

# EQUESTRIAN

## We Made it through 2020!

"There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle: one is a sense of humor and the other is patience" - John Lyons



Kathie Jacobson and Spurwing's Superfine Lady at her ranch in Colorado.

Enjoying a sleighride with your Saddlebred? How about a trail ride? Sharing your Saddlebred with the public at a Parade or at an all breed show? We want to hear about it! When we gear up the Year End Awards again next year, we want to celebrate all the

ways we enjoy our horses in and out of the show ring. We also want to celebrate those of you who may not own a horse, but participate by supporting the clubs events and programs. Get ready to get involved in 2021!

### President Notes:

If there is anything this year has taught us, it's that patience with a giant heaping helping of humor is the best way to cope with 2020! No one among us would have predicted that 2020 would evolve into the kind of year it's been. Many of us had to overcome challenges including missed milestones like graduations, proms and birthdays, job insecurity, and general stress about the unknown. However, the one thing that kept so many of us grounded is the love of our horses.

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### NEW FORMAT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The board met to discuss the upcoming year. It was decided to attempt a Virtual Annual Meeting around the end of January. We will notify the membership of the exact date and time, but this will give you a heads up to get a bit oriented to this type of format. We will discuss events for the upcoming year (as best we can predict), election of officers (let us

know if you are interested in running for an office), year end awards (which we tabled for this year), breed promotion and really anything you want to bring to the table. We hope so see as many of you as possible at our first virtual meeting.





Presidents note continued:

Our amazing Saddlebreds are the perfect outlet for so much of our stress. Going to the barn to ride, groom or just be around our horses is the best therapy around. So, remember, use the same patience and humor you reserve for your horses to handle 2020! The Board of Directors of NCASHA wishes all of our members a wonderful holiday season and nothing but the best, with a little dose of patience and humor, for the New Year!

*Helen Roy*

Now that Christmas and Chanukah are over, please think of renewing your NCASHA dues for 2021. Remember, you can renew through Paypal or by sending me a check...Dues remain the same at \$35 for Adults, \$20 for Youth, and \$50 for Family.

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Above: Fun in the Snow  
submitted by Teddi Estes  
Below: Sassy Attache submitted  
by Mike Lynch

Our club recently did a feature called "Trainer in the Spotlight". If you haven't had a chance to check it out, go to the NCASHA Facebook page where you can download the links to read and learn all about NCASHA trainers/members Jennifer Dixon, Merin Maggi, and Brigitte Scholl.



Our Annual Club meeting will be virtual! We are planning for February 21 at 5pm. The meeting will be on ZOOM, more information will be coming over E-mail, on the website and Facebook. If you have not been getting periodic e-mails, contact me or Helen Roy so we can be sure we have your correct e-mail.

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Both Northern California Horse shows are on schedule for April and May. We are all very hopeful that the virus will cooperate and we can go ahead.

Both shows would appreciate any support from our membership, sponsorships are nice, but both really need help with show tasks: gate, ribbons, runners etc. Both shows will be sending information on volunteer opportunities as time gets closer. You don't have to have show experience to volunteer - it is a fun way to get to learn more about our sport. The Silicon Valley show does give some of their proceeds to NCASHA, so the more we help out, the more they can donate. We hope to see everyone in and out of the ring at both shows!!!

## Dear Friends of the Silicon Valley Horse Show!

We are already planning for 2021 and putting together another fantastic show for you! We can't wait to see you May 14-16, 2021 at the Pleasanton Equestrian Center!

We do have some news to share . . . As if 2020 didn't throw enough at us, we are now dealing with the USEF roll back schedule for 2021. Unfortunately, we won't have Kent Moeller with us due to scheduling conflicts, but are super excited to welcome Tuffy Owens as our new manager. We're planning an amazing show for you and have a few surprises in store that we'll share down the road, so stay tuned!

Don't forget to take a look at our new [website!](#)

- over \$20,000 in cash prizes
- 3 Jackpot classes - \$5,000 each
- on site RV parking
- on site driving range!
- Saturday afternoon hosted hospitality and open bar
- [www.siliconvalleyhorseshow.com](http://www.siliconvalleyhorseshow.com)

## California Springfest Horse Show

Is on the schedule for April 22-25 at Rancho Murieta. We are planning a full range of classes for Saddlebreds and Morgans as well as Open classes.

