

October 2008 – Additions, Changes, Corrections and a couple of important messages

Horsin' Around! Calendar is a free e-mail calendar for the Bay Area Equestrian community inviting you to learn about area clubs and organizations and their activities. Join a club, find an event or activity, maybe try a new equestrian sport, and at the same time, meet and support your fellow horsemen and women.

CORRECTION – CHANGE OF DATE

Saturday, October 18 - FINER ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN HORSES FOR SALE, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Castle Rock Arabians, 1350 Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek, CA. If you are looking for a horse, some great camp and show horses will be for sale. Reknown trainers, Dean and Sheri Lacey from Lacey's Arabian Ranch in Garden Valley, CA will present some purebred and Friesian/Arabian crosses. Known for breeding horses that have done well in Endurance, shows, trail riding. Check the web under horses for sale or call for a brochure. This will be an all day event with music and refreshments provided. Be sure to come - it is a party with horses. Questions, call Nancy, (925) 943-7431 or e-mail: htrails@astound.net. <http://www.castlerockarabians.com>.

NOTICE: RIDE FULL

Sunday, October 19 – SAN RAMON VALLEY HORSEMEN'S ASSN. PELICAN INN RIDE – RIDE IS FULL!!!! To put your name on the waiting list, in case someone can't make it at the last minute, call Bob (925) 447-7912 or e-mail: cfbc@earthlink.net www.srvha.org

ADDITIONS OR ADDED INFORMATION:

Friday, October 10 – COWBOY POET PAUL ZARZYSKI, WYLIE AND THE WILD WEST COWBOY BAND, Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse, 1111 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA. Paul is an innovative and exciting cowboy poet who has written several poems that Wylie has turned into songs. They are currently collaborating on songs for a new album. A Paul and Wylie show, appropriately titled "Spur Wild" is not to be missed. Even non-western music fans will have a great time. Tickets, \$18.50, can be purchased through the website: <http://www.thefreight.org/> (510) 548-1761 or info@freightandsalvage.org. Check out Paul at his website: www.PaulZarzycki.com or Wylie at: www.wyliewebsite.com. A grand evening of entertainment, western poetry with western/rock 'n roll music that will knock your socks off.

Saturday, October 11 - TRAIL WORK DAY, 9:30 a.m. Tilden Park Corporation Yard. Enjoy Bagels and beverages with members of Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association, then hit the trail for some pruning and trail work. Depending upon how many participants attend, we'll work on two or three different trails. Pruning tools will be provided by the Park. Please contact Alison with your RSVP or questions. Email: Alison_m@pacbell.net, Phone: 510-858-7200.

October 11 - BAREFOOT TRIM CLINIC WITH LINDA COWLES, Tracy, CA. Topics will include anatomy of the hoof, proper care and maintenance of the barefoot horse, how barefoot can benefit your horse, as well as trimming demonstrations and consultations on horses. \$100 for the full day. For information, call (209) 346-5536. www.healthyhoof.com/HoofCareClinics/Clinics.html.

October 11 – WOODSIDE DAY OF THE HORSE, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Woodside Town Hall, Whiskey Hill Road and Woodside Road. Horse Fair open to the general public, equine petting zoo, ride a stage coach, enjoy horse activities, games and prizes for kids. Pony rides, and pictures on a pony. Watch farriers and eqine veterinarians in action. Food and souvenirs for sale. Progressive trail ride throughout the town of Woodside, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Stops include finger food and beverages for riders, carrots for horses; participants receive a free goodie bag. For more information, call (650) 380-6408 or visit the website at: http://www.whoa94062.org/WHOA_DOTH.htm

October 12 – HUNTER AND WESTERN SCHOOLING SHOW, 9 a.m. Equestrian Center of Walnut Creek, 301 N. San Carlos, Walnut Creek, CA. (at the back of Heather Farm Park) Last show of the season at ECWC. Due to popular demand, Western classes have been added to the Hunter classes. Trail class open to English or Western. Western not to start before 12:30 p.m. Something for everybody. Main arena open for schooling from 8-8:30 a.m. Refreshments available for purchase at the snack bar. \$15/class day of show. For information, or to register, contact Kim: (925) 686-3284 or e-mail: genesisequine@horseNpony.com Registration online at www.horseNpony.com/horseshows

