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Cover Photo

Two years after the Scotts Fire, Dave Lowrie appreciates the sight of new growth and greenery in the Cow Mountain burn zone.

Photo by Deb Baumann

To stay current with Lake County equine events, check out our Facebook page "Lake County Horse Council", and our website, www.lakecountyhorsecouncil.com

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Meet Your New President

Dr. Glenn Benjamin of Upper Lake has been elected as the Lake County Horse Council's interim president.

Dr. Benjamin, Cornell University graduate and practicing veterinarian for 52 years, began his career in California as a restorative equine surgeon. He is one of Safari West's founders in Santa Rosa. Glenn and his wife Dana are proud owners of a herd of Percherons at Crown over Cross Ranch near Upper Lake. They care for and show their beautiful draft horses all over the western U.S. and Canada. Among the herd are Grand Champions and Reserve Champions at Grass Valley and Calgary competitions.

Active in the SPCA and local Farm Bureau, as well as the Golden State Draft Horse & Mule Club, Glenn is a hard working advocate for horses and other animals in Lake County.



The Lake County Horse Council's Mission is to:

- Promote and preserve the horse as agriculture, industry, and recreation
- Inform the public about horse community goals, projects, and events
- Promote educational programs for the horse industry
- Support private and public equine facilities and activities
- Serve as liaison between the horse industry, the community, and government agencies
- Promote all aspects of the equine industry

A Message from the Editor

Many thanks to those who contributed to this issue of the Journal, and especially to **Scott Bennett** (of **Scotts Action Photos**) for providing so many photos of equestrians at Lake County events.

You can help the Lake County Horse Council Journal cover the local equine scene. We welcome your articles and photographs on any horse-related topic, and any ideas you have for articles.

Send your stories and photos by email to: deb@vaqueroheritage.org (please identify location and persons in photos).

Deadlines are: December 15, March 15, June 15, September 15. Write your "event" stories right away, while memory is still fresh. Don't wait—send your stories **now!**

— Deb Baumann, Editor

If you have a story idea you'd like to discuss, feel free to call Deb at 275-9234

Is it hot enough for you? This photo of Niño thoughtfully providing his rider with a refreshing shower may help you cool down, too.

It's a busy time for me, getting ready for **Fiesta of the Horse** on July 27 at Rancho de la Fuente. This will be the third year I've produced the horse show, and the first year that Rancho de la Fuente and Rancho Californio are expanding the event to become **CALIFORNIO DAYS** (www.californio.us), a celebration of history and our agricultural heritage.

We're starting out small, with just a half-day event (Farmer's Market from 9am-1pm, Fiesta show at 10:30am, food and beverages in the Barn after the horse show, musical entertainment by singer Irma Lopez, and possibly a lecture from yours truly on California's Golden Era (1820s—1840s).

In future years, I hope to see CALIFORNIO DAYS grow to include exhibitions of heritage livestock and demonstrations of skills and crafts employed by early Californians, including Native Americans, Spanish Missions, vaqueros and the Rancho era, all the way to the modern organic and sustainable farming movement. I've been lecturing on the early history for decades and have produced educational forums in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institute, the Autry Museum of the American West, and the Santa Ynez Vaquero Show. For years, I led an 1820-era authentically costumed mounted color guard that rode in the Santa Barbara Old Spanish Days parade (El Desfile Historico) carrying the four national flags that have flown over California.

In short, this topic is close to my heart..! I am excited to partner with Frank and Rosanna Perez at Rancho de la Fuente in creating this new event, which will hopefully encourage other people to become enthusiastic about early California history, too.

Many thanks to the Lake County Horse Council for supporting CALIFORNIO DAYS with a generous donation. Other sponsors include Balius Farm Miniature Sport Horses, the Highland Springs Equestrian Center, Highland Springs Trails Volunteers, Hooves and Wheels Driving Club, "The Longest Trail" author Roni McFaddan, the Lake County Wine Studio, and

