



CORRAL CHATTER

May 1, 2020



Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, Inc. 81 Great Years! Since 1939

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

01. President's Message

02. Events: SCCHA 5D PlayDays

03. Membership

Hello Members,

When I volunteered for the job of president, I never realized that this year would be so different than other years at the Horsemen. I know that the club president can work hard at their job, but this year has started out with so many cancelled events and meetings that I haven't had to do much at all. We have been observing the County Public Health Department guidelines regarding COVID-19, and refraining from public or private gatherings of any kind. No meetings or events are scheduled for May, and that also means our hall rentals have been cancelled through May.

Lately, it's really been about the Horsemen's grounds and arena. Have you seen them lately? It's looking so good, it's a shame we can't gather there to enjoy it with our friends. The work crew has been hard at work spending hours mowing, weed whacking, and discing the arena several times to break up the hard ground and get it looking smooth and even. I have to say a big thank you to members Karen and Paul Tarasco, as well as this year's honorary member Glen Gardener, who have put in lots of volunteer hours on the ground's projects. Paul has also replaced the back door to the clubhouse, and repaired the BBQ. He trimmed and cleaned up the downed branches of the big tree in back. And, he's in the process of getting a list together for the snack shack repairs and upgrades. Water damage, pests, and deterioration has taken its toll on our snack shack. Paul is pricing out a few of the needed repairs. Next time you drive by, take a look at the Horsemen's grounds, and you can take pride in our club!

Our membership continues to grow. Our membership director Kathleen O'Neill has been updating our membership records and contacting some of you who haven't renewed your 2020 membership yet. Don't let a year slip by without your renewal! We hope to be up and running soon, with fun events and meetings later this year.

The County Parks continue to remain open for us to enjoy during this glorious spring weather. That is one excellent way to get out and exercise, with or without horses, and of course, remember to maintain social distancing. Our Parks Director, Don Rocha, and staff, have worked to enable the public to continue visiting our beautiful parks and trails, so we are thankful for that!

So again, we won't be having any meetings or events in May. But I sure hope things improve in the next month, and we can soon be gathering together again to promote good fellowship between horsemen.

Happy trails to you!

Linda Carcione

EVENTS: SCCHA 5D PLAYDAY

I'm remaining hopeful and planning for our great events in the future.

The 4/26 & 5/31 are cancelled. But please stay tuned and lets plan for June-August!!

SCCHA 5D PLAYDAY

The last Sunday of each month

4/26, 5/31, 6/28, 7/26 and 8/30

Santa Clara County Horsemen's Assoc. Inc.

20350 McKean Road, San Jose



BARRELS, SPEED BARRELS, SINGLE STAKE,

POLE BENDING, BIRANGLE AND BIG T

(POSSIBLE EVENT SUBSTITUTIONS EACH SHOW)

\$\$\$ 5-D Format, Cash Payouts to 3rd Place \$\$\$

MEMBERS: \$30.00 all events

DAY MEMBERS: \$35.00 all events

****Cash Awards so fees must be paid in CASH!****

Sign-up 8:00 am Start 9:00 am

For more information, call Karen Tarasco 408-705-7024



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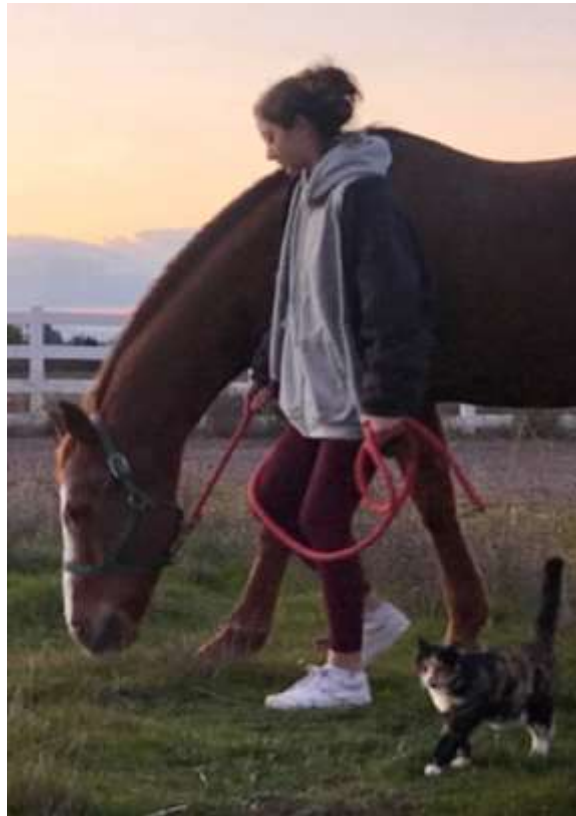
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Family		31	6	37
Honor	2			2
Junior		1		1
Lifetime	13			13
Single		34	11	45
Grand Total	16	66	17	98



Welcome Rachael and Lucia Parakh

My daughter Lucia and I are so excited to be new members of your Horsemen's Association.

Having grown up on the East Coast, I always dreamed of the wide-open spaces in the West and someday owning a horse or two of my own. When my husband and I moved to San Jose 20 years ago and welcomed two children into our family, I wanted to make sure they had plenty of time in nature and felt comfortable around horses, too. My daughter, in particular, took to them right away and is a natural rider. She currently leases a thoroughbred quarter horse named, Maverick from Golden Shiloh, which is just down the road from Horsemen's. He is a retired police horse from San Jose's Mounted Unit and great love of my daughter. I truly enjoy photographing them together and watching Lucia grow in confidence on horseback. She is interested in all aspects of horsemanship and helps on vet days and with weekly barn cleaning.



*****Welcomed last month - but we have great pics to share this month. Lucia is especially important to our club. She represents the youth and our future to the equestrian community!!!! Thank you Cathy Angell and Golden Shiloh for helping make that possible for our valued youth.***

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Welcome Kathy Brayton

Hello, After a few years of participating in events at the Horsemen's, many trail rides with members, and being at 3 barns with members, I finally got that application in and will actually be a member! I've ridden since I was a 6 year old kid until college. I grew up in CO so did lots of western gymkhana, 4H, and riding club. In high school we moved to CA and I switched disciplines and horses to 3 Day Eventing. Then came a few years without horses while I raised my family.

I returned to riding in 2000 and wanted to refresh my skills. I met Becky Hart and took Centered Riding lessons from her. I was also introduced to Endurance riding. What fun to be out on the trails! I'd never done trail riding and instantly loved it. I fell in love with an 8 year old Arabian gelding that Becky had at Lakeview and she generously sold him to me at a price I could afford. That was the beginning of many years and miles with my new partner, Bart. He is now 26 and a happily retired guy. He's very healthy but does some tripping which is not good on trails!

In 2011 The Rush Creek Cattle ranch in Nebraska had a dispersal sale of their wonderful Arabs that were raised to work with cattle. This line of Arabs had tremendous success at endurance racing/riding and I had met some over the years at rides. I was very fortunate to be able to purchase RC Fargo. He was a yearling when I bought him but he stayed on the ranch and came to CA when he was 3. He was very green at 3 but he's had a couple of wonderful trainers and Fargo and I have gone to various clinics and done lots of learning and growing together. He'll be 9 next month.

I'm looking forward to taking part in the different SCCHA events and activities. And getting to know more of you! Cathy