October 18 – WHEN EAST MEETS WEST – THE HORSES WIN - INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE BY DR. KERRY RIDGWAY, Wyvern Farm, Martinez, CA. Full day seminar in Sports and Integrative Medicine; powerpoint lectures, demonstrations, handouts; learn from Dr. Ridgway about gastro-intestinal ulcers, why they're just the tip of the Iceberg; chiropractic, What it is and how it works; muscles, the forgotten system in veterinary medicine; and applied saddle fit. Learn about prevention and treatment of injury and disease with options beyond drugs and surgery. For information and reservations, call Renee, (510) 965-9215 or e-mail: renee.dyer@gmail.com. For more information visit the website: http://www.web.me.com/kjridgway/Clinics_Seminars/Home_Page.html

Saturday, October 18 – POKER RIDE AND JOKER IS WILD CONTEST & HIKE, 8:30 a.m. Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn. 1600 Trail Ride Road, (at the end of Russelman Road), Clayton, CA. Fundraiser to replace the hay barn and contents that were destroyed by fire. Enjoy the beauty of Mt. Diablo trails. Ride approximately 5-7 miles, with option of additional loop. Hike, walk routes of 2 or 5 miles. \$25. Anyone can ride, hike or walk, but must be 21 to play poker. "Joker is Wild" contest for those 20 and younger. BBQ lunch starts at 1 p.m. Raffle and award prizes after lunch. Overnight camping available, pipe corrals with water for horses. Stay overnight and ride the trails on Sunday. (no campfires or dogs). For information, call (925) 672-3733 or (925) 348-0184.

October 19 – BLAIR RANCH TRAIL HIKER & EQUESTRIAN SNEAK PEEK, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Casa Loma Road staging area main and overflow lots, Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve, near Calero County Park, San Jose, CA. Santa Clara County Open Space Authority trail preview for hikers and equestrians only on a property not yet open for general use. This is a 3.5 mile out-and-back trail on ranch roads, (7 miles total) with an optional loop at the far end of previously "unridden" territory! Parts of the trail are steep with a grade of 30-50%. Check in with staff in the parking lot and sign out when you leave. Visitors will receive maps and explore the trail on their own. Bring your own water and snacks, be prepared for snakes, ticks or mountain lions. Restroom and horse water trough at the staging area, but no drinking water. No parking on Uvas Road or by the Blair Barn. A special one day activity day for cyclists will be held on Saturday, November 15. Take a look at www.openspac.org! eauthority.org for information and details. Contact mchamberlin@openspaceauthority.org for directions and more details. Happy Trails!

October 25 – CRAZY ABOUT HORSES CLINIC, ONE DAY MINI CAMP, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Spring Down Equestrian Center, 725 Portola Road, Portola Valley (off Hwy 280). For the beginner rider, a great opportunity to get their feet wet! Learn safety, horse handling and care on the ground and on horseback, grooming, mounting/dismounting, riding, at a professional riding facility. The perfect introduction to learning about horses all in one full day. Wear long pants, boots and helmets available. Bring your lunch to eat with the horses! \$80/for age 6 to 96. Cost: \$95. Please check the website for more information: www.springdown.com or e-mail: sdecenter@aol.com. Phone Allison: (650) 851-1114 x 0.

