PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Used Tack Sale
SATURDAY, NOVEMEBER 12, 9-3
LAWN IN FRONT OF KELLY'S KORNER
Contact Kelly Yates to reserve a space at jerseyj2@cox.net or (310) 704-7226

PVPHA Monthly Meeting
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7 PM.
EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

Equestrian Committee Meeting
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7 – 9 PM.
PENINSULA CENTER

25th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6 PM.
Instructions available on the City of Rolling Hills Estates website.

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PVPHA Monthly Meeting: Game Night is Back!

By Jan Spak

Save the Date! Nov 17th at 7p at The Empty Saddle Club

Sean Martin will be our Steve Harvey as we challenge ourselves to a night of Family Feud! Questions will cover all subjects (including horses)

We'll divide participants into 3 people per team (Family) with the chance to win gift certificates to Lomita Feed! 1st place wins $60 worth of certificates, 2nd place wins $30 worth of certificates, and 3rd place wins $15 worth of certificates.

So get your "horse family" together and let's have some fun playing Family Feud!

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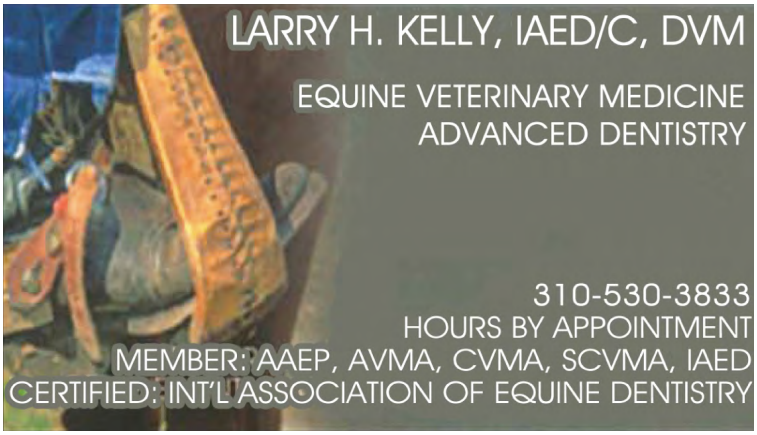

Letter From the Grand Canyon: A Guide's Perspective

This letter was sent to Tiffany Chiu by Chris Huff, describing his experience working with mule tours in the Grand Canyon, and reprinted with permission. It was originally sent on September 17, 2022.

Dear Tiffany & Crew:

Well, I'm creeping up on one month back here at the Grand Canyon National Park. In fact, by the time you read this letter, it will have been a month since I started my second assignment here.

It's been a busy month. As some of you already know, we have two guest mule rides here:

• Canyon Vista is a two-hour/4 mile round trip ride on the rim. We do this ride twice a day, at 8AM and at 12PM. We sign in at 6:30 and saddle up to 22 mules depending on how many guests we have riding. On this ride, two guides can take up to 10 guests each. Each group is usually about 15 – 20 minutes apart. By the time we unsaddle and turn the mules out in the afternoon, it's usually around 3PM, so it is a full day. We have riders of all ages on this ride.

• Phantom Ranch is the big ride, the one that people usually have to make a reservation for about a year in advance. This ride goes down the Bright Angel Trail to the bottom of the Canyon. We all spend the night at Phantom Ranch and then leave early the next morning to return to the South Rim. Two guides can take up to 10 guests, but sometimes we have fewer riders, especially when the weather is hot. This is a difficult ride as it's all downhill on the first day and you get pounded and jarred quite a bit on the rocky, downhill trail. We make many stops to tell people about the Canyon and its history. We stop at Indian Garden (about halfway) for lunch and a potty break. This is the only stop where guests can get off their mule. It can be up to 20 degrees warmer at the bottom of the Canyon than at the South Rim, so when the weather is warm, we sign in at 4:30AM, get the mules saddled and up to the round corral near the Bright Angel Lodge so we can get the guests

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on their mules and on the trail by 7AM. That way we get to Phantom Ranch before the hottest part of the day. On my last trip to the bottom of the Canyon, it was 107 degrees in the shade at 3PM. If we can leave by 7AM, we usually get to Phantom Ranch by 1:30PM. The ride up is a bit easier…going uphill on a mule is not as jarring and the temperature gets cooler as we go up in altitude back to the South Rim. It's a spectacular way to see the Grand Canyon. You wouldn't believe the stars at night when you are down in the Canyon…phenomenal!

