



Natural Horsemanship Association of Northern Nevada February 2011 Newsletter

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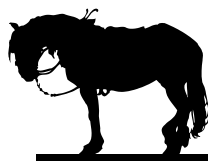
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Annual dues: \$25.00 individual;
\$35.00 family



February 2011 Meeting Highlights:

The general meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a welcome from the Club's President, Samantha DiMuzio. Samantha requested approval of January's meeting minutes. These were approved as written without opposition. There was a brief introduction of the members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance: \$1,570.57. Miscellaneous expenses amounted to \$264.28, and income totaled \$250.00. Ending balance was \$1,493.34.

- Membership for 2011 is due. Applications were available at the meeting, and can be found on-line. Nancy indicated that twelve people have renewed, and that many more were doing so at tonight's meeting.
- Lisa Mae Woods explained how the library operates.
- Debbie Tayler explained about the club's for sale items. Samantha encouraged purchases to support the club's future activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The board is considering purchasing long sleeve tee shirts that will have the club's logo imprinted on them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A tentative schedule for the meetings and activities will be posted in next month's newsletter.
- Cynthia Brown was announced as being the new librarian. She will also be a part of the new activities team.
- Samantha requested of the membership that someone consider becoming our (pc-based) Web Master (not Mac-based).
- The library has a newly purchased DVD set by Josh Lyons titled, "Trail Riding from the Heart".



February "New Member" Highlight

Nancy Horvath's interview with *new member Cynthia Brown*:

Q: How many/what kind of horses do you have? What do you like to do with them?

A: *I own a 12 year old National Show Horse (Saddlebred/Arabian Cross) gelding named Im Arokstarr a.k.a. Rocky. Currently we are learning Parelli Level 1, but we love trail riding together and working Training Level Dressage.*

Q: What area of Reno do you live/ride in? Do you keep your horses at home?

A: *My husband and I live in Lemmon Valley where I also enjoy riding the trails. Rocky lives in my backyard and occasionally we visit the Lemmon Valley Arena to work on Dressage patterns.*

Q: How long have you been doing horsey stuff, and what got you interested in NHANN?

A: *I have been involved with horses since my early childhood and began taking lessons when I was 7 years old. Throughout high school I competed in Western and Hunter Pleasure classes at Arabian breed shows and decided to take Dressage lessons after I saw the 2004 Olympics. I could not believe the beauty and grace each horse and rider possessed as they executed each movement. I wanted to ride just like them.*

After graduating from UNR with a BS in Equine Science I began training my first horse, Rocky, in Dressage. After a very stressful Trail Trial competition I realized that I needed something to help Rocky gain more confidence. Sam DiMuzio had her two mustangs at the same Trail Trial and they were extremely confident. I asked Sam what she used in her training and she told me about Parelli Natural HorsemanShip. I had heard about Parelli in the past, but I had never seen a Parelli trained horse in action. After starting the Parelli program Sam told me about NHANN and I thought it would be a great association to join to help Rocky and I on our Parelli journey.

Q: Are you planning anything special with your horses in the coming months? (Cal Horse Expo, overnight trail ride, special training clinic, etc.)?

A: *My New Year's Resolution is to receive my red Savvy String from Parelli and graduate to Level 2. I would love to attend a Parelli clinic in the summer and maybe show Rocky at his first Dressage show this fall.*

Member's Corner

Sea Horses

by Marianne Merriam



There are two gates into our backyard from anywhere on the property, but that doesn't necessarily mean they're horse-proof.

Last January, about four in the afternoon, Denny (who works part-time for us) was wheel barrowing loads of sand into our facetiously named "dry lot" to help alleviate the mud level at the gates between the "dry lot", the pastures and the barn. My horse Mikey, who we didn't realize had opposable thumbs and forefingers, or possibly the most nimble lips in the equine world, made his way through both gates, with Blessing hot on his heels into the back yard.

