

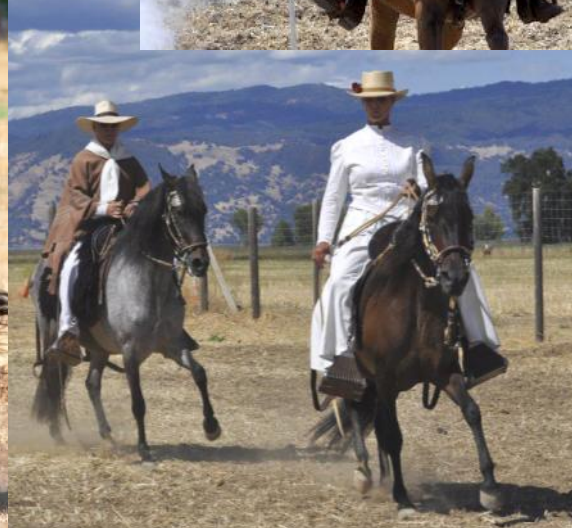


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A Message from the HC President

Written by Carol Biggs



It has been a great year for the Horse Council. We've met many of the goals envisioned at

the LCHC's birth. We received Tax Exempt status with the IRS, and we received a grant to improve the Lake Trail around Highland Springs. Our **Fiesta of the Horse** was a resounding success. It was impressive, with all the costumes, music and demonstrations of horsemanship. Deb Baumann did a great job producing this event, first of its kind in Lake County. The venue at Rancho de lo Fuente was perfect.

Look for us next at the Pear Festival (at the old Kelseyville Lumber site). Our **Horse Faire** will feature horses of all shapes and sizes. There will be a Western Art Show, exhibitors, demonstration of grooming techniques and packing, educational venues and a parade

of breeds. If you can volunteer to help during this event please let us know, we need your help, this is a huge undertaking for the Horse Council and an opportunity to educate the public about horses.

To volunteer at the **Horse Faire** or to ride your own horse with the Horse Council in the **Pear Festival Parade**, please contact Virginia Vovchuk at (707) 245-9091.

I encourage you to get involved. Our Annual meeting is Thursday, October 18. Each year we elect 7-8 members (half the total board membership) to the board for a 2 year term. We have 8 Board meetings per year, the 1st Monday of the month, around the county. Your Board works hard to make the Horse Council successful and keep the legacy of horses alive.

Your membership allows us to reach the goals we have set. I thank each member for their contribution to continuing that work.

And I look forward to seeing you all at the **Horse Faire** on Saturday, September 29, in Kelseyville.

Come join the fun!

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A Message from the Editors

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.

Would you like to write a column or article in the Journal? Do you know someone who has accomplished something extraordinary with horses? Please send us your stories! You may send them by email to juliana@highlandspringsequestrian.com or

by regular mail to Lake Co. Horse Council Journal Editor, P.O. Box 1551, Kelseyville, CA 95451

- Deb Baumann and Juliana Vidich, Editors

ERRATA: Our last issue's story about the Clear Lake Junior Horsemen included a photo that was not of the drill team, but from the Rodeo Queen contest. Our apologies for mis-labeling this as a CLJH drill team photo.

Life's a Parade

Never Stop Dreaming (or challenging yourself)

In 2003, **Cavalía** came to a city not too far away. A small group of us carpoled two hours each way to attend, forking over almost \$100 each for mid-quality seats about halfway up from ringside. We were excited, but also a little wary. After investing so much time and expense, we really wanted our money's worth. Our expectations and standards were high.

Well, happy to say, the show did not disappoint!

I was enthralled that night, and inspired. This was the first time I'd seen a **garrocha**. A duet was performed by rider-with-pole on horseback and dancer on foot. I absorbed it into my pores, all the while thinking "*I can do that!*"

At home, I measured and cut a pole to the correct length (four meters). I set about teaching myself how to balance the heavy pole, how to switch hand-



positions (very tricky), and how to get my horse to cooperate with the whole scene (even trickier). It has been great fun (and the bruises fade over time).

All the while, I never forgot the exotic drama of that dance-duet in **Cavalía**... "*I can do that, too!*"

Early this year, I spread the word that I wish I knew a local dancer who might be interested in this novel challenge. Turns out there was such a dancer, one who had long dreamed of working with horses! Diane and I debuted our dance routine at this year's **Fiesta of the Horse**. We had a blast! A dream ten years in the making, a new challenge, some stage fright to overcome, but... *what fun!*

Many people worked hard for months getting ready for that show, choreographing and rehearsing routines, choosing music, writing scripts, and making costumes. Ages ranged from youngsters in the Clear Lake Junior Horsemen to... well, some of us are not so young anymore. Which makes the risk-taking that much more interesting, for being less expected. It is easy to sit in the stands and critique. The challenge is to overcome fear, do the work to prepare, get out there in the arena, and do your best, putting yourself on the line. I was delighted so many people stepped up to the plate, and in such creative ways.

Based on the cheers and applause, the audience was delighted, too, to see their friends and neighbors in this new light. I hope others were inspired to put together their own acts, for next year!

Never stop challenging yourself. Dreams and aspirations are not just for the young, they are also for the young at heart.

Deb Baumann

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First Annual Fiesta of the Horse a Rousing Success



photo of Grand Entry
by Haji Warf

Medieval knights jousting, a precision mounted drill team, a flamenco dancer twirling gracefully while matching steps with a Spaniard on horseback, fine carriages pulled by adorable miniature horses, colorful gypsy horses with flowing manes and tails, a team of giant Belgian horses pulling a brightly painted freight wagon, an 1800's-era vaquero performing intricate horseback maneuvers with a dangerous looking pole, an exotic courtship duet performed on fancy-gaited Peruvian horses, an exciting re-enactment of Annie Oakley's target shooting from the back of a galloping horse...

That was the scene here in Lake County on July 1, at the Lake County Horse Council's first annual ***Fiesta of the Horse***, held at Rancho de la Fuente. "The best horse show I've ever seen in Lake County!" declared Alexandra Vidich of Highland Springs Equestrian Center.

"And it was free!" exclaimed Pat Beedle, from



Kelseyville. "This show was fantastic, and it was free!" she repeated, marveling.

The song "America the Beautiful" began the show. It is rare to see so many of the elements described in the song on display, all at one time: beautiful spacious skies, amber waves of grain, purple mountains, fruited plains... At Rancho de la Fuente the view included all that, and more.

About 200 people gathered to enjoy the performance, first of its kind in Lake County. Anyone familiar with the leisurely pace of some horse events was in for a pleasant surprise: this spectacle was action-packed and full of excitement from beginning to end. Entertainment was the goal, as well as outreach to the "non-horse" community.

Like many local residents, Carol Cole-Lewis of Lakeport usually only sees horses from a distance, grazing in pastures. "My breath was literally taken away and I was filled with a sense of excitement and anticipation when I saw so many beautiful horses performing together. I'm not a horse person, and was unaware of how many people here in Lake County are avid equine fans and the exceptional quality of their skills!" she enthused.

The festivities began with a pre-show exhibition of "quintain," or medieval martial arts, put on by the Claiche family of Kelseyville. A patriotic opening number paraded all the show participants before the audience. Joy Bennett sang the National Anthem a capella, while her sister Jocelyn dramatically carried the colors at full gallop. The theme was carried on by the red, white and blue drill team performance from the Clear Lake Junior Horsemen.

Claudia Street and Pinie Minto of the Elk Creek Buckaretttes performed to the tune of a Dave Stamey song, their working cowhorses moving in synchronized "mirror" of each other. "As a new resident of Lake County, I am impressed with the level of commitment and support of agriculture," said Claudia, who is the new Executive Director of the Lake County Farm Bureau. "Horses were an integral part of our agricultural heritage and although times and technology have changed that role, the personal connection between the human and the horse remains strong. The Fiesta of the Horse showcased that connection."

An animated Flamenco dance featuring horse, rider and dancer on foot had the audience spontaneously clapping in time. The Hooves & Wheels Club's demonstration included miniature horses, always a crowd favorite. Haunting Irish tunes introduced the audience to beautiful and rare Gypsy Vanner horses. And members of the Wine Country Peruvian Paso Horse Club performed to flute music from the Andes in traditional costume on their exotically gaited Peruvian Paso horses.

Audience member Pat Beedle was pleased to learn so much history during the show. "I never knew about Teamsters!" she exclaimed, "I guess I just never thought about where the name came from."



She learned the word's origins while watching Juan Erquiaga and his daughter Kate maneuver a team of giant Belgian horses around the arena, demonstrating backing and turns while announcer Deb Baumann asked the audience to imagine the crowded streets of old San Francisco with hundreds of wagons and horses jockeying for position along the docks where ships were being unloaded. Tremendous skill was needed to thread these huge wagons through narrow openings while handling the reins of two, four or six giant draft horses at once. Teamsters took justifiable pride in the ability to do this demanding job.

The show ended with laughter and thrills, thanks to the comedy Wild West Show reenactment staged by the Annie Oakley Players of Lake County.

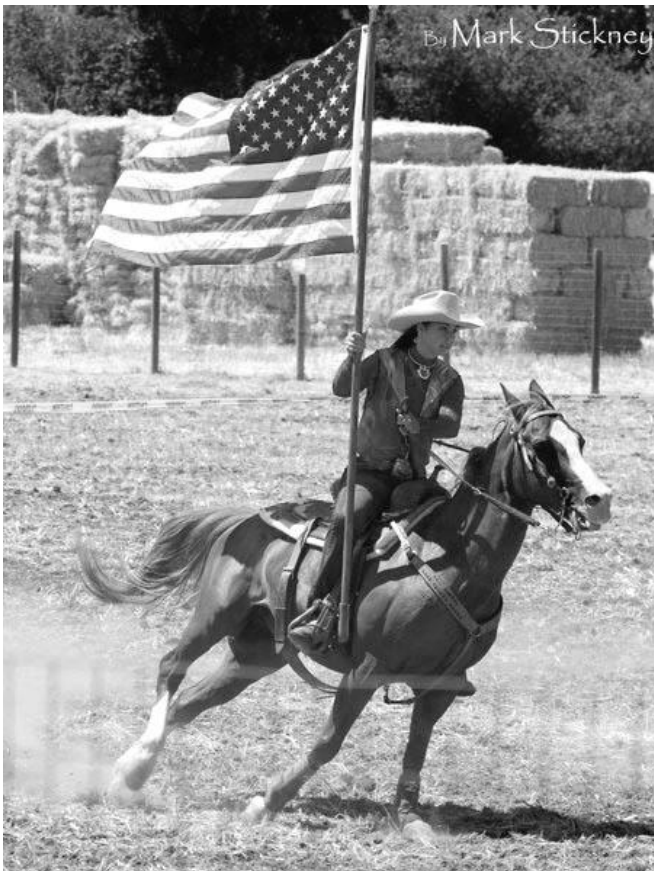
The day went remarkably smoothly, for which the Horse Council credits the owners of the property and to a small army of volunteers. "The first year of any new event is always a special challenge," according to Carol Biggs, president of the Lake County Horse Council. "We thank Frank and Rosana Perez for volunteering beautiful Rancho de la Fuente and for working very hard in advance to help plan and prepare the first annual Fiesta of the Horse. The setting was spectacular! I've been overwhelmed by the positive response I'm hearing from everyone who came."

"An event this ambitious could not have been successful without large numbers of talented, hard-working people," added show producer Baumann. "Many are members of the Horse Council board, but when word got out we were doing this, other people stepped up to help, too. This was truly a community effort."

Next year, she hopes to have the show videotaped for broadcast on Lake County's local TV channel.

The Horse Council is already making plans for next year's Fiesta. Anyone interested in helping or participating can contact Deb through the Council (www.lakecountyhorsecouncil.com)

(above Press Release was distributed and published in local newspapers in July)



Clear Lake Junior Horsemen Drill Team

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Photo by Mark Stickney



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La Flamenca ~ Diane Stawicki / La Garrocha ~ Deb Baumann
El Caballo ~ Sol el Caballo Maravilloso

Flamenca y Garrocha / The Arabian Horse



Mark Stickney



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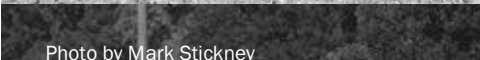


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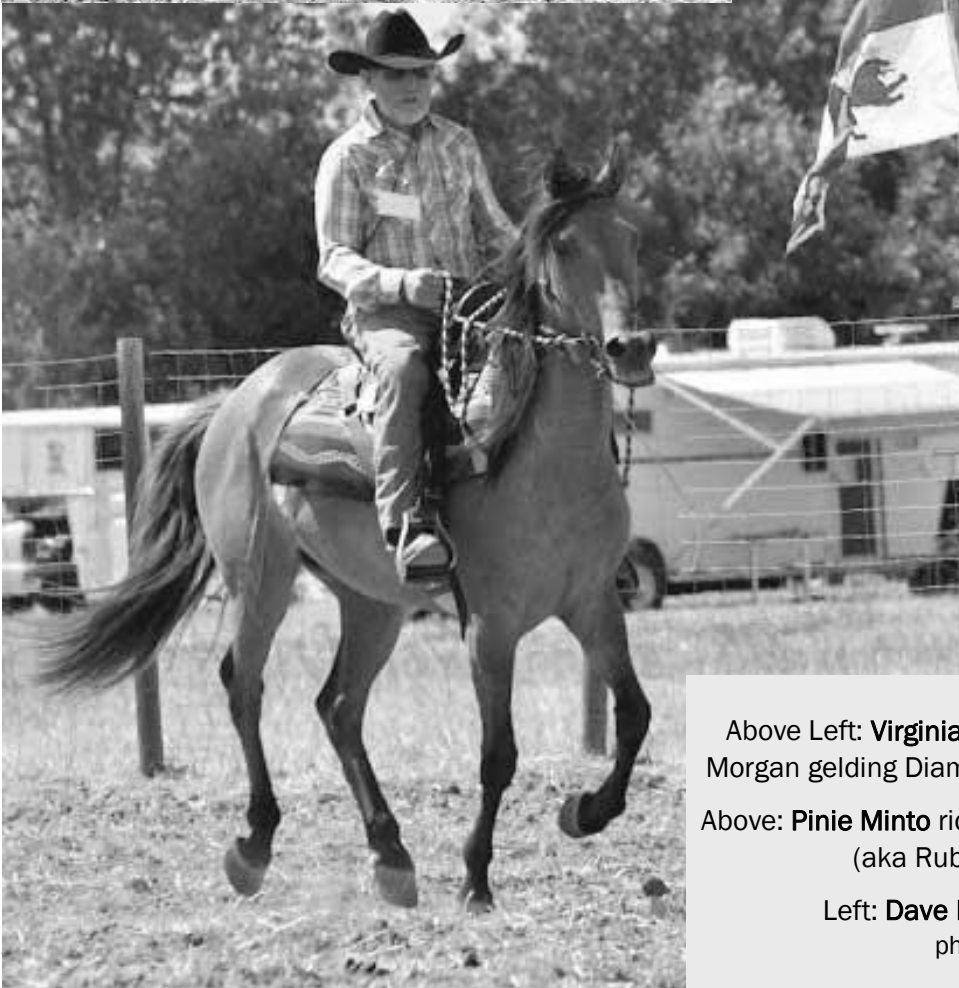
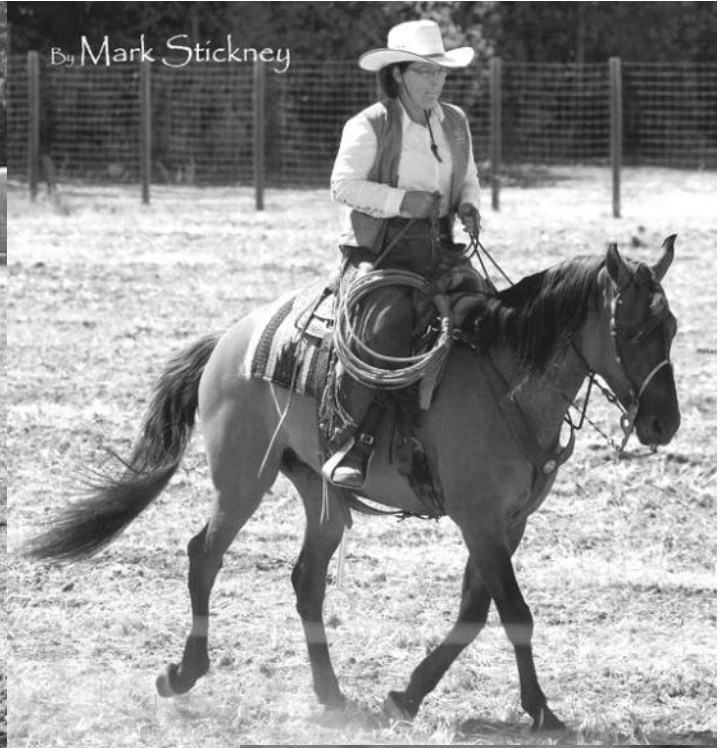


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The Morgan Horse / The Kiger Horse



Above Left: **Virginia Vovchuk** in Colonial costume riding Morgan gelding Diamond H Shalako, photo by Scott Bennett
Above: **Pinie Minto** riding Kiger mare Maravillosa Vaquerita (aka Ruby), photos by Mark Stickney
Left: **Dave Klaus** riding Kiger filly Maya, photo by Scott Bennett

Caballos del Rancho a la Fiesta / Elk Creek Buckaretttes



Caballos del Rancho:
 Claudia Street riding Buster,
 Pinie Minto riding Ruby
 photos by Scott Bennett



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Carol Biggs photo
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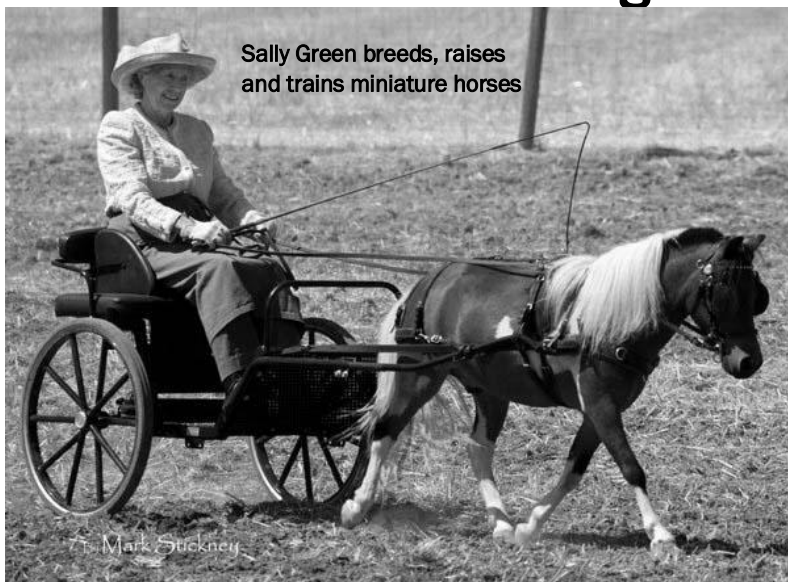
Elk Creek Buckaretttes:

Above: Virginia Vovchuk, Pinie Minto & Claudia Street
 Right: Carol Biggs, Denise Claiche, Barbara Claiche

Photo by Haji Warf



Hooves & Wheels Carriage Club of Northern California



Sally Green breeds, raises and trains miniature horses

Mark Stickney



Suzette Hutchins driving dun stallion Frankie

Mark Stickney



Barbara Kroboth driving an Arabian



Above: Club president Barbara Kroboth photo by Scott Bennett, all others by Mark Stickney.



Dianna Perez driving American Miniature mare named Charm

Mark Stickney

Hooves & Wheels (HAW) is always a crowd pleaser, especially the adorable mini horses. Member Sally Green (upper left) has been very active improving trails at Highland Springs Recreation Area, one of Lake County's premier outdoor recreation areas.

The Gypsy Horse



Joy and Jocelyn Bennett riding Gypsy mares Tina and Tasha. Tina pulled a Gypsy wagon along the roads of England before being imported (in foal) to the USA, where she had her daughter Tasha.

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All photos by Scott Bennett

The Peruvian Paso Horse

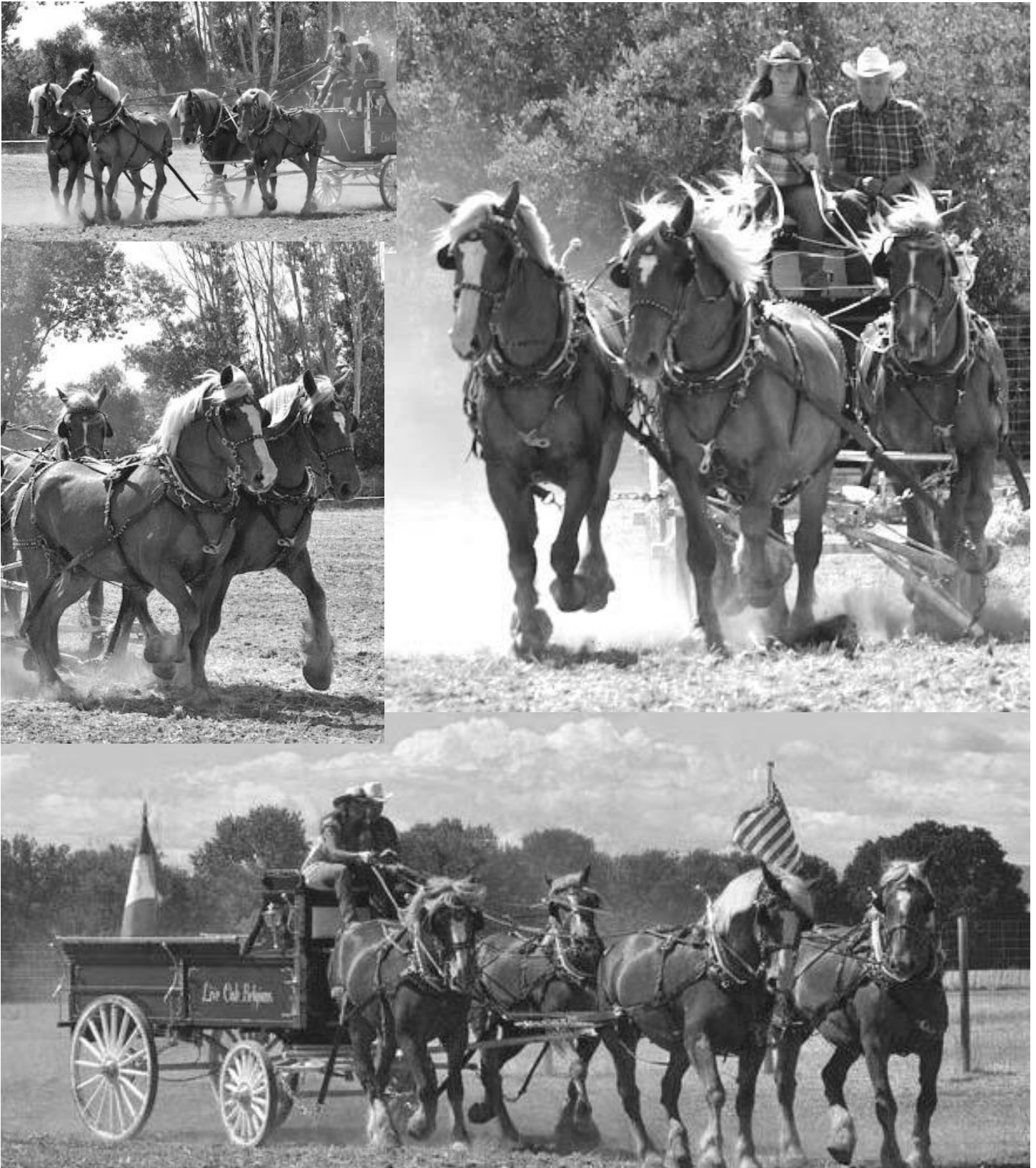


Wine Country Peruvian Paso Club put on a beautiful “Courtship” duet set to haunting Andean flute music. Debbie Abrams, Club Vice-President, riding 20 year old Confianza de Mayo and Club President, Larry Braun, riding eleven year old TLR Amada.



All photos by Scott Bennett

4 Up! The Belgian Horse



Juan Erquiaga training the next generation as his daughter Kate maneuvers the giant team, demonstrating backing and turns. She controls eight thousand pounds of horseflesh through those slender lines!

Annie Oakley & Friends



All the way from the great state of Ohio (and 1880), America's first celebrity superstar **Annie Oakley** thrilled the audience with daring trickshooting skill. She shot blindfolded, upside down and backwards, while looking through a mirror, and she even split a bullet in two on the head of an ax, "killing" two balloons with one shot! Photos above and left by Scott Bennett. Below left by Mark Stickney. Below, Annie and Sunny the Wonder Horse, photo by Deb Baumann.



Medieval Jousting Games



Brian and Denise Claiche (assisted by squires **Devon** and **Benjamin Claiche**) wow'd the crowd with dazzling feats of medieval horsemanship and arms. They created wonderful costumes and very impressive set pieces. Jousting was a pre-show exhibition at this year's Fiesta, but next year we expect it to be part of the main event. Below and right photos by Scott Bennett, above by Mark Stickney.



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6, 13, 20, 27 (Thursday) 5PM

Hooves and Wheels at Highland Springs

Info: Barbara Kroboth (707) 279-2429 or (707) 489-0030, Sally Green baliusfarm@gmail.com

8-9 (Saturday-Sunday)

Jec Ballou Clinic Weekend, Cole Creek Equestrian Center, K-ville, Info: Kate Schmidt-Hopper (707) 987-0421 wiseacre@wildblue.net

16 (Sunday) [Tentative]

Lake County CDS Rated Show [One star: CDS only], Highland Springs Equestrian Center, Kelseyville, Info: Juliana Vidich (707) 279-1903 juliana@highlandspringsequestrian.com

20-23 (Thursday-Sunday)

Combined Driving Event, Shady Oaks Farm, Hwy. 12/I-5 (Flag City exit), Lodi, www.shadyoaksevents.com, Info: Ellen Marie Ettenger (352) 861-9400 or (352) 615-6460

23 (Sunday) 10AM

Hooves and Wheels Carriage Club Monthly Meeting and Potluck, 2367 Argonaut Road, Lakeport, Info: Barbara Kroboth (707) 279-2429 or (707) 489-0030

27 (Thursday) 7PM

BCHC Meeting, Odd Fellows Hall, 9480 Main St., Upper Lake, Info: Toni Villanueva (707) 263-0147 zorro1313@hotmail.com

29 (Saturday)

LCHC "Horse Fair" at Pear Festival Event, Kelseyville, Vendors, Participants, Volunteers, Educational / Exhibition / Horse care DVDs, requested. Info: Virginia Vovchuk (707) 245-9091

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18 (Thursday) 6:30PM

LCHC General Member Meeting

15 5th Street, Lakeport (Lakeport Yacht Club Building), Info: Juliana Vidich (707) 279-1903 juliana@highlandspringsequestrian.com

20 (Saturday)

LCHC "Try It, You May Like It Day", Details to follow

28 (Sunday) Time TBA

Hooves and Wheels Carriage Club, Scavenger Hunt at Highland Springs, Info: Barbara Kroboth (707) 279-2429 or (352) 615-6460

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1-3 (Thursday-Saturday)

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Cole Creek Equestrian Center, 4965 Steelhead Drive, Kelseyville, (707) 279-0915, www.colecreekequestrian.com
Info: Dave Roush (707) 235-7716, roushperformancehorses@hotmail.com

25 (Sunday)

Hooves and Wheels Carriage Club, To be announced

30-2 (Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Friday-Sunday)

No Tax Sale – Black Horse Tack, Info: Nina Curtis (707) 485-0347

DECEMBER 2012

8 (Saturday)

Hooves and Wheels Carriage Club Christmas Party, At Kate Schmidt-Hopper's, 19118 Comstock Ct. HVL wiseacre1farm@gmail.com

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Clear Lake Jr. Horsemen Gymkhana Series, Covered Arena @ Lake County Fairgrounds

February or March

Jec Ballou Spring Reconditioning Symposium, Cole Creek Equestrian Center Kelseyville, Info: Kate Schmidt-Hopper wise-acre1farm@gmail.com

June 2-7 (Sunday-Friday)

Summer Horse Camping, Jack Brooks Horse Camp, Santa Cruz Mountains, Info and Sign Up: Karen Sullivan greymare56@gmail.com

Late June (date tba)

Second Annual **Fiesta of the Horse**

welcomes horse groups, performers, mariachis, drill teams, novelty acts, vendors, and volunteers.

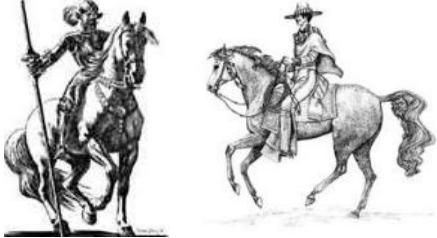
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