

MORAGA HORSEMEN S NEWSLETTER

JULY 2006

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, MHA 1956 TO 2006

July 6 MJHA meeting canceled
8 Club trail ride and Potluck
18 MHA meeting at arena 6 p.m.
for potluck 7:30 meeting
29 Battle of the Barns

August 3 MJHA meeting at arena
5 Tevis Cup Ride
16 MHA meeting at pasture
24 All club overnight ride

September
7 MJHA meeting
16 East Bay Elevator Ride and
Fun Ride
17 St. Judes Ride
19 MHA meeting

MHA Potluck Dinner

MHA will have a potluck dinner before the meeting on the 18th. Bring a dish to share and something to bar-b-q. Grilling will begin at 6, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will follow at 7:30. There will be a program, either Jane Jewett demonstrating barrel racing or a horse masseuse.

xenophon Fundraiser

Be sure to check out Country Supply online. Any purchases made with Xenophon typed into the "country code" when you go to the shopping cart will result in \$\$ back to Xenophon. It's a great place to get your usual horse supplies while supporting Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Program!

Hairy Horse Show

The Hairy Horse Show was a fairly small but successful event. Everybody enjoyed the day and went home with ribbons and prizes! Thank you to Lexi D'Avella and Anna Allen for chairing the event, and Stephanie Koch and Mara Constantine for their continuous help.

Preview and order your pictures of the show at www.clickpixonline.com
Click on the "Hairy Horse Show 2006"



Mara (aka Vanna White) and the awards

MANY THANKS TO OUR SHOW SPONSORS!

1. Showmanship at Halter - The Pakfetrat Family
2. English Equitation walk/trot novice - Xenophon
3. English Equitation walk/trot open - Mal and Linda Mendelson
4. English Equitation novice - Rancho Dos Rios
5. English Equitation open - Missy Goldwyn
6. English Pleasure w/t novice - The Hunter Family

7. English Pleas w/t open -Gayle and Heather Jackson in memory of George Wagnon
8. English Pleasure novice - Gayle and Heather Jackson in memory of George Wagnon
9. English Pleasure open - The Jewett Family
10. Hunter Hack Novice - Missy Goldwyn and Marilyn Terstegge
11. Hunter Hack Open - Rancho Dos Rios and Marilyn Terstegge
13. Leadline - Missy Goldwyn
14. Showmanship at Halter - Lisa Taylor Lewis
15. Trail Novice - Wendy Constantine
16. Trail Open - Landes Family/Landes Studios
17. Western Equitation walk/trot novice - Linda Ostman, in memory of Poco
- 18 Western Equitation w/t open - Mal and Linda Mendelson
19. Western Equitation novice - Mal and Linda Mendelson
20. Western Equitation open - Jim and Julie Taylor
21. Western Pleasure w/t novice - Xenophon
22. Western Pleasure w/t open - The Jewett Family
23. Western Pleasure novice - The Peterson Family
24. Western Pleasure open - Linda Ostman, in memory of Poco
- High Point Western Open - Fred and Marg Warnke
- High Point Western Novice - Gary and Laura Fend in memory of Finny
- High Point English Open - Lynn and Jim Collins
- High Point English Novice - Karen Bottiani

ATTLE O THE ARNS

The Battle of the Barns is going to be on July 29th. If you are interested in being on the MHA/MJHA team, contact Stephanie Koch

or Wisti Nelson. Hopefully there will be a practice in July, and John Allen will be there to coach you!



Stephanie setting up jumps for Hunter Hack class

Oakland Hills Ride

We did it again! The Oakland Hills Endurance Ride was a success – no lost riders, no accidents, and lots of happy people!

92 riders left Bort Meadow on Saturday morning. We had an amazing number of volunteers to help them on their way. Long before the riders took off, I had many days of help from Karen Bottiani and Gary Fend, working on trails, making maps, entering data into computers, preparing riders packets and marking trails...just to name a few jobs. Once we got going we were fortunate to have not only a huge number of MHA members and several MJHA members helping out, but also many local endurance riders pitching in to keep the event running smoothly. Many thanks to you all!

The food was a hit once again. Thank you to our cooks, John and Suzanne Allen, and Gary Fend and Julie Gularte for Friday. I am especially thankful for those who stayed over at Bort yet another day to help clean up! Gayle, Susan, Victoria, Karen, Zette and Gary pulled through (bagging manure and picking up all of our stuff) as I hobbled around barking orders. I could type out all the names and jobs, but it would take another 5 pages. Suffice it to say – you are all appreciated!!!

