SCCHA Newsletter May 2021

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Home of the Graham Hill Showgrounds

May 2021

Promoting all forms of equitation, quality care, education, and humane treatment of horses since 1945

President's message:

If you haven't been out to the showgrounds, you may want to check it out. PG&E has been back. No, they didn't stay. YAY! They said they were committed to having things back the way they were before the fire, and they weren't kidding. We asked our County contacts and PG&E to inspect the grounds because some problems had been left from the January PG&E incursion. Really big dangerous ruts were left around the parking area and the back side toward Woods Cove Drive. Now it's a completely green blank slate. No ruts left and they sprayed the hydroseed, so we need to avoid disturbing the seed until it gets established.

It's been a painful process. We expected them to work around the newly started trotting track and obstacle area. Unfortunately, the choice was all or nothing to get the damage fixed properly once and for all. The whole thing was hard to watch and stay focused on SCCHA having a much better end product. Heather Shupe and her Field Committee had worked very hard getting telephone poles cut to size and digging trenches for a really stellar Obstacle Course and Trotting track done in record time. I can't even begin to thank them enough. And it will be awesome, but later than expected given this setback. It will be better in the end because of the extra work, but I hated to see the hard work that had already been done go to waste.

Moving on, I was on the showgrounds camping last weekend while the work was being done. Besides the weather not being that great, our facility has the best horse camp site anywhere. In my humble opinion that is. If you haven't gone camping with your horse before, it's a real treat. It's so beautiful in Henry Cowell park right now. Where else can you go where there is so little rock on the trails, and the views are so awesome?

Learn More about
Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship
May 18th, 6:30 p.m.
at our General Meeting via Zoom
Details to come soon!

Showgrounds are OPEN
with Restrictions

- Day Use—Member + 2*
- Camping—Member + 2*

Members may bring two non-member guests. Guests must pay day use or camping fees, and sign liability and COVID waivers.

- Read the SCCHA COVID Prevention Plan BEFORE entering grounds: http://sccha.wildapricot.org/Prevention Plan

Coming up is our general meeting via Zoom May 18 at 6:30. We will have a speaker from Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship (formerly known as Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz). The new name is way more indicative of their focus. They've always shown care and concern towards creating trails that are multi-use. We've worked with them on several occasions. At the meeting they will fill us in on what their plans are going forward. It's so gratifying to have a group dedicated to developing trails with the horse community in mind. Please join us!

On July 17 we plan to celebrate. By then we should be fully able to party Our party maven Robin Musitelli is working on some fun stuff. We're hoping to do a champagne trot around the track, among other things. Just a fun social event with our horses. Pencil that in on your calendar!

We've got some other great events coming up so stay tuned.The traditional Fireworks endurance ride is August 28. Come join us. I hope to see you at the showgrounds or on the trail.

—Karen Bish

Mountain Bikes of Santa Cruz Changes Mission & Focus

to Include ALL Trail Users

For years MBOSC has built trails. While their focus has been on mountain biking, they have, at least for the last 5 years or so, worked closely with the equestrian community to make sure our needs were met: think more height under trees and one-way trails. With Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument, they are building an infrastructure that supports horses even in areas where horses won't be allowed initially. They have been good partners in many ways.

Realizing their real passion is trails, they have officially morphed from Mountain Bikes of SC to Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship.

As such they "will continue to advocate for, design, build, and maintain trail networks that enhance outdoor experiences for all trail users. In other words, more trails, better trails, and more people having access to them." And their reach goes through our mountains into Santa Clara and San Mateo.

I'm pretty excited about this new focus. As they were putting together their plans, they asked me to be on the Advocacy Board to make sure our community was in on all the big decisions. Does this mean that all mountain bikers will suddenly be thoughtful and courteous? Of course not, but it does mean that the trails this group works on will consider best practices for a multi-use community. That is really great news.

This new organization continues to be very dependent on fund-raising and volunteer workers. Currently and because of their history, most of those people and funds come from the biking community. Let's change that! To see how to get involved, go to:

https://santacruztrails.org/

We will hear more from them directly at an upcoming membership meeting. Meanwhile please send me ideas and comments or questions. This is a wonderful change for us.

Debbie Boscoe
SCCHA Trail Advocate

Trail Crew Leader Kathy King leads a group of volunteers at an SCMTS Dig Day.