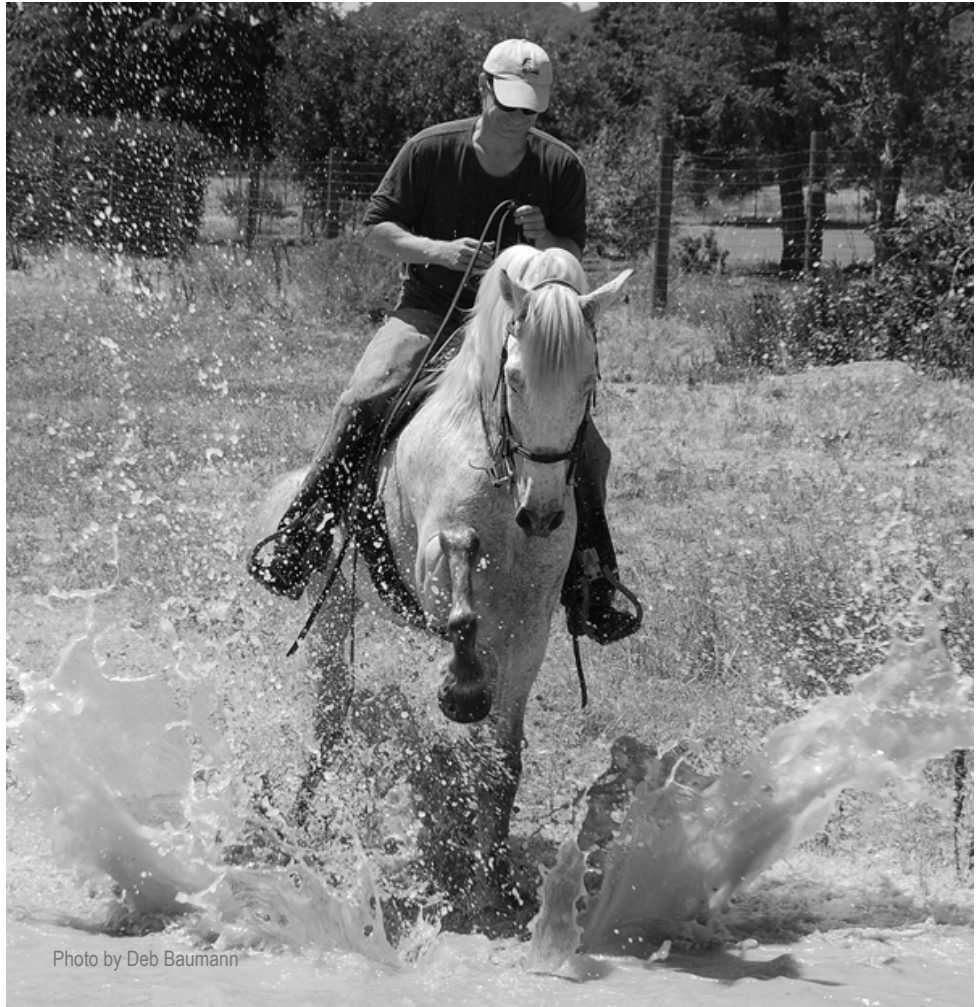


Photo by Deb Baumann

Rainbow Ag.

Two great events follow hard on the heels of Fiesta. The weekend after, on August 2, is "**Grillin' on the Green**," a BBQ competition held at Westside Community Park (see page 21). There's always been intention to include an equestrian staging area and arena at Westside, and you can encourage that development by attending the BBQ and letting people know that equestrians are actively supporting the park expansion project.

The weekend after that, on August 9, the LCHC is holding a **member meeting, potluck and trail ride** at Dana and Glenn Benjamin's lovely ranch north of Upper Lake (see page 21).

There's always plenty to do!

Vaya Con Dios

Deb Baumann



Dr. Coral Ashby Memorial Play Day written by Carol Maxwell

This spring, Roz Ashby led a small team of volunteers to create a series of marathon hazards, a Town and Country course, and a full-on, 20-gate cones course on her daughter's property just southwest of Lakeport. Once it was completed, she invited the Hooves and Wheels Driving Club and Friends to the Dr. Coral Ashby Memorial Playday, June 22nd.

The memorial was apropos. Coral Ashby was an avid horsewoman. She rode them, she drove them, and she healed them.

Dr. Ashby moved to Lake County in 1988 and opened the Main Street Veterinary Clinic in 1992. She spent the rest of her life here rescuing, healing, and loving the animals of Lake County. She was firm, patient, and caring with animals and their owners. And she was a tenacious diagnostician, seeking a way to help a suffering animal, whether faced with injury or disease.

But she wasn't all business. Coral Ashby was a wonderful friend, a great competitor, and a lot of fun. She and Carol Thorn teamed up to compete in Combined Driving Events (CDE). Such events include a marathon, complete with obstacles, a cones course, and a dressage test.

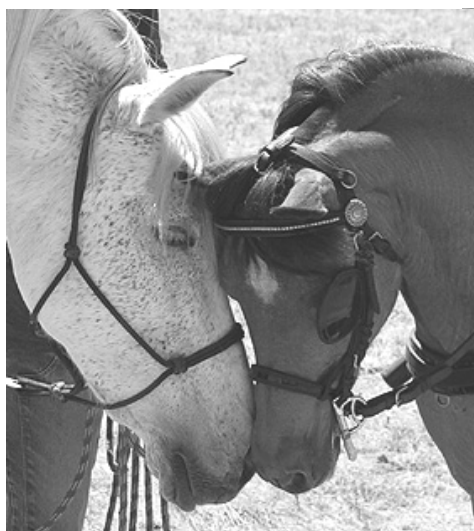
When Carol and Coral competed, Carol drove while Coral navigated. Just ask about those days and you'll see a smile come to Carol's face. In 1998 Coral was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). As the disease progressed, she cooperated with researchers attempting to understand this devastating disease. She endured spinal taps and tear collections in the hopes of helping others. Her friendships endured through the final stages of her disease, well beyond the point when she lost the ability to speak. Her friends would point at a chart and she would blink to communicate. She lost her valiant battle with the disease 7 years after her diagnosis.

Each year Carol Thorn and Jaxan Christensen (who, with Barbara Kroboth, also competed in CDEs along with Carol and Coral) sponsor an award buckle given to honor Coral Ashby. Many of you have heard the speech given annually to honor Dr. Ashby at the 4-H and FFA awards, during the Lake County Fair.

With the inauguration of this driving course, there is another memorial for this remarkable woman.

Clockwise from below: Barbara Kroboth and Easy, the Siri-Homburgs and Sarah, appreciative audience & cone fixers, Jaxan Christensen and Brady. Photos by Deb Baumann





“Trust mama, Charm. I would never ask you to do anything dangerous.”

“That water looks scary, Mom.”

