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Horse Shows Return!

After a long year, it was great to see our members in the show ring.



New faces and seasoned riders!
- Maggie Belek & CH Hubris
- Gen Hess & Undulata's Lover Boy



The California Springfest and Silicon Valley Horse Shows were back on track after a long year of COVID restrictions. Both shows had a good turnout, classes were competitive, seasoned campaigners as well as new faces were cheered on by their

barnmates. It was wonderful to see a good number of new Academy riders - a good omen for the future. See articles on pages 4 and 6 for details.

Many thanks to Edward Azuar Saddle Horse Report and National Horseman for some of the photos.

ANNUAL MEETING TOOK ON A NEW FORMAT

With COVID precautions still in effect, the NCASHA annual meeting was virtual this year. The meeting took place on January 21 and turn out was good considering the range of members and their comfort level with on line meetings.

We welcome our officers for 2021:
Helen Roy: President, Dana Leavitt: Vice



President, Lexie Saine: Treasurer, Susan Valley: Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on page 2. Hopefully we can get back to face to face meetings later this year, until then we will continue to keep members informed via social media.

"Horses make a landscape look beautiful"
- Alice Walker

I'll be the first to admit it, when I'm driving and I see horses grazing in a field, I always take a second for a quick peek and to take in the view. I'm sure you've done the same! There is something special and comforting about seeing horses outside just living the good life. It's such a tranquil visualization. Now that Spring is here and most restrictions have been lifted, we are finally back to gathering with our friends and with the animals we love so much. Next time you are at the barn, take an extra minute to just breathe in your horse's scent, bury yourself in their mane, allow your hearts to beat together, and give thanks for the privilege you have to partner with these magnificent animals. Live in the moment and make it amazing!

Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting of NCASHA

January 21, 2021, Virtual meeting over Google Meet called to order at 5:05pm
Minutes from the 2020 meeting were read and approved

Election of officers:

President: Helen Roy ; Vice President: Dana Leavitt

Treasurer: Lexie Saine; Secretary: Susan Valley

Treasurer' Report:

Income: Total: \$6,639.07 (Majority from donations and dues)

Expenses: Total: \$9,595.65 (Admin: 2094.90, Banquet 1131.34, Promotion including COVID trainers fund 2291.50, Show sponsorships 1590)

Bank Balances as of 1/26/20: Checking: \$8,999.16 Savings: \$13,114.49

President's Report:

There were many changes due to COVID 19 – Springfest Horse show was cancelled in 2020, Silicon Valley Horse Show did go on, but was limited in the amount of a donation it could make to NCASHA.

The Horse Expo was cancelled. It was decided not to have yearend awards in 2020 due to the lack of shows. Member trainers were given a \$100 grant /lesson horse to help defray the cost for trainers during the lock down. The club featured several on line activities during the year: Trainer in the Spotlight which was featured on our website, Youth on line postings, Coloring contest. We are trying to have a bigger on line presence on FaceBook and Instagram – tag NCASHA when you post things about your horses.

Rated Horse Shows: There will be two shows in Northern California this year: California Springfest Show will be April 22 - 25 at Rancho Murieta and Silicon Valley Show will be in Pleasanton, May 14 – 16. NCASHA will again be a beneficiary of the Silicon Valley Show and will be supplying the insurance for the show. Any members who are interested in helping at either show should contact Manager Kevin Michael or Committee heads Gen Hess and Sue Valley for the California Springfest or Helen Roy for the Silicon Valley Show. NCASHA will make a donation of \$500 to each show and specify that it be used for the Academy division.

Santa Rosa Shows: There will again be an all-breed show series run by Marie Boyd. Members felt it was important to support these shows as they are a good entry level show for many new riders. The club voted to make a donation of \$500 to the show series.

Newsletter: In order to save money, the membership voted to make the newsletter digital. It will be posted on our web site. Members have to opt in to receive a printed copy.

Website/Facebook: The website will be updated this year. President Helen Roy will continue to post activities on Facebook and Instagram as well as the web site. Members are encouraged to send her information to post.

Membership/Meetings: Dues remain: Family: \$50, Sr: \$35, Jr: \$20, members are encouraged to renew their membership on pay pal

Breed Promotion: There was a discussion about possible ways to promote the breed. The Horse Expo has moved its venue to Rancho Murieta and dates are in June, they do conflict with the Charity Fair Horse show making participation a problem. Other ideas of having open barn tours and inviting Girl Scouts/ 4-H/ youth groups were discussed.

Monarch Stables has hosted an Intro to the Saddlebred Clinic at their facility, they hosted 15 people, 7 new to the breed. This was very successful.