SCMTS Trail Crew Members Jacob Hyde and Pete Katsaros construct a bridge in the East Glenwood Open Space Preserve.

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

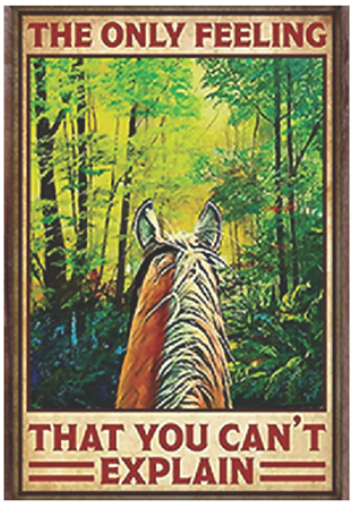
After 24 years of serving the community as Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz, our local nonprofit trail stewardship organization has rebranded to become the Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship (SCMTS). As SCMTS, they serve the entire trail-using community, including mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers.

They're behind popular equestrian trails like the West Engelsmans reroute in Wilder and the trails throughout the East Glenwood Open Space Preserve in Scotts Valley, and want to create even more equestrian access in the future. SCMTS recently advocated for 12.5 miles of brand new equestrian-friendly trails in Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument, and are looking forward to furthering their involvement with the community.

Check out their new website (santacruztrails.org), peek at the dozens of miles of trails they have in the pipeline, and **join their movement to expand and enhance sustainable trails by becoming a member today.**

Katy Poniatowski
SCMTS Marketing & Communications

"We are trail builders, resource management experts, and outdoor enthusiasts who are driven to provide legal, equitable, and sustainable trails for all users."



Water for Horses at Henry Cowell

Many of you know that the horse waterer at the Henry Cowell observation deck is not reliable. State Parks Maintenance has researched the problem. The current waterer is a Little Giant Push Paddle. The online specifications say it operates between 10-70 psi. When the water level in the tank reaches 7 feet, the estimated psi is only 4-5. The tank is located inside the concrete structure supporting the observation deck, and the water level is governed by a pump that draws water up from a remote connection below the elevation of the tank. The current setup lacks a feedback loop, so the pump has to be switched on manually.

The tank also feeds the campground and some staff residences in the park. At a level of 7 feet, the pressure is not great enough to push the water about 4 feet up the dedicated pipe, through the backflow, and into the waterer. Consistent with the flow problem to the waterer, the adjacent human drinking fountain, which also is on a dedicated pipeline, has very low pressure.

In addition, the current situation is detrimental to the use of the nearby fire hydrant. This presents a problem for wildland firefighting. A fix that will remedy the pressure for the horse waterer and the hydrant will involve drilling through the concrete wall to the control room next to the pump to source electricity. This would power a pump that would in turn pressurize a water bladder tank. State Parks will fund the majority of the cost of equipment and installation work from their maintenance and fire abatement budgets. SCCHA is currently discussing the possibility of helping to fund the necessary concrete pad and to provide some of our members to participate in a workday to dig out the base for the pad. Stay tuned.

Larry De Young, Volunteer Coordinator for State Parks,
Santa Cruz District Mounted Unit

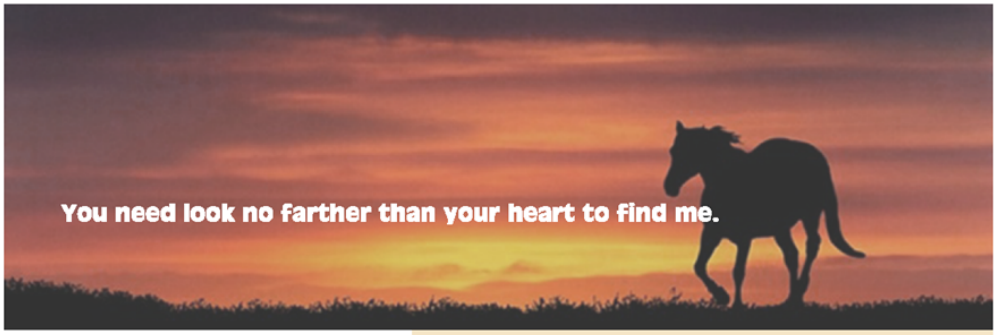
Welcome New Members!

