

## SCCHA Newsletter May2023

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May 2023

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

### President's message:

We were blessed with a beautiful day to plant the Memorial Tree Grove at the Showgrounds. Lorraine had prepped for the day with piles of compost from our manure bunker, a new path to the grove and a picnic table that we can continue to enjoy. Six of the 10 trees we planted have been dedicated. If you're interested in dedicating a beautiful redwood tree with a plaque, (a deal for \$200) please contact Shannon Halblieb at shanfinn2000@yahoo.com.

The tree I purchased is dedicated to Fella, my heart horse. A rose grey Arab, Fella was a horse who never met a trail he didn't love. He had a monster trot, covering ground with his head low, swinging his head like an elephant trunk between his legs. A 12-mile loop in Fall Creek was Fella's idea of a good morning stretch. As we got closer to the barn, he would start slowly turning to go back on the trail.

He had a fan club of young girls at the barn, some of who he hooked on horses for life. He would allow them to hang on his legs, stand on him and generally have their way. One of those young girls moved away and wrote Fella a letter. It was addressed simply to "Fella, c/of Robin. Felton, California." Fella and I got the letter, a testament to our small town post office.

Before Fella was mine, he was at the same barn where I boarded. I had already fallen in love with him. He had two different owners. The first owner Fella left on foot in Henry Cowell park (not his fault) and I retrieved him trotting down Highway 9 on his way home. Fella's next owner was, at the time, my boyfriend. When that relationship ended, I got Fella—by far the best end of my life. Let go of the guy; keep the Fella.

Fella was a wizard at opening gates. Our barn was a co-op with each of us taking turns feeding, cleaning and putting the horses in their stalls for the night. A chalkboard served as a message center.

The first message was polite. "Remember to close the gates. Horses were out this morning." The second message was more insistent. "Please double check that gates are closed before you leave." The messages turned less polite, and the replies ("I did!") were curt. We were frustrated, defensive and baffled.

Finally I witnessed the culprit in action. Fella would let himself out, then worked his way down the aisle, freeing the others so he could check their feed buckets. It turned out that a "helpful" friend had given the gate latches (the slide kind) a good dose of WD-40, never suspecting his role as an accomplice in the great break-out.

Fella passed about 14 years ago, but his love of trails, moving out with joy, will stay with me always. He was my Fella.

Happy Trails,

—Robin Musitelli



#### Important Dates:

- 5/6-7 Spring Obstacle Clinic
- 5/6 Spring Dinner & Raffle
- 5/13 Jec Ballou Clinic
- 5/16 Member Meeting/  
Western Eq Presentation
- 7/1 Playday!
- 7/8 Poker Ride
- 7/22 Equestrian Trail Sports
- 8/26 Endurance Ride Clinic
- 9/9 Progressive Open House

Check the SCCHA website and FB page to be sure the Showgrounds are usable before you go. Also check the Open/Closed sign near the entrance for updated info.

For more info, click the links below:



The planting crew at the new Memorial Tree Grove.

Don't forget to check the SCCHA website for more events:

<https://sccha.wildapricot.org/>

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

Redwoods newly dedicated in the  
*Memorial Grove*  
Contact SCCHA if you would like to honor a loved one:



This weekend at the Showgrounds:



## 2-Day OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

May 6-7

**CSHA Sanctioned Competition, Open to All Riders**  
**12 Obstacles each day**  
**Most completed at a walk**

Ribbons to 5th place in each Division  
 Youth/Mini-Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced

NEW!

**\$50 Adult/day    \$30 Youth/day**

**Plus \$14 EMMP fee/horse**

**Options:**

Horse Camping	\$25/night includes a pen
Raffle	\$1/ticket, <b>5 free tickets</b> if you donate a prize!
Dinner	\$15, Mexican theme in honor of Cinco de Mayo
Trail	Free access to trails in Henry Cowell State Park

Sign up online: [www.sccha.wildapricot.org/events](http://www.sccha.wildapricot.org/events)

Hosted by Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association  
 1145 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz

## Dinner & Raffle

@ SCCHA's Clubhouse

Sat May 6, 6pm



**Santa Cruz County  
Horsemen's Association**

1145 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz

Limited seating - Get your reservation today!

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Details

Dinner	\$15	Mexican theme with vegan & carnivore options
Raffle	\$1/ticket, <b>5 free tickets</b>	if you donate a raffle prize!