The new on site cafe opened last year - hopefully the Covid situation in April will allow it to be open.

Tom Bombolis from Minnesota has accepted the judging position.

We are hopeful that social events can be held including the popular evening Cocktail party - time will tell on that.

Kevin Michael is our manager: [kdm5g8td@aol.com](mailto:kdm5g8td@aol.com)



# Monarch Stables

Cotati, CA

[www.monarchstables.com](http://www.monarchstables.com)



Don Julio

As this unusual year comes to a close, we find there is so much to be grateful for! Our amazing barn family and our support for each other and the horses shine brighter than ever!

We have a growing community of horse lovers and it shows in their dedication to the horses, the learning process and the sport. In the past few months, we have added some new equine faces, several new lessees and some talented new students.

Lynn Silva has a fancy new two year old that we are all excited about, **SH A Shot of Don Julio**. Julio is already becoming a barn favorite with his soft eyes and demonstrative nicker!

An exciting Christmas surprise, the Belek Family received a most amazing gift, **CH Hubris** for Maggie, Janey and Asher! Probably a bit for mom (Ann Mary) too! We are so thrilled for this wonderful family and very special horse!

Also, as a surprise Christmas gift, Naomi Perry received a lease on our beautiful **Moonlight Jasmine**. Jasmine is already getting quite expectant of Naomi's homemade horse cookies!

We are very excited about our two new adult teams! Amber Feral is leasing the darling **Cloverleaf Red Cloud**! Amber and Crimson are really getting together and looking to be a wonderful team. They got a brief run at competition at the Autumn Edition show and finished with good second place ribbons.

Tia Hurley, is the epitome of a well-turned out, elegant lady driver. She is leasing **Seaside Thunder** and they are a beautiful picture together. They also were able to get a moment in the show arena at the Autumn Edition to win the Driving Championship.

We had planned to take 10 Monarch littles to the Autumn Edition show, but as things have gone this year, plans changed. The fairgrounds had to do a last minute arena change and we decided it best to keep the youngsters at home. But, disappointing kids is not our favorite, so we rallied to put on our second at home practice show and made it a holiday theme! Great fun and food was had by all.

On December 3rd, we said farewell to our beautiful Barbie (**Royalcrest's Rockappella**). She was approaching her 28th birthday and has been a very special part of Monarch Stables for the past 17 years. With her well rounded career from World's Championship Horse Show to Dressage in the Wine Country, to patiently teaching countless people to ride, she will be missed. This year, Barbie was inducted into the Sonoma County Equus Hall of Fame, the first time a horse has been inducted since 2013! She will live on as part of local history and we are very happy to have a Saddlebred represented, especially one so special.

Again, thank you to our wonderful barn family for making this year positive despite the odds! And thank you to NCASHA for the support of our lesson program. Stronger together!

Happy and Healthy Holidays to all! Looking forward to seeing our horse show friends soon!!!!



- top left: Tia Hurley & Seaside Thunder  
- Julie Barrow  
- Lindsey Beckett and I'm Addicted  
- Naomi Perry & Moonlight Jasmine  
- Amber Feral & Cloverleaf Red Cloud  
- Keira & Shamrock's Jessica



- The Belek family and their new horse CH Hubris  
- Janey Belek and Hubris  
- Maggie Belek and Hubris





## Royalcrest's Rockapella (Barbie) 2/25/93 - 12/3/20

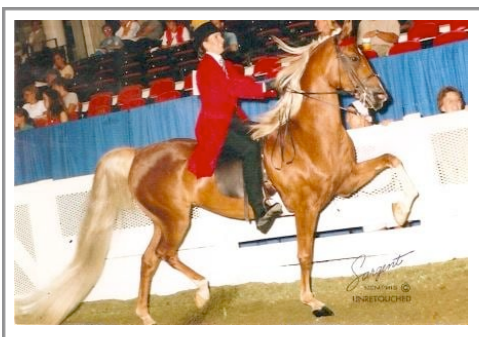
On Dec. 3rd our beloved Barbie became ill and our efforts to alleviate her pain and get her back on her feet proved unsuccessful. Our vet agreed that her condition was declining and that the kindest course of action would be to help her pass on with no pain and lots of chin scratches.