Denny took his belt off as they were coming across the lawn, to use as a halter to lead Mikey back out to the pasture. It didn't work. Mikey was in the lead, blindly followed by Blessing, as they walked through a shrub bed, across the lawn, over a narrow strip of concrete pool deck and onto the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 10, 2011-Thursday
March NHANN Meeting!
Time: 5:15 Board Meeting; 6:00 PM General Meeting.
Horse Camping 101 with Backcountry Horsemen of Nevada members Don Daniel and Jerry Williams
- Every Saturday after the NHANN Monthly Meeting
NHANN Monthly Activity
Stay tuned for *trail rides, clinics and other fun things* to participate in with your horses!
Activities to be announced monthly.
- March 8, 2011-Tuesday
Large Animal Veterinary Services
Free Client Education
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Topic: Vaccinations, Deworming, Dentistry
Location: Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
Conference Room Carson 1
Pizza + coffee provided
Additional information: (530) 993-1400; (775) 424-667
www.largeanimalcods.com
- May 27-29, 2011
Mulemanship and Ranch Mule Clinic presented by Cameron Mule Company www.muletrainer.com
Rockin' LJ Arena-Washoe Valley
Clinic is open to both mules and horses
For more information contact Lin O'Kelley at 775-720-6282
- June 16, 2011 - June 25, 2011
Reno Rodeo <http://www.renorodeo.com/>
Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center
- July 29-31, 2011-Friday-Sunday
Wild Horse Taming Naturally with Pat Parelli
Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center, main arena
1350 North Wells Avenue, Reno, Nevada. 775-688-5751



Member's Corner

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green/gray, taut tarp pool cover. They immediately crashed through the cover into the deep end of the pool.

It was no wonder they didn't see it coming - that "Bengal Tiger Trap" of a pool cover was green/gray and matched the lawn and concrete around the cover! In their minds it was probably one continuous surface. But in reality, there were four inches of ice two feet below the cover, and eight feet of water below the ice.

After they went through the cover and ice, into the water, they found themselves surrounded by the heavy pool cover. *Claustrophobia anyone?* Thinking quickly and acting heroically, Denny pulled off his boots, got in the water and quickly cut the tarp off over their heads to pull it away from them. He then somehow got both horses into the shallow end of the pool, nose to tail, and got them to stand there (all three of them in shock no doubt!) while he ran to call my husband Roger, myself and the Vet. He then ran to the barn for their halters and a handful of carrots to help pacify them.

The Veterinarian, Dr. Lau and her Vet Tech assistant Katie, from Comstock Large Animal Hospital got there immediately to help the horses out of the pool and to make sure they were ok physically. Thank goodness their office is only ten miles and 15-20 minutes away.

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February Presentation~

Dustin Crist, D.V.M of the Large Animal Veterinary Services spoke on the topic of equine dentistry.

Dr. Crist states that he has been increasingly more focused lately on equine dentistry in his practice, as he enjoys this area of practice.

He said that everything learned in medicine begins with practice on people. The techniques are then utilized on small animals and eventually the horse. The difficulty with this is that horses are so very different.

The goal with any dentistry is to maintain the teeth throughout the life time of the horse.

Dr. Crist gave an historical outline of equine dentistry beginning with the Renaissance. He said the first school for animal dentistry was founded in 1762. Dr. Becker of Germany was a pioneer of equine dentistry. He practiced dentistry on the cavalry's horses during the World War I era, with many of the same tools utilized today, including the speculum.

Dr. Crist explained that the horse begins life with 24 deciduous teeth called "caps". Adult horses have up to a total of 44 teeth; 12 incisors (front), 12 premolars, 12 molars, known as cheek teeth and between 4 to 5 canines. In addition, horses can have from zero to 4 wolf teeth. Horses teeth do not grow, they erupt.

Dr. Crist described in detail the anatomy of the tooth, as well as wear patterns, bite problems and other dental concerns such as cracks, cavities, abscesses, retained caps, sinusitis, food being packed between the teeth and loose teeth, among others.

Dr. Crist said that a thorough yearly exam needs to be done under sedation and with the use of a speculum. Other tools utilized during the exam and float, are power tools, a bright light, dental probe and a mirror. He said he has to explain to people that sedation is necessary in order to be able to perform a really thorough exam, visualizing the teeth and identifying areas of concern.

A horse may have significant dental problems without apparent outward signs. Dr. Crist said it is very important to have young horses examined to prevent, as well as address problems early on.

Dr. Crist gave the following time frames for having equine dentistry performed:

- As weanlings.
- At 18-24 months of age.
- Training horses: every two years.
- Adult horses, without problems, every year.
- Adult horses, with problems, every 4-6 months.
- Geriatric horses: follow the adult recommendations.

Thank you Dr. Crist for providing our group with a wealth of information! We'll miss you when you move to Virginia later this year!

To contact Large Animal Veterinary Services, call (775) 424-6676.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HORSE FRIENDLY PRODUCTS:

Timberline Saddle Company Custom Saddles: Western, Dressage, English, Trail and Endurance models. Custom saddle pads, girths and cinches, bridles and accessories available. Tacky-Tack™ Saddle Pads – extreme comfort and non-slip security; washable and breathable. Skidmore's Leather Care products.