Must be present to win



May Member Meeting:

## Working Equitation

Presentation  
**Tuesday May 16th**  
 6:30 pm  
 at the Clubhouse

Come learn about the exciting sport of Working Equitation. Don't let that "equitation" word distract you—we're talking a true working sport here. Based on ranching skills, the sport has three or four phases: Dressage, obstacles, obstacles at speed, and at some shows a cattle-working phase. I'm trying to get the sport popular in our area, bring in new people, and get shows and clinics going.

My Morgan, Kai, and I got started in Working Equitation years ago. Kai loves obstacles and really got a kick out of the speed phase (which can be done at a trot). I love the partnership and trust we built. Poor Kai had to be retired before we got too far in the sport. I hope to bring my Morgan colts, Hero and Ringo, into the sport in a couple of years.

If you love dressage, this sport will add variety and fun while still working on bend, cadence, and symmetry. If you love obstacles, you can pick up ideas on how to better your scores with dressage principles and add excitement with speed. If you love Western riding, you get the speed, the obstacles, and some cross training in dressage. You will be amazed at what is possible at the higher levels—cantering sideways, one-handed tempi changes and pirouettes, and more! All breeds (even gaited!) and all tack (dressage, Western, Portuguese) can join.

Introductory (walk/trot) through Masters (flying lead changes, one hand on the reins) can include everyone!

So join me at our next meeting. I will talk about the sport for a bit, then show some videos, answer questions, and I hope we can talk about ideas and resources.

~ Darren Hawks



▲ Top photo: Depositing the garrocha after spearing the "bull" (a ring off a bull silhouette), speed phase in Portuguese gear

◀ Darren & Kai, speed phase, slalom, garrocha in view

▼ (L) Bridge, speed phase in dressage gear;  
(R) Rope gate in Western gear



**SCCHA Donor!**

Cavallo is donating a pair of their great hoof boots  
AND one of their popular saddle pads to SCCHA's Poker Ride!

## *Kermit's Cavallo Boots*



*What a difficult journey it's been, trying to keep my horses sound. Kermit is my second beautiful Morgan with the breed's tendency to insulin resistance and laminitis. Kermit needs movement to improve circulation and lower his insulin but, when he has sore feet, he doesn't want to move. The only way to help is with a good pair of hoof boots.*

Whether you're using hoof boots for riding over difficult terrain or for therapy for a sore-footed horse, you need a boot that stays on, stays in place, and doesn't rub. For a laminitic horse, you also need a boot you can pad to absorb concussion. Unfortunately, there are few boots out there that meet those specifications. I think I've tried just about every boot you can name. Some came off, some rotated sideways, some rubbed excessively, some you couldn't put pads into, and most just wore out quickly when used for therapy.

I was afraid to try Cavallo's because I thought they would rub like other boots that encased the hoof. Kermit's other boots were all out of shape, and he needed a new pair. I had run out of brands to try, so I decided to give the Cavallo's a shot. I like their shorter, smaller profile, and they sure are easier to get on and off.

Any boot has the potential to rub if you don't keep your horse's hooves trimmed regularly. With correct trimming and pads, Kermit is rub-free!

The Cavallo's arrived fast, but there was no time to break them in. Kermit needed protection. On they went, with pads and a bit of vet wrap under and around his heels for the first week. Since then, they've been through two "atmospheric rivers," but they look just as good as new after all the wet, mucky weather. Best result of all: Kermit is running and playing again (what a joy to see)...and the Cavallo's don't budge! We're using a little Coat Defense powder or mud, so his feet don't get stinky. He gets a couple hours off every day...but is much happier with these boots on. Until he's completely sound without them, we're so grateful to have found Cavallo's!

*~Karen M.*



*Fitness, Function,  
& Flexibility*

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**  
10:00 AM–2:30 PM  
SCCHA Showgrounds

Help your horse prepare for the busy riding season ahead. Learn both groundwork and ridden exercise routines from equine fitness guru, Jec Ballou! All levels welcome. Modifications will be made for senior horses or those with movement restrictions.

To reserve your spot, email [jec@jecballou.com](mailto:jec@jecballou.com). Fee is \$150 for the clinic; you can choose how much—or how little—of the full schedule you wish to partake in.