Kim Eadie	*Laura Mcleod*
Janet Friedman	*Tami Moore*
Nancy Hodges	*Kasey Morales*
Pam Hubbard	*Tammy Philbin*
Jenna Huffstutler	*Tara Sheppard*

Membership Level	Total
10-Year	6
5-year Family	2
5-year Single	5
Family	86
Honorary	1
Junior	4
Lifetime	46
Lifetime Family	1
Single	217
Grand Total	**368**

Charlie Hensley

has been given a **Family Honorary Membership** for his key contributions to the upkeep of the SCCHA facilities. Thank you, Charlie!



My horse has gone ahead now,
to blaze a trail for me.
He'll seek the finest grassland,
with water fresh and pure.
To make sure when we travel on,
our path beyond is sure.
He's never let me down before.
I know now and I see.
He'll blaze a trail to heaven,
and come back one day for me.

Milo

May 10,1992 — May 10, 2018

SCCHA extends deepest condolences to Lifetime Members Sue and Larry Herzberg. They have lost their beloved paint horses after close to 19 years of having them in their backyard. Dixie (31) and Oreo (27) lived long, wonderful lives, and were eager to please their people. The Herzbergs loved camping with them, and made numerous trips to Jack Brook and Pt Reyes.

After Dixie coliced for the last time, her buddy Oreo died just 12 days later. This will be the Herzberg's first time in 40 years without horses.

Sue and Larry both volunteered for SCCHA for decades with "never say no" attitudes. Larry is a Past President of SCCHA, and Sue was Board Treasurer from 1980-2008. The photo of Sue and Larry with Dixie and Oreo is in the clubhouse on the border wallpaper, as well as on the Lifetime Member photo display.

We are grateful for the Herzberg's many years of service to SCCHA and to the horse community, and we wish them well during this difficult time.

If you have lost a beloved four-legged friend, and would like to post a memorial in this newsletter, email Karen: palmviewfarm@comcast.net

CAMPING: Once the Covid Restrictions are lifted (expected June 15th), SCCHA will lift the 17 Reservation Restrictions.

The Board has decided to keep the current reservation process beyond June 15th. There are benefits to the club and our members.

1. SCCHA can contact our campers if there is an issue with the facility that affects their camping experience.
2. Our caretaker, Tricia Dalton, will know in advance who is coming to camp.
3. SCCHA collects guest camping fees via credit card up-front, saving time and effort.
4. We have an established process that is free to our members and easy to manage.

You can make your reservation to camp here:

https://sccha.wildapricot.org/Camping-Reservations

There is a new process for **PARKING PASSES** (no more stickers). It is a club rule to display your parking pass on the dash of your vehicle while on the grounds for day use or camping. If is very important that you do so.

Either print the email you received with your membership activiation or print your Membership Card (with your profile) as your parking pass. You can keep it in your glove box when not in use!). You can view and print your Membership Card by clicking your name/ profile (after you login) https://sccha.wildapricot.org/Sys/Profile I

If you don't have a printer, or have trouble printing your parking pass, please email the membership secretary and request that we send you a printed Parking Pass.

Membership Secretary email: Santacruzhorsemens@yahoo.com

April's Buck Brannaman Clinic: *A Firsthand Account*

Buck's clinic was awesome. This was the fifth one I have ridden in, and I learn so much at each one. My biggest take away this year is "LESS IS MORE." In other words, the less you do the more you get back. For example, if you ask for your horse to back up—a little movement in your posture and rope should be all that it takes to have your horse back up. Buck reminds us that a horse can feel a fly land on them and respond. That is as much as it should take for us to move our horse's feet. If a horse will react to a fly - then they should react to that little bit of pressure when we ask for something. If you do anything more than that—then I highly recommend you go to Buck's clinic—ride in it or audit it. Each time I ride in the clinic I am overwhelmed by new knowledge. It motivates me to be a better horse person, and I can see the difference it makes in how my horses respond. You can watch his videos, but seeing him in person is so much better. Another big takeaway is to leave your ego at home. No matter what your horse does or doesn't do—they are responding to you. If you don't like how they are responding, check out what and how you are asking. Don't blame them when the real problem starts with you. You can also be the solution.

