

**MORAGA HORSEMEN'S
NEWSLETTER
April 2006**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
MHA
1956 TO 2006**

- April 6 MJHA meeting at Mara's
in Lafayette.
18 MHA meeting at the Nelson's
in Moraga
22 Trail Days at Valley Vista
29 Spring Stampede
- May 4 MJHA meeting
7 Arena Clean up at 10 a.m
13 Breakfast Ride
16 MHA meeting at the
Jackson's in Walnut Creek
- June 24 Oakland Hills Endurance
Ride
- July 29 Battle of the Barns

**Xenophon
Worth Dressing Up For!**

What could make a bunch of horse people dress up in fancy evening attire? The annual Xenophon fundraiser, of course! Moraga Horsemen's Association not only had a full table, we had 5 or 6 other members scattered throughout the lovely dining area at the Orinda Country Club. We had a wonderful time trying to identify each other and feasting on a fabulous meal.

See if you can identify these MHA members:



CALL THE VET OR NOT?

Have you ever gone out to check your horse and found him lying down? Or was there blood dripping down his leg? To brush up on what needs to be done, and should you call the vet, go to:

<http://www.ag-resources.com/horse/horsefirstaid.htm>

MHA License Plate Frames

The club is planning on ordering commemorative license plate frames to celebrate our 50th anniversary. The top of the frame will say "Moraga Horsemen's Association" We're looking for input on what the lower half of the frame should say. "I'd rather be riding", "1956-2006" and "established in 1956" are a couple of suggestions. Do you have an idea to share? Contact Zette with your idea!

Model Horse Show in Hayward

On April 2nd there will be a show of all customized and artists resin horses, and all halter: For more information, go to:

<http://www.geocities.com/modelhorsecollect/BAAHCCLS.htm>

On April 1 there will be an all original finish all plastic halter show at the same place, but that may not be as interesting.

CALIFORNIA TRAIL DAY - April 22

East Bay Regional Parks will celebrate trail days and earth day with a trail work day at Las Trampas Regional Wilderness.

Time: 8:30 to 1 p.m.(lunch is included)

Participants should wear sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeved shirt and pants, hats, and bring water and snacks.

If you would like to join in, registration is required. Please call (510) 544-2631 for more information and registration

Things You Shouldn't Say to Your Farrier

If you will just give each of the dogs a piece of hoof they will get out from under the horse and quit fighting.

- * As much as you charge, I should get to use that truck too.
- * If you get that done in 30 minutes, you'll be making \$160. per hour.
- * That's not the way they did it on that horseshoeing show.
- * I see who makes all the money in horses - farriers!
- * My last farrier couldn't finish - they gave me your name and number.
- * You don't mind if I feed the other horses, do you?
- * Are you sure you have them on the correct foot?
- * If he didn't kick like that, I'd trim him myself.
- * Would you mind trimming my new BLM mustang?
- * Can we shoe him in the arena? If he rears in the barn, he hits his head.
- * You sure earned your money on that one!
- * I forgot you were coming; I just turned all the horses out.
- * Can you make it after six, or on Sunday, I have to work.
- * I just cannot believe that he bit you.

- * I read all about the Natural Way to trim on the internet, and you're supposed to...
- * Did that hurt?
- * I know that he is difficult to shoe, but he is so good on the trails.
- * It doesn't look like he's leaning from here.
- * Good morning - glad you're here - can we reschedule? I have a lot going > on today.
- * It's so cool that he can balance on just two feet.
- * Can you shoe him so that he doesn't paw?
- * Don't tell my husband that I used the grocery money.
- * Most times when he kicks, he misses!
- * Just do the hinds - I'll do the fronts.
- * I left the checkbook in the car, and m! y wife/husband just left - can you bill me?
- * I'm sure glad you don't mind working on muddy feet.
- * Does it mean my horses have some sort of deficiency when they chew the paint off your truck like that?
- * This horse does forge, also interferes, and sometimes hits his knees...
- * We need to keep the price down on this bill.
- * I got a bargain on these shoes at a rummage sale, could you use them instead and save me some money?
- * Oops! Wrong horse.
- * I know I said just a trim, but can we shoe 'em as well?
- * My weanling colt needs a trim, and I figured you could halter break him at the same time.
- * I've got a new horse whose feet are in pretty bad shape. The previous owners said their farrier wouldn't work on him.
- * I know it's been a long day for you; that's why I saved the worst one for last.
- * If my other farrier's ribs weren't broken, he'd be able to get shoes on this horse.
- * It's a good thing you're slow today, or he'd have had shoes on when he kicked your truck.
- * My grandpa used to shoe horses like you, only he used a sledge and a corn knife.
- * I don't understand why the shoes didn't stay on. I just had them done 12 weeks ago.

CELEBRATE EARTH & TRAIL DAY

EBMUD PRESENTS...



THE VALLE VISTA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT!

WHEN: APRIL 22, 2006

TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

WHERE: VALLE VISTA STAGING AREA



**Please bring gloves and comfortable shoes
We'll provide BBQ lunch when our work is done!**

You Plan On:

Laying rock on the trail

Pulling out Broom (weeds!)

Planting Oak and Redwood trees

Assessing tree conditions & updating data sheets

Replacing missing tree tags



Please RSVP (510) 287-0459 with the number in your party so we can plan food



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