



Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

June 2020

Board Reports Sale in Progress, Property Taxes Protested with County

Thanks to members who participated in the June 3 referendum regarding the sale of the grounds property. As a result, from 99 eligible voters, we received 77 votes, 76 of which were in favor of authorizing the Board to negotiate a sale of the property. The process of a sale is proceeding under contract. The current potential buyer is completing his due diligence research.

We haven't heard of major stumbling blocks, but the buyer has until next month to commit or withdraw without penalty. We expect to hear then what next steps will be required.

Regarding the tax assessment issue, through perseverance, we were permitted to file a protest without the half payment of the taxes formerly demanded. Board members David Marks and John Pearson made a compelling case to the assistant assessor who presided. We are cautiously hopeful that a significant reduction in the inappropriate high valuation (and therefore high tax bill) will result.

Save the Date! Next Monthly Meeting

Our July monthly meeting will be a live webinar presentation, **Wednesday, July 8 at 7 pm, using Zoom**. It will feature Liz Delfs, Executive Director of My Little Horse Listener and NNMHA member. Liz leads various equine therapy programs, often

working with children as they interact with equines of various sizes. Karolyn Gazella will be our technical consultant, helping Helen Newton set up the call and coordinating with Liz's PowerPoint presentation.

Like other organizations, we are using technology for our meeting as a way to safely share great information with members. Participating is easy, and directions will be sent in a follow-up email. It's as simple as clicking a link on your computer screen!

If you have ideas for future speakers or topics, please contact programs/speakers committee chair Joyce Davis, carlotta_burra101@icloud.com, 505 490-5390.

Multi-use Trail Reminder

Have you noticed more people where you ride? For sure, there seems to be more hikers, dog walkers and bikers out there these days. Not all know what to do around horses, so it's a good idea to be on the look-out.

If needed, ask them in a friendly manner to do what the situations calls for – step aside and slow down or stop – to keep everyone safe. Horse riders generally have right of way, but it's more important to be safe!

Stay-at-Homes

We've all been staying at home these last few months. Some days have been good, and others have been not-so-good. The point is, we are managing, often with the help of family and friends, including equines. You might say, we've all been fenced in.

In this photo, are two equines that have been fenced in, Buzz the mule and Whittaker the Gypsy. While they are not social distancing, they have stayed at home with co-editor Sandra Smith.

So, now it's your turn...



Send us a few words or a photo (or both) that show or describe how you and yours have been spending time at home, fenced in or otherwise.

Birds in Your Barn?

Barn swallows and owls, among others, are great to have around because they eat insects and rodents. But their nests can be messy, so move water buckets and cover hay. If that's not possible, an article in the Spring 2020 edition of *Equus* magazine suggests building a small platform under the nest to catch the mess.

There are no specific diseases transmitted from birds to horses in North America right now, but droppings will have unhealthy bacteria. Happy birding!

Member News

Have you won an award, volunteered for a wonderful cause, know of another member who would welcome a "get well" message or have some news that you want to share in this newsletter?

If so, send an email to Karen or Sandra. Seems like we could all use a "high five" these days!

Classifieds

Do you have something equine-related to sell or services to provide? Short classified ads may be placed by any member in good standing. Please send an email with exact wording for your ad to: Sandra, smithcom@goldengate.net, or Karen, redmule@kdt.net.

STUART H. GARBER, DC, PhD, AVCA

Animal chiropractor with 39 years of experience. Certified in animal chiropractic by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. Equines and canines, but also happy to treat any critter with a spine. By appointment: 505 913-7493.

TERRY BERG

Trainer offers lessons, training, show coaching. Specialty: ranch riding, reining and ranch trail. Contact: sfcolores@sprynet.com, 505 473-4147.

LYNN CLIFFORD

The Ride of Your Life Horsemanship instruction and The Inner Equestrian Life coaching/counseling, Santa Fe. By arrangement: www.lynnclifford.com, 505 231-5353.

JAMES SHAW

Ride from Within Clinic, Aug. 22-23, Hosted at Nizhoni Ranch, Cerrillos. He teaches a body-centered approach which emphasizes a natural, dynamic seat for riders, resulting in fluid, effortless movement for the horse. More info: www.lynnclifford.com.

LUCILLE BUMP

Centered Riding Clinic, Nov. 7-8, private lessons, Nov. 6, Nizhoni Ranch, Cerrillos. She is one of the first generation of Centered Riding founder Sally Swift's mentees. More info: www.lynnclifford.com.

THE TRINITY RANCH

Santa Fe's premier horse facility. Boarding, training, lessons, indoor arena, 150x300 jump course, 20x60 dressage court. Absolutely beautiful facility, exceptional staff, positive atmosphere. More info: www.santafehorse.com.

NORTHSIDE BOARDING

Ride out on miles of trails, five minutes from NM599/La Tierra Rd. Reasonable rates, relaxed atmosphere. Prices from \$300-\$375 for pens 12x60 and larger. Arena, round pen, three tack rooms, wash rack, trailer parking. Horses fed grass mix or alfalfa twice daily. Boarders provide extras, we feed. Owner lives on premises. Contact: Carolyn, Centaurus Ranch, 505 474-0821.

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You are welcome to contact any board member with questions or comments about association plans or activities. Board meetings are held each month, usually at the NNMHA office. Members are also invited to attend board meetings. Please contact a Board member to confirm meeting times and locations.

Newsletter Notes

It's not your imagination! There are a few small changes in the appearance of this edition of your *Paddock Paper*. These differences are simply the result of changing to different computer software. Funny note: The typeface name for the headings is **Centaur**.

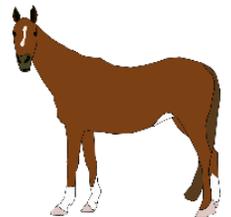
Karen Denison, our wonderful, long-time newsletter editor and head of membership, is assuming a new role as co-editor (and membership). This allows Karen to travel and not have to worry about