Academy/Lesson support: A discussion was held on the best way to support the trainers and help bring new people into the sport. Topics included a small grant for any first time riders vs putting that toward clients that are already interested in the breed and want to progress. The club would like to help the trainers as much as possible, there will be further discussion on the best way to achieve this.

Jennifer Dixon is on the ASHA committee for Academy riders. She will host a regional trainers meeting to get input from the Northern California riding programs.

Year End Awards: 2020: California Futurity, Silicon Valley, Santa Rosa Shows. Points would be the same for all the shows. In addition, members can contribute points from 2 outside shows – points have to be sent to Sue Valley by November 15th.

Discussion was held about expanding and promoting our non-show categories: Pleasure Riding, Open Competition, Parade and maybe adding Trail Riding.

ASHA Breed Ambassador Program: Congratulations to:

NCASHA: Reserve World Champion and Region 1 Champion

Kathy Dunn: Individual World Champion, 3x Region 1 Champion

Lauren Brizgy: Reserve Champion Region 1

Monarch Stables: Champion Stable Region 1

The meeting was adjourned.



by Naomi Perry
Moonlight Jasmine in a Space Doughnut



The California Springfest Show was happy to be back after their COVID break in 2020. The Murieta Equestrian Center had even more to offer this year with the opening of the Horseman's Cafe. Barns came from Washington, Oregon, Northern and Southern California and the competition was pretty stiff in a number of divisions. We were very pleased to see such a good turnout in the Academy Division. with riders from Golden Ridge, Monarch,Maggi Stables and Rylee Abbot making a good showing. Exhibitors enjoyed the hospitality as well as the opportunity to get back to showing their horses.

Top Left Clockwise:

- Julie Barrow & Supreme Kiss, Dean MacCracken & HS Sense of Style, Dana Leavitt & Goodfellows Park, Helen Roy & Jim Cherry, Golden Ridge Academy Riders,
- Linda Kane & Heartland Tuscany, Karen Lachman & Regal's Promoter LF



- Left: Maggie Belek & Hubris
- Sue Valley & Here We Are
- Right: Michael Craghead & Katie Sinclair



Middle left, clockwise
- Lexie Saine & Taco
- Nancy Bernhard & Shadow
- Sue Valley & Ultimate Spell
- Tia Hurley & Seaside Thunder
- Becky & Katie Sinclair, Rylee,
Kelly, Ron & Kayln Abbott,
Dean MacCracken, Elizabeth &
Victoria Krier Nixon
- Merin Maggie, Micheal
Craghead, Lexie Saine, Judy
Castillac



THE SILICON VALLEY
HORSE SHOW

The 2021 Silicon Valley Horse Show was a rousing success! In only its second year at the Pleasanton Equestrian Center the show is definitely developing momentum and shaping up to be an incredible event for Saddlebreds, Morgans and Hackney Ponies. Show organizers, Helen Roy and Lexie Saine, worked hard to put together a show that was competitive, energized, and fun, plus had lots of cash and prizes to give away. This year's entries were significantly higher than in previous years, and the depth and strength of competition was outstanding. The show gave out over \$30,000 in cash prizes to owners and trainers, including three \$5,000 Jackpot classes and a \$100 Trainer's Purse. In addition to cash prizes, there were additional drawings for prizes from DeRegnaucourt, Becker Brothers, Marsha de Arriaga, Richfield Video, Freedman's Harness and more.

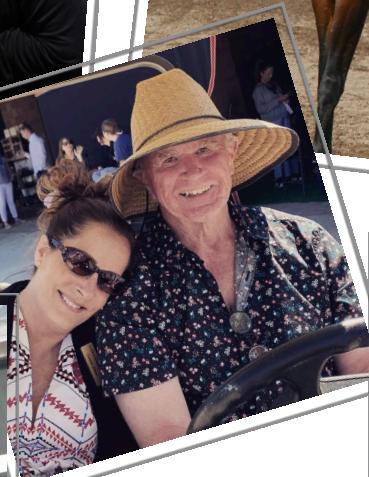
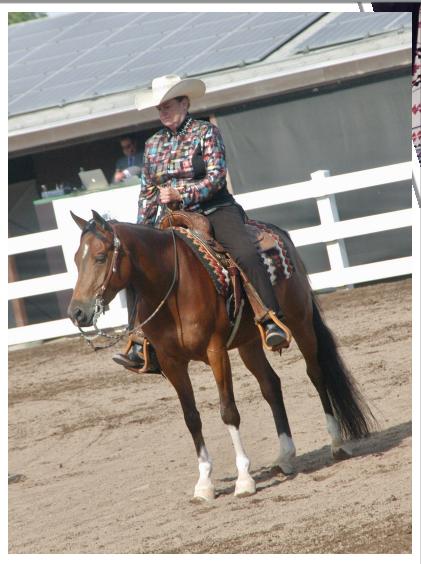
The show offered some very deep classes filled with strong contenders from every breed and division. Many classes were 6 and 7 riders strong which was great to see. Especially rewarding to watch were the full Academy classes. The leadline walk/trot class had 5 riders competing for top honors! This division is so important to the foundation of our industry, and everyone was thrilled with the turnout. NCASHA was well represented in the Academy division with several new members debuting in the showring, all finishing in top ribbons!