- 10 am: Groundwork routines to improve postural habits and ease of movement
- 10:45 am: Ridden exercises (at walk and trot only) that promote flexibility and balance for the horse.
- 12 noon: Short break
- 12:30 pm: Gymnastic exercises including ground poles and canter routines
- 2pm: Wrap up (Jec will save time for short one-on-one sessions here)... OR enjoy the adjoining trails at Henry Cowell State Park!

SCCHA wants to support the next generation of equestrians by helping them achieve their educational goals. To that end we are accepting applications for:



*Applicants should be members of SCCHA and currently enrolled in college or graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into a college. If interested, please complete the application form at <https://sccha.wildapricot.org/news> and send to Robin at [manemom@gmail.com](mailto:manemom@gmail.com) by June 30th, 2023.*



Registration is now open for our  
August 26-27th

## *Endurance Clinic.*

The clinic is a two-day event that provides everything you need to learn about the sport of Endurance. The whole weekend is modeled after an actual ride weekend. You do not need any experience at all; in fact we encourage those who are interested in learning about, and actually trying a safe endurance ride on their trail horse. Learn more at our website: <https://sccha.wildapricot.org/event-5064696>

A new release from international trainer, clinician, and author Warwick Schiller

## The Principles of Training: Understanding the Relationship Between You and Your Horse, and Why Effective Training Works

This book is not just another how-to horse training manual. You won't need to memorize a list of methods or techniques, and you won't need to spend hours practicing another form of horsemanship. Between these pages, you will find the depth, food for thought, and inspiration that is revolutionizing the way humans interact with horses. Author Warwick Schiller calls this *Relationship Before Horsemanship*.

Warwick made a successful career as a reining horse trainer. He spent years observing, analyzing, and recording the twelve tried-and-true principles used by world-class horsemen. Then he added a thirteenth principle, one that is not commonly used, but is the most important means of communicating with not only horses, but all sentient beings.

Warwick's mindset-based approach is clearly presented and wonderfully understandable. It offers the reader a useful resource that can help improve communication and understanding between horse and human. Each chapter is dedicated to a particular universal training principle, which can be applied to any horse in any discipline and, indeed, to life in general.

Warwick provides examples of the principle at work, including anecdotal stories that further the reader's understanding of the reason behind the principle. A gifted and insightful teacher, he often embeds more than one principle in the examples, so the reader can see how they interplay and fit together. This interconnection is especially helpful when putting the principles into practice with your horse.

Because I follow Warwick Schiller, I was already familiar with these principles, but some points in the book

Reviewed by Jane Kameny Brown



really stood out for me. Chapter seven deals with the principle that "They Need to Know the Answer, Before You Ask the Question." In reading that chapter, I realized that Warwick's description of teaching the backup could help me with one of my older mares, who gets rushy and dull to rein aids. I applied his suggestions just a few times, and I am already noticing a more responsive, happier horse.

Anyone can benefit from reading and rereading this very helpful book. All of the thirteen principles embrace a mindset-based application, performed with relaxation and trust, understanding and compassion, and never dominance-based punishment: Definitely a recipe for a lasting and fulfilling horse-human relationship.

If your goal is to help nurture the best relationship possible, then this book would be a valuable resource to add to your library!

~Jane



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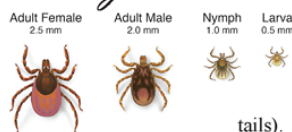
Warwick is donating four signed copies of *The Principles of Training* to SCCHA's Poker Ride!

## Surviving Tick Season

A long, wet rainy season in California means a lot more ticks. The Western Black Legged Tick (*Ixodes pacificus*) is dormant in warm, dry weather, but is awake and voracious for a blood meal as long as cool, wet weather prevails. In spring, adults and nymphs emerge, and both carry dangerous bacteria.

Apply tick repellent like you do sunscreen, every time you go outside, especially when you ride. Spray your clothing and any exposed skin. Herbal formulas have been proven to be as effective as chemical repellents. Look for Lemon eucalyptus and cedarwood oils in the ingredients.

Ticks wait on grasses and shrubs, then hitch a ride on animals that pass by. Stay on trails, out of dense vegetation.



Be sure to apply repellent to your horse, especially his legs, and in nooks and crannies where ticks usually settle to feed (behind elbows and ears, in manes and tails). After you ride, inspect yourself, your horse, and your gear. Go over your horse with a fine-toothed flea comb. Pay special attention to lower legs and coronet bands where ticks hide. If you find a tick, squash it, but wash your hands with rubbing alcohol afterwards. If you find a tick attached to either you or your horse, remove it carefully with tweezers or a special tool, and put it into a plastic bag, in case you need to seek medical help later.

