



CORRAL CHATTER

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"PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN HORSEMEN AND A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF HORSES"



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Hello Members,

Well, December is here and I have missed you all so much, since we have not met in person in months! We won't be able to have our annual Installation Dinner this year, and maybe this is the first time this has ever happened! We will still need to thank our 2020 Board members for their service to the Horsemen's, and we will also be welcoming in our new Board members for 2021. But it will have to be done a little differently this year.

Our nominations for the Board next year are complete. We have received exactly the right number of volunteers to fill the positions, so we won't need to take a vote. Our 2021 Board will be:

OFFICERS

President: Linda Carcione
 Vice Pres: Karen Tarasco
 Treasurer: Yvonne Lee
 Sgt at Arms: Courtney Adamo
 Secretary: Jennifer Lien Gonzales
 Past Pres: Linda Carcione

DIRECTORS

Kathy Miller (continuing)
 Mary Shapiro (continuing)
 Sharon Pfeiffer (continuing)
 Shalla Villett
 Kathleen O'Neill
 Liz Kehoe
 Sandie Quinones
 Alexis Honig
 Hallie Bigliardi
 Suzanne Paulazzo

Thank you to each one of you for volunteering to serve on our Board. We hope that later next year will be a little more normal. But for now we will continue to meet remotely and communicate by email. Our plans for resuming meetings will be updated once the State Health Guidelines are opened back up. Even with the restrictions, we have been able to have our outdoor horseshows which have been fun and successful, and we were able to conduct them in a safe way. And next year, our calendar of events will include some more like them.

One such outdoor event we'd like to plan on is a New Year's Day Ride. Check the flyer in this newsletter for all the details. And coming on April 24th, we are planning on holding our Spring Schooling Show. More details on that will be available as the time approaches.

Membership continues to grow, with three new memberships just this month. Also, we have selected our Honorary Members for 2021. These are people in our club who have been especially dedicated to helping the club through volunteer work at our grounds and our events. We would like to honor and thank: Glen Gardener, Paul Tarasco and Farrell Rand. They have consistently stepped up to help out at shows, and keeping our grounds groomed, cleaned up and in working order. Thank you to all of you!

As we are entering the holiday season, I want to wish you all a meaningful and safe Christmas and holiday season with your families. And I look forward eagerly to having a COVID vaccine, reducing the infection rate, and being able to gather together with our club friends again!

Linda Carcione
President

2021 Calendar

We are organizing the Calendar for 2021, please work with a Board Member for something specific you are interest in doing at the SCCHA.

- January 1, 2021
New Year Ride at Calero
10:00am-1:00pm

New Year Ride 1/1/2021 at Calero

Be ready to ride in your small groups at 10:00am

Social Distancing spaced BYO lunch/chairs/drinks 12:00pm – 1:00pm

We can maintain social distancing and still get to say 'Hello' to one another as we ride the trails and enjoy or individual lunch (please bring your own). We can eat, separately in our chairs spaced >8' apart, still chat and visit with our horses.

There is no need to pre-register, but we would appreciate it if you drop an email to koneill_950372003@yahoo.com to let her know you are coming. The event is free. If there are guests, we'll have liability waivers handy.

No pressure donations appreciated to the SCCHA club.

Advertising & Volunteer Requests

Advertising

Contact Karen Tarasco ktarasco@yahoo.com for your business advertisements

Send all monies to

SCCHA, P.O. Box 20124, San Jose, CA 95160, Attention Treasurer

Volunteers Needed (Resources and Supplies)

Hi all, the club runs on the generous contributions and volunteers from our members and the community.

To help you understand our needs, we'll have a 'running' Volunteer Request area in the newsletter. Feel free to submit your volunteer requests needed from others, as well as Call one of the Board Members to help fulfill a volunteer request.