Of course, the hardest part of having these wonderful animals in our lives is that they require us to make these impossible decisions on their behalf; it is a great responsibility, but still it never gets any easier.

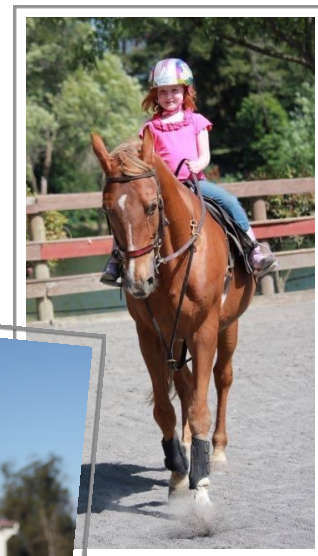
Just a few months shy of 28 years, Barbie's life was full of love and learning, and most of it she spent as a Monarch resident, side-by-side with Brigitte - the dream team of fun and safety. With a soft, innate, maternal air, Barbie taught countless people to ride and carefully carried even our littlest of littles in and out of the show ring.

Truly a grand mare, Barbie was recently awarded an Equus award by the Sonoma County Horse Council, but the ceremony was rescheduled due to covid, and we hope that very soon she can be celebrated not just by us but by the entire Sonoma county horse community.

Barbie has touched so many lives and in time we will surely find a wonderful way to commemorate such a deserving horse. For now, heavy hearts full of love for Babs.



- Barbie at Louisville
- Barbie with "her" kids
- Janey Belek (below)
- Maggie Belek (right)
- Barbie's last gift: Presley Feri's ride 11/7/20 (middle)



# Golden Ridge Stables

2020 unfortunately has been something out of a disaster movie. We have had many ups and downs this year. Some of the highlights would be that our lesson program has boomed. I have never really focused hard on a lesson program and this year I decided to. It has us at 50 lessons a week. People are falling in love for our breed and discipline (who doesn't!). Mainly I have kids in the barn but most of them are gearing towards showing hopefully in the 2021 show season.

Our breeding program has started. The newest broodmare is Lady Brenna who is a full sibling to Stewie Griffin and Peter Griffin, she is by Designed and out of Callaways Goodness Gracious who is by Callaways Blue Norther. She is currently in foal to Capetown Talent who is by Talent Town and out of a Harlem Globetrotter mare. We have her first foal coming into training this winter named Taxation. Taxation made her Louisville debut in 2019 in the Weanling Open and was sixth. We are excited for this stretchy filly.

GRS was looking forward to our only horse show; 2020 NWSA Fall Classic, unfortunately it was cancelled due to the wildfires. We were happy to hear everyone in the Northwest was safe and no one lost any livestock or structures. We were involved in two large fires this year in the South Bay, scorching up to 400,000 acres. It is scary with fires but we now have a evacuated plan for future incidences.

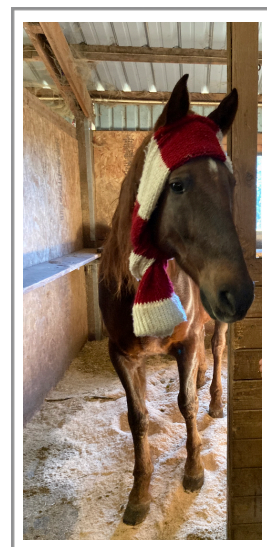
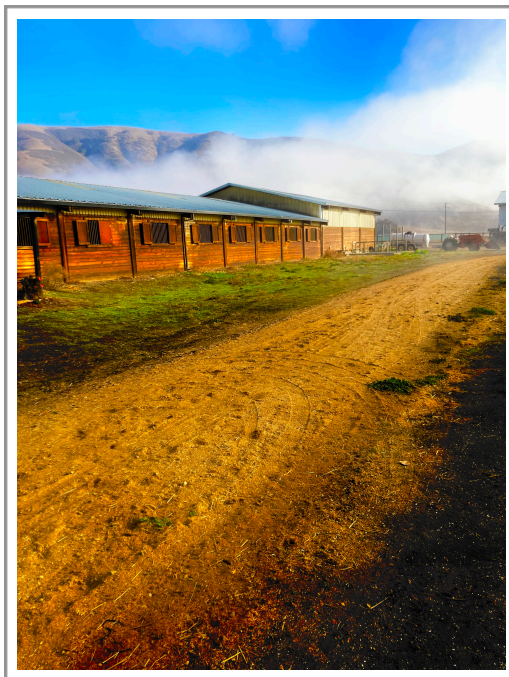
Since we didn't get to go to a horse show, I planned a Halloween party at the barn. We settled up a haunted house in our round pen, which led you into our barn aisle, with the total of 350 feet long barn we had plenty of space for social distancing, masking and hand sanitation, during food and drinks. 70 GRS families showed up. We enjoyed games and two costumes classes with Terry Konkle being our judge. I want to give a big thanks to Darryl and Louise Brothers, Nancy Bernhard, and Jeff Heyer for all their help putting on a fabulous party!