Peggy Hughes

Monthly Quiz:

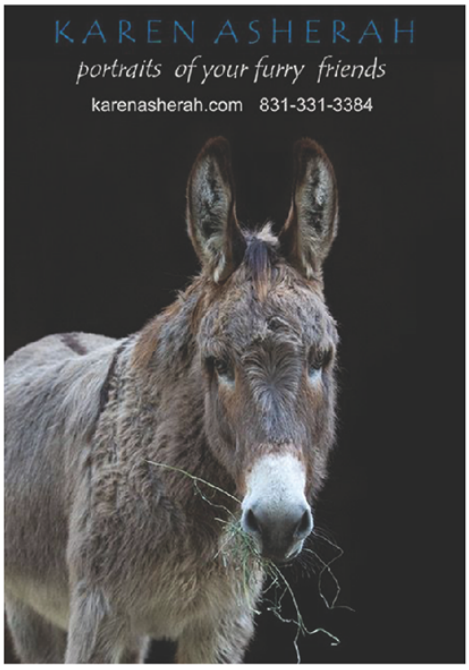
TV HORSES

by Larry DeYoung

1. Peter Graves starred in this. The answer sounds like a word in a William Faulkner novel.
2. The devil you say. Duncan Renaldo rode him.
3. We don't know if Dale Evans also liked this in her pancakes.
4. Although he certainly rode one, his major league team never became World _____.
5. A _____ word is defined as "a word that initiates a process or course of action."

Answers:

1. Graves starred in *Fury*, and Faulkner wrote "The Sound and the Fury."
2. Duncan Renaldo, the Cisco Kid, rode *Diablo*.
3. Dale rode a bucksin horse named. *Buttermilk*.
4. Gene Autry rode *Champion*, but his L.A. team never became World Series champions.
5. This is the definition of *Trigger*, Roy Roger's famous palomino.



Coming 2021 Events

May 18	Member meeting @ 6:30
July 17	Gratitude Party
Aug 27	Fingers Crossed for Fireworks!

★ *For more details, see SCCHA FB and website or email info@SCCHA.com*

"He knows when you're happy.
He knows when you're comfortable.
He knows when you're confident.
And he always knows when you have carrots."
– Unknown Author

Trading Post

Horse friends, I am looking to do a **full or partial lease on a quiet arena horse** with no spook. The horse would be used during the week with my current students doing flat work, dressage and small cross rails. Your horse would be boarded at ZCEC in Felton. I have been doing partial and full leases of 5 horses for many years now. One of those lease horses is 35 years old. All their owners, my vet and farrier will give me excellent references. If you are only able to ride a few days a week, this would be a perfect opportunity to keep your horse exercised and would help you cover expenses. I would consider a full lease, if you chose that option. Please contact me with questions you may have. Thanks Patti Kiersted 831 345 8266

Cali is now an elegant yearling! This AQHA filly is by ***Extremely Hot Chips***, top $$$-earning stallion and sire of multiple point and money earners. A joy to handle. Ties and trailers, good with vet & farrier. 5-panel negative. Should mature to a perfect 15.2 hands. Dam is by Diesel Only, a Congress Jr. Western Pleasure winner. Price negotiable to an **exceptional forever home.** For more info: kdusart@aim.com

Synergist Original Maker Endurance Saddle. This is an awesome saddle but I don't need two of them! 15.5" seat, great shape, lightweight. I paid $2300 for it new. I will take **$900** now. Call Patricia at 831-818-7545.

SCCHA News Submissions

DEADLINE is the last Tuesday of each month for the following month's issue.

Stories and Articles
Members, please share your horse interests and experiences with us!
Articles from other publications accepted with reprint permissions. Email copy to editor in these formats; doc, docx, pdf

Images:
jpg, png formats, 72 dpi minimum

Trading Post Ads:
Must be non-commercial and horse-related. Free to members; $10 for non-members. Include item, price, name, and contact info. Renew by email each month ad is to be run.

Business Ads:
Must be "camera ready." Email images and/or copy to editor. Ads must be paid in advance to SCCHA. Send payment to: SCCHA, 1251 Graham Hill Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Business Ad Rates:

Business card	$20/mo	$50/3 months
1/4 page	$40/mo	$400/year
1/2 page	$80/mo	$800/year

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