Contact: Mark Rhodes

775-972-9025 or email

centaurgenic@mindspring.com.

NATURAL HOOF CARE

by Debbie Tayler:

Correct trimming for balance and performance with an emphasis on treating the whole horse.

Contact Debbie at (775) 846-8918

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to schedule an appointment.

SAFE START HORSEMANSHIP:

Beginning horsemanship: riding instruction, with emphasis on safety, communication, and learning all aspects of horse care; ages five thru adult. Please call or email for more information. South Reno.

Contact: Jann Hehn 775-852-7261
or Email

safestarthorse@sbcglobal.net

REGISTERED MORGAN HORSES

FOR SALE:

We are offering a two year old filly and one year old colt for sale. Visit our website for more information

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HORSES 4 LEASE OR LESSONS:

MFT gelding. Cruise is an incredibly smooth trail horse,

rides English or western;

Lessons are \$30,

leasing is \$150 per month.

For more information

contact Donna Artz at

775-232-2427.

swsranch@charter.net

Meet Your Board President

My name is Sam DiMuzio and I am the 2011 President of NHANN (or as my husband now calls me El Presidente!).



Sam and her Boys - Rhyolite and Apache

As President, my main responsibilities are to preside over all meetings, conduct business in an orderly fashion, and call special meetings if necessary. Being President also makes me a member of any and all committees that are formed within NHANN. For example, the newly formed Activity Coordinator Team, which consists of the President, the new Activities Coordinator, and the previous Activities Coordinator, who will act as a support for the New Activities Coordinator.

A member since 2010, I wanted to join the Board because I like to truly participate in things. I have a lot of enthusiasm and energy and like to think I have good ideas ☺. I would have to say that I am most looking forward to meeting our members and hanging out with everyone on horseback.



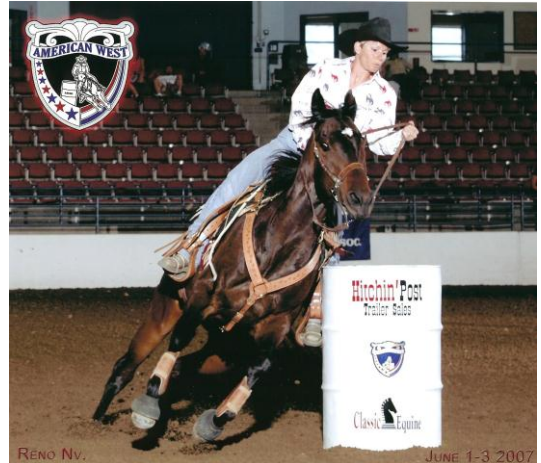
*Rhyolite loaded himself,
with Sam at the front of the trailer!*

Horses - if God made anything more beautiful,
he kept it for himself.

~Author Unknown

Meet Your Board Vice President

Hi, my name is Debbie Tayler and I am the 2011 Vice President. My main responsibility is to assist the President as needed. I've been a member since 2009, and became a Board Member last year to assist Louise Fernandes who has served selflessly as the Secretary for several years. I truly enjoy the other Board Members and enjoy the educational benefits the Club offers via speakers and the library.



*Barrel Racing Champion Debbie Tayler and Shesa
Flash Dash (aka) Dash*



*Debbie Tayler and her barrel racing horse
Ken Dean's Kid (aka) Kid.*

Your horse loves you; not for your looks, but
for your love!
and food!

He knows when you're happy

He knows when you're comfortable

He knows when you're confident

and he *always* knows when you have carrots.

~Author Unknown

Meet your Board Secretary

Hello - my name is Marianne Merriam and I am the 2011 Secretary for NHANN! As Secretary, my duties include proof reading the meeting minutes and newsletter articles, making changes to and formatting the newsletter, to put it in a form that can be emailed and posted to the website.



Gymkhana with Mikey

A member since 2010, I wanted to be on the Board to help share the work needed to document our club and its activities, and to become better acquainted with club members. I enjoy working with the articles and graphics to arrange them in a manner people will want to read and contribute to.

I enjoy the club, the vast library and its many like-minded members that enjoy their horses with respect and love. I am especially looking forward to participating in more trail rides, and hopefully, a horse camping weekend this summer with my husband Roger, his horse Lola and my horse Mikey!



Foxhunting with Mikey

Meet Your Board Assistant Secretary

My name is Louise Fernandes, your current 2011 Assistant Secretary. I joined the club at the tail end of 2007, and quickly found myself volunteering to be the Secretary for 2008, as no one else stepped up to resume these activities. I have found myself challenged in positive ways while serving on this board, and believe my tendency towards perfectionism and focus on details is being utilized well.