The guides also do what is called "legging up" mules. No guests on this ride. We ride new mules in training so they learn how to correctly walk the trail and how to stop on the trail and turn toward the Canyon. They have to learn how to stay focused and not be distracted by hikers, birds, unusual noises, or animals on the trail. Last week, five of us took three new mules and two mules that are getting back in shape after being off work due to injuries, down the Bright Angel Trail to Indian Garden, about a three hour ride. About an hour down the trail, two Bighorn sheep ran across the trail right in front of us. The mules didn't spook or seem to be bothered by them. That is a good sign. It can take up to two years to train a mule so it can become a guest mule (we call them "dude" mules).

We've been getting rain here and on the "legging up" trip last week, we were about 10 minutes away from Three Mile stop (there is a bathroom there and water for hikers) when the sky opened up and dumped a ton of rain on us. We all had slickers in our saddle bags, but the wind was blowing hard and we didn't want to try to put on yellow slickers in the wind and have them flapping around and maybe spooking mules, so we rode in the rain and hail. By the time we got to the rest stop we were all soaked. We all got into one of the bathrooms (they're big) to get out of the rain and to try to dry off a bit. We were supposed to go to Indian Garden, about another hour or so away, but the boss called us (we carry radios) and said to come home. We were glad to hear that! On the ride back up to the rim, we were wet and getting cold in the wind, so each time we stopped to give the mules a rest, we stuck our hands between the saddle pad and the mule to warm them up (our hands, not the mules). It worked!

You may be wondering about riding in the rain. The only weather we don't ride in is lightning. The mules are wearing metal shoes and there are many metal parts on the saddles. Sitting on a mule, eight or nine feet in the air turns us into moving lightning rods. Not good. We ride in the snow, rain, hail, but not in lightning.

The Grand Canyon is a spectacular place, for sure. When I have time off, I try to get out and see as much of the national park as I can.

We have a Recreation Center here for employees. There is a weight room, a ping pong table and a pool table, and they sponsor many different activities that you can take part in. Saturday night is movie night. They do sightseeing trips, shopping trips, art classes, karaoke and open mic nights, board game nights, and a number of other activities. I signed up for a day trip to the Vermillion Cliffs to watch a California condor release. The condor is a highly endangered species. When we ride to Phantom Ranch, we sometimes are lucky enough to see condors circling above us.

Well, I guess I should wrap this up so I can send it to Tiffany. I hope all of you are well and enjoying the time you have to ride and interact with some special animal partners at MCS.

Cheers,
Chris H.

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Portuguese Bend Riding Club Expands Western Lesson and Training Program!

By Savannah Edmonds

Oceanview Performance Horses is based out of Portuguese Bend Riding Club and is owned by Lindsey Wooldridge. Lindsey started the program on January 1, 2020, taking over from her former trainer Callie Bell once she closed down her program at Portuguese Bend. Oceanview Performance Horses began with Lindsey's one horse Mocha and her handful of clients from Callie Bell; it quickly grew to include trainer and instructor Savannah Edmonds and another horse. A few short months after starting the program, COVID was spreading and lessons were canceled for several months. When the program was fortunate enough to begin teaching lessons again in May of 2020, what started with a handful of clients suddenly turned into a very full summer of one on one horsemanship classes and lessons, and the business grew exponentially from there.

Now the lesson program has been open for almost three years and includes Lindsey, Savannah, and four other instructors, in addition to a greatly expanded herd of horses. The instructors specialize in different aspects of western riding, from ranch riding and reining to gymkhana and trail. Oceanview Performance Horses continues to place a huge emphasis on western riding lessons for people of all ages and all levels, but has also recently expanded into showing and trail riding and is working on building up their show teams. The Oceanview Performance team is always expanding their knowledge by hosting and attending clinics and working closely with highly accredited trainers.

