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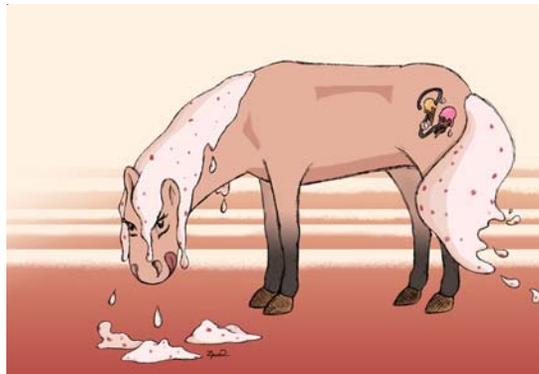
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## **SEPTEMBER 16 ~ EMPTY SADDLE CLUB**

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN SEPTEMBER!!!!!!**

Join us for our annual ICE CREAM SUNDAES and SING ALONG at the Empty Saddle Club on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

Charlene O'Neil  
VP Education



## POKER RIDE 2010

1. At **CHANDLER PARK**, you will register, buy your hand(s) and pick up your 1<sup>st</sup> poker chip. If you buy one hand, you will not get a receipt. If you buy multiple hands, you will receive a receipt to turn in with your poker chips at the last stop, **Empty Saddle Club**.
2. Ride down **PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH TRAIL** to the **GENERAL STORE**. Pick up 2<sup>nd</sup> poker chip.
3. Continue down **PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH TRAIL** to the **HEAVENLY TRAIL** sign. Pick up the 3<sup>rd</sup> poker chip.
4. Ride down **HEAVENLY TRAIL** through the canyon, to **STRAWBERRY TRAIL**. Ride down **STRAWBERRY TRAIL**, then bear right at the baseball field, following the "POKER RIDE" signs to the **CHANDLER PRESERVE SIGN** (*behind the baseball diamonds*). Pick up the 4<sup>th</sup> poker chip.
5. Ride the **EMPTY SADDLE TRAIL** up the hill to the **EMPTY SADDLE CLUB**. Turn in your 4 poker chips (*and receipt if you've paid for more than one hand*), at the **PVPHA BOOTH**.
6. At the PVPHA Booth, you will pick from our basket, an envelope with one hand for each Hand purchased. Your name will then be registered with that Hand.
7. At 1:00 PM, the winners will be announced and posted.
8. At 2:00 PM the prizes will be awarded. If you or your designated agent are unavailable when called, your first prize position will be forfeited to the second prize winner. . . and your name will be put onto the bottom of the prize winners.

## HORSE FUNNIES!?!

**Have you taken a funny picture of your horse? In any crazy situation?**

Please submit them to us, at

ghoule@cox.net,

add a funny line and win a map at the year end!

Winner will be announced and the prize given at the **2011 Music and Poetry Festival**.

*Photo by Doreen Houle*



**TEAMWORK!! YUM-M-M-M ...**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- Aug. 29 - ..... ETI Corral 8 shows at Ernie
- Sept. 26        Howlett Park
- Aug. 19 ..... PVPHA General member-  
ship meeting at Empty  
Saddle Club (see front  
cover)
- Sept. 10-12 Annual Cowboy Days at the  
Empty Saddle Club (See  
pg. 8)
- Sept. 15,16 . Palos Verdes Mule Show at  
the Empty Saddle Club
- Sept. 16 ..... PVPHA Ice cream social  
Empty Saddle Club
- Sept. 18 ..... PVPHA Poker Ride
- Sept. 18 ..... RHE City Celebration

## DO YOU SUFFER FROM O.C.E.A.N. SYNDROME?

**Obsessive Compulsive Equine Attachment Neurosis Syndrome** is usually found in the female and can manifest itself anytime from birth to the golden years. Symptoms may appear any time and may even go dormant in the late teens, but the syndrome frequently re-emerges in later years.

### The afflicted individual:

1. Can smell moldy hay at ten paces, but can't tell whether milk has gone bad until it turns chunky.
2. Finds the occasional "Buck and Toot" session hugely entertaining, but severely chastises her husband for similar antics.
3. Will spend hours cleaning and conditioning her tack, but wants to eat on paper plates so there are no dishes.
4. Considers equine sweat a fragrance.
5. Enjoys mucking out four stalls twice a day, but insists on having a housekeeper mop the kitchen floor once a week.
6. Will spend an hour combing and trimming an equine mane, but wears a baseball cap so she doesn't waste time brushing her own hair.
7. Will dig through manure piles daily looking for worms, but does not fish.
8. By memory can mix eight different supplements in the correct proportions, but can't make macaroni and cheese that isn't soupy.
9. Twice a week will spend an hour scrubbing algae from the water tanks, but has a

problem cleaning lasagna out of the casserole dish.

10. Will pick a horse's nose, and call it cleaning, but becomes verbally violent when her husband picks his.
11. Can sit through a four-hour session of a groundwork clinic, but unable to make it through a half-hour episode of Cops.