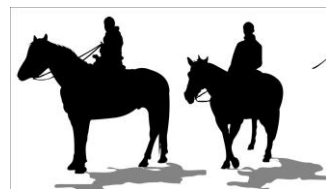
As Assistant Secretary, I am in charge of taking the minutes for all of the meetings, as well as gathering information for the newsletter. I format the meeting minutes into the newsletter, and type the board meeting minutes into a separate format.

I am most looking forward to the continued growth brought forth by learning what NHANN offers its members, as well as spending time with like minded club members.



Louise and her horse Cheys Fancy Lady, affectionately known as Little Bit

Feeling down? Saddle up!
~Author Unknown



Meet Your Board Newsletter Editor

Hello! My name is Rebekka Rhodes, and I am a member of the Board of Directors. As a general board member, I have a voice in any decisions that require board member votes, so I can influence those decisions. I enjoy being a part of the team, and helping to preserve the integrity of the club's purpose and vision to educate horse owners and bring them closer to their wonderful horses.

I've been a member of NHANN for a long time, since somewhere in the late 1990's! I've held various positions on the board over the many years, so I bring a lot of club history to the board. I also am currently acting as Newsletter Editor, since I enjoy writing and helping in that regard. I'm looking forward to an enthusiastic group again this year, and hope to be able to participate in some of the regular events that are planned.



Rebekka on Bailey, and Mark on Di prepare to head to the hills! (Extras are Legs and Tessa.)

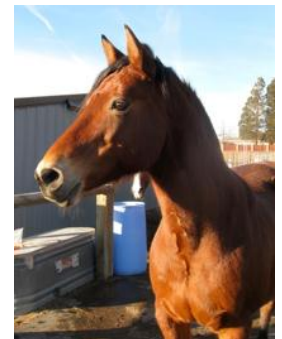


Rebekka loves teaching both horses and humans, always learning in return!

Meet Your Board Treasurer

Hi Fellow Members! My name is Debbie Young and I am the club treasurer. I have been a member since 2006, and this is my second year as Treasurer. I will also be assisting the new Activities Director in planning our 2011 events. The Treasurer's duties are to keep accurate records of income/expenses, manage deposits and disbursements, and maintain the integrity of the financial records. I'm happy to be able to help with keeping the club going as I feel it fills a definite need for people and their horses.

I originally joined the club to be able to enjoy the library and learn from other members' experiences. I've come a lot further than I ever imagined in horse handling, nutrition and health care. I even trim my own horse's feet. There is still so much to learn!



(Left) HVK TKCR Angora (Copper - d. 2010) and Gavilan Sunbonnet (Bonnet) with Debbie & her husband David at the July '10 club trail ride.

(Right) MJR Calvary's Lady (Lady) 2011



MJR Calvary's Lady (Lady) on their first trail ride, September 2010.

Meet Your Board Membership Director

Hi there, my name is Nancy Horvath and I've been the Membership Chair since January 2010. My husband, Bruce Nething, and I joined NHANN about three years ago, after attending a very informative meeting on hoof care. We found the members to be very welcoming and interested in sharing their experiences - just what we were seeking as newcomers to the foal-raising business.

We are long-time trail-riders with a couple of seasoned Quarter Horses, who decided to get into breeding Morgan horses as a part-time business. It quickly became a full-time endeavor for my husband as we added two Morgan brood mares to our stock and prepared for the arrival of foals. Our participation in NHANN has contributed so much to our pleasure, and eased the challenges of learning about their different needs. Now, if the economy would just pick up enough to encourage some buyers of our foals!

We live just outside of Silver Knolls. We can ride from our property into BLM land, or trailer out farther to our favorite area in the Sand Hills around Rancho Haven.



*Nancy, her husband Bruce & their horses
at Sand Mountain*



(L) *Cristalina w/ Cristal* (R) *Nancy leading Sunny*

Meet Your Board Activities Coordinator and Librarian

NHANN is lucky enough to have our newest member, Cynthia Brown take on the dual responsibilities for Librarian and Activities Coordinator (along with the rest of the Activities Team which includes President Sam DiMuzio and past Activities Coordinator Debbie Young). See Page 2 for more information on Cynthia in the *New Member Profile*.

The following bullet points highlight the duties of these Board positions.

Librarian:

- Maintain an accurate account of all library materials checked out/in.
- Bring the Library to each general members meeting to make it accessible to members.