After Thanksgiving Day, Jeanie Cooper, Louise and Darryl Brothers, Nancy Bernhard, and Susan Estes, Scott and Teddi Boe all drove over to Henry Coe State Park for trail ride. Not everyone rode. Darryl Brothers roller skated and Susan Estes walked Mojo. It was a fun, crisp cool morning the day after Thanksgiving and all our horses were happy to be out and about.

Happy Holidays to all. Stay Safe.



- Taxation  
- the Farm  
- Sam wishes everyone a Merry Xmas







- Olivia and Hailey with Maui
- Sam looking out window owned by Jennifer Blackburn
- Nevaeh and Maui
- Gianna and Alfie
- Ella & Kevin
- Jeanie & Goldie on trail ride
- Issac and Jessee







- Louise & Darryl with Shadow
- Nancy and Louise
- The Electric Chair was a real prop
- Centerpieces
- Nancy , Al, Olivia & Michelena
- Ella and Bheir





# J.L. DIXON STABLE

Vacaville, CA

We ended our summer tour at the Kentucky State Fair. As everything else it too was different, but in very positive ways. We were stalled outside instead of in the North Wing, between famous neighbors! Tre' and Emily were on one side and Milestone on the other. Wow! The extra space in the aisle was fantastic and the ease of access to the warm up arena as well as the chute couldn't have been better. CH Your Lucky Stars won his fourth qualifying class in a row and ended up Reserve World Champion Western Pleasure horse. Stevie takes it all in stride putting his ears up for the cameras. Since his return to CA he has been king of the green pasture! CH Nutta You Business earned the seventh place ribbon in the Country Pleasure Adult Championship. Palisades Kentucky Colonel was back in action winning the fifth place ribbon, with a vote for second place, with both Gen Hess and Kevin Michael. CH Here We Are, Heartland Resplendent and Nuttin But Kisses all turned in solid performances as well. We returned home to CA to a very burned country side. Thankfully time is taking care of the landscape and people around the area are beginning to rebuild.

We were set to head to OR to Fall Classic but once again Mother Nature had other ideas. We caught our breath and headed to Las Vegas for the Viva Las Vegas horse show. Big shout out to Gen Hess, Susan Valley and Kevin Michael for making sure the show went on. Katie Sinclair had a blue ribbon debut on Sir Blue. Gen Hess and Our Perfect Day had their own blue ribbon debut in Western Pleasure. While the classes were small everyone had a great time and was very appreciative to have another show. During Vegas Gen and Jen decided Nutta You Business and Kentucky Colonel should head to Kansas City for one last show. Both horses left Vegas and laid over at the Rivers Edge in CO a few days and then shipped into KC. The boys both showed very well earning second and third place ribbons. While in KC the beautiful mare Soquilis Sweet Obsession caught Jen's eye and came back to CA with new owner Pleasants Valley Ranch. This tall beauty will show in the Gaited division in 2021. The winter Solstice has come and gone and we are so happy to be gaining a bit of daylight each day. Rain would be a bonus but all the horses are happy getting some well deserved pasture time. We'll be riding out of 2020 on a trail ride at Pena Adobe park and looking forward to 2021!



JL Dixon Trail ride: L to R: Rylee & Kaylyn Abbott on Willow and Molly, Amanda Vincent on Vegas, Gen Hess on Stevie (Your Lucky Stars), Jen Dixon on Nutta You Business, Katrina Smith on Noche, Bonnie on Thundersnow, Sue Valley on Lyle Lovett.