### The spouse of an afflicted victim:

1. Must come to terms with the fact there is no cure, and only slightly effective treatments. The syndrome may be genetic or caused by the inhaling of manure particles, which, I propose, have an adverse effect on female hormones.
2. Must adjust the family budget to include equine items - hay, veterinarian services, farrier services, riding boots and clothes, supplements, tack, equine masseuse and acupuncturist. Once you have identified a monthly figure, never look at it again. Doing so will cause tightness in your chest, nausea and occasional diarrhea.
3. Must realize that your spouse has no control over this affliction. More often than not, she will deny a problem even exists. Denial is common.
4. Must form a support group. You need to know you're not alone and there's no shame in admitting your wife has a problem. My support group involves men who truly enjoy fishing, four-day weekends and lots of alcohol. Most times, she is unaware that I am even gone, until the precise moment she needs help getting a 50-pound bag of grain out of the truck.

From: *BAY AREA EQUESTRIAN NETWORK*



## 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL LAS AMIGAS DE LAS LOMAS CHARITY HORSE SHOW

This year's Las Amigas de las Lomas Charity horse show was held at Ernie Howlett Park in Rolling Hills Estates. With nothing but blue skies and sunshine, it was again, a great success! This was due to the many volunteers, along with Las Amigas President Jenny Good who has been a member for 15 years. All proceeds from this show benefit the Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles. In the 53 years since this event has been taking place, Las Amigas has raised more than \$1 million, and each year the group looks to raise anywhere from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

Along with the horse show, they conduct a silent auction. "The silent auction is a big moneymaker for us" said Charlene O'Neil, Las Amigas head of publicity. "Everything that is auctioned off is donated."

"Two years ago, the money we raised went toward an adaptive playground for the disabled, which is an amazing playground", O'Neil said. "The playground is so user friendly for the children. They cannot hurt themselves and they can still play like normal children."

Las Amigas currently is in the process of raising money for a therapy pool.

The Kid's Korner continued to be a favorite. They offered arts and crafts, pony rides and carnival games.

Leilani Emnace, an RPV resident, mother of three and a Las Amigas member since 1998, called the entire weekend a "family affair." She said that "This is a place where your entire family can get involved in volunteering."

The high point of the horse show concluded with Sunday's \$9,999 Grand Prix, an event

used to designate the most challenging level of competition.

Lindsay Douglass with her 12 yr. old horse Pernot, was ecstatic to learn they earned first place in the Grand Prix with a time of 38.804 seconds. They advanced through the 15 jump first round with a clean run of the course and into the jump off, consisting of nine jumps.

Lindsay said, "I was just trying to get Pernot square and straight to all the jumps in the first round. Time did not wind up being a problem. We've been competing at a higher level, so the Grand Prix was a good change for us. I knew we had to go fast in the jump off. I've been watching this competition since I was five, and my parents have also wanted me to win this competition since I began riding!"

Devon Gibson, riding Serendipity was the second place winner of the Grand Prix. They took first place in the Grand Prix in 2009.

Another senior at PVHS, Brooke Erickson, riding 8 yr. old Achtung, took sixth place. Brooke said that she felt great after finishing the course in 43.156 seconds. She said, "The course was pretty technical. It had a few interesting turns, but overall it was fun! I wanted to make sure I schooled Achtung on the flats, on the turns and turns in the air. My goal was to have a clean run through the course coming in. I feel great about my finish. . . it's better than last place!"

Congratulations to all who participated!



forget to calendar it. Our future equestrian stars need the whole communities support!



## AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Thank you, Charlene O'Neil for featuring our equestrian "Youth On Parade"! Even with many people out on vacation, Charlene outdid herself. They truly were a HIT. Yes, pun intended, to Kelly Yates HIT's Drill Team who started off our evening!

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect evening! The weather, the horses, the people (good company), the microphone, the sound system all performed in a spectacular way. We all had an exceptional time. To see their smiles out shine the setting sun was what everyone was lucky enough to take home with them.

The HIT's (Hoofers in Training) Junior Drill Team began the evening with their demonstration. Kelly Yates, as instructor, with her eight juniors (Taylor Golden, Taylor Grant, Claire Dean, Valerie Mathison, Grace Whitehouse, Danielle Allen, Sara Brack and Lauren Pell) has done an exceptional job perfecting this groups skills.

Kelly began this group when Taylor asked to join in the Happy Hoofers Drill Team. Of course she happened to be too young, but that didn't stop her. Kelly told her that if she had 6 other juniors that wanted to opt in, she would be willing to instruct them. To think they only began this group 3 months ago! Their riding, control, synchronization and creativity were outstanding, especially for the first time out of their base arena at Dapplegray HOA ring.

We can't wait to watch them perform again at the City Celebration on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't



Next, came the jumping demonstration. Bailey Pirtle, at 12 years old, with her horse Domingo performed numerous jumps. She did it to music which really gave it a surreal quality. It was beautiful to watch. She has been training with Teresa Bartko for several years.



The last featured demonstration was Dressage. We were lucky enough to watch Loren Pell riding the feisty Romulus, show off their skill. Ken Anderson, her instructor, eloquently explained what they were demonstrating. Both Ken and Loren were featured in the July issue of the Dispatch (go to [www.pvpha.org](http://www.pvpha.org) to see it if you haven't already! Contact Ken at 310.291.8450 or email him at [wimsand@juno.com](mailto:wimsand@juno.com) ).

