



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This time of year, my thoughts drift back to the days when I was a kid living on the edge of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. It was a Huck Finn kind of childhood, immersed in horses and the freedom of wide open spaces, and summer days with no one keeping track of us.

Over the years, the names of my teachers and schoolmates have faded. But not the horses – those I remember with the clarity of the mountain air.

Babe was my first horse. A strawberry roan of indeterminate draft horse origin. She was older than Moses – at least 13. Of course, she wasn't just "mine" as I would tell people. She was the family and neighborhood horse.

We usually lined up four in a row on her wide back – I was youngest, 3, and thus last, usually sitting at the flank. One of my older sisters was always in the middle – she claimed she got a neck ache if she rode in back. It might have been true. The tail rider – me – was the one who had to get off when Babe's attention got absorbed in a patch of grass, and lead her to a place – or person – to get back on.

We didn't have a saddle. My parents said that riding bareback was safer. Besides, Babe was so wide that the only way to fall off was to hurl yourself to the ground. Or to have someone in front of you hurl themselves. But Babe didn't allow that often. If she sensed that one of us was slipping or unsteady she would just slow down and stop.

In fact, getting her into a trot required all-barefeet-on-deck, all of us kicking wildly at the same time while headed down the hill toward the pasture. Rounding into pasture was the tricky part – we had to lift our legs straight out to avoid getting scraped by the barbed wire.

Our favorite ride was to go to the city park and show off for the tourists. Small town stuff – population of maybe 2,000 people, sans tourists who we could easily spot because they wore Bermuda shorts with their bright white legs and cowboy hats. This show-off ride required all-feet-in-motion, but only on one side. We didn't want the tourists to see how much effort it was taking to show off a few steps of trotting. While not bouncing.

Mind you, we didn't know anything about "gaits". But we did know that Babe's rare lope was similar to sitting on top of the washing machine with an out-of-balance load, each of us titling at a different angle. The conformation gods had not been agreement when the blueprint for Babe was passed around. But she took her job seriously, and it was her sworn duty to carry us safely back home.

We found stardom atop Babe. Our town had an annual celebrity event attended by movie stars, astronauts, royalty and politicians – the One Shot Antelope Hunt. We would hang out at the airport/rodeo grounds/open field/weather station practicing our queen waves (elbow-elbow-wrist-wrist) and greet them when they arrived.

My best friend Mary and I had our grandest moment when we were hanging around the chutes at the rodeo. The cowboy working the gate noticed that we were rodeo queens – obviously – and asked if we were supposed to be part of the grand entry.

Well, doncha know? Of course we were. Never mind that we were little girls riding bareback on a draft horse. We were Rodeo Queens. We rode right in and joined the drill team for the Grand Entry of galloping horses with flags. At a walk. Sometimes a walk. Babe even stomped into a lope. We were oblivious to the chaos we created, but we were keenly aware of our fans who cheered us (and laughed) as we waved and waved our much practiced Queen's Wave. Only kicking on one side.

Happy Trails ~ Robin

Our Next Membership Gathering

*Camp
Cut
Loose
Sept. 16-18*

*Our First Annual
All Weekend
Club Event*

Join the fun!

Check out page 6
and log on to our
new website
sccha.wildapricot.org
to register for this
awesome equestrian
event.

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must be horse related & non-
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item, price, name, phone.

RENEW by email
each month ad is to be run.

STORIES & ARTICLES

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

BUSINESS ADS

Email to editor at address
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advance, payable to SCCHA
and mailed to editor's address.

COMMERCIAL AD FEES

<i>Business Card</i>	\$20/mo. \$50/3 mos.
<i>1/4 page</i>	\$40/mo. \$400/yr.
<i>1/2 page</i>	\$80/mo. \$800/yr.
<i>Full page</i>	\$140/mo. \$1400/yr.

September 10th Workday

SERIOUSLY... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This is our club's second and final workday this year.
We need you to pitch in — even for just couple of hours!