Activities Director:

- Help to schedule presenters for monthly member's meetings.
- Help to schedule and organize monthly activities.

New Library Rule:

Please note that all library materials shall be turned in by the Christmas party / December meeting to allow time for the Librarian to conduct the annual Library Inventory.

This procedure will be added to the NHANN Bylaws as an update for 2011.

NHANN 2011 Tentative Meeting & Activity Schedule

Month	Scheduled Speaker	Topic	Activity
Jan	Babs Clough	Holistic Stress/Illness Relief for Horse and Human	
Feb	Dustin Crist- Large Animal Veterinary Services	Equine Dental Care and Treatment	
Mar	Don Daniel & Jerry Williams- Back Country Horsemen	Horse Camping 101	
Apr	Leslie Kornstein*	Alternative Treatment Approaches	Washoe Lake Ride & Potluck (16 th)#
May	Bob Harmon and Cheryl Surface*	Washoe County Parks- Horse Trails and Etiquette	Washoe County Trail Ride (14 th)#
Jun	Member Share Meeting		Lemmon Valley Trail Ride+ (11 th)#
Jul	Sam DiMuzio*	Horsenality	Clinic + (16 th)#
Aug	TBD	TBD- Revisit Horsecamping 101(?)	Horsecamping Euer Valley or Fort Churchill* (12-13-14 th)#
Sep	Member Share Meeting		Bird Springs Ride* (11 th)#
Oct	Dr. Kirk+	Lameness Diagnosis	Chilcoot Ride + (15 th)#
Nov	Dr. Meeghan Gray*	Wild Horse Research	
Dec	Club Christmas Party*	(No meeting at Round Table)	Party (10 th) *#

*confirmed +tentative-waiting on confirmation #details to come

By Charles de Kunffy:

- Courage, wisdom born of insight and humility, empathy born of compassion and love, all can be bequeathed by a horse to his rider.
- Competitive riding should be classical riding at its best.

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- Horsemanship is not merely a matter of bodily skills, but is based on scholarship, and therefore, is a matter of the mind and intellect. Good horsemanship is based on proper character development, and therefore, is also a matter of mentality and spirit. Without the correct attitudes and insights, there cannot be the right sport.

Member's Corner

Sea Horses

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The way out of the pool was not obvious to the horses. There is a four feet wide concrete deck between the narrow steps that lead out of the water, and the edge of a raised wood deck, six feet in the air above the pool. Dr. Lau and Katie helped lead Blessing up the narrow steps (as her feet punctured the fiberglass steps with each hoof step), over to the lawn and back through another set of gates to the barn. Mikey could not figure out how to get out of the pool. Normally a very smart horse, he had been in the water 30 minutes, so was no doubt in physical shock by then.

Dr. Lau, incredible woman that she is, got in the icy water to help Mikey. She took Mikey's front feet in her hands and placed each one on the first step, then up to the second step. He backed off, back into the water. They did it again, this time with a butt rope to give him more direction. With the added nudge of Katie's big toe in Mikey's rump, he clambered up the steps, out of the pool and onto the grass.

They lead both horses into the barn, closed the doors (they normally hate being locked inside), turned the heater on full blast and started to dry them off. That's when we got home. Not knowing what to expect, we ran with trepidation into the back yard. Seeing the pool torn up, but empty of horses and people, we ran to the barn.

Dr. Lau was already working on the horses. She had cut some torn skin off the inside of Blessing's fetlock, and cut a piece of skin from Mikey, just in front of his left hind leg on his belly (which looked like a fist-sized chunk of raw meat with no skin or hair still attached). Blessing scraped the inside of her right rear cannon bone and a few other more minor cuts and scrapes, but all in all, their exterior was fairly unharmed. (God knows if their brain will ever let them cross water again!)

Next we waited for their vital signs to normalize. I stayed in the barn with them until after 11pm, checking their temperature and heart rates every hour and keeping in telephone contact with Dr. Lowe every two hours. Once their temperatures were fairly

normal I went into the house. A belly full of hay to digest was what would keep them warm all night. That and the blankets and towels that went from horse to dryer and back again until the horses were dry. If I had thought about it I would have brought a hair dryer out to the barn, but as always, hindsight is 20/20.

So other than if you have two horses named Mikey and Blessing, I can't think of any reason not to have a swimming pool in your back yard!



Members are enthusiastically encouraged to submit "Member's Corner" articles for publication to the NHANN Secretary via e-mail, regarding real-life learning experiences, interesting or unusual stories that concern them and their horses.