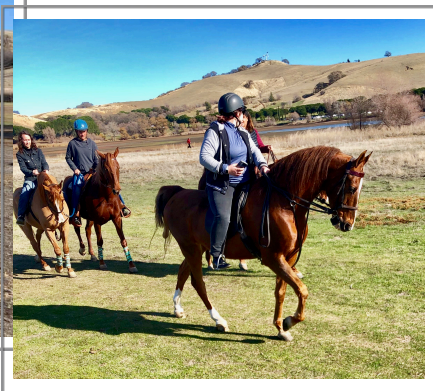
**LOUISVILLE**

- Gen & Jen celebrate the win
- L -> R
- Your Lucky Stars & Gen Hess
- Lyle Lovett & Sue
- Here We Are & Sue Valley



**VEGAS**

- Katie Sinclair & Sir Blue
- Gen Hess & Our Perfect Day
- Audra Brizgys & Elvis
- Rylee Abbott & Willow



**TRAIL RIDE FUN**

- the group
- Kaylyn Abbott and Nutta You Business lead the group

# Maggi Stables

## Gilroy, California

This year has been filled with ups and down and unpredictability galore! We were fortunate enough to attend several shows throughout the unusual show season, including the last show for our Morgan horses, the Morgan Grand National in Oklahoma City, OK. Our final show plans for Morgans and Saddlebreds included the Jingle Bell Horse Show in Del Mar in December, but, unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, that show was cancelled.

OKC ended up being more than just OK! Maggi Stables horses and riders were well prepared and ready for action! Chalking up multiple national and world titles for new teams and seasoned performers alike. Kate Ramsower, Linda Sheridan, Kari Lyddon, Jacqie Mahoney, Fran Iyer, and Muy Loco Investments all brought home Grand National, and World Champion titles. Like all of the shows this year, the Morgan Grand National had numerous safety protocols in place to ensure the health and welfare of all attendees. Despite the restrictions and limits on socializing, the Maggi Stables team had a great time and is already looking forward to next year!

Winter work is under way for several new teams. Kate Ramsower is gearing up to team up with young Three Gaited standout, Doubletree's Skyfall owned by Tracy Reif. We are really excited about what this combo will bring to the showing in 2021! Also debuting for the first time on the West Coast is Isabella Sheridan and Nuttin But Fancy. Isabella is the granddaughter of long-time Maggi Stables client, Linda Sheridan, and it's their first foray into the world of showing Saddlebreds. We can't wait to see Isabella in the Country Pleasure Junior Exhibitor division. However, Isabella can't be the only one having fun! Linda, who definitely likes her mares, added Morgan horse, Flintlocks Envy to her string of beautiful horses. What a special and unforgettable experience it will be to have grandmother and granddaughter showing together!

Not new to the world of Saddlebreds or the showing, but new to her mounts, is Lexie Saine. Lexie recently purchased Wintersby, an American Saddlebred most recently shown in Fine Harness. Lexie is also hard at work learning the ropes of her favorite bay Saddlebred, Taco. Between her two Saddlebreds, her retired Saddlebred Callaway's Editor's Note, and young Morgan, Muy Bien, we know that Lexie is "muy busy"! 2021 definitely looks exciting for Lexie and her string of horses.

Not wanting to be left behind in the horse shopping department, Helen Roy recently purchased a true standout in the Morgan Park division, Ancient Oracle. This fiery and high stepping horse will definitely be one to watch in 2021. We know that Helen can't wait to get hold of those reins!

Simbara's Belle Michelle and Delovely's Radiant Belle continue to give lessons and teach young riders all about the joy of Saddle Seat and Saddlebreds. Lila Tatar has done a fabulous job incorporating these two mares into the lesson program. She looks forward to introducing more riders to the breed and discipline and continues to grow the Maggi Stables lesson program.

And, because Saddlebreds and Morgans aren't enough at Maggi Stables, we recently added Teddy, an adorable young Welsh Pony to the family. Owned by Jennifer Maggi, Teddy is here to learn the ropes including some tricks taught to him by our very own Assistant Trainer, Lila. We hope to showcase Teddy's skills at some of our local shows!

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and much joy and happiness. We look forward to seeing you at the barn, at the shows, and in the ring in 2021!