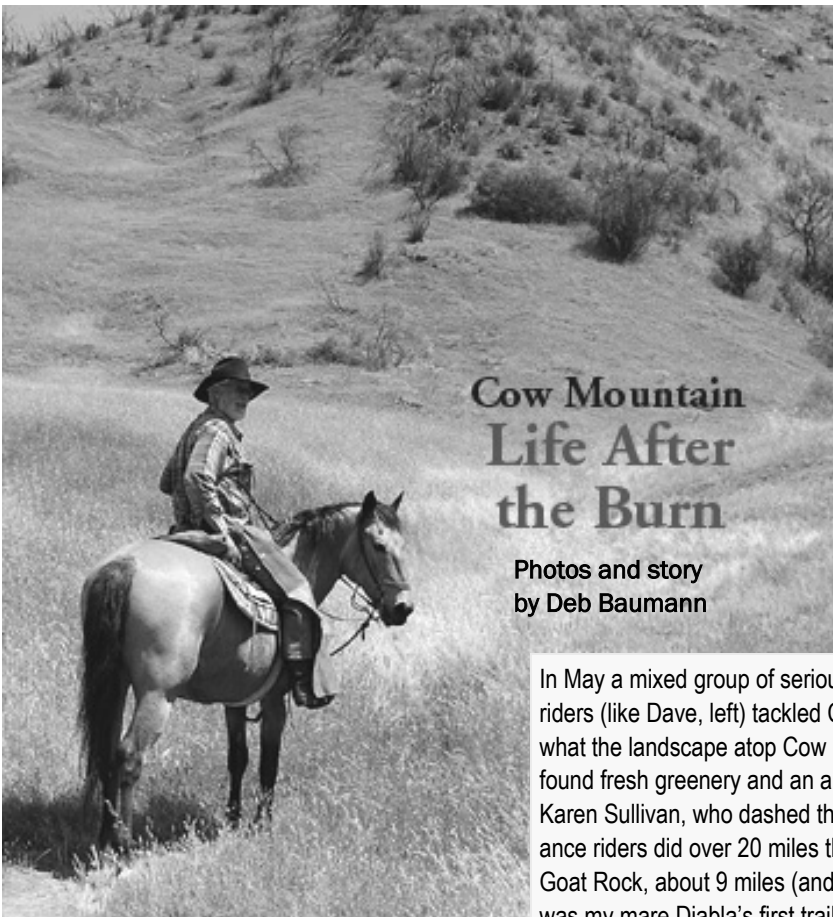


Above left: “Hi, my name’s Niño and I’m an Andalusian.” “My name’s Easy, and I’m a Shetland. Pleased to meet ya.”

Clockwise from top right: Carol Maxwell and Charm, the Jo Dee Howard team making a splash,* Angie Herman and her Morgan, Susan Cannon’s Niño and Barbara Kroboth’s Easy. Photos by Deb Baumann

*More photos of champion competitive driver Jo Dee Howard on page 15.