Sharon Pfeiffer, Grounds, has kicked off the process with these requests. Please contact her to arrange your help: 408-398-6791 sharonjean54@yahoo.com

- * Weeds: Pull stink weeds where the horse trailers park
- * Round Pen: Move the round pen to an area by the portable stalls. (Wow, I didn't even know we had one!!!!)
- * Finish granite slab in snack shack
- * New door needed on snack shack
- * Volunteer list to help water with water buffalo
- * Paint touch ups around hall
- * BBQ area fixes

Monthly Business Ads (Non-Member)

\$5 ¼ Page Ad

\$10 ½ Page Ad

\$20 Full Page Ad

Members:

Free Personal Ads

½ price Business Ads

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already come in and filled it. It has become an eyesore, with junk piling up. By locking up the dumpster, we hope to discourage this from happening any more. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

We have decided to lock up the dumpster at the Horsemen's grounds because of overfilling by people coming in to use it for their own purposes. Sometimes we even find that people have left their garbage piled next to the dumpster because it was too full. There have been multiple occasions that our rental property tenants and our grounds crew cannot fit anything else in the dumpster because someone has



Membership & 2021 Board of Directors

Guests, with a Member Sponsor, may apply for membership after attending three SCCHA events in a 12-month period. Contact Kathleen O'Neill (408) 590-3933

You can find membership applications on the SCCHA website at

<http://horsemens.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Membership-Form.pdf>

Membership	Count
Family	38
Honorary	2
Junior	1
Lifetime	13
Single	43
Grand Total	97

Honorary Members 2021

Glen Gardner
Ferrell Rand
Paul Tarasco

CONGRATULATIONS to our valued Honorary Members!

At the October 2020 board meeting, the Board of Directors voted three (3) HONORARY Members for 2021. This is in recognition of CONTINUED significant contributions and extraordinary assistance to the Club within the past year. Thank you again. We can't run the club without extraordinary volunteers.

2021 Board of Directors

Thank you all for contributing to the 2021 Board process. The SCCHA ByLaws state if there are no opposition to running candidates, there is no need for an official vote. All the nominated Board Members are now 'Elected' with the 'White Ballot' process.

We are super happy that during this Pandemic, we are welcoming three (3) new board members: Alexis Honig, Hallie Bigliardi, and Suzy Paulazzo. Please help make their experience positive moving forward.

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Please see a Profile & Picture of the folks on the 2021 Board. You can find this in a separate PDF attachment in the email itself.

Farewell to the Behning Family who are moving to Arizona: Special Thank you to Edie, Mike, and Danielle for endless volunteering and Board Leadership.

Membership: Welcome New Members

Welcome: Jennifer Hodge



I was born and raised in San Jose and I'm a professional pet sitter and dog walker. I've been married to my college sweetheart for 10 years, no kids (yet) but 2 cats.

Ever since I can remember, I've loved horses, I distinctly remember my Aunt giving me a copy of *Black Beauty* and just soaking up the story, reading it over and over again. Growing up I did some dude string trail rides at Calero and other facilities, I hung out with friends who had horses and tagged along when they went to the ranch, but I never had a horse of my own.

Finally at 20 Harley came into my life. At the time I was leasing another horse, but I knew it wasn't going to last as that horse was developing health issues. My friend's sister had just had twins and no longer had time to devote to Harley, so she asked me if I wanted him, how could I say no!

Harley and I had a rocky start, I was very green in horse ownership and he was smart enough to know it and took advantage of that fact by being pretty obstinate and not very cooperative. But with bartered riding lessons and horsemanship lessons, reading many, many articles, pure grit and determination, we started forming a wonderful relationship a few years in. We've hit the trail and plodded around the ranch, practiced plenty of ground work, participated in Day of the Horse in Woodside and have just hung out. We now have an inseparable bond, we both can read each other like a book and it's amazing to see how far we've come. We have some goals for the coming years to hit the trail more and do some cow sorting, but right now we're happy to just hang out and wait for this crazy season to pass. I board my horse at Nancy Luck's place. I am so happy to be part of the SCCHA club.

--Jennifer

Membership: Welcome New Members

Welcome: Susan, Jim, Lauren, and Emily Oneal



We are the Oneal family. I am Susan Oneal and my husband is Jim. Our three children are 6th generation to be born in San Jose. Our son Connor is married to Alli and lives in Los Gatos. Our daughters Lauren and Emily are middle schoolers at Bret Harte. My husbands family settled here in 1850 after traveling from the Midwest to Winnemucca, Nevada, then on to San Jose.