Sunday, October 26 – SPOOKTACULAR MINI & PONY SCHOOLING SHOW, Sequoia Arena, 10060 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA. Metropolitan Horsemen's Association and Heels-Down Horse Shows fundraiser for Hands on Heads, Inc. – Cranio Sacral Therapy for Children with Special Needs and their Therapeutic Riding Program. Miniature Horses, ponies 46 inches and under and miniature donkeys welcome! Classes in Halter, Showmanship, Lead Line (7 & under) and Lead Line with Assistant Special Needs, Pony Riding classes in Equitation & Pleasure and Pairs Pleasure, In-hand Obstacles and In-hand Hunters and In-hand Jumpers, Driving, Versatility and Liberty. FUN SHOW! Raffle! Prizes! Oh yeah, and Costume Classes and parade!!! Beginners welcome. Come on out and show off your minis and tell everyone to come and watch. It'll be a great day! Info and class lists at www.hoofpicks.com or www.heels-down.com. For information, contact Gina 925-354-6514. There's no business like Show business! Heels-Down Horse! Shows 925-354-6514 www.heels-down.com

Sunday, October 26 – SKYE VALLEY HUNTER/JUMPER SCHOOLING SHOW, 9 a.m. Shiloh West Training Center, 10250 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley, CA. \$18/class until Oct.22; \$25/class after. Hunter classes begin with walk/trot poles, lead line; then crossrails, jumps from 1'6" -2', up to 2'-2'3". Jumper classes begin with 2'3"-2'6" up to 3'6" jumps. Variety of jumps and a range of classes for all levels. Horse For Sale class, 12:45 p.m. All horses allowed 5 minutes in the ring to be shown in hand, dressage, and/or over fences. Ads w/photo will be placed in the show program. Costume Contest. Food available to purchase, photographer available. Newly renovated facility with all weather footing, four arenas and two round pens. Ample parking. Day stall and overnight stabling available, limited, \$35/day. Pre-entries close Oct. 22, pre-paid entry \$18/class, \$25 day of. For information, contact Jaimi (925) 858-8825, jaimimartin@mac.com or Dawn (925) 719-1615 or dawn.benson@comcast.net. www.skyevalley.com

Sunday, November 2 – POPLAR PLACE JUMPER SHOW & ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CLASS, 9 a.m. Poplar Place, Bear Creek Road, Briones, CA. Jumpers ONLY, (18" to 3'3") plus the annual Halloween Costume Class! All classes \$15, schooling the same class again will be \$10; the costume class will be FREE!!! Send an e-mail for entry to: poplrplace@aol.com.

EQUESTRIAN ISSUES:

MEASURE WW: VOTE FOR EXTENSION OF EAST BAY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE, WILDLIFE, SHORELINE AND PARKS BOND – On the November ballot, proposition WW would extend a bond measure (Measure AA) that was passed in 1988, without raising property tax rates above the present rate of \$10/per year, per \$100,000. Of the \$500 million that will be available, 75% will fund regional park acquisitions and capital projects, with 7% of that amount held in reserve for unanticipated future needs and opportunities. In addition, 25% of proceeds will go to cities, special park and recreation districts, and county service areas for their park and recreation services. (not including Livermore, which was not included in the 1988 bond measure). For more information, go to <http://www.ebparks.org/news/measure>

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTION MESSAGE ABOUT EAST BAY TRAILS: Information received from an East Bay hiking leader – for anyone who lives in Ward 1 of the East Bay Regional Park District. Nancy Skinner, director of that ward is moving on to the State Assembly, so there is an open seat with two candidates running for the spot; Whitney Dotson and Norman LaForce. In his opinion, Whitney Dotson is good on environmental justice issues, but not so good on the issues of park management and operations. Both candidates participated in the League of Women Voters TV Forum. Both were asked if they supported allowing bikes on all trails in the Park District. WHITNEY DOTSON STATED THAT HE WOULD OPEN UP EVERY TRAIL TO BIKES. As of now, 83% of EBRPD trails are already open to bikes. The remaining 17% of EBRPD trails that are single track, are what bikers are after. They want access to each and every trail in the Park District. However, the issue is safety, and what are appropriate! uses for each of these trails. Currently, the District uses a Trail Check List or Matrix to evaluate and analyze the potential of opening a trail for bikes or other uses. Bikers complain that the Trail Check List is slow and cumbersome because some of the trails they have suggested to be opened to bicycles, have been denied for safety reasons. If you care about maintaining serenity on the trails and keeping bikes off single tracks that are unsafe, please pass the word to other Ward 1 voters who hike. Let them know about Whitney Dotson’s very clear statement that he would open up all trails to bikes.

TRAILS:

MUIR HERITAGE LAND TRUST TO PURCHASE 423 ACRES OF FRANKLIN CANYON LAND IN HERCULES: Local residents voted to block a developer’s plans for 500 proposed homes, a hotel and shops. Now the Martinez-based Muir Heritage Land Trust has just two years to raise \$2.5 million to purchase the property for protected open space and trails. Driving along Highway 4, the open hills will stay that way if they can come up with the funds. Donations are welcome, for more information, go to the website at: <http://www.muirheritagelandtrust.org>

HUDDART PARK HOPE FOR AN ALL WEATHER TRAIL: Equestrians approached the County Park management last year to establish a partnership to create a trail that would be usable in Huddart Park all through the winter. A professional trails contractor has been found who has the specialized equipment to transport, install, grade and compact the base rock. A two phase plan has been developed to upgrade many of the single-track trails with an all-weather surface over the next two years. Phase one includes rocking and compacting the trails so that only heavy rain will cause trail closure. Cost is \$43,000, of which the county will provide \$13,000 of in-kind services and purchase of the base rock. The equestrian community must provide the remaining \$30,000. We have received commitments for nearly half of that from major donors, and are reaching out to the equestrian community to provide the rest. What better way to escape momentarily from our difficult economic times than riding under ! a crisp winter sky, hearing the creeks bubble, and breathing the fresh mountain air? We believe the equestrian community will support this project and will help provide funding for it. Please send tax deductible checks to: Mounted Patrol Foundation, ATTN: Huddart Park Trail Fund (BE SURE to write this somewhere on the face of your check!) 521 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside, CA 94062. For information, call Don Pugh at 650-851-8343 or email don@sandon.com.

DRAFT/PMU RESCUE HORSES AT ANIMALI FARM: Staff and volunteers put in a huge effort at the beginning of 2008 to get more than 100 PMU horses delivered from Canada to new homes all over the USA. Most of them were pregnant mares, needing to be delivered before foaling. Four large draft horses even went to Disneyland to be trained to pull the trolleys. These lucky horses were only weeks away from auction when they were adopted. There are still more horses in need of homes that are waiting at Animal Farm. Hay prices as most of you know, have been going up and staying there, just like gas prices. It costs twice as much to feed horses at the sanctuary than it did four years ago. Any donations will help to buy hay to get through the winter when the price goes up and quality goes down. Even \$5 will help. Please visit

the website or mail a check to: The Animal Farm, 3401 Tepusquet Road, Santa Maria, CA 93454. (805) 938-0174.
www.theanimalfarm.com

ADVERTISEMENTS:

THOROUGHBRED FOR SALE: Three-year-old Thoroughbred mare, Sierra, dark bay w/blaze and diagonal socks; just out of training six months, a joy to work with. Bought for a project, then found out a broodmare is coming home from lease so no room for one more. \$1,000. Concord area. Contact Kim: (925) 363-5601. Video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v_FNqUkgDmH-U.

PROPERTY FOR SALE IN CONCORD: Fixer-upper on one plus acres in Concord, room for 4 horses, 48'x96' arena, turnout, two pastures; million dollar neighborhood and view for a fraction of the price. For sale by owner, \$590,000. (925) 686-3284 or e-mail: genesisequine@horsesnpony.com.

NEW BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL GUIDEBOOK RELEASED! Wilderness Press has released the 3rd edition of Jean Rusmore's Bay Area Ridge Trail: The Official Guide for Hikers, Mountain Bikers, and Equestrians. This indispensable guide has been fully updated-with every open trail section and 58 complete trips lovingly detailed. It will inspire and equip you to enjoy countless adventures with maps, directions, and tips to help make the most of your trail outings. You can also purchase the book from your favorite local book or sporting goods store, or from on-line sources. www.ridgetrail.org

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