

HOOF IN MOUTH GAZETTE

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc., Norco, CA

Editor's Message

What can I say, May was another great show. The weather was great and the competition was excellent. The attendance numbers for May were not as earth shattering as they have been this year. But the turn out for the riding classes was still well above previous years and over all the attendance numbers for the show were very good considering we were sharing our members with other shows that had just concluded or were on the same day. We can't be greedy now, can we? The many different ways that our members find to enjoy their equines is one of the things that make our club great.

I want to thank all of you who showed up and especially those of you who choose our show over the others or attended our show having just returned from another show.

Let us not forget our fantastic team of volunteers and their continued excellence in putting on our shows. *To all members our staff are volunteers, so please be kind!*

Please Pre-enter

Pre-registering by mail for S&H shows does help the show committee. It also saves you and the committee time on show day and **saves you money!** Pre-registration is only \$6 per class, show day is \$7 per class.

If you pre-register and for any reason you can not make the show your check will not be cashed and will be returned or credited to the next show, your option.

Pre-registration will be accepted by mail anytime prior to the Wednesday preceding the show. Just send your show premium or a listing of the classes you want to participate in to:

Saddle & Harness Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 7862
Norco, CA 92860

Saddle & Harness Open Show

June 28th

Judge: **Bill Hartman**

*Join us for a fun filled day of
friendly competition!*

No Excuses Be There!

Please Pre-enter by mail

Show premiums and 2009 Rules available on line at <http://saddlenharness.org/forms/>

Class fees are \$7 per class on show day.
Class fees are \$6 per class if you pre-enter

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Monthly Board meeting
July 9th, 7 to 9 pm.
Norco Fire Department
(Corner of Sixth Street and Hillside)
Please plan to attend (no food or drink).
Minutes of the meetings are posted on the website

Our First Mule Days

Reported by: *Jennifer Wells-Schmitz*

We went to our first Mule Days and it was AWESOME! We had a lot of fun being spectators. We couldn't get enough of all the incredible (and entertaining) events! Our friend, Dean Chabot has been training our 3 year old Haflinger mule Jester since November. Dean rode Jester in three events. The first was Gambler's Choice Trail which is a timed event. As in most classes of this type, if you disturb an obstacle you cannot repeat it, which was unfortunate for us because our young mule is a little lazy with his back hooves and tripped a few boards and poles. However, he did not shy at any of the obstacles or jumps and in fact did the hardest obstacle with ease! Dean was quite nervous in this class; it had been about 20 years since he's shown at Mule Days. He tried to hide it, but we could tell he just wanted to do well. He was quite "the mule skinner" in his day. We were very proud of both of their performances in both the Gambler's Choice Trail and Western Pleasure classes even though they did not place.



The third event was the "Trail Class" which had 30 entries. It included trotting over poles, backing in an "L", a gate to be opened in a R push, a jump, a serpentine of poles, side passing and a bridge, Things that Jester has done a million times in our back yard. We were nervous watching. But Jester and Dean performed everything FLAWLESSLY until the end (those darn back hooves). We waited ALL DAY to find out his score, he placed 5th out of 30! We were so excited, as was Dean. Jester, well he really couldn't care, he just wanted more treats.

The last day was Halter for 3 year olds and OF

COURSE I got suckered and guilted into doing it! I had to borrow a hat and boots from a new friend Cenny (who was at the last S&H show and did very well!). Honestly, I rarely walk Jester at all. He is Roland's and Dean's mule, so he doesn't really know me. But, he is generally a good boy and I was up for the challenge. So, we got him all prettied up and I put on my friend Molly's beautiful halter she let me borrow and started practicing. Things were going okay, we are walking and trying to trot and this lady threw a huge bag of trash in the dumpster and flipped the lid over and BOOM!! Jester spun around and got away from me, and off he went! I was so embarrassed. He of course ran back to his stall. We easily caught him. I felt better after Dean said, "Do you think you are the only one that has happened to this week?"

Now I just wanted to go and watch the others and see "how mule people" do halter. About 1 1/2 hours later it was our turn and no one else showed up! So, we went in, attempted to trot (not) and stand still and square (not) and won our beautiful blue ribbon and plaque. Then, the judge came up to me and said, "Don't leave. You didn't do anything wrong, but I will need to talk to you!" Well, okay (heart pounding, head spinning). What happened was the other two people in my class showed up while I was in the ring and they claimed they didn't hear the announcement for the class. Well, I waited 1 1/2 hours for my turn. Where were they? And, then the judge asked the dreaded question, "Do you want to keep your first place ribbon, or give it back and we'll do this again and you can try to win it fair and square?" (Sadness over giving back the pretty ribbon and plaque, guilt knowing I did not earn my placing, anger, acceptance) I cheerfully answered, "No problem. Of course I will try to win it fair and square! No one wants to win by default." (Sometimes I hate myself for being a good sport!) So, we went in and did the entire humiliating halter class AGAIN. This time winning 2nd out of 3. With the proper amazing world class 3 year old silver dapple mule winning first. So, that was our Mule Days showing experience.