Volunteers keep membership fees down

Here is what we need to accomplish:

- Weed whacking around front gate and picnic areas
- Distribute wood chips to surrounding picnic areas
- Rake sand back into center of round pen
- Clean Clubhouse windows
- Clean around clubhouse

Tools we need to get the job done:

- Weed whacker
- Power washer
- Shovels for wood chips

**Let's Keep
Graham Hill
Showgrounds
Safe & Sound!**

*Workday start time is 9a.m.
Lunch & cold drinks provided.
Please contact Patsy to sign up at
patsy.johnston@sbcglobal.net*

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 10/16
- Dori Fontaine 8/17
- Patty Kiersted 12/17
- Wendy Killingsworth 7/17
- Kristin Praly 8/17
- Bonnie Stoehn 6/17



The New & Vastly Improved **SCCHA WEBSITE** **sccha.wildapricot.org**

...is now ON. As we've been mentioning, our club has been developing a new website over the past many months. The original, started in 1999, is now obsolete, replaced by a far advanced one that provides more functions & and greater connectivity. We are very, very excited to role out our new website address (URL) — <https://sccha.wildapricot.org>.
Note - our old "SantaCruzHorsemen.org" will also take you to our new site (or should soon).

The new website provides greatly expanded services online. It's easy to view SCCHA's new website on your phone, tablet or computer. Access secure member-only content by clicking on "LOGIN" at the top of the page. Enter your e-mail account and choose a password. (Call Heather at 408-348-9512 if you need help or want her to send you a password.)

This site makes many things easier for members and directors by improving communications and making it possible to quickly & easily accomplish many things online that we'd previously done by snail mail. Members can register for many events, and join/renew SCCHA directly through the site — vastly simplifying getting these things done. Enjoy exploring sccha.wildapricot.org !

Huge thanks to these board members — **Heather Shupe, Debbie Boscoe, Mary Sullivan White, Melissa Broquard & Kristi Harwell** — each of whom put in months of effort to create all the great changes you'll find online!

Home Membership Events News Contact Directions

**Santa Cruz County
Horsemen's Association**
1145 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz CA 95060

**New Members are
always welcome at
SCCHA!**
JOIN

RANCHO DEL OSO HORSE CAMP

With reservations, equestrians can camp overnight with their horses in Big Basin State Redwoods Park. Horse camp is located about 1 mile off Hwy 1 at Rancho del Oso (across from Waddell Beach). For reservations at the Horse Camp, call Big Basin Headquarters at 831-338-8861.

Please note, dogs are not allowed in any portion of Rancho del Oso, including the Horse Camp.



Liz Riehl worked with State Parks last summer to do Phase I of improvements to the horse camp. Thanks to friends' donations, and a donation from SCCHA, they were able to change 3 of the single 10'x10' pipe paddocks to 3 **double side-by-side 12'x12' paddocks**, and add fencing to enclose the entire perimeter of the camp. They also did a lot of weeding and cutting back of the poison oak. *Thank you, Liz!* If you haven't been up there in a while, check it out - and call for a reservation so you can camp in this very special, coastal equestrian haven.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION RULES

Our club has a bunch of rules at Graham Hill Showgrounds that were created for the safety and comfort of our members and horses. Some rules are also required due to our insurance stipulations. A couple of our rules have recently been ignored multiple times, so this is a kind reminder to take these rules seriously.

NO SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS - no exceptions. It raises concern over fire safety during the season with so much extremely dry grass throughout the grounds. And, indeed, many members have expressed a strong desire to not experience second hand smoke while enjoying the grounds.

NO TYING HORSES TO TREES (includes high ties). We have paddocks for the horses — what could be easier?

While we try to remind members of the rules when they are not followed, it is each member's responsibility to know and follow rules. Repeated failure to adhere to our rules can risk continued membership. We need members to understand that it takes everyone's cooperation to keep our grounds safe and comfortable for all of us.

BUSTER MCLAURY CLINIC

SEPT. 22-25 Sponsored by SCCHA



Riding space still available in this clinic!

Cattle Class and Horsemanship 1 and 2 Classes

Mechanical cow will be in use for all 3 classes
[which will really make things fun and interesting!]

Excellent opportunity for all levels/ages/riding disciplines.

