



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Happy Hooper Drill Team Practice
STARTS MONDAY, JUNE 5, 5:45 PM
EMPTY SADDLE CLUB
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PVPHA Monthly Meeting
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 7 PM
EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

Horse Happenings on the Hill
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 10 AM-4 PM
ERNIE HOWLETT PARK
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Equestrian Committee Meeting
MONDAY, JULY 24, 7 - 9 PM
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PVPHA June Meeting: Gee Gee Equine

By Jan Spak

Mark your calendars for a special evening of equine fashions to help you look good on your horse! We're happy to welcome Amanda Hromadka, the owner of Gee Gee Equine to share her expertise and give us a fashion show of the latest trends from her shop right now!

The Gee Gee brand was launched in 2011 and was born out of English equestrian heritage. As soon as she could walk, Amanda's racehorse trainer and huntsman father put her on a horse! Her brothers and sisters all rode as well. As a teenager, she moved into fashion in London, worked for several brands and even once dressed Jerry Hall! After moving to the United States, she started importing equestrian clothes from England since there weren't as many options as there are today. She attended horse shows and sold her wares from a tent until deciding to open Gee Gee

Equine, her brick & mortar store on Crenshaw Blvd.

Gee Gee Equine specializes in supplying top-quality global brands from Europe, Australia, Canada and the USA. Amanda hand selects items and enjoys working one on one with clients to offer them a personal shopping experience. People keep returning due to the quality of service and the tailored combinations she creates for them. Gee Gee Equine also offers a wide range of English tack, tack cleaner, fly spray and accessories. Amanda works hard to provide apparel options at all price points to have something for everyone's budget.

Come meet Amanda and some of her employees at our meeting Thursday June 15 at 7pm at the Empty Saddle Club. Following the fashion show, you may be the lucky winner of a gift certificate to Gee Gee Equine for a future shopping spree!

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Please consider making a donation to the PVPHA Trail Protection Fund. All donors receive recognition with their name in the Dispatch in the following month. All donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you to the following PVPHA members for their generous donation to the Trail Protection Fund:

Kathy Stowe
Susan Wilippo

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Carolyn Kellock
Chloe Howard

Happy Hoofers Drill & Skill Practices Begin

By Candance Ham

The Empty Saddle Club Board of Directors has approved Monday night practices for Happy Hoofers Drill & Skill from 5:45-7PM. We will have a total of 12 practices. Four practices each month through August. The dates are: June 5,12,19, 26, July 10,17, 24, 31, and August 7,14,21,28. \$50 fee for participants for the summer!

Kelly Yates will be our coach! Sara Walters and Coltan Klein will be her assistants. Joe Peterson and Steve Lockwood have agreed to be our sponsors.

New participants are welcome to join us. They must pay an additional \$35 membership fee to be covered by Happy Hoofers insurance.

If you have any questions, contact Kelly @310-704-7226 or Candy at 310-621-8755.

Hope to see you on June 5th!

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*Happy Hooper Drill Team presentation at the Rolling Hills Estates City Celebration September 25, 2021.
Photo by Nancy Wildman*

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Important Health Notice — Vesicular Stomatitis

Reprinted from the UC Davis Center for Equine Health Facebook Page

Horse owners, please note that cases of vesicular stomatitis have recently been confirmed in horses in two Southern California counties. Vesicular stomatitis is a contagious viral disease that causes painful lesions in and around the mouth and other areas. The virus is spread by biting insects, animal-to-animal contact, and on contaminated equipment and surfaces.

Affected horses usually recover fully from this disease. However, it is highly contagious and resembles Foot and Mouth Disease (which has been eradicated in the U.S. and would have significant impacts if found). As a result, this is a reportable disease.

The best approaches to preventing vesicular stomatitis are to practice good insect and fly control, bring animals in at night to limit interactions with biting insects, separate sick animals, disinfect equipment, and limit animal movement to/from affected facilities.

If you notice any clinical signs, call your vet and have them report to the CDFA at 916-900-5002.

More information is available at:

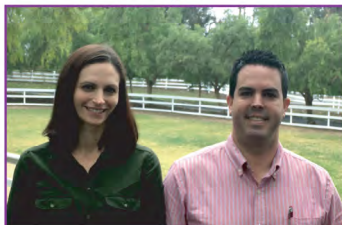
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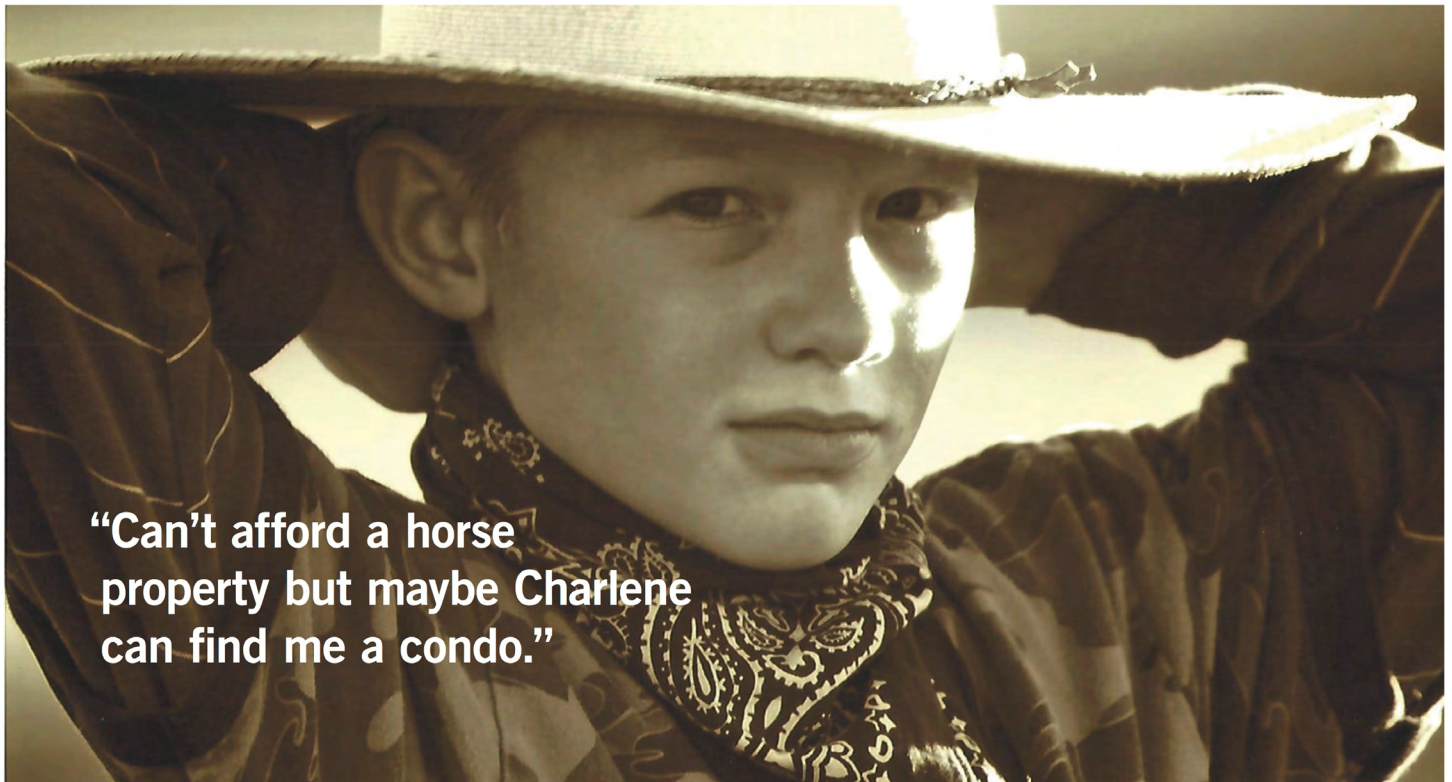
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Watch Out for Snakes!

By Nancy Wildman

Please be watchful for snakes! I found this huge gopher snake, unfortunately dead, on the John's Canyon trail in Rolling Hills on May 11th. It was probably stepped on by a horse who didn't see it laying on the trail. Snakes often rely on their camouflage to protect them from predators and can remain motionless until the danger passes, making it easy for them to get stepped on. This was really a shame as this particular snake was over 5 feet long and had probably dispatched many hundreds of gophers, rats, and mice during its lifetime.

Gopher snakes are harmless to people and other mammals larger than a rat or gopher and can be recognized by the distinctive checkerboard pattern on their back. They are helpful to the environment and should be protected from harm, along with all the other snakes that live on the peninsula.



“Can't afford a horse property but maybe Charlene can find me a condo.”

Photos from the Mayor's Breakfast Ride

By Nancy Wildman

The Mayor's Breakfast Ride was a well attended affair that rewarded the riders with a delicious meal at its conclusion. Riders gathered around 8:30 AM on May 13th at Chandler Park next to the Rolling Hills Estates City Hall. We rode in two groups to Ernie Howlett Park where the Boy Scouts had prepared a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, and coffee. This was the first breakfast the scouts have organized since the pandemic started and they did a fabulous job! I think it's safe to say that everyone appreciated their efforts. Thank you Scouts!

A huge thank you goes to Dr. Ruth Sobeck who took these and many more beautiful photos of the ride. You can see all of them on Dr. Sobeck's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ruth.sobeck>



Left to right: Jim Roos, PVE Mayor; Jonathan Beutler, PVP Library Trustee; Pam Schachter, Rolling Hills Estates City Council; Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates Mayor; Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills City Council; Mike Goldsmith, RHE staff; Lisa Pope, RHE Parks & Activities Commissioner. Not shown, Supervisor Janice Hahn who had to leave before the photo was taken. Thank you council members for showing us how much our horse community means to you!

PBPC at the Camino Real Regional Derby and Rally

By Lisa Petrich Binns

The Portuguese Bend Pony Club made a splash at the annual Camino Real Regional Pony Club Derby and Mega Rally on May 6-7th at the El Sueno Equestrian Center in Somis. The region consists of 12 pony clubs from three counties—Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Kern. On Saturday, the Derby was an open fundraiser (open to any rider, not just pony club members) and offered jumping, dressage and cross country classes. Our very own Ellie Buttles on Shaman Spirit placed 2nd out of the 31 entries in the cross rail Derby and Rachel Bond on Sailor placed 4th in cross country and 1st in 2'6" technical.

On Saturday afternoon through Sunday, the pony club members competed in dressage and stadium jumping. Our Dressage team won first place and 1st in Horse Management with Malia Ujiki (D3, C1HM) on Sailor and Rachel Bond (HB) as stable Manager. The show jumping team consisted of Mia Van Buren C2 (team captain) on Charlie, Aria Wheeler D3 on Fancy, Ellie Buttles D2 on Shaman Spirit and Isabella Parrent (stable manager). They placed 1st in show jumping and 2nd in horse management. Mia Van Buren and Ellie Buttles also received medals for 4 clean rounds respectively.

Several PBPC members and their families made the trek to Somis to cheer on our teams. Many thanks to the Sorenson, Bond, Bahny, Buttles, Ujiki, Van Buren, Crew/Wheeler, Remi/Vanessa families for your support. As always, much fun was had by our pony clubbers while learning and gaining more equine experiences. For more information on PBPC and what we do, please reach out to our District Commissioner, Krishna Van Buren at KrishnaVanBuren@gmail.com or 310-614-1382.



Show Jumping Team (left to right): Isabella Parrent - Stable manager, Mia Van Buren (C2) - team captain, Aria Wheeler (D3), Ellie Buttles (D2), and Anne from Riverview Pony Club.



Dressage Team (left to right): Three riders from Santa Rosa Valley, Rachel Bond (HB) - stable manager, and Malia Ujiki (D3, C1HM)



Aria Wheeler on Fancy. All photos provided by Lisa Petrich Binns.

New Bulletin Board at Kelly's Korner



By Nancy Wildman

In case you haven't noticed, we finally have a new bulletin board up at Kelly's Korner! This new bulletin board is made of galvanized sheet metal backed with plywood to withstand the rigors of nature. We have provided magnets with which to post your horse related content but they are much more costly than thumb tacks so be careful not to lose them. Please do not use tape or glue to post items and remember that all items must be dated to help us keep the board free of outdated material.

Thanks to my husband, Scott (right), and our son, Sam (left), for helping me get this job done. I couldn't have done it without you!

PVPHA BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections will be held in June, as per the PVPHA bylaws. The following positions are up for election:

- VP Fiscal Affairs
- VP Education
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary

Those who are interested in running or nominating someone for a position on the Board of Directors should contact the Nominating Committee Chair Melody Colbert.

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Photos from the 26th Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival

By Kathy Stowe

A very BIG THANK YOU to all the dedicated creators, cooks, helpers and VOLUNTEER Poets and Musicians of this year's fantastic Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival! The chili was delightful as was the company of friends new and old. The show that followed was a genuine labor of love and a great success. Pros and local amateurs graced our stage with wonderful poetry and music to delight our souls. This year's show was dedicated to the memory of celebrated Cowboy Poet, PW Conway, who we lost in April of this year. The singers were wonderful, the poets took us to good & beautiful places in our minds eye as we listened, and the Cowboy singers, duos and bands filled the room with beautiful Cowboy melodies.

As Bruce Harnisfeger and Kathy Stowe, the hosts of the festival, sing each year with you all: "Where every act is right, so come enjoy the night, with US in the Clubhouse Again." Keep a song in your heart and we'll see you all next year!

Winners of the Chili Cook-off: First Place—Jim Pattiz, Second Place—Kelly Yates, Third place—Sharon Yarber. All prize money was donated back to PVPHA — thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the chili cook-off! All of the chili was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Above: Left to right — Fred Saunders, Mike Creamer, and Mel Harker singing Fire on the Mountain by Marshall Tucker. Mel and Mike provided the sound engineering for the show as well.

Left: Show host and tribute artist Bruce Harnisfeger in his 'Johnny Presley' persona singing "Folsom Prison Blues" provided great vocals along with a little comic relief.

All photos provided by Nancy Wildman, except where noted.



Left to right — host & performer, Bruce Harnishfeger; singer and Palos Verdes native, Michelle Jaeger Jones; co-host & performer, Kathy Stowe; and WMA singing Cowboy, Buffalo Bryan. Photo provided by Kathy Stowe.



Carol Sefchek read "Let's Pause a Moment to Dream," a poem written by Sherry Roberts in 2003.



Above: Steve Demming recited original Poetry and played the harmonica. Thanks also go to Steve for being our Empty Saddle Club Sponsor!

Right: PVPHA President and part-time poet, Charlene O'Neil, read a selection from her growing collection of writing.





Genevieve Friend-Land read several of her own poems and provided a mini lesson on different styles of poetry to boot.



Greg Khougaz also emcees and performs at the monthly Autry Center Western Music Showcase and other western events in Southern California performing as a solo artist or with a full band and often donates his time to charity events. His next date at the Autry Center is June 25th at high noon.



The Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band plays all over SoCal for most any occasion. This band shares their enjoyment of music and harmony through traditional bluegrass, contemporary, originals, and gospel.

MONTHLY PHOTO!

Kathy Stowe sent us this photo taken while riding Chexx, accompanied by this note:

"We live in such a beautiful horse friendly community, full of well-kept trails, with abundant fauna and flora of nature. I took this picture Thursday, Feb. 9 on an afternoon Crest Road ride. The rains provided green hills and clean views of the tip of Catalina at the view spot near the Fire Station. I've ridden quite a few times in the last few weeks, but this was the first ride without tears... for my missing mentor and friend, Carla. It took me 3 weeks or so for it all to sink in, after being awarded such a gift from her family, and this was the day I finally seemed to realize that Chexx is really mine now, to love and care for. The next day Dr. Sobek took a photo of me & Chexx heading down Georgeff trail, which she posted on Facebook. My heart is full!"

Thank you so much to Kathy Stowe for sharing this beautiful personal sentiment with us. Submit your horsey photos to pvpha.dispatch@gmail.com to be featured!



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