Lindsey, Savannah, and the other Oceanview instructors are passionate about building relationships with the horses they work with and are excited to help their students do the same. The program's goal is to help riders of all levels develop confidence with their horses, both on the ground and in the saddle. Oceanview Performance Horses offers lessons, training, showing, and trail rides out of Portuguese Bend Riding Club in Rancho Palos Verdes and is *currently welcoming new clients!*

Photos provided by Savannah Edmonds

South Bay Gymkhana End of Season Show

By Nancy Wildman

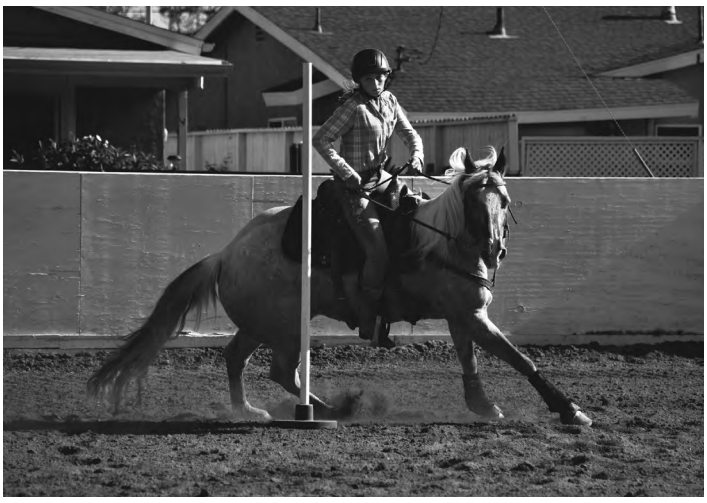
October 23rd marked the final show for the South Bay Gymkhana Series 2022 Season. I was able to attend part of the show and was impressed by the skill of the riders and their horses. It's especially nice seeing the improvement riders make from show to show and even from season to season. PVPHA is a sponsor of the gymkhana and we are proud to be a part of this wonderful event.

This year's series winners have yet to be announced, but when they are, you can see who won each division on the SBGS webpage at http://www.southbaygymkhanaseries.com/. Kenneth Bowen and Dale Lofgren have been kind enough to photograph most of the shows and provide photos for us to use in the Dispatch throughout the season. We appreciate their contributions!

There will be an award banquet on November 18th to announce the season's winners and to celebrate all the participants of this year's show season. Thank you to Sean Martin of Martin Performance Horses for making the South Bay Gymkhana Series possible!

Dale Lofgren running the barrels. Dale came in second in his division at the October 23rd show. Photo by Kenneth Bowen (kennethjbowen@gmail.com)

Tenley Harringshaw, riding Hickory, is one of the newer riders. Photo by Kenneth Bowen (kennethjbowen@gmail.com)



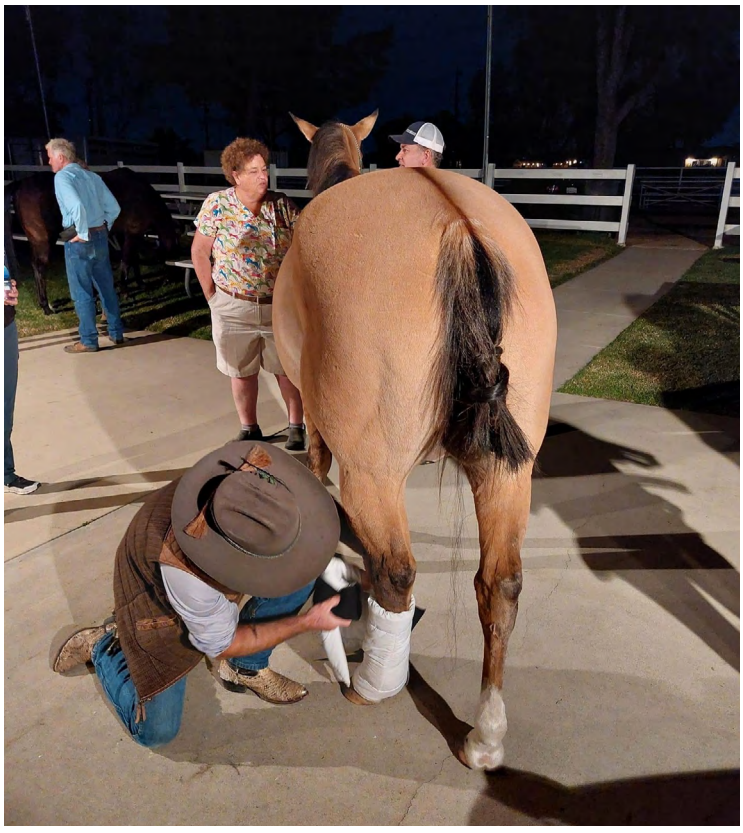
Addie McDonald riding Peach was highpoint intermediate B champion for the day. Photo by Kenneth Bowen (kennethjbowen@gmail.com)