My husbands great grandfather, Louis Oneal was a member of the Horsemen's back in 1942 (we even have his membership card!) We come from a long line of ranching families on both sides of the family. My family settled in Santa Rosa and raised sheep. My husbands family first had a horse ranch near Los Altos that they sold and then in 1947 bought a cattle ranch east of Mt. Hamilton that is still in the family.

Our daughter, Lauren is our horsewoman and currently leases a horse from Cathy Angell. We are in the process of looking to purchase a horse for her. She has competed in several playdays and a fun day at the Horseman's. We have lived nearby the Horsemen's for two and a half years now after moving from the country club area of Almaden. We have a two acre property on Fortini Rd where we have three rescued miniature donkeys, four Nigerian dwarf goats, twelve chickens, three rescued cats and a rescued German Shepherd. We love it out here and are happy to be part of the Horsemen's community.

--Susan & Family

Membership: Welcome New Members



Welcome: Tom, Michele, and Tomas Hornak

Our family got involved with the SCCHA when our son Tomas started competing at the shows. My wife, Michele, used to lead Tomas around on our friend's Gypsy Vanner horse (named Fairy Tale). At an early age, Tomas spent weekends grooming her and cleaning out her stall and learning the care aspects of horsemanship.

In March 2020 I met Courtney Adamo and I asked her to teach Tomas horsemanship and how to ride. He has since then averaged two lessons a week and really enjoys riding. I should say he early on started riding bareback because he felt that saddles "hurt his butt". Now, having ridden a couple of events at your facility, he has had to "learn to ride in a saddle" and he seems to accept the requirement. We are very proud of his progress under Courtney's tutelage and really enjoy seeing him gain his confidence and skills. We really look forward to him participating in many future events. He has stated to me that he wants me to participate with him at future events, so I think I have a lot of work to do before any future events to get my muscles up to it. As Courtney will attest my legs are currently noodle strength.

My wife Michele grew up with an uncle (Larry) that had horses on a large property in Michigan, when she was very young her uncle bought her a horse named Brownie, she was lead around on that horse initially and then was riding it around the property with other family members until she was about 10 years old.

My first horse experience was in summers in an old village in Bratrouchov, CZ where my parents rented a cabin every summer for a couple of weeks, the farmer that owned the cabin supplied all the milk for the village and thus every morning brought it down via his horse drawn cart. Each morning on his return to his farm he'd pass by the cabin and pick me up and put me on the back of the draft horse that pulled the cart. I'd ride back to his farm house about a half mile and then run/walk back to the cabin. This really enthralled me to horses. Initially growing up in Pardubice, CZ, the home of the Velká pardubická a world famous cross-country steeplechase race. My mother always took me every year to watch it and I was fascinated by the majesty of the jumping and speed. We came to America when I was 9 years old and it was not until in my sophomore year of high school we moved from Los Altos to Portola Valley. It was then that I discovered the social benefits of horsemanship. As a result I had many girls trying to teach me to ride (and per their idea, jump), most did not know how to teach and thus I got very accustomed to surviving jump refusals and other unplanned involuntary dismounts. It was not until I had a girlfriend after high school that was very nationally competitive in 3 day events and the Olympic team that had a mother who headed up Pony Club and agreed to properly teach me how to ride (so her daughter did not kill me on her crazy rides). I spent over a year of 3 days a week taking lessons and seeing the difference between a real teacher vs. girlfriends that thought it is funny when I got launched. From her proper training I felt I could keep up on the wild trail rides that girlfriend took me on. In 1982 we decided to take roping lessons and learn some western skills, this was a new and really fun twist for me in terms of more than just riding experiences.

Later in life I rode a little. It wasn't until we met Courtney that I got back on a horse and realized I was not a young kid anymore and everything was not as it was back then and I had a lot of muscles to get reacquainted with. I now have a long way to go with my muscles to catch up to my son and to feel comfortable participating with him at future events.

We are very proud of our son Tomas and how he has progressed and we are especially grateful to Courtney for her tireless striving to teach/help and nurture Tomas in his developing horsemanship. We think being members will greatly help expand our horizons in this wonderful aspect of the horse community.

--Tom Hornak