One of the highlights of the show was the Trainer+Assistant Relay. This relay consisted of skills typically performed at shows or around the barn. As show announcer, Mark Farrar, joked "It's like any other day, the trainer stands around and the assistant does all the work." The Relay was a blast to watch, and all participants won a cash prize. Top honors in 2021 went to Brigitte Scholl and Cheyenne Cairns. They were not the quickest finishers, but they had the neatest work!

The SVHS was fortunate to have the very talented photographer, Jon McCarthy, in center ring. Photos for purchase are available at jonmccarthyphoto.com. The SVHS, National Horseman and Saddlehorse Report all have candids posted on their social media pages, check them out to see if you are in any of them!

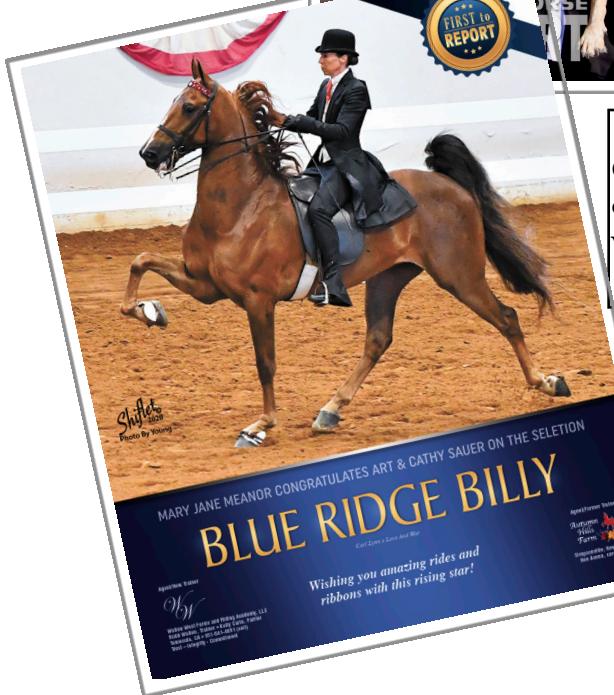
The show is also grateful to NCASHA for providing so many wonderful volunteers for the show. Center ring ribbons were managed by Dana Leavitt and he did a marvelous job organizing all of the volunteers, all of whom are NCASHA members. It's a really fun way to see the show from a different perspective and hear some of the banter that goes on in center ring.

The show committee is already hard at work planning for next year. The SVHS looks forward to seeing everyone back in 2022!



Top Left clockwise
- Adina Freudenblum Academy winner
- Sue Valley & Lyle Lovett
- Lexie Saine & Taco
- LeeAnne Mione & Kevin Michael
- Gen Hess & Magic City
- Spud's best Friend Stanley & Debbie Bartman came for the \$5,000 Western class
- Royalee Cleveland & LeeAnne