THANK YOU!

Along with the Oakland Hills Ride, we held a raffle with the proceeds going to Xenophon. We made \$340 to contribute to Xenophon. Thank you to those who donated items:

Alamo Hay and Grain
Concord Feed
Horses Dacor
Australian Connection
Cool Tack
Long Riders Gear
Ace Hardware in Moraga
Karen Bottiani
East Bay Ride
New Mexico Renegade Ride

Amazing Horse for Sale

Shivani must sell her beloved boy! I no longer have the time he deserves--he needs to have someone to entertain and love, for I'm too busy with school!

Dakshina is sound, intelligent, kind, courageous, honest and a lot of fun.

I've owned him for 9 years and have done two 30 mile endurance rides with him, taken dressage lessons with him (which he really enjoyed), tons and tons of trail riding, lots of gymkhana, parades and overnight campouts, beach rides, etc. A friend of mine also took him through 3 NATRC rides, in which he placed 4th in the region for the season (not bad for his first year!) and she also did an entry-level dressage test with him. He handles traffic well, crosses water, trailers and ties. A sensible, energetic and handsome guy, he'd be wonderful for a confident beginner/intermediate rider.

15.2, Arabian, grey, 16 yrs.
\$3,500/obo. Must live in pasture with company, and some tack will come with him. If you think he may be a good match for you, please call Shivani at (925) 212-5476, or email her at laufah@hotmail.com.

For Sale

1) Stubben Cavallieri dressage saddle. Older (discontinued model), 16 1/2 inch seat, medium tree, brown leather, no fittings. \$300
2) Passier Baum dressage saddle. 17 inch seat, medium tree, brown leather, no fittings. Mostly used with full saddle cover. \$350
Call Karen 943-7351. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Xenophon

ROSTER UPDATES

Zette Thierry has a new email address. Please make the appropriate change in your 2006 roster.

zthierry@sbcglobal.net

If you have not yet received your roster, contact Wisti Nelson at 377-7114 or wnelson@speakeasy.net

Moraga Horsemen's Association General Meeting June 20, 2006 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the MHA Arena at 7:30. Members present: Susan Williams, Malcolm Mendelson, Victoria Henley, Julie and Jim Taylor, Marilynn Terstegge, Linda Ostman, Zette Thierry, Marianne McKay, Gayle Jackson, John Allen, Anna Allen, Julie Gularte, Karen Bottiani, Gary and Laura Fend, Peggy Fuerst and Wisti Nelson

Guests: Madelieine Kirsch, Jenni Smith and Danielle Garrett

All three guests were presented for membership and were voted in, pending receipt of applications and fees.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Treasurer: Marianne reported that the Breakfast ride made a profit of \$172. The

MJHA Hairy Horse Show is showing a profit of \$401 at this time. Sponsorship fees are still being received. The MHA account balance is \$8309.25. The MHA pasture account balance is \$9774.33.

Juniors: Anna Allen reported that the Hairy Horse Show was fun and went smoothly except for the faulty PA system. Jim Taylor offered to take it home and fix it. Although there was a small turnout, the sponsorships and awards donations helped make it a financial success.

Arena/Pasture: Gary reported that we are still waiting for the EBMUD biologist to approve our plan for capital improvements this year. The teasel is ready for cutting. Trails: Laura reported on the workday in Redwood, and the individual workdays by MHA members to prepare for Oakland Hills. Trails toward Las Trampas and Bollinger are “pock marked” and slick with dry grass until the trail cat gets out there to fix the footing.

Events: Laura reported that at this time there are 80 riders signed up for Oakland Hills this coming Saturday. Several people had questions regarding their specific jobs, and Gayle offered her trailer as the “mobile food booth” for the weekend.

Dollars for Davis – Davis Equine Research called and asked if we had information for their magazine for the summer. The Board of Directors agreed to inform them that there would be a Poker Ride on September 17th. When presented to the club, there were no “chairpersons” volunteering. This will need to be addressed at the next meeting.

The Anniversary Bash is scheduled for October 7th and the Anniversary Committee will work on plans.

Wisti wanted to make sure that there was an announcement concerning the Battle of the Barns in the upcoming newsletter. Members interested in participating or helping should contact Wisti.

The next meeting will be July 18th at the arena. There will be a potluck dinner prior to the meeting. Social hour will begin at 6, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Fend