- top left: DeLovely's Radiant Belle
- top right: Simbara' s Belle Michelle
- Helen Roy & Ancient Oracle
- Merin & Muy Bien
- Lexie & Taco
- Lexie's first ride on Wintersby
- Doubletree's Skyfall to be shown in 2021 by Kate Ramsower
- Teddy the pony







-Linda Sheridan & Flintlock's Envy  
 - Isabelle Sheridan & Nuttin but Fancy  
 - Lila Tatar, Merin & Dan Freudenblum at the Morgan Grand National



Words of inspiration submitted by Katrina Smith, several of us started this way and can attest to these Words of Wisdom.

I just want to tell all of those kids out there who have no money and come from a non horsey background and have no access to top professionals, with no idea what to do to achieve their goals, and are leasing a 23 year old 2/5 lame Thoroughbred, riding around unrecognized events with a plastic Troxel helmet and white rubber reins with no hair net and an un-tucked polo shirt you borrowed from your brother and DEFINITELY unsure if your horse is on the bit or not but have plans to go the the Olympics one day... DO NOT under any circumstances stop trying. Example:



Fitting & Showing class with Dirty pony. Arrived late because we had to go to church first, didn't know I need a jacket, so borrowed my brothers off his back. Hair not in bun, pony not clipped - pulled out of pen and brushed off. What is a show halter? Dirty boots and hoofs. Judged by Danish System - won the absolute last ribbon in class. KEEP TRYING



# Member News

- from **Lexie Seine**

Muy Loco Investments aka myself and my mom just got another bay horse with Merin. We purchased current RWCC and RWC Ladies Fine Harness, Wintersby. Merin who was primarily a Morgan barn as of last year has as many Saddlbreds in training that she has Morgans. We have all 3 of our Saddlbreds with her (Calvin - retired, Taco who Jim Cherry started and now Wintersby). We also have a 3 year old Park Harness Morgan who won at OKC.



**Helen Roy's** Heir to the Empire and Prince Valiant are enjoying a well deserved winter vacation at their Southern California home. Both boys showed at every show they could this year, including the World's Championship. Heir to the Empire showed his stuff in his new division, Pleasure Driving, earning a RWCC in Amateur Pleasure Driving at Louisville! A few weeks later both horses headed to Las Vegas where they were both Champions and Grand Champions in Pleasure Driving and Fine Harness. Then it was back to San Diego for a mini vacation before gearing up for Carousel in March 2021!

- from **Cathy and Art Saur**

We trust you had an interesting year. Art & Cathy are in our third year of being snow birds. We plan to spend six months in Palm Desert and summers in Spokane, Wa. Our trip to Spokane last spring was interesting as most everything in California was locked down, including rest stops and eateries along the way. Needless to say, we made the trip in record time. There were no horse shows this year, and most of our vacation plans were cancelled. We did a short visit to Sand Point, ID., which we enjoyed very much. We are now spending a lot of time walking our golden doodle. We took up pickle ball plus Art plays golf a few times a week. He has learned that more practice does not make perfect. We are grateful for the beautiful warm weather. May your new year be blessed with peace, good health, happiness and love.  
Cathy& Art

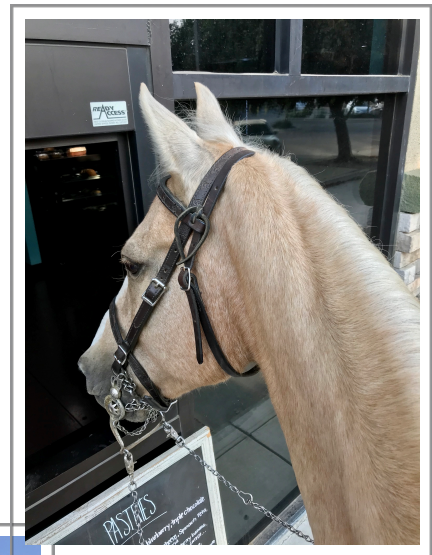


**Juanita Ellington** and her golden Saddlebreds haven't been able to go to parades, but that hasn't stopped them from having fun!



A ride into town to Sweet Life our local bakery/coffee shop - Juanita on General and Charlie on Patron

- Juanita & General and Laurette on Rosie head in to town
- Gold Eagle placing his order at the Sweetlife
- GoldEagle and grandson Kaden enjoying a trailride
- 3 year old Contessa





Silicon Valley Ranch LLC. Saratoga, California  
**Phil Boyce, Sharon Boyce- Bender & Ava Bender**

Our team made it to many horse shows this year to our surprise and they all had their own special flair.

