

Moraga Horsemen's Newsletter January 2006

January 5 - MJHA meeting at 6:30
Victoria Shao's, Orinda

January 17 - MHA at 7:00 social time,
7:30 meeting at Missy Goldwyn's,
Lafayette



ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!!

Remember to send in your dues
and release of liability form or
bring them to the January
meeting!

MJHA Holiday Party

The Moraga Juniors had a
wonderful time at the Jewett's
home on Dec. 10th (as did the
adults in attendance)! Thank
you so much for your gracious
welcome at your beautiful home!

After a fabulous potluck meal,
MJHA members played a few games
and exchanged gifts - with, many
"stolen gifts" exchanging hands.
Horse-opoly seemed to be a
favorite, along with the mugs
that Deb Gregory was trying to
hide.

Shivani Rajan brought old photo
albums to pass on; we are

looking forward to the new
historians additions as the year
progresses.

It was certainly a great end to
a fun year for the Moraga
Juniors!

MHA Party Report

Many thanks to Susan Williams
for opening up the gallery to
MHA for it's annual party!
There was a wonderful assortment
of appetizers to feast on while
we all perused the fabulous
artwork and chatted with old
friends.



The turkey dinner and shared
side dishes were just what we
all needed to fend off the cold
wet weather.

Mo Pakfetrat was presented with
a MHA "gift certificate" - a
horseback ride/picnic, in
appreciation for his many hours
of work auditing our books.

Zette was adorned with her
latest fashion accessory; a

jeweled "goddess crown", only the jewels are dead flies. Zette IS the "pasture fly goddess!"



The "fly Goddess"

During our feast we voted in two new members; Bronwyn Swann and Kathy Henley.



Victoria & Kathy and Julie

[Karen Chaton's Web Page](#)

http://members.tripod.com/ridephotos/karens_endurance_links.html

I have included this web sight because it has a wealth of knowledge for all horse owners. There is everything here from

how to condition your horse to where to get info for fixing stuff in your LQ trailer to ordering ID tags for your horses halters, etc. Check it out.

Things you shouldn't say to a horse owner

"Doesn't it hurt when you fall off?"

No, but landing doesn't feel too good...

"Your horse's only talent is stimulating the economy!"

Hey...orthopedic surgeons gotta eat too! <G>

"Haven't you outgrown that horse 'thing' yet?"

Hmmm...we started with 2, and are now up to 8...I'd guess the answer is "no."

"Imagine how much money you'd have if you didn't have all these horses to feed?"

I try very, very hard not to think about this... :)

Looking for boarding - no larger than 12' x 24' , flat, with covered arena - within 1/2 hour of Oakland. My horse needs this for rehab of torn ligaments. e mail ambb9@aol.com Thanks! Alice Brown

Day of the Horse Celebration

December 13th was the Day of the Horse. The Contra Costa Times had a nice article, with a picture that included our very own members, Heidi Koch, Mary Ann Carrick and Mal Mendelson.

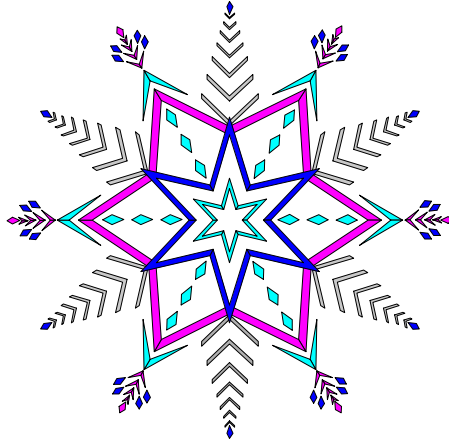
Since this was a school day, several MHA and MJHA members chose to celebrate a few days early. Victoria Henley, Mara Constantine, Karen Bottiani, Gary and Laura Fend spent Sunday spoiling their horses and going for a leisurely ride around the loop. I hope the rest of you were able to enjoy a special celebration with your horses!!

Knots!!

All horse people need to be ready with a variety of good knots - tying your horse safely, tying things to your saddle... If you need help learning how to tie good knots try this web site.

<http://www.animatedknots.com/bowlineonehand/index.php>

If anybody has photos or articles they would like to share with the group, feel free to email them to ljfend@pacbell.net, or snail mail them to Laura Fend, Walnut Creek.



Happy New Year!!!