October Meeting Recap: Dr. Sobeck Leg Clinic

By Jan Spak

What an awesome event at our last PVPHA monthly meeting as Dr. Sobeck gave us a Master Class in all things "leg" for our horses. From what to do if our horse steps on a nail, to the latest & most effective treatments for abscesses, to a hands-on demonstration of the correct products and procedures to wrap our horses legs in the event of an injury. Chris Lillibridge and Michelle Nuttman volunteered to demonstrate their wrapping techniques as Dr. Sobeck talked us thru what they were doing which was an excellent example of how to do it right. Thanks to Kelly Yates and her two wonderful horses Badger and Quincy, we then had an opportunity to practice what we learned on the real thing. Dr. Sobeck also gave us a great list of items to have in our horse First Aid kit which she agreed to let us publish. I think we all came away with some valuable knowledge that we can use to help our horses & those precious legs!

Thank you Dr. Sobeck for sharing your wisdom and thank you Kelly for letting us practice on your horses!



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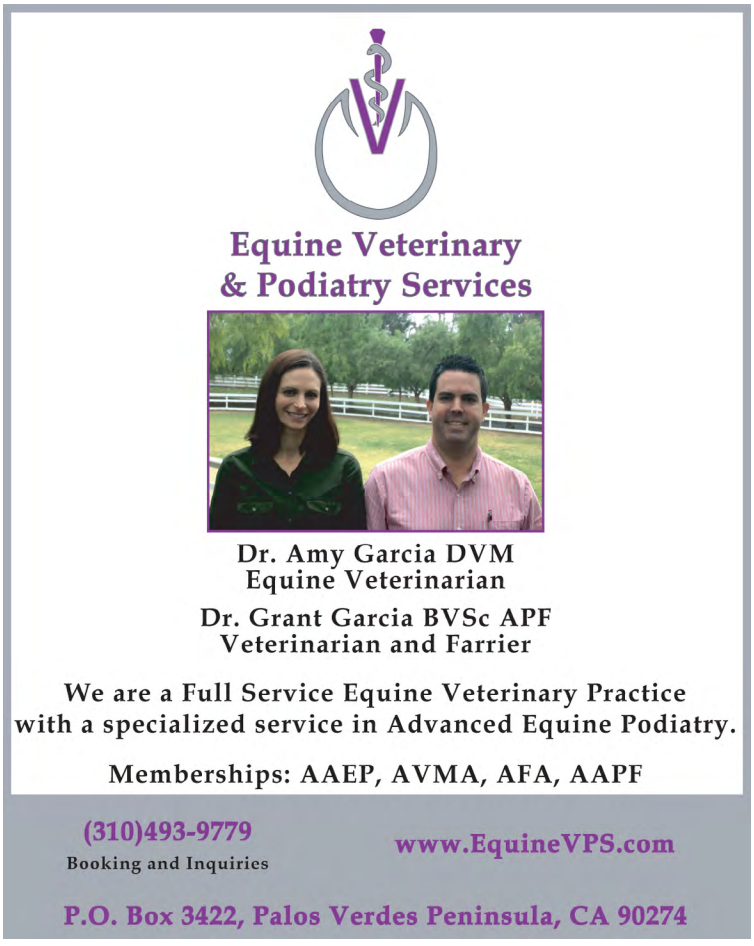
Dr. Sobeck's Medical Supplies List



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6" brown gauze roll
4" Vetrap
3" Elasticon tape
Gorilla tape, 2" and 3"
Animalintex poultice, 8x16"
Household cotton roll
Equifit Hoof Tape

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Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemens Association

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- Current Vital Signs
- Medications Given-What, how much and what time
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