Member News

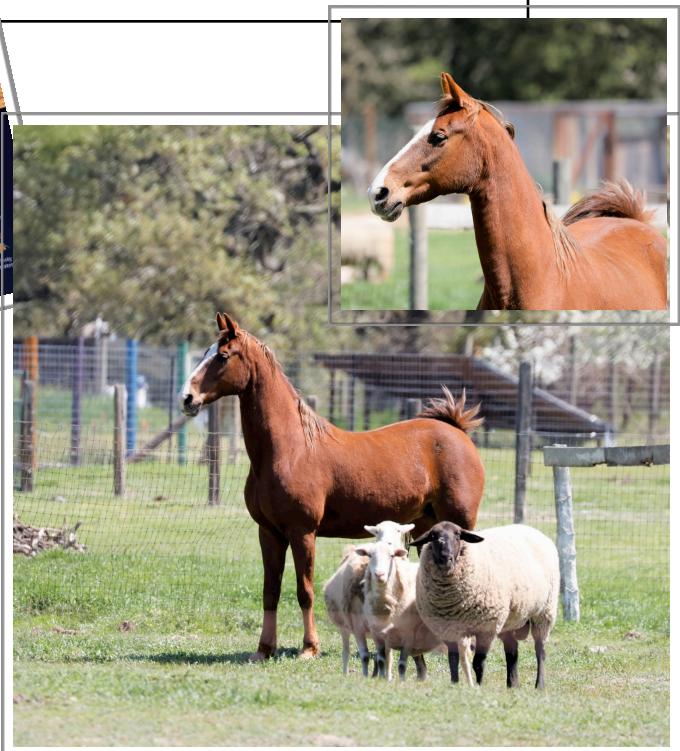


Stephanie Davidson made the trip to the Silicon Valley Horse Show and took home the Hackney Pleasure Driving Championship with her stylish Heartlands Rich and Famous. It was great to see her back in the show ring!

Her lovely 5-gaited mare Dark Vanilla had a striking baby this spring:

Samur Vanilla aka Kahlua. (Samur x Dark Vanilla x Designed).

Congratulations to Art and Cathy Sauer on the purchase of Blue Ridge Billy. Can't wait to see them in the show ring!!



Mike Lynch is busy with his 3 mares in Sonoma - Sharp Cookie has adopted a few ewes and is still looking good at 28!



COUNTING CARDS

& Sophie Yih

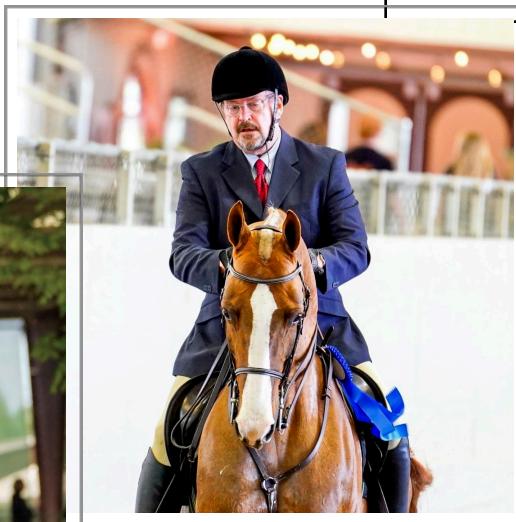


Summit Saddlebreds - Alamo

A quiet year so far. Rocky (Perfect Adventure) turned 23 and his mom Susan Fleming says he continues to be her pride and joy.

Spud (Too Attached) has been fighting a bout of laminitis since January. He has been up to UC Davis and is sporting a fine set of clogs. He seems to be making progress, so his mom Sue Valley is hopeful that he will make a recovery. Susan Fleming stops by and says hi to him every day on her way to see Rocky.

We miss the Yih family at Summit. Sophie has been busy back east and made her 5-Gaited debut on the exciting Counting Cards. She is looking to a busy year showing her Saddlebreds and Arabians.



Always a popular team; **Dean**

MacCracken and HS Sense of Style made a splash at the California Springfest coming home with the blue in the Opportunity Hunter Pleasure Class.



Helen Roy:

My Southern California Saddlebred boys at Cherry Stables made several road trips to Northern California in April and May! First, we came up to Rancho Murietta for the California Springfest, and then a few weeks later we were back for the Silicon Valley Horse Show in Pleasanton. We had so much fun and had a great time supporting both shows. Both horses are loving their harness divisions, Heir to the Empire in Show Pleasure Driving and Prince Valiant in Fine Harness. The Fine Harness division is especially strong, with large and very competitive classes this season, which makes me really proud of the West Coast!



Congratulations to Sarah Rainwater and her beautiful mare Mahvalous in Black. She is expecting a foal by Glamorous Nuts in Spring 2022

Rainwater Farms

Michael Craghead Stables

www.rainwaterfarms.com

Spring is in the air, and it was so exciting to see everyone at Rancho Murrieta Horse Show. We all have so much to be grateful for. Our amazing barn family and the support we have for each other. We are so thankful Michael Craghead is back into the swing of things and supporting us at the horse shows.

At the Rancho Murrieta Horse Show, Sarah Rainwater competed with Marvelous in Black (Gracie) in the saddle and bridle hunter seat classic. She also competed in Hunter Under Saddle qualifier. To top things off, we found out that Gracie is pregnant by Glamorous Nuts, and we are all looking forward to the new arrival next year. Linda Kane competed in the open roadster with her beautiful hackney, Heartland Tuscany, and her fine harness, Into the Cosmos. It was an incredible horse show with great competition. Shari Rainwater entered the competition with the Great Gatsby, Pleasure Pony driving, and her fantastic Pleasure Driving horse, Sir Aaron. Carolyn Glick competed with Lemonade in Country Pleasure Driving with her family cheering her on.

We all just got back home from competing at the Silicon Valley Horse Show put on by Helen Roy with co-chair, Lexie Saine. They made the show fun, competitive, warm, and friendly. So many people give of their time to help put together these horse shows, and we thank them all. Sarah Rainwater, with Marvelous in Black, Shari Rainwater, with Sir Aaron, Linda Kane with Heartland Tuscany, Into the Cosmos, and Carolyn Glick, with Lemonade.

Great news! Sage had a colt by Sedgefield Legacy and Hammered Last Night had a beautiful colt by Glamorous Nuts.

Thank you to all of the competitors, the support from all of the Saddlebred barns, and a big thank you for making last year a positive experience despite all odds.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our horse show friends and the incredible talent, sportsmanship always-on display.



Top to Bottom

- Into the Cosmos
- Sarah and Mahvalous in Black
- Linda and Heartland Tuscany
- Royalee Cleveland, Linda Kane, Carolyn & Danielle Glick

JL Dixon Stable

Vacaville, CA



JL Dixon Stable got back into the horse show swing in March heading to Scottsdale AZ and the 50th Anniversary of the Carousel Charity Horse Show. Enjoying the great competition it was good to get a sense of where each team was coming out of winter. Many victory passes were made and many goals achieved along with lessons learned and things to work on. With 15 horses we headed to The Murieta Equestrian Center for the California Springfest Horse Show. It was great to be back in this beautiful facility! Our horses enjoyed it too turning in great performances. CH Your Lucky Stars was center of attention at a meet and greet for all the Academy riders. He posed majestically with each rider as well as judge Matthew Roberts. Home for a couple weeks we then went to Pleasanton CA to the Silicon Valley Horse Show. The NCASHA led committee did a very nice job of putting on a well run horse show. Manager for this year Tuffy Owens was engaging and very helpful to all the exhibitors. It's great to have horse shows again in Northern California! We'll be off to Del Mar and Charity Fair next and then on to the Bluegrass for some summer fun! Aside from horses at Sunny Hills we have apricot trees. Lots of them. With fruit about to ripen. If you'd like to come pick fresh apricots contact Jennifer! They are delicious... and perhaps pick up a dozen farm fresh eggs too...

Top to bottom

- Katie Sinclair and Sir Blue
- Becky Sinclair and Katrina Smith
- Sue Valley and Lyle Lovett



Top to Bottom

- Gen Hess & Magic City
- Sue Valley & Gen Hess
- Gen & Palisades Coming Attraction
- Gen & CH Your Lucky Stars with Academy riders
- Sue Valley & CH Here We Are

Golden Ridge Stables

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Golden Ridge had their first show in over 16 months since the pandemic. I was sad but excited to attend the new venue for the spring show for Californians. Since I loved Monterey Springfest and it's venue so much I didn't know how I would feel about being at Rancho Murieta, well great news is, we all LOVED IT! The stabling and arena was prefect, everything was convenient. We attended with two show horses and seven new riders for academy. Shadow and Joe Brothers owned by the Brothers Family were crowned first in the Open English Pleasure Qualifer and came back with a fourth place in the championship. We are very excited for this team, Joe and Louise are gearing towards showing their gray horse 'Goose' for this summer. Nancy Bernhard horse 'Dylan' had injured himself last year and is getting back to work. Nancy has been leasing and riding 'Al' A Famous Finale, a pinto. We weren't sure what Al was able to do but he held his own in the very competitive Hunter Pleasure division. First class they were sixth, with Nancy never riding hunt seat, I think she felt a little uneasy but by the second class she came back with Fourth place ribbon behind some very nice horses. We made those improvements and are looking forward to our next show with him. Our Academy kids had quiet the accomplishment in the academy classes. Ella Mendosa made her show ring debut on Elle Fire winning both her classes in the W/T/C 15 and over division. Catilin Dooley then took the reins from Ella and won both her classes in the W/T 11-14 division, with her sister Alicia, riding Jesse Ventura to a close call for second place and returning back in the championship with a third place ribbon. As Alicia then handed the reins over to Lote Veilande to win both her classes on Jesse in the W/T 10 and under, Lote not having many rides on Jesse, did a great job with Jesse. Right behind her in the placings was stablemate Nevaeh D'Ambrosio riding 'Maui' with two second place ribbons. Maui had never shown and we were very proud of Nevaeh navigating Maui around the show ring, a first time for both! Next was switching over to Lead Line W/T for Anne and Olivia. Anne rode Jesse and Olivia rode Maui. Anne is just 5 years old and Olivia just turned 7 years old. As these girls ride on their own at home, we felt a first time in the ring and for their safety we would show in Lead Line. Both girls did a great job, Olivia was third in both her classes with Maui and Anne was fourth first class and came back for a strong second place, I think she out ran her trainer Teddi. Congratulations to all new riders and new teams this has been a great start to the 2021 Show Season. Our next Stop is Del Mar Charity Fair!

Golden Ridge breeding program is off to a great start as well. Lady Brenna had her second foal for us, Golden Ridge Wildcard, he is by the new stud Rock n Roll Country who is by Rock n Roll Music who is by Nutcracker. His bottom side is Grace Lead Home who is by Reggie's American Heir. Lady Brenna is by Designed and out of a Blue Northern mare. This stretchy colt is already racking and is full of himself. We are really excited for his future. Far Field Sail Away shipped back to Kentucky to Charlie Semmons to be bred to More Traditional who is by Roseridge Heir and out of a Worthy Son daughter. Sail Away isn't an Artificial insemination sort of gal, so Jennifer Blackburn and I agreed to go back to the Doc Ruan ways and bred Sail Away all natural. We have a third mare. This Girl Is On Fire, she is close to Teddi heart. 'Foxy' is by Merchant Prince and out of a Foxfire Prophet mare. This mare has the look and movement of her old horse Delay but with some help from Merchant Prince more of a brain. We bred her to the new stud standing at Willowbank, Royal Crest's Rockin on Heir. Teddi had seen his colts in Wisconsin and loves the size and big bone this stud passes on. Foxy pregnancy checked on April 15th and we had a positive check, we check again May 15th. Looking forward to seeing the out come in 2022.

We recently hired a beginner riding instructor Sophie Miles. Sophie is teaching all beginners Monday-Saturday. She is doing a great job and we have really enjoyed her at the barn. Sophie wants to work and be in the business I think our barn is a good start for her. She is smart, kind and the kids just love her! Welcome Sophie.

Thank you to Springfest Committee for all your hard work to put on such a great, smooth run show. I want to also thank you for taking the time and adding all the academy classes. I looked back over it and I think we didn't fill but one class out of academy classes. It is great to see all the new riders from all the barns.

Thank you to Joe Brothers, Sophie Miles, Kari Miles and Nancy Bernhard for all your help putting the new riders in the ring at Springfest.

Thank you to Darryl and Louise Brothers for manning the BBQ with Chicken and Tri Tip. To all the other clients Jenny, Nancy, Michelena, Christelle, Una, Geri, Stephanie and Kari for all adding the extra fixings to the BBQ. You all made it such a fun horse show!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Del Mar!

Michalena and Olivia from Golden Ridge volunteered their time for handing out ribbons at the Silicon Valley Horse Show. Olivia at her young age wants to experience all parts of the horse world. She said it was quite fun experiencing handing out ribbons and being in the middle with the judge. We are so proud of our new rider and member to NCASHA. Good Job Olivia!



Elle Mendosa, Rider and worker of Golden Ridge Stables, was very selfless for her sweet 16th Birthday this past weekend. She decided to raise money to donate to Equine Welfare and raised a total of \$600! We are so proud of you Ella! Happy Birthday to you! Good Luck riding Elle Fire at Del Mar Charity!



-Top Left: Golden Ridge Wildcard
(Rock n Roll Country x Lady Brenna
by Designed)

Middle:

- Practice Show at the Barn

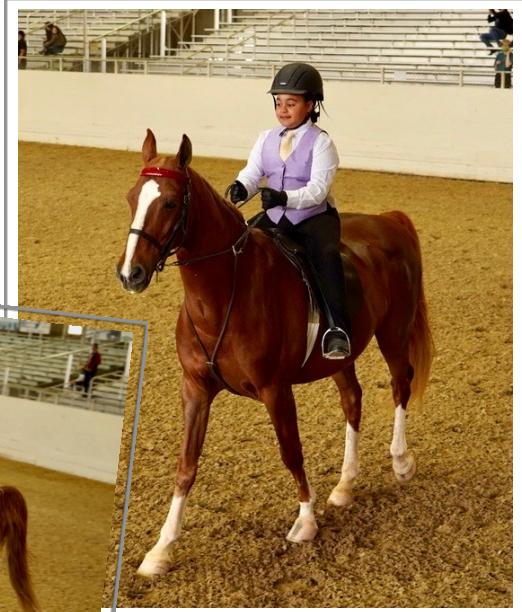
- Jessie and Annie

Bottom:

-Louise and Goose

-Lousie ,Shadow and Joe





-Top Left: Catlin & Elle Fire
-Top Middle: Alicia & Jesse
-Top Right: Neveah & Maui
Middle Left:
-Ella & Elle Fire - WTC 15 and over Champion and Grand Champion
-Middle: Sophie, UPHA Challenge Cup Champion
-Middle Right: Nancy & Finale
-Left:Ella, Lote, Alicia, Neveah, Annie & Olivia all first time Academy riders

Monarch Stables

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I'm sure everyone can say the same, "We are happy to be back showing our horses!". The group had good times at California Springfest and the Silicon Valley Horse Show! We are fortunate to have many new people who have joined our 'barn family' in the last year and a half and they were finally able to get to show. Our long-term group did well, Julie Barrow was dynamic with Supreme Kiss in the gaited pleasure division. After a year off from riding, she was back out there and looking polished and 'Rico' was certainly happy to be doing his thing! Lynn Silva's three-year old, SH A Shot of Don Julio got to go to both shows to work and loves the horse show life, Dana Leavitt was very busy at Springfest helping out with awards, but still had time to spoil his beloved Good Fellows Park.

The Belek family got to debut with their new horse, CH Hubris at Springfest and SVHS. Huey is getting to understand his new roll in life and Maggie and Janey are game enough to keep up with him. Tia Hurley made her driving debut with Seaside Thunder at both shows. Tia improved each time and she and Splash are a team with a bright future.

Another new face to the show scene is Amber Ferl. She tested the waters in the Academy division at Springfest. Her highly competitive nature seemed unsatisfied with remaining there. And lucky Amber, at SVHS, she received a surprise gift from her husband Michael; her own horse! A beautiful four year old gelding, Stonecroft Heirloom, arrived at the show grounds just in time for the big reveal.

And as far as new goes, it doesn't get much newer than Academy! We had two different groups of riders at Springfest and SVHS, with the exception of Asher Belek who showed at both! We thank NCASHA for their support promoting this division as the future of our horses and sport. We couldn't be more proud of all of the 'Monarch Littles' on their great rides, sportsmanship, camaraderie and helpfulness to each other. It was a beautiful thing to watch.

We have Adult Camp (1 day) on May 30th. Then kids' camp #1, June 21 - 24th.

Our show schedule is in the works but heading to Santa Barbara National in July is most likely next on the agenda. Thank you so much to all the people who work so hard to put on the two Northern California horse shows! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Tia Hurley and Seaside Thunder





- Supreme Kiss and Julie Barrow
- Janey Belek and CH Hubris top R
- Maggie Belek and CH Hubris
- Amber Feri and her family meeting her new “surprise” horse Prince (Stoncroft Heriloom)
- Dana Leavitt and Kiera Adams celebrate birthdays
- Grace Ramos and Sweet Ruby Valentine



-Sasha Benson - top R
-Kiera Adams - top L
-Asher Belek center
-Charlotte Thomas and Shamrock's Jessica
-Naomi Perry

Maggi Stables kicked it into high gear starting off the show season in perfect form at the March Carousel Horse Show in Scottsdale. Seasoned teams and new combinations hit the ring and shook off some of the first show of the season jitters. Everyone had a fantastic time, the horses performed beautifully, and we all gained valuable experience to build on for the rest of the season. Debuting for the first time on the West Coast were **Merin Maggi** showing **Helen Roy's** fiery young Morgan, *Ancient Oracle* and **Linda Sheridan** and her beautiful Morgan mare, *Flintlocks Envy*. Linda's granddaughter, **Isabella Sheridan**, made her West Coast debut on her spunky World Champion Saddlebred mare, *Nuttin' But Fancy SS*. Linda and Isabella are having a blast sharing the show experience together, and we love seeing them having so much fun!

Following Scottsdale, we were excited to stay a bit closer to home at the California Springfest show in Rancho Murietta. The show was very well organized, had really fun social events, and boasted great competition. Although the Morgan classes were a bit smaller, the Saddlebred classes were very strong and the numbers were outstanding. Some of the top horses in the country were competing for the blue ribbon, and it was great to be showing among them. Showing for the first time after a long hiatus, **Lexie Saine** made her debut under the Maggi Stables banner with her "Bay Boys", *Taco* and *Wintersby*. These geldings are going to be a force to be reckoned with! We also saw **Lila Tatar** put on a show in the open English Pleasure division. Taking the blue in the qualifier with *Simbara's Belle Michelle* and then switching it up in the championship with a perfect go on *Nuttin' But Fancy SS*! Lila put her young protege, **Giselle Garra**, in the ring with *Simbara's Belle Michelle* to take the win in the Saddle Seat Equitation division.

Maggi Stables was also excited to participate in the extremely competitive Academy division. It was great to see so many new and young riders, many of whom were showing for the first time. Making her Academy debut aboard *Delovely's Radiant Bell* was **Adina Freudenblum**. Adina rode beautifully earning first place in the 14 & under walk/trot/canter division.

With a break between shows, we managed to catch our breath, unpack our bags and trunks, and then inhale and exhale, repack everything, load up, and head up to our local show, the Silicon Valley Horse Show in Pleasanton. In just their second year at this facility the show committee worked hard to plan and host a show that was welcoming and fun for everyone. Prizes, activities, large classes, and lots of fun were the name of the game. Merin and Lila definitely enjoyed the \$100 Trainer's Purse that came with each blue ribbon! All of the Maggi Team rode hard to help make Merin and Lila's \$100/blue ribbon dream come true! Many of our teams and horses showed outside for the first time in over a year and it was definitely fun to watch everyone work the ring and manage the elements. The Maggi Stables riders were consistently in the top ribbons in very large and deep classes. It was a wonderful showcase for how strong the West Coast is in both Morgans and Saddlebreds! **Lexie Saine** and **Fran Iyer** rode to top ribbons in the extremely competitive \$5000 ASB Show Pleasure and \$5000 Morgan English Pleasure Stakes. That meant serious paychecks for Lexie and Fran! The show brought in a three judge panel with **Jim Cherry** and **Michael Craghead** joining show judge **Jay Wood** in center ring. Watching Jim judge was almost as entertaining as the classes! Making her showing debut with Maggi Stables was **Reese Tierney** on *Simbara's Belle Michelle*. Reese and Belle were close to perfect in Saddle Seat Equitation. We are excited to have Reese riding with us! Also making her showing debut, in the Academy division, was **Sammy Scheley**, daughter of **Andrea Kirkpatrick**, with wins in both of her competitive leadline walk/trot classes. **Adina Freudenblum** continued her winning ways in the walk/trot/canter academy divisions, with two more blue ribbons!

One of the highlights of the show was the Trainer+Assistant Relay following the \$5000 Jackpot classes on Saturday. The relay (\$250 went to the first place assistant!) consists of several tasks performed around the barn such as coiling a water hose, moving shavings, etc. Everyone had a great time cheering on their barn's team and enjoyed tons of laughs along with announcer, **Mark Farrar's**, banter. As Mark said, "As usual, the trainer stands around and the assistant does all the work!" Merin and Lila had a great time, as did all of Team Maggi yelling and cheering from the sidelines.

Maggi Stables would also like to recognize **NCASHA** for their generous donation to the Springfest and Silicon Valley Horse Show Academy division. All of our new Academy riders appreciated being noticed and made to feel special. It's a great way to recognize the newest members of our show industry!

Lila is building up the Maggi Stables lesson program and is available to teach beginning to advanced lessons. Her years of experience can be applied to every level of rider. As a decorated equestrienne and winner of multiple world championship titles, she brings a unique perspective to the lesson program.

Merin and **Lila** are so proud of the hard work put in by each client of Maggi Stables. Each of our riders puts in hours of hard work and their dedication shows and is rewarded in the ring. We love to show, and it shows!



Top Left clockwise:

- Dantree Princeton with Lila Tatar and owner Fran Iyer
- Flintlock's Envy & Linda Sheridan
- Reese Tierney and Simbara's Belle Michelle
- Reese and Lila (below)

Top to bottom

- Merin and Taco
- Merin and Ancient Oracle
- Lexie and Wintersby
- Isabelle Sheridan and Nuttin But Fancy SS



A Sudden and Sad Loss



The Saddlebred and Morgan world was very saddened by the sudden and tragic loss of 18 year old Ava Boyce Bender on April 21. Ava was the third generation in her family to embrace the horse world, following her grandmother Susan and mother Sharon into the

show ring. An accomplished horsewoman herself, Ava has graced the winners circle several times at the Morgan Grand National Show and showed her saddlebred Might Thor to many wins.

NCASHA has made a donation to the Ava Boyce Bender Memorial Scholarship Fund set up through the Morgan Horse Association. We send condolences to the family and will remember Ava's enthusiastic spirit.

Calendar

Charity Fair Horse Show

June 9 - 12, Del Mar

Western States Horse Expo

June 11 - 13, Ranch Murieta

Santa Barbara Horse Show

July 7 - 10

Morgan Medallion

July 22 - 25, Las Vegas

Worlds Championship Show

August 21 - 28, Louisville, Ky

California Futurity

October 28 - 30, Las Vegas

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