Our string currently includes 9 active show horses, one broodmare, a yearling and a quarter horse.

Though we currently have no Saddlebred currently we love to stay actively involved with all our saddlebred friends.

Fun fact Sharon's first horse at age 12 was an ASB 5 gaited mare under the direction of Bob Lewis. We loved her along with my Moms Hackney Pony, Semmairs Comet aka Nonpareil (she changed his name you know those pink and green candies with the little dots yep that is what he got named after)

But we quickly fell into the Morgan business with our long time trainer Wayne Willnauer (many of you know him as our friendly hauler)! Well we became his clients before Brett was even born and had a nice string of Morgan with Wayne.

But by far we had the (to be continued)

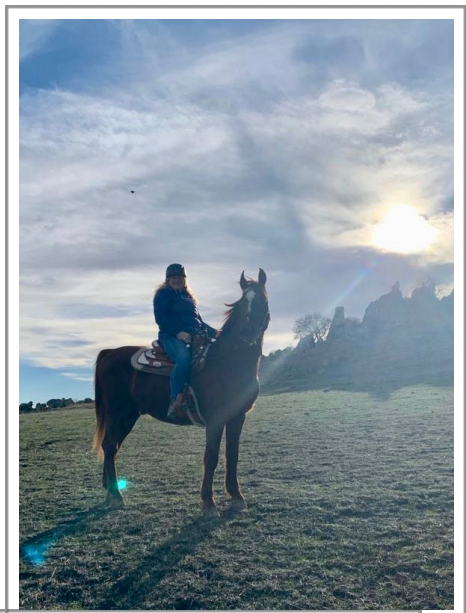


- Ava & Bandini
- Ava & Valley Acres  
Who Dat
- Sharon & Graycliff  
Tony Hawk
- Ava & Mighty Thor
- Sharon's mother and  
Nonpareil



**SUMMIT SADDLEBREDS, Alamo, CA (Susan Fleming & Sue Valley)**

Susan Fleming, daughter Laura (and her boyfriend) had a lovely walk on Mt. Diablo. Rocky really enjoyed the outing and was happy to have the whole family together. Both Spud and Rocky celebrated Christmas by sporting a festive wreath and posing for pictures. Both boys are very happy that the grass is starting to grow on the mountain - brunch rides can't be far behind! They are looking forward to rides in the hills, naps in the sun and loads of treats! Rocky will turn 23 and Spud 22 in the coming year, hoping for a healthy, safe and fun 2021!



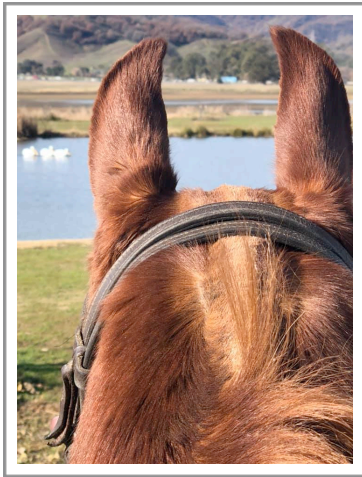
-Rocky (Perfect Adventure) & Susan Fleming  
- Spud (Too Attached) & Sue Valley



**Mike Lynch:** sent in some wonderful pictures of a day at his farm with Sassy Attache, Smart Cookie, Our White Water and assorted friends. NCASHA sends their condolences to Mike after the tragic loss of his husband this fall. Our thoughts are with you.  
Photos by Doyle Allen



# Looking toward 2021!



Looking through the ears of CH Your Lucky Stars - a great way to start the new year.

We made it through 2020, some of us managed to make it to a few horse shows, but we all are hoping things will calm down and get back to some semblance of normal. At this point we are going ahead and planning events, we know things won't be completely normal, but hopefully it will be safe enough to enjoy outside events with our horses and horse friends. Keep yourself and families safe and we will keep you posted as the year unravels.

## Calendar

### January 21, 2021

Annual Meeting - Virtual

### April 22 - 25, 2021

California Springfest Show

### May 7 - 9, 2021

Western States Horse Expo

### May 14 - 16, 2021

Silicon Valley Horse Show

**Events are on the schedule as of now. Hopefully Covid will start to get under control and we can start to emerge from under our rocks. We will continue to keep you posted.**

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