Here's to happy, tick-free trails this year!

Image from Bay Area Lyme Foundation

*We'd like to take a moment to introduce a new voice in our herd.  
Please welcome:*



## Hannah Francis & *Free Spirit Stables!*



Like many of you, I'm lucky to say horses have been a huge part of my life almost since before I can remember. Growing up I spent most weekends at my mentor's farm hanging with horses and preparing for saddle seat competitions. However, when I left home to attend college at UC Santa Cruz, I largely left horses behind. Instead, I found myself focused on the rat race of office jobs and paying rent. When the reckoning of the Covid-19 pandemic hit I finally acknowledged how disconnected from myself I'd become. To balance my mental health, I started volunteering with horses. It wasn't long until I realized I would literally rather muck stalls all day than format one more report!

The more I journeyed back to horses and back to myself, the more I was drawn to liberty horsemanship. As it happened, the Resnick Method's Nancy Zintmaster was living just down the street from me at the time. This chance encounter blossomed into an ongoing adventure during which I was able to study directly with Carolyn Resnick at her ranch in Escondido, CA. I'm thrilled to say this adventure culminated last month with Carolyn certifying me to teach her method.

I've officially quit my office job and have spent every "workday" since with the best four-legged colleagues a person could wish for. Still, the journey continues! In addition to studying liberty horsemanship, I'm a dedicated yoga practitioner and a passionate partner dancer. I believe all of these practices are congruent and I'm excited to explore where they overlap. I'm on the cusp of completing my 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training, and will be traveling to Costa Rica at the end of August to study with Terry Newton at Kindred Spirits as I learn to teach yoga with horses. To follow these and other experiences, sign up for my newsletter. I'd be delighted to share with you!

In the meantime, I've built a small ranch in Watsonville, CA. called Free Spirit Stables where I teach liberty horsemanship—particularly developing and maintaining deep relationships, trust, and respect with horses. I look forward to offering yoga with horses, and partner dancing with humans and horses in the near future! We're just getting started and I can hardly wait to see what happens next. If you'd like to be a part of this free-spirited journey in any way, please reach out to me at [hannah@freespiritstables.com](mailto:hannah@freespiritstables.com), connect with me at [www.freespiritstables.com](http://www.freespiritstables.com), or find me on Facebook (@FreeSpiritStablesHannahFrancis) & Instagram (@FreeSpirit.Stables). May the horse be with you!

*~ Hannah*



*Hannah's long-time friend, Mick, is a 25-year-old Morgan gelding. They showed in saddle seat for many years before she left for college. When he retired from showing, Mick and Hannah were reunited and it feels so good!*



*Hannah's friend Bill is an 8-year-old pony gelding who was rescued from a Texas kill lot by Fairytale Farms in Morgan Hill. He's found a loving forever home at Free Spirit Stables where he's overcome understandable trust issues to become an irresistible cuddle buddy.*

Don't forget:  
**Poker Ride  
July 8**

stay tuned  
for more details,  
including a list  
of great prizes!



**78th Anniversary**  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Your membership year is from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

◆ **Renew any time during the year. Just click the link below.**

To renew your membership:

<https://sccha.wildapricot.org/Renew-Membership>

## Horsemanship and Consent



Consent, by definition, means 'the willing agreement with someone about going ahead.' It does not mean that your leadership is in question, or that you will be rendered helpless, or put in danger, or that you will lose your hard-earned place of power. No.

Consent is about reading the room, so to speak. It is a thing that comes easily to some people, while others wade blithely in, oblivious to the current swirling underneath.

I have a nice little horse, down in the pasture. He is very sweet and, judging by the way he works under saddle, he's been handled by good and knowledgeable people. He is not head shy. He does not pull back. He is fairly easy to catch, if somewhat neutral, bordering on unenthusiastic. His facial expression, however, is one of general grumpiness... that is, whenever there's a human on the scene. On his own, left to his own devices, I can see that this fellow's ears are up and his eyes are sparkling. Hmmm. He is telling us that he has a problem. Unfortunately, it seems to be with me.

Many times, I have watched people reprimand a horse such as this. A harsh word, a corrective slap on the shoulder. Let's 'move the feet,' anything to make the horse show some respect, or happier with what it is that we're doing. Just writing these words seems wrong-minded, but many of us do these very things in the quest to 'sweeten' up a cranky (or, even a cinchy/girthy) horse.