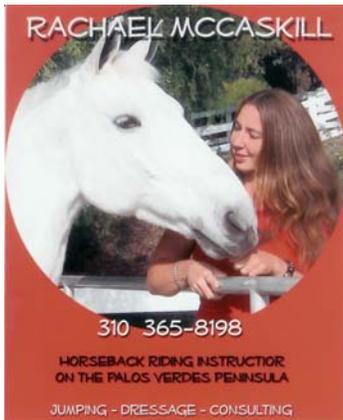
Last, but not least everyone enjoyed the refreshing root beer floats. Jan and Joanne dished them out, and ran out of ice cream just in time to accommodate the last in line! Great planning!!

## PVPHA's

### Horse Trainer Spotlight

#### **RACHAEL MCCASKILL GOLDSMITH. . .**

Rachael McCaskill Goldsmith has been riding since the age of 8. After taking her first riding lesson in Marin County, she told her father, "Dad, this has changed my life!"



Thereafter, her family moved to Bellevue, Washington, where she continued to ride at a hunter/jumper barn. The first pony that she leased was

named "Willy," a Welsh cross. Soon thereafter, she purchased her first pony "Oreo," for a mere \$5000.00. She owned her pony for 22 years. Rachael and Oreo aka "Simply Irresistible" continued to show together for many years on the "A" circuit throughout Washington State, Canada, and later in California. One of the highlights of her show career was riding at the last horseshow ever held at the Fabulous Forum in Inglewood, California, in 1989. She and Oreo were in the top 10 for the entire pony division at that show. Other highlights include winning the USEF Pony Medal, the Tri-Valley Medal, and the Onondarka Medal. Ponies were few and far between in the medal classes in those days; most of the other riders were on horses, making these wins particularly sweet.

After riding her pony for many years, Rachael, at the age of 14, started an off the track 2-year old thoroughbred, Mindy. She showed Mindy at IEL, earning many great ribbons. After taking a 2 year break from riding, she was given a buckskin gelding named Skip. He was considered a very difficult horse to ride. After showing her abilities at riding this challenging mount, she was asked to ride horses for others, and this was the start of her training career.

Rachael has trained many children and teenagers on the Peninsula. In addition to riding green horses, and re-schooling problem horses, Rachael considers reprogramming difficult horses to be her specialty.

After training on the Peninsula for five years, she was offered a position in Hidden Valley as the Barn Manager/Head Hunter Jumper Trainer/Assistant Dressage trainer. There, she began formal schooling in dressage under the watchful eye of Louise Koch. She continues to school with Louise to the present.

Rachael has since returned to the Peninsula, and continues to ride horses and train juniors and amateurs in both dressage and hunter/jumpers. Her current students compete actively in hunter/jumpers and dressage, but Rachael encourages her students to compete in activities from all disciplines. Appreciation of all equestrian activities is encouraged in Rachael's barn.

Rachael is currently planning for the Cool August Nights Dressage Show / Cornerstone Market Championships. Her junior student Shelby Leach, qualified for the CDS Junior Championships as well.

Inquiries welcome!



Erin Huling riding Rachael's horse "Endeavor" at Las Amigas Horse Show



Shelby Leach with High Time at IEL 2009-2010 season

# PVPHA ANNUAL Poker Ride

## SEPT. 18

Start at Chandler Park 8 -10 am

Finish at Empty Saddle Club by 11am

\$10 per hand

Many Prizes



Stay for The Gymkhana Events at the City  
Celebration Following Poker Ride

### NOTICE

#### Mark Jacobowitz

Corresponding Secretary of the PVPHA, Mark Jacobowitz, passed away August 1, 2010. Marc will certainly be missed as a friend and as an equestrian leader.

Dale Allen

He was a gentle man. He just discovered horses a few years ago and he was in LOVE. He fought the ugly disease with a stout courageous heart, hoping and praying the new meds would be the cure. He was smart, and he brought that questioning, thorough-thinking mind to the defense of horses and trails on the Peninsula. For Marc, this was a lifestyle not to be thrown away. We mourn your passing, Marc. We cherish the memories of solid, creative, provocative thinking that you shared with our PVPHA Board. We will truly miss you!

charlene o'neil

### DON'T FORGET Comedy and Magic Club Tickets

We are selling tickets for the  
Comedy and Magic Club.  
Tickets are \$20 for 2 people  
All proceeds go to the PVPHA and the  
RHE Pepper tree foundation  
*Tickets are tax deductible*  
Get a group together and  
have a fun evening  
You may get your tickets at the RHE City  
Hall or from any PVPHA Board Member



### PVPHA NEEDS YOUR HELP

We need volunteers to edit and publish the DISPATCH. If you have skills that you would like to put to work helping publish the monthly Dispatch please contact Dale Allen at (310) 325-4903. Also if you have an interesting story or article for the DISPATCH email them to [ghoule@cox.net](mailto:ghoule@cox.net).

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