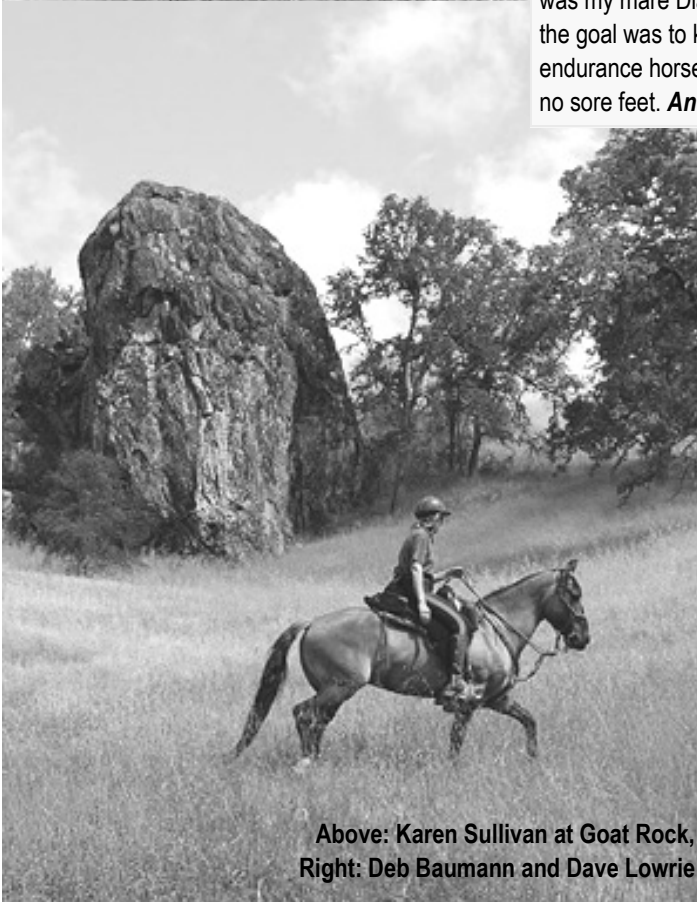


Cow Mountain Life After the Burn

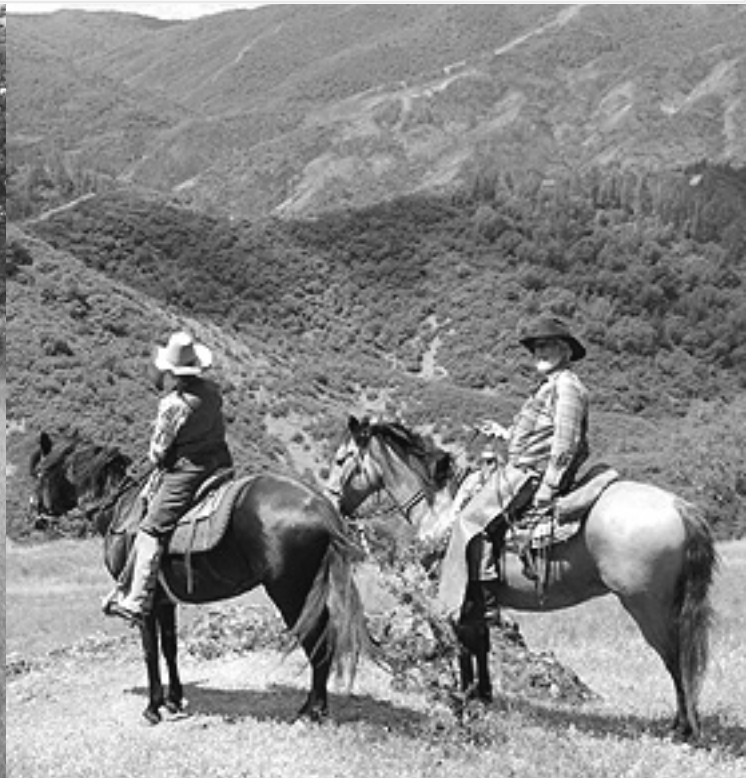
Photos and story
by Deb Baumann



In May a mixed group of serious endurance riders (like Scott, above) and more leisurely trail riders (like Dave, left) tackled Cow Mountain via the **Glen Eden Trail**. I was curious to see what the landscape atop Cow Mountain looks like, two years after the Scotts Fire. We found fresh greenery and an abundance of wild flowers, which excited native botany expert Karen Sullivan, who dashed this way and that, taking photos of flora and fauna. The endurance riders did over 20 miles that day, up to the radio tower. Dave, Karen and I just went to Goat Rock, about 9 miles (and the endurance riders still passed us on the way home!). This was my mare Diabla's first trail ride without one of her ranch-mates along for company, and the goal was to keep her calm and happy on her first solo outing. Every horse (including the endurance horses) was barefoot, and the ground gets pretty rocky in places, but there were no sore feet. **Another great ride in Lake County!**



Above: Karen Sullivan at Goat Rock,
Right: Deb Baumann and Dave Lowrie



Wagons, Ho! On the Trail with the Golden State Draft Horse & Mule Club *by field reporter Kenn McCarty*

June 25 — Nine covered wagon teams just completed a 10-day excursion in the country east of Lake Almanor and north of Susanville. Part of the route was the historic Noble Trail with many of the roads being USFS back country scenic bi-ways as well as some travel through private ranches set up by permission in advance.

Three Lake County teams of the Golden State Draft Horse & Mule Club went...Susan McCarty teamed up with Mike Lorenzini, Andre & Ellen Boersma and John & Joanne Van Eck. There were four additional teams from the Golden State Draft Horse & Mule Club and two teams were from the ETI Corral 14 group based out of the Owens Valley. There were also a couple of out-riders.

The group had a support truck to haul water, horse feed, a porta-pottie, tools, etc. Each team had to haul all their own personal items, food, sundries, camping gear and horse care needs.

This was the maiden voyage for the Van Eck's newly built wagon which was different from all the others as it was designed in the Gypsy wagon style.

The Boersma's covered wagon, originally built by Juan Erquiaga, had some recent upgrades and modernization completed to improve storage, an onboard water tank and a 12v system.

The McCarty's wagon was recently purchased from another GSDHMC member and it received a host of vintage (but functional) appointments including a newly constructed (but vintage looking) chuck box and stove box; with the gas stove being the most modern feature on the wagon. The wagon itself is built on a 1920s manure wagon chassis.

The above mentioned clubs each host one or more wagon train camp trips each year.



Top photos: McCarty wagon on the road and set up for dinner

Lower photo: Boersma wagon at the lake

(Editor Note: this may be our first article published from the field, courtesy of smart phone technology... Talk about "hot off the press"!)



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Putting the “Rodeo” in “Rodeo Queen”

Making a special appearance at the Stonyford Rodeo in May, aboard a new horse named Onyx which she borrowed from her sister Jennifer, Lake County Rodeo Queen Joy Bennett “cowgirl’d up” when Onyx got a little overcome with all the excitement.

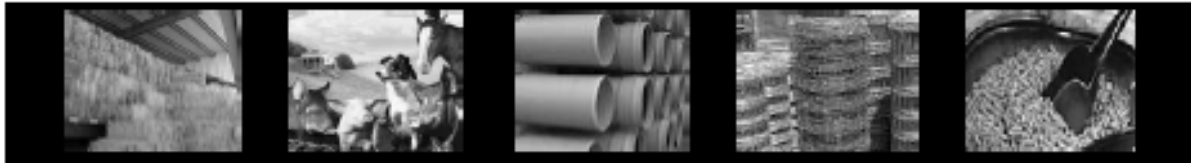
A true Queen, Joy kept her seat and her poise throughout.



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On a lovely cool and partly cloudy day, on a hill-top in Kelseyville with a vista of vineyards, mountains, forests and clouds, the beckoning strains of classical music urged everyone to quicken their pace in preparation for the first rider to enter the arena in the second Lake County CDS show of the year.

It was a typically small and friendly gathering of dressage enthusiasts that included 11 riders, 2 drivers, 11 horses, 1 pony, and 2 miniature horses. The show was half rated show and half schooling show, with 14 entries in each category. An "entry" is defined here as a single test that is ridden or driven. The breakdown of entries was: 10 entries (5 riders) in USEF Training Level tests, 1 entry in USEF First Level test 1, 3 entries in USEF Dressage Seat Equitation, 4 entries (2 riders) in USDF Introductory Level tests, 3 entries (5 riders) each in USEF Western Dressage Introductory and Basic Level tests, and 4 entries (2 drivers) in ADS Training Level tests.