Others will rely on clicker training, to instill a more positive response. Instead, I have chosen simply to stop and wait, to watch this horse and maybe, just maybe, learn something from him. As my teacher, he does not disappoint.

At a distance, the gelding's face and overall energy are pleasant. He turns towards me and begins to walk my way. As he draws closer, however, it is though a shadow falls over him. By the time he has joined me, he is looking downright sour. I keep my hands in my pockets, smile and give him a brief verbal howdy do. I don't step back but I don't meet him, either. We just stand there, side by side, silently watching and waiting to see which one of us will make the first move.

It's a bit like holding your cards in a poker game.

It dawns on me that this horse is a beautifully gentle personality who loves to visit and be seen... but he is also innately dignified. Reserved. He does not want to be greeted loudly with a high five, or to be petted on and publicly fussed.

Prior experience has shown him that we well-meaning people have a helluva hard time keeping our hands to ourselves.

So, we stand and we breath in and out. We share space, to use the current jargon. Every so often, he turns to me and touches my stomach, my cap, or my leg with his muzzle. No nibbling, nothing pushy, he's just checking me out. I keep my thoughts soft and I concentrate only on enjoying this quiet time of fellowship. I am not thinking about making my two o'clock lesson, or improving our lope departures. There is no giving or taking, no bargaining, just our standing together.

Bingo. This horse seeks companionship, rather than touch. I, who so often dread the toxic hugs of other busy, self-important, loud people of whom I have doubts, should surely understand! I, too, am a loving person but struggle mightily with public displays of affection.

I have ceased pushing the issue of touch. He is now the first one to come see me when I go out to the horse herd. He is now willing to reach down into his halter. He enjoys being groomed, just not too long or too much, thank you. He is lovely to be around. So, why, why, why, do we people insist on petting horses the minute we meet? We straighten forelocks, pick the sleeps from their eyes, fiddle with lips and nostrils, stroke necks and manes. Go clap, clap, clap.

This 'kindness' we do so unthinkingly, is done without consent. If my horse willingly and happily does my bidding, without fear or question, what am I trying to prove by making him submit to my caresses?

How many of us will reach to stroke a horse's neck, continuing to do so, even as the horse turns his head from us? This 'away' movement is saying, "Hold on, I am not ready..." but seldom do we heed it. We press on with our agenda of love.

Once we begin to see the little gifts found within the overall concept of consent, we begin to feel a subtle but powerful shift.

I know that a large percentage of my beloved horses prefer to just hang out with me, rather than this universal laying on of hands. There are, of course, those extroverts who crave all things about touch. They openly enjoy asking me to scratch them in all their secret places, their lips curled and their eyes half-closed in delight. They are my friends but I have come to realize that I do not love them any more, or any less, based on their like, or dislike, of physical contact.

The moment I accepted this, the little horse brightened in my company. He has not laid his ears back at me again in all the months since... and yes, I purchased him, knowing full well that this innate grumpiness has been his life long 'vice.' This one little concession of mine has been the sole thing to make a huge difference in our relationship.

I asked what he needed; he told me and I honoured it. That is all.

I did not take his preferences personally, for my love of horses is in no way linked to some deep, unmet need that I want filled. We women, especially, must be mindful of that. More telling, I did not take his dislike of petting as a 'hole' that needs to be fixed.

He told me what I could do to make his life better. Yes, it would mean that I would need to be more aware of leaving my hands in my pockets, or of willing them to stay quietly at my sides. He was asking me to change. I could see that my need to pet or to chatter endlessly, is more often about pleasing myself, than of gladdening the hearts of my horses. I am now observing, asking and choosing to respect the answers they give, as individuals.

That, my friends, is consent.

Yesterday, Credo asked me to scratch his neck, underneath the mane. Just a bit, he said, nothing over-the-top or silly, mind and you know, his ears were up, the whole blessed time. He was happy... and because of this, so was I.

by *Lee McLean*,

bestselling author of *Horse Woman* and *Love & Rules*  
Text and photo from FB/Keystone Equine



Karen and Steve Trolan have been clearing the Santa Rosa-Bel Gatos trail. They had to reach out to Parks for help with this fallen branch.



Sheba's usual joie de vivre!



