they like it or not.

There is a disconnect between humans' realization of how long our own bodies take to develop physical fitness...

And how fluid and dynamic our movement and posture is compared to what we expect from horses.

Sure, there are traditions and judging guidelines for competitions and we have decades' worth of belief systems that we've curated.

But, now that we know more about the horse, both in their physical body and their emotional communication, why aren't we being quicker to alter the way we perceive the horse?

Why aren't we operating with more empathy and understanding of how some of our expectations and demands may feel to the horse?

Because, truth be told, most of us wouldn't feel particularly good about the rigidity in the training program expectations for horses if it were directed at us.

Shelby Dennis, MilestoneEquestrian.ca

Dear Friends,

I am looking for someone to live in my downstairs apartment. This is a job of sorts as this person has to be here pretty much full-time, available to check on me a few times a day and for emergencies and the occasional small task.

I also need company for a trip to Scotts Valley on Fridays for shopping and errands. This person will need their own car.

I am not looking for a nurse, but rather someone with good common sense and some strength and agility. I am not looking for a companion—I am independent and self-sufficient in most things.

I can give them all day Wednesday—Thursday morning off, and most of Friday. And their friends would be welcome as long as they are pretty quiet and respectful.

The apartment downstairs is fully furnished and very comfortable. There is a kitchen, bedroom, bath, and a large adjacent room with couches and a television. The apartment has a private entrance.

As an added bonus, there are large pastures and shelters, so having your horse(s) here is a possibility. I live on a 300+ acre property with lots of walking trails and great neighbors. I am about 15 minutes from Scotts Valley.

I am fortunate to have found someone to stay with me through Wednesday, March 20th. The start date for this new person is about then, although it can be moved out a week or so. But that is coming up soon and I feel a sense of urgency to address this right now.

The appropriate individual would be well compensated, in addition to having a free apartment and, with approval, room for their horse(s).

If you know someone who fits the bill please call me at 831-252-5933. If I do not answer the first time, please try again.

I really appreciate any help with this.

Julie Suhr



"I discovered that the horse is life itself, a metaphor but also an example of life's mystery and unpredictability, of life's generosity and beauty, a worthy object of repeated and ever changing contemplation."

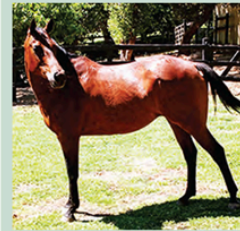
— Jane Smiley

For Sale:



Guinness

Well-built, smart buckskin gelding, 5 years old, just under 16h. Gentle, well-mannered, has many miles on him, fully broke and finished. Competed all last year in a drill team by a 16-year-old, ridden side saddle. He is wise and old for his age, and has a 15-year window of adventure ahead of him.



Abby

Beautiful Arabian/Quarter mare, 15 years old, 16h. Well trained, good manners, a fast learner. By a Gai Ultimate colt and out of a quarter horse mare, probably Skipper W. She has trailer issues that are well under control, but will always need firmness, a steady hand, and someone who knows how to deal with emotional horses that need some confidence. Been camping in the high Sierras many times. Superior trail horse, lots of stamina.

I've been riding for just under 70 years, showing, training, bred futurity cutting horses, and horse camping, in that order, but looks like my days are numbered. Now I find myself out of the game and need to sell these two:

Both have excellent conformation and great feet. I have videos of both of them upon request. Abby was recently tuned up by a trainer, Sandy Smyth, for another reference. I have references that can verify my experience and character. I'm asking \$7,500 for each. Located in Newcastle and can be reached at dakotaenterprise@yahoo.com or text 530-320-0902 for further information.

Join SCCHA Members at the Showgrounds

Rider Fitness Training

Mondays 11 a.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

\$120 a month

\$60 once a week

\$25 single drop in

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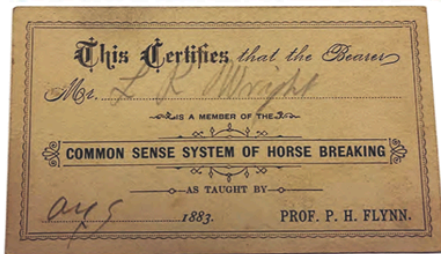
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