The rest of the time was just plain FUN! Watching the Budweiser Clydesdales and their hitch, the Priefert Percherons being ridden Roman style 6 up and in the hitch, and the 20 Mule Team demonstrations were all memorable along with the donkey barrel racing and chariot events. We watched as many events as we could. Some of the people from S&H that we saw in events at Mule Days were;

(Mule Days Continued)

Sean Beitler drove his pair of spotted John mules, Jim and Jessie. We also saw Sean's daughters Shawna, Andrea and Krystal Beitler, his son Justin Beitler and Tegan Thomason (Jimmy and Katherine's Daughter). All the girls showed in the costume class. Justin did all the "FUN" mule division classes on his grandparents' mule "Joker".

Tegan drove Les' mules: Jane and Rhodie in the youth hitch class and rode her little mule in the riding classes. Katherine and Tegan Thomason won first place the parent/child division for the parade.



Les Ritch drove Evon Owens mules Slick and Slack along with Jane and Rhodie in a 4-up and won with Kathy Butler as his passenger. Evon Owens showed Slick and Slack in Log Skidding.



Jimmy Thomason rode his spotted mule in the green trail class. Jimmy also drove his chariot during the barrel racing.

Sioux Munyon rode her donkey Willie in a couple classes.



Charlie Crissy and Corry Chase also did very well in several events with their mule blossom.

With all this excitement we also took an afternoon and went fishing. Even though we left really late and got home at 4 a.m., we DEFINITELY want to go back next year! We now understand what the big hoopla is all about! Mule Days is FUN! Mule "people" are some of the most real and funny people around with a great sense of humor! And it's amazing to see how versatile mules can be. Bishop is also very beautiful as is the surrounding area. I enjoyed the smorgasbord of weather and the snow capped mountains. And, I guess we can now say "we are mule people too!" Join the club! It's fun!

Congratulations to Nick and Audrey Popoff who welcomed their second child, Jackson Alan Peter Popoff, into the world on June 2, 2009.

Saddle and Harness would like to congratulate Norco's own Buzz Riebschlager and his adopted mustang Windy who shared top honors in the 2009 Extreme Mustang Makeover Trail Challenge

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S&H Members at Pleasure Days

Reported by: *Trish Demers*

The 6th Annual Pleasure Days Carriage Driving Show at Tejon Ranch, Lebec, CA on May 30 and 31 was a ADS Pleasure driving Show sponsored by the Whip'R Snapper Driving Society. Trish Demers, who is a member of Saddle and Harness and the whippersnappers, reported that the show went very well for both the club and participating S&H members.

Trish wrote; "The weather was beautiful and so was the setting. The show featured nationally known judges Muffy Seaton and Susan Koso. The attendance was light but competition was strong. My ponies did very well for me. I showed them tandem to a cart I just spent about 70 hours restoring just for this show. Gad there is a lot of surfaces on a carriage! We won Reserve Champion in the Tandem/ 4-up division."



Trish also reported on several other S&H members at the show; Miss Elsa Mikkelson was there showing her Hackney Horse Windy, and she won the Hackney Horse trophy. She had a good show. It's so nice to see her at 92 years young still out there beating the competition.

Melanie Brooker and Lee Warsham did well with their mules, Tom Henry and Jenny. Terri Griffin showed her Hackney pony.

<http://www.whiprsnappers.com/>

Adventures of S&H Extreme Cowgirl

By *Molly Rush*

I had to miss the S&H show last weekend to go do it again (Extreme Cowboy Race). I won my division and they gave me a beautiful buckle, \$125 and lots of cool samples and coupons from their advertisers. This event was at Riverside Rancheros which is close enough that I just ride over there. This poor horse has been living in a stall filled with tarps, trash bags, etc for 2 weeks with a fan blowing them around. They had a pretty scary water obstacle so I sacrificed one other stall by flooding it and making her eat in a pool of water. But it worked! I think when the points are logged in I will be the #3 "Ride Smart" Division rider in the country, at least until they have another event and some other good riders log points.

Can you believe I have a brand new custom built Birds Eye Maple, Bird in Hand Eagle that I haven't had time to drive yet? It does have to wait until I can gather a few friends and take our maiden voyage, or champagne flight to be more correct, to celebrate having a real pairs show vehicle though. I will be showing at S&H!! Don't think I've given that up!

<http://www.extremecowboyassociation.com/>

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Show Dates: June 21, October 18

Place: Tumbleweed Arena, Willow Rd., Lakeside, CA

For Info: 619/994-9534; 619-224-0601

Sioux@siouxmunyon.com

<http://www.californiacarriages.com/SDPDS.htm>

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Place: Laramore Park Equestrian Center

11380 Little Dipper Street, Mira Loma, CA 91752

<http://eticorral6.homestead.com/>

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Show Dates: July 19, Nov. 8 (Rain 11/22)

Western Regional Carriage Driving Events Calendar

<http://www.carriagedrivingessentials.com/calendar.php>

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Contact Kim 951-201-3187

Missing horse:

Please keep an eye out. Lost horse in Oak Grove Park/JPL area of Pasadena CA on May 24, 2009 Buckskin mare, 5 years, Barefoot, Lilly was fully tacked Contact 818- 359-3947 or lesliejboy@verizon.net

Saddle and Harness Need Sponsors!!

We still have a few classes with no sponsor. No sponsor means no year end awards. Let's not wait until the last minute. Please sponsor one of the remaining classes or recruit a business or organization. Thank You!

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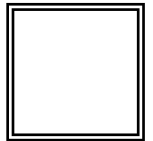
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