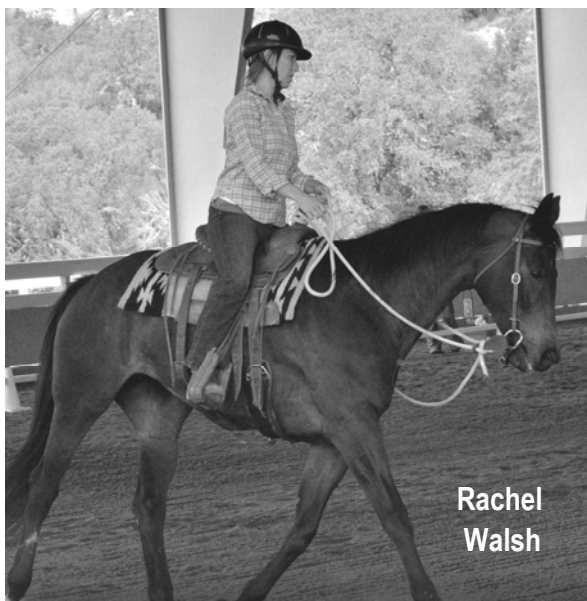
Five High Score awards were given. The junior High Score award for ridden dressage went to Faith Field for her ride on Little Laura in USEF Training Level Test 3 with a score of 59.00% , the Adult Amateur High Score award went to Elizabeth Rohnstock for her ride on Nicki in USEF Training Level Test 1 with a score of 56.04%, and the Open High Score award went to Esther Siegel riding Emmy in USEF Training Level Test 3 with a score of 62.60%. In Western Dressage, the Open High Score award was earned by Char Field for her ride on Paul in Western Dressage Basic Test 1, with a score of 68.71%. Lastly, in Driven Dressage, the High Score award went to Carol Maxwell for driving her mini-horse, Charm, in ADS Training Level Test 1 with a score of 70.00%.

There was also a CDS Pony Award winner - Esther Siegel riding Emmy in USEF Training Level Test 3 with a score of 62.60%. Emmy was the only registered pony in the show, and Esther indicated in advance, as is necessary, that she wanted to qualify for the CDS Pony Award for this show.

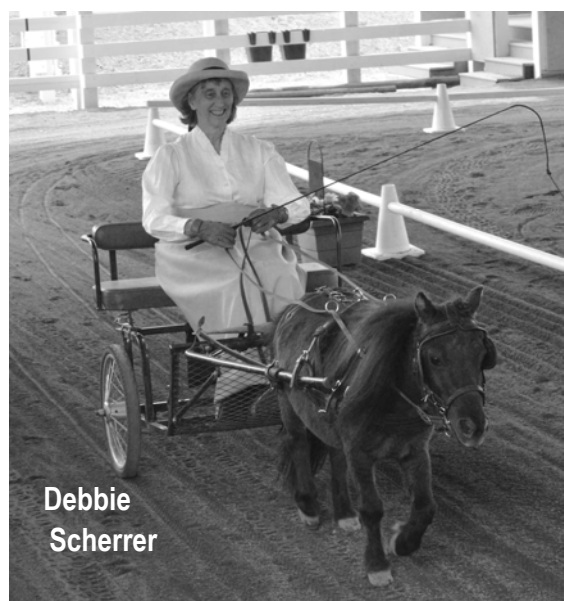
This is the first show we have held that has had two judges - Jaki Hardy, with the USDF "r" rating, judged all the classes except for the Driven Dressage classes, which were judged by Barbara Kroboth, a veteran of the local dressage driving world.

As usual, this show could only have happened with the generous assistance of our dedicated volunteers, and Lake County CDS Chapter is extremely grateful for the efforts of the following people: Paul Marchand as EMT and announcer, Ann Marie Borges as scribe, Winnie Lea and Deb Baumann as scorekeepers, Ernestine and Angela Goforth running the food booth, Zoe Leblanc and Alex Shenck as gatekeepers, Lana Thompson as runner and photographer, Juliana Vidich as secretary and manager, Barbara Kroboth as Driven Dressage judge, and Heather Sentz.

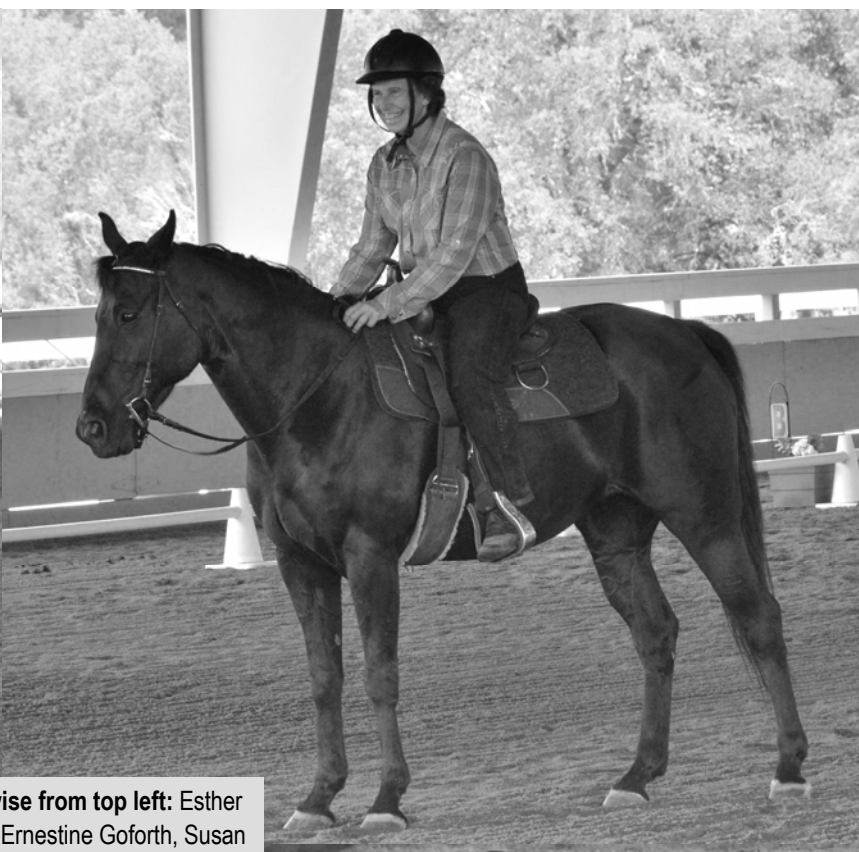
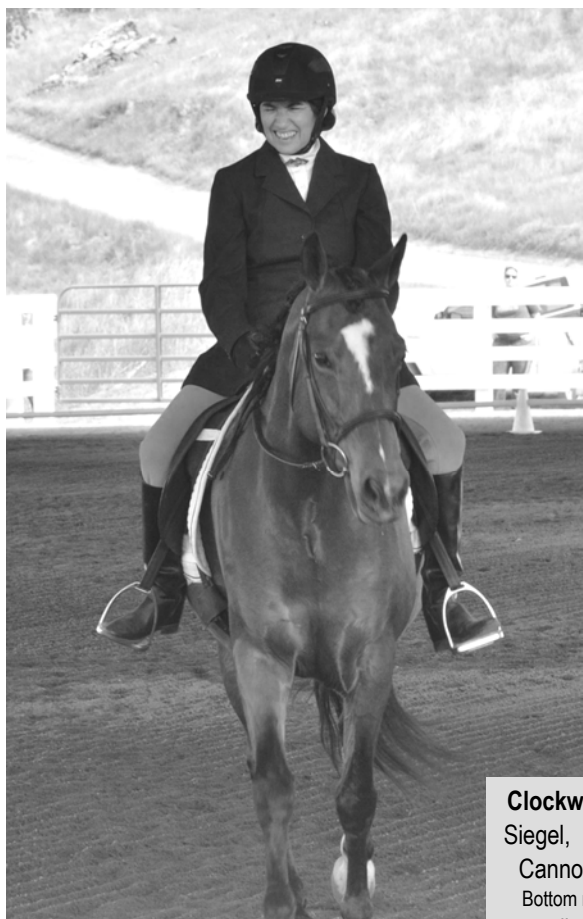
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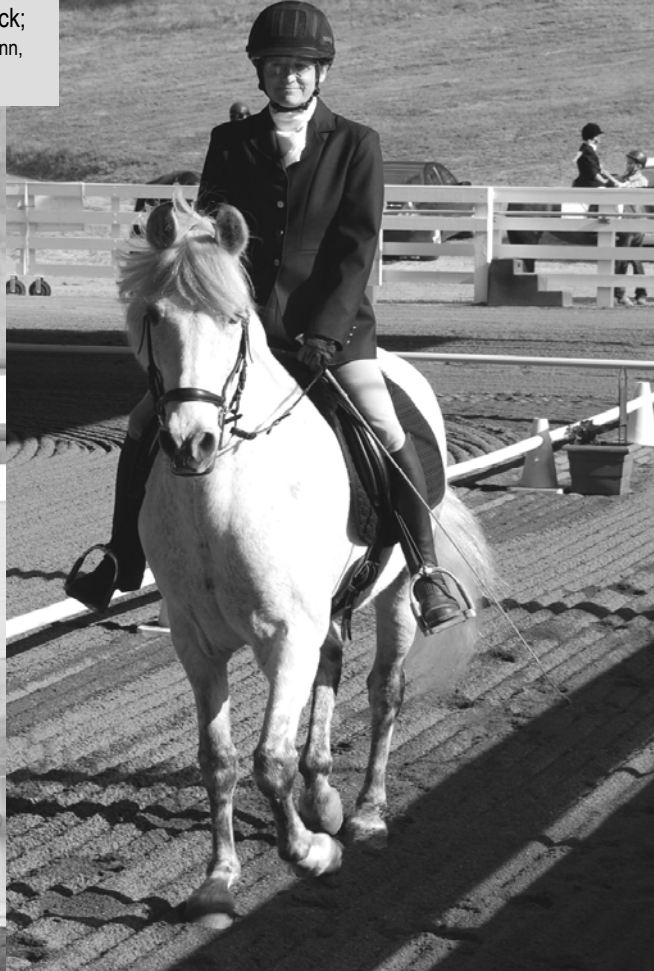
Rachel Walsh



Debbie Scherrer



Clockwise from top left: Esther Siegel, Ernestine Goforth, Susan Cannon, Elizabeth Rohnstock;
Bottom right photo by Deb Baumann,
all others by Juliana Vidich



Hooves & Wheels Quadrille Team Gets Ready for Fiesta by Jaxan Christensen



The **Hooves and Wheels Driving Club** drill team will be performing at the Fiesta of the Horse again this year. About a half dozen members of the club have been practicing for the last few weeks with their mini-horses and ponies at Argonaut Farm in Lakeport. They meet weekly, practicing a routine they have jointly created and then paired with music. Learning and practicing the drill is fun and teaches drivers and their ponies many skills. Last years' routine was well received by the crowd and they are looking forward to performing their new routine this year at the event.

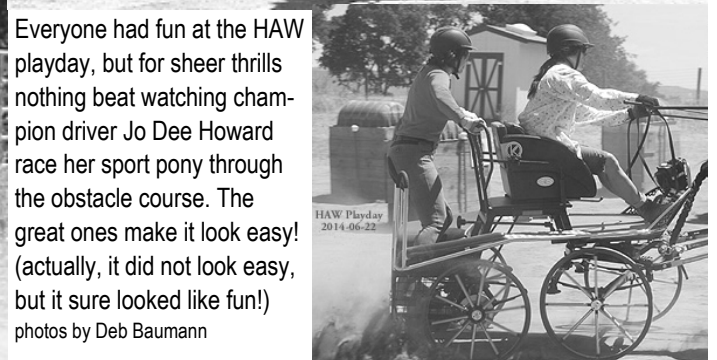
The Hooves and Wheels Driving Club of Lake County meets monthly, offering clinics and hosting drives and other events. Our members drive everything from draft horses down to miniature horses and our events are open to all equestrians, ridden or driven. We are proud supporters and co-sponsors of California Days /Fiesta of the Horse.

For more information about Hooves and Wheels Driving Club call 357-3009.

Above: Concentric circles, one of the moves in the routine.

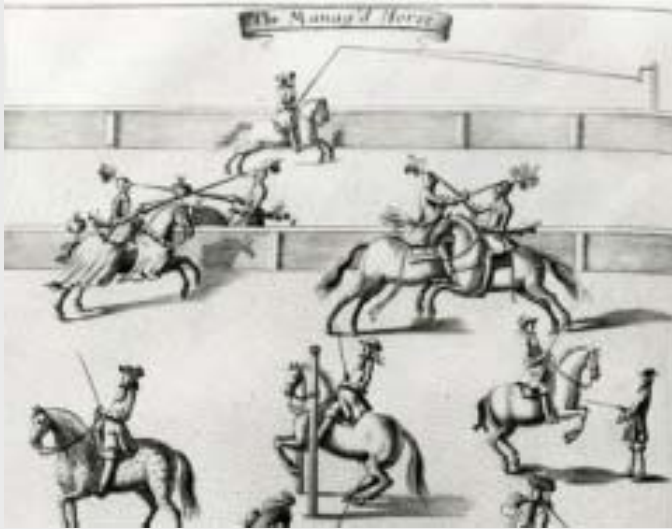
Below: Carol Thorn, Jaxan Christensen, Lynn Hughes, Barbara Kroboth, Sally Green, Carol Maxwell and Andre Boersma.





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Rattlesnake Bites

by Carleen Cady

Only about 10% of snakes native to the U. S. are venomous. Most of these are in the West and South. However, rattlesnakes are found in all the lower 48 states except Maine.

Several hundred horses are bitten annually by venomous snakes in the U. S. with a mortality rate of 10 to 30 percent. Due to the size of the horse snake bites don't usually have the lethal effect they do on animals of smaller body size. The severity of the bite depends upon the volume and potency of the venom injected, the health of the victim, and the location of the bite. Even if a horse survives the initial bite, there is a chance it may develop laminitis and founder later on. Any metabolic trauma can initiate the process of laminitis.

Most horses are bitten on the muzzle. The soft tissue of the muzzle swells and shuts off the horse's airway. Without medical intervention, these horses can die from suffocation. Horses bitten on the lower leg are not as obvious at first. As soon as you recognize there has been a bite walk your horse to the closest area where you can get a vet or to a horse trailer to take it to a vet. If the nostrils start swelling try placing a 6 inch piece of hose or modified syringe tube into the nostril. This will have to be held in place. It may be impossible to insert a tube due to the horse's agitation. If you wait for full swelling you will be unable to insert the tube.

When a vet is available, he/she will probably give a sedative to calm the animal and establish an adequate airway. The vet may cut into the windpipe, called a tracheotomy, to establish breathing until the swelling of a nose bite site goes down. The horse may not be able to eat or drink and may require intravenous fluid therapy.

Antibiotics may be administered over several days. Bacteria from the snake's mouth, not from venom, can carry tetanus (*Clostridium tetani*) and/ or other bacterial infections, Anti-inflammatory drugs such as intravenous phenylbutazone (Bute) may be given. Tetanus shots should be current. Bitten horses should be monitored closely for at least two weeks. Some die of complications after a week since the kidney, heart and other organs may be affected.

The venom can affect the heart rhythm or damage the heart valves of any victim. (horse, human or dog). The hemotoxin causes lysis (disintegration) of red blood cells. This process can cause kidney damage.

Snakes can strike multiple times so after a strike and or bite continue to stay more than the length of the snake away.

Envenomation experts advise against suction. Suction does not remove enough venom to make any difference and may increase damage to the tissues. Definitely no cutting. Tourniquets are NOT recommended. Pressure wraps are controversial and even though the Red Cross

recommends them, researchers are not recommending them and trying to get the recommendation changed. Benadryl may not be of help as the damage is not really from an allergic reaction although it may help calm a dog or person.

Baby rattlers are NOT more dangerous and in fact they produce less venom. Medium to large snakes are more dangerous. Some bites can be "dry" bites but you cannot tell until you monitor for symptoms. It is the amount of venom injected that makes a difference.

The venom is destructive to local tissues and internal organs, blood coagulation and nerves. Lengthy stays in the hospital with extensive surgeries was correlated more with bites from larger snakes.

Dogs now can get an immunization prior to a bite that may help lessen the reaction if they do get bit. The anti-venin shot for after a bite can help but is quite expensive. It can be used in dogs and in horses. It can be given more than once but there is the chance of a severe allergic reaction after the first exposure to the antivenin.

A rattle snake will usually be quiet to avoid being seen. He will often leave if he can. He will usually warn with a rattle and only fight when he has to. The severity of the bite is the same if provoked or unprovoked. (a study showed most provoked bites were to males under the influence of alcohol) One can become envenomated from the fangs of a dead snake. A snake can bite but not strike if lying straight out but can strike from an "S" position as well as coiled and can change position rapidly.

Remember, don't lose sight of the basic rules of caring for a rattlesnake bite:

- 1) Remain calm.** Less than 1 in 1000 people die in this country and serious effects take some time to develop.
- 2) Assume the bite is a serious one,** even if initial signs and symptoms are not alarming.
- 3) Go to the nearest hospital immediately.** If it's not a bad bite (and it might not be), figure that out in the emergency department. Don't wait for symptoms to develop before heading to help.
- 4) Antivenin is the only effective treatment.** In a bad bite, time is tissue! Don't wait to seek help. Don't delay transport for first aid because there is nothing you can do in the field to significantly improve the outcome of a serious rattlesnake bite. If much venom has been injected, the patient needs antivenin, and the sooner the better. Antivenin can only neutralize free (unbound) venom molecules, it cannot reverse damage that has already occurred.

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References and information by Mike Cardwell. Mike is in his 4th year of a radiotelemetry study of northern pacific rattlesnakes. These snakes have transmitters on them. (anyone want that job?)

LAKE COUNTY HORSE COUNCIL – CALENDAR OF LOCAL EQUINE EVENTS

General Contact/Events for LCHC: Kim Riley
(707) 245- 7468 or kimriley58@gmail.com

Add your event by submitting details to:
Kate Schmidt-Hopper: (707) 245-9091
wiseacre1farm@gmail.com
Local clubs are invited to send their entire 2014 calendars
for inclusion as soon as available.

Westside Community Park 5th Annual
GRILLIN' ON THE GREEN

Barbecue Cook-Off 5-8 pm
Saturday, August 2, 2014
Westside Community Park
1401 Westside Park Road, Lakeport

Adult \$25.00
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www.lakecountyhorsecouncil.com

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Ongoing or Multi-Date Events

Back Country Horsemen Lake Mendo Unit: Quarterly meetings at Round Table Pizza, Lakeport. Contact: Paul Villanueva 263-0147 or villan13@pacific.net

CDS co-sponsored Dave Claus clinics - Highland Springs Equestrian Center. Juliana Vidich 279-1903, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9

LCHC Board Meetings: Second Monday of each month, Guido's Pizza in Kelseyville, 6pm

Redwood Empire Quarter Horse Association Team Penning - see Facebook page for new events

One-Time Events

4/6 Lake County CDS Schooling Dressage Show. Western Dressage and English Dressage. Highland Springs Equestrian Center. Juliana Vidich: 279-1903

4/27 LCHC Highland Springs "Earth Day" Potluck and Member Meeting

5/4 Lake County CDS Recognized Dressage Show. Highland Springs Equestrian Center. Juliana Vidich: 279-1903

5/10 Annual Horse O' Rama, 11am to 3pm, Hidden Valley Lake Equestrian Center, 20432 Powderhorn Rd., Pasha Tingle 987-4075
www.pashatingle.com

5/23 Ridgewood Ranch Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Celebration Friday May 23rd in Willits
<http://www.seabiscuitheritage.org/tourschedule.php>

6/7 Upper Lake Wild West Horse parade and street fair

6/7-8 Julie Goodnight Clinic sponsored by Lake County CDS Chapter. 800 225-8827 or purchase tickets online at
www.juliegoodnight.com/clinics

6/14-15 Middletown Days Rodeo and Parade <http://www.middletowndays.org/>

7/14-18: "All About Horses" Summer Camp @ HVLA equestrian center, Open to boys & girls ages 7-15, Contact: Pasha Tingle 987-4075

7/11-12 Lake County Rodeo, Lakeport Contact: Melissa Fulton 245-7431

7/27 (Sunday) Californio Days / Fiesta of the Horse – Rancho de la Fuente, Lakeport - Contact: 275-9234 or
deb@vaqueroheritage.org

8/9 LCHC Member Meeting with Potluck & Trail Ride/Drive, Upper Lake. Contact: Kim Riley 245-7468

8/23-24 Lake County Fair Horse Show <http://www.lakecountyfair.com/>

9/6 (Saturday) MLAHA Trail Obstacle Challenge - Argonaut Farms, Lakeport Contact: CFloodARt@pacific.net or 621-0238

9/20 Union Campesina Hispanic Rodeo, Lake County Fairgrounds Lakeport, Info: <http://www.lakecountyfair.com/>

9/21 Dressage & Western Dressage schooling show, sponsored by Lake County CDS chapter. Juliana Vidich: 279-1903

9/27 (Saturday) Kelseyville Pear Festival and Horse Faire. Kim Riley 279-0343

10/18 HVLA Equestrian center Pumpkin Patch and pet costume contest. Hand led horse rides throughout the day. Pasha Tingle 987-4075

10/26 (Sunday) Hooves and Wheels Halloween Costume Poker Run Argonaut Farm, Lakeport, Info: Judy Mitchell
mitchell@mcn.org Barbara Kroboth (707) 279-2429

November (tba) LCHC Poker Ride at Highland Springs

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