Liz Riehl had been planning special spring cupcakes, and each time the event got postponed, her design changed! When the event was supposed to be 4/8 for example, she was going for an Easter theme.....



### Specialized Trailmaster Saddle for Sale



Lightweight performance-based trail saddle. 15lbs, with a 15" seat, and a wide tree. All black with custom fleece seat cover over the leather seat. I'm including endurance stirrups and a Specialized girth. Billets are new but no leathers are included. Great condition. Just needs to be fitted to your horse. \$1399 plus shipping if necessary. [debbieboscoe@gmail.com](mailto:debbieboscoe@gmail.com) (Santa Cruz)



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## Trading Post

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**Part-time riding instructor for children with disabilities needed.** Westwind Riding Institute, a therapeutic riding program in Los Altos Hills seeks a Riding Instructor to join our team. The candidate will have excellent horsemanship skills, strong leadership capabilities, and arena/trail experience. Position requires safe, fun, creative instruction and training/working with volunteers. Classes meet Mon & Fri from 4-5 pm for three 10-week sessions. There is a 2-hour (Mon) summer evening session for 6 weeks. Experience working with children with disabilities is ideal. Please email, [Westwindriding@gmail.com](mailto:Westwindriding@gmail.com)

**Westwind Riding Institute is looking for a few good horses.** Long-term lease wanted on gentle, healthy horses for our therapeutic riding program. The easy pace is the perfect second career for an older or outgrown horse, and a great way to make use of their life experiences. We have both pasture and stall boarding available in Los Altos Hills. We give excellent care and lots of love to our program horses. Contact Deb at [Westwindriding@gmail.com](mailto:Westwindriding@gmail.com)

**Felton: 800 SF 2/1 cottage w/ corral/shelter option.** 10 min to Santa Cruz, 2 min to Felton. Meadow view, oaks, madrone, fruit surrounding, yet house gets plenty of light. 2 large decks, full kitchen, elec. range, fridge, full-size shower/tub, w/d hookups. Tile floors thruout, many windows, gas heat. Responsible for minimal upkeep for approx 1/2 acre fenced. Room for garden; horse corral/shelter avail at add. cost. Avail. 4/15. Dog(s) ok with refs. 2nd house on 6 acres, distanced from main house. Quiet, non-smoking. Rent: \$2,800. Sec/cleaning dep: \$2,800. Water/garbage incl. Tenant pays PG&E/propane. Contact Jeannette: 831.818-8013 or 335-8133, [jennamoretti18@gmail.com](mailto:jennamoretti18@gmail.com).

**Grade gelding for sale.** Approx. 11 years old. Has been ridden English and western. Some working equitation and private lessons. In pasture since August. \$4,500 or best offer. Serious inquiries only. 831.818.6735, ask for Kim.

**COAST ROAD STABLES** Boarding Available. Choice of large paddocks with cover and storage. Several arenas and turnout areas, wash racks, trailer parking. Reliable cleaning and feeding available. Adjacent to Wilder Ranch State Park. Message Ben 831-247-0543 or Amy 707-477-4720.



### SMALL RENTAL WANTED:

My good friend, Julie Carpenter, is a well-known local horseman and trainer who has been living up north and is now looking to find a place in Santa Cruz County.

Needed: small studio or a place with own bedroom and bath, can share a kitchen. Julie plans to live in Santa Cruz full-time during winter months, but only sporadically the rest of the year because she has a busy clinic schedule all over the West. She will happily pay rent here year-round as she would like to have a home base in Santa Cruz. Her price range is \$14-\$1600/month; prefer a location in SLV, but not critical. She has a very friendly, extremely well-trained dog.

I have known Julie well, both personally and professionally for several decades, and can strongly recommend her as a low-key, kind, and highly responsible person!

If you have any rental possibilities for Julie, please contact her directly via phone or text: 831-818-3129

Posted by Renee Shepherd, SCCHA Lifetime Member

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## Upcoming Events 2023

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5/13	Jec Ballou: Fitness, Function, Flexibility clinic	jec@jecballou.com
5/16	Western Equitation Presentation	morgansrule@sbcglobal.net
7/1	Play Day	Hold the Date!
7/8	Poker Ride	Stay tuned for more details & prize list!
7/22	Equestrian Trail Sports	TBA
8/26	Endurance Ride Clinic	Registration now open, check SCCHA website
9/9	Progressive Open House	Stay tuned for more details!

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