Discount available if you sign up for more than one class.

Complete info here: <http://www.thinkinghorsemanship.com/buster.html>

Any questions — give me a call at 831-457-2224 — Bonnie Stoehn, organizer

TRAILER MUCH? CONSIDERING INSURANCE TO COVER THE UNEXPECTED?

For those of you who trailer your horses short or long distances, there can be great peace of mind being insured with USRider Equestrian Motor Plan. If you have a trailer or truck malfunction on the journey, they will come and get you, and make sure your horses have a safe place to stay until repairs have been made. With USRider Equestrian Motor Plan, you are also covered for towing you when you are not trailering!

USRider will provide two FREE months membership when any SCCHA member joins USRider.

Each applicant must use the **Promo Code SCC516**. **This promotion expires on 9/30/16**.

If you are interested in finding out more about this service, go to <http://www.usrider.org>.

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STRANDED
AGAIN.**

24/7 Nationwide Roadside
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SCCHA'S FIRST ANNUAL
ALL WEEKEND EVENT:
Camp Cut Loose!
September 16 - 18
at grabam hill showgrounds

Join Us for Some Romping, Stomping Revelry

Welcome to our first annual adult horse play weekend. Come with friends, partners, spouses, or on your own, and make new friends. We are planning both organized and independent horse activities for Friday afternoon, Saturday, and Sunday morning: arena games, an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt, and self-guided trail rides. We'll have music with dinner on Friday night and line dancing after dinner on Saturday night. We have prizes for the games, as well as a welcome gift for all participants.

Event is open to 60 participants, 1 horse per person. Registration opens to non-members on Sept. 1st — so don't wait any longer to reserve your spot!

1 FEE COVERS ALL THIS...

Friday & Saturday dinners & camping, Saturday & Sunday breakfasts, & all activities.

\$100 - members \$125 - non-members. We welcome everyone from 21 years old to infinity!

Sign up at <https://sccha.wildapricot.org> — click on Events.

◆ Use PayPal to register instantly.

◆ We take checks but you are not registered until we receive your check —

Mail check payable to SCCHA to: Deborah Herting 395 Manzanita Ave. Felton, CA.95018



*Extras: Kim Baker will be on hand to provide human & equine massage
Jenny Call will be on hand to provide human & equine myofascial release*



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

1 st & 3 rd Sat. 9am-noon	Pony Club Mounted Meeting - Large Arena Contacts: Betsy Cameron oatcakecameron@gmail.com / Nichole Fisher: nm84@aol.com
9/10	CLUB WORKDAY second and final work this year. We need members to help get this done! More details on page 2. Contact Patsy at patsy.johnston@sbcglobal.net to sign up.
9/16-18	SCCHA 1ST ANNUAL CAMP CUT LOOSE entire Showgrounds reserved. See details on pg. 6! To signup on line, go to: wildapricot.org & click on events
9/22-25	BUSTER MCLAURY CLINIC one arena reserved. Large arena from 8-11 for cattle class and then small arena from 12:00-6:30 for the Horsemanship Classes. Contact Bonnie at: 831-457-2224 / bonnies@cruzio.com / www.thinkinghorsemanship.com
10/29-30	Santa Clara Horsemen's Association
11/4-6	Krista Koenig Clinic large arena reserved & 15 paddocks reserved. fromstarttofoundation.com
12/4	SCCHA HOLIDAY PARTY

Area Events

10/14-16 Ricky Quinn Clinic El Gabilan Ranch, Salinas This family owned ranch is located just outside of Salinas off Hwy 101. The ranch has plenty of stalls & paddocks available; dry camping available on site. Ride with us or audit for the weekend. Ricky will be traveling with the "Legacy Horse" he started this year and it will be a great opportunity to watch him work with this colt as he progresses. More about the Legacy Horse at www.rickyquinnclinics.com/legacyhorses/ Class offerings include Horsemanship 1 & 2 with Cattle. \$400/class, plus cattle fee for Cattle Working. If you sign up for both classes, cost is \$750. Contact Lisa at bayareahorsemanship@gmail.com / 831-359-3796

Trading Post

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