



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **PVPHA Monthly Meeting**

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 7 PM

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

Meeting Agenda Item: Board of Directors Election.

VP Fiscal Affairs, VP Education, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary are all up for election.

### **Horse Happenings on the Hill**

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 10 AM-4 PM

ERNIE HOWLETT PARK

More information on page 4

### **Equestrian Committee Meeting**

MONDAY, JULY 24, 7 - 9 PM

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### **3 Day Gaited Clinic with Ivy Starnes**

JULY 28-30, 9 AM-6 PM

ERNIE HOWLETT PARK

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## PVPHA July Meeting: Cowboy Mounted Shooting

By Jan Spak

This month's meeting will be one you won't want to miss! We're honored to have our own Brenda Caropino share her passion for Cowboy Mounted Shooting with an in-person demonstration by her and her horse. She won't be shooting the competition guns as she goes through the course, but will show us the skills and practices needed to compete in this exciting, challenging, adrenaline-high sport!

What is Cowboy Mounted Shooting? Brenda says it's a competitive equine speed sport that requires horsemanship skills to manage an obstacle course and shoot blanks with guns at balloons, trying to be as fast and accurate as possible! It's a national sport with over 16,000 members who compete in a fast action, timed event using two .45 caliber single action revolvers loaded with blanks. The event is similar to a gymkhana but with 81 different patterns

for the competitor to shoot the balloons while speed and accuracy determine your score. There is a division for everyone: kids 11 and under, seniors, men, and women. Safety in horse training and firearm handling are emphasized and demonstrated at all times.

Brenda competes in California and nearby states and won her class in the Western States Championship in Las Vegas at the South Point Hotel two years in a row. She did a shooting demonstration during the Equestfest at the LA Equestrian Center at the beginning of this year as well as riding with the Spirit of the West Riders in the 2023 Rose Parade on 1800 replica saddles and costumes. Brenda is a member of the California Desperados Cowboy Mounted Shooting Club.

Brenda has a passion for this sport and would love to share that passion with everyone so mark your calendars for Thursday, July 20 at 7pm at the Empty Saddle Club!

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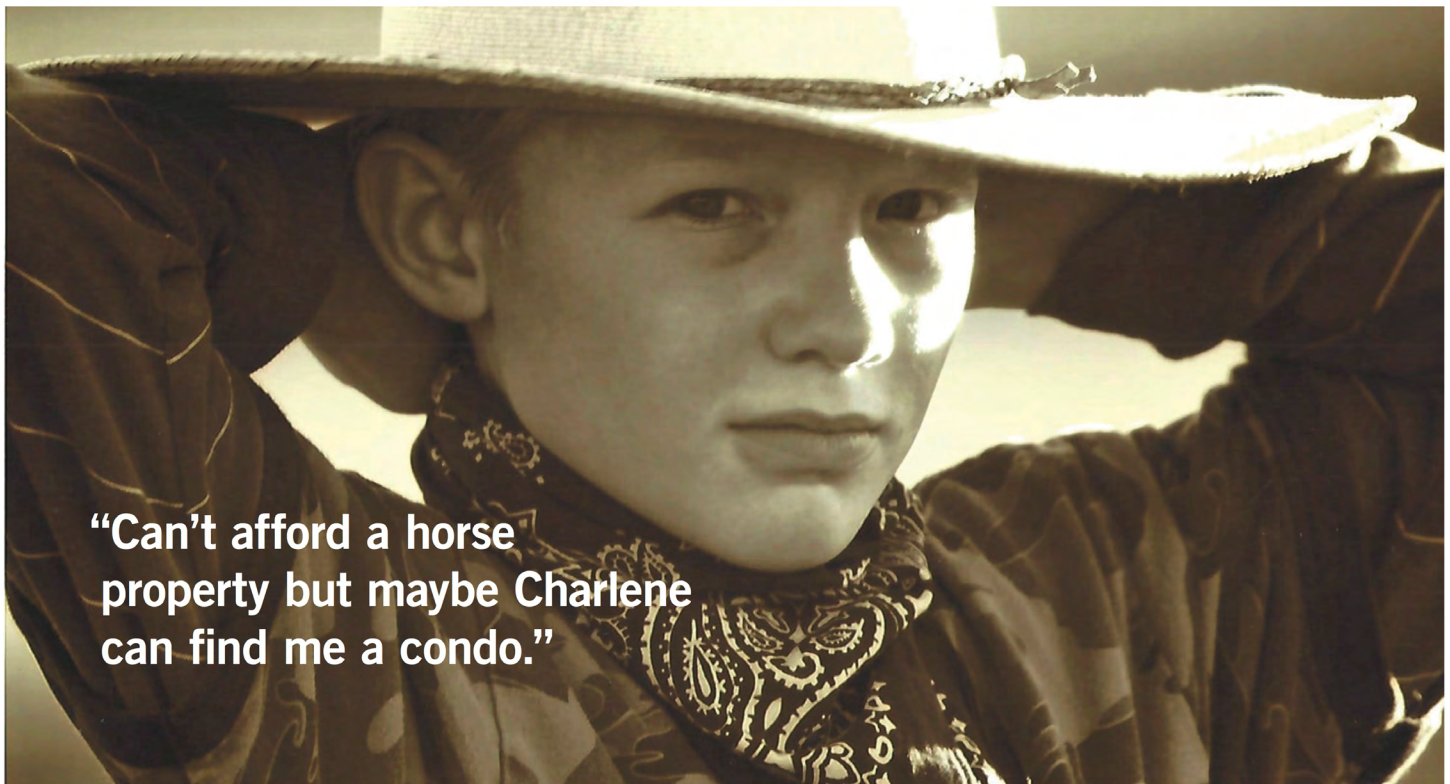
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# Photos from the Ongoing Drills & Skills Class

Last month, we ran an article on the Happy Hoofers Drills & Skills classes happening at the Empty Saddle Club, coached by Kelly Yates. So far, the classes seem to be going very well — participant Kathy Stowe reports that "We are learning new things and having way too much fun at Kelly's Drills & Skills program! All of us and the horses really love it!" She sent us in these photos to show what they've been up to!

Practices take place on Monday nights and there are still six weeks of class remaining. Drills & Skills is sponsored by Joe Peterson and Steve Lockwood.



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# June Meeting Recap

By Nancy Wildman and Amanda Hromadka

Our June meeting featured Amanda Hromadka of GeeGee Equine and a host of models showing off some of the latest equestrian fashions. Prior to the fashion show we got to learn a little bit about Amanda and how GeeGee Equine came to be.

Amanda started riding when she was five years old. She rode every day with her brothers and sisters, but mainly with her father. Her relationship with her dad was incredibly close as a result of their riding. She was fortunate to have horses at her house and her dad was mad enough to let her ride anything. Eventually she rode cross country and competed without fear. Riding and her love for horses has been an integral part of her life and fuels the passion behind running her business. And, as Amanda pointed out, no one

understands horses like real, true horsemen... and horsewomen!

GeeGee Equine started back in 2011 when Amanda had a horse named Simba at the Palos Verdes stables. At that time she was going back and forth from the UK importing a brand called Tagg which she was selling at horse shows. She had a full time job as well but when the company she worked for was sold she resigned and opened up GeeGee Equine.

They say the first five years of a new business are the toughest and Amanda confirmed the truthfulness of that statement. She said "It takes a huge investment to open a store, and you must work long hours (with no paycheck) to establish your name. I am so blessed to have me, myself, and I with no partner to continue doing this."



*Left to Right: Models Julie Ramstead, Sophia Sanders, Amanda Hromadka (owner), Linda Belton, Karley Young, and Bella Podsiadlo. Sophia is an employee as well as being one of the lovely models showing off some of GeeGee's newest offerings.*



Amanda has survived through hard times, making custom DeNiro boots which she ships all over the United States. Most of her clients are returning dressage riders outside of California. The process includes designing a boot, matching a helmet, and perhaps even a jacket. That's the niche that's kept GeeGee's doors open. If you walk into the store and see Amanda stuck behind her desk, she's probably designing boots. She said "It's a lot of fun choosing different palettes of color and pulling all those colors together without being over the top. I am more classic in my designs. I am also very honest. If I'm not keen on a customer's choice, I will make another suggestion."

Amanda went on to say "When most people think of our store, they might think we are only exclusive to English and dressage and that our apparel is expensive. However, we have expanded a lot since the pandemic with a variety of stock and brands including ANTARES Dressage and Jumper saddles saddles for adults and children at a great price point. We really have something for every price range and budget."

They've also added more everyday items like fly sprays, a bigger selection of horse treats, pitch forks, Likit treats, insect repellents, toys for horses, cowboy hats, sunscreen, and especially things she's needed for her new horse! Amanda was also excited to introduce the development of the GeeGee brand



*At the end of the meeting we had a raffle with plenty of prizes provided by GeeGee Equine ranging from horse treats, clothing, hats, belts, and tack. We had lots of winners and fun!*

which includes affordable and stylish, belts, crops, luxe shirts and more.

Amanda is thankful for local trainers and barns who send their clients to her for all their equestrian needs and said; "Without them we would not exist. I am forever grateful to every trainer, barn, and word of mouth that keeps clients coming back to support us. As an equestrian community we need all the support we can get! Even if you are coming in for a pair of socks, we love seeing new and familiar faces! So don't be shy to pop in and take a look at what we have."

One of the brands GeeGee carries that benefits horses of all disciplines is Hygain, a feed imported from Australia directly to the store. Whether you have a young horse, a senior, or one that requires a touch more energy, they cater to each horse's needs with their variety of Hygain feeds.

Amanda emphasized the importance of shopping small and also taking advantage of shopping locally. Regardless of your riding discipline, level, or age, there is a something for you at GeeGee Equine.

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# MONTHLY PHOTO!

This month's photo was taken by Claire Wagner, one of the performers of the Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band, and provided by Kathy Stowe. This extreme-angle photo of the view from between the ears of Gunner, the Routt family's Palomino, shows the cloudy ocean view from his Rolling Hills corral. Kathy Stowe says, "When you take someone for a horseback ride and they take a special picture beforehand, it turns out to be quite interesting."

Thank you so much to Claire Wagner and Kathy Stowe for sharing this wonderful photo with us! Submit your horsey photos to [pvpha.dispatch@gmail.com](mailto:pvpha.dispatch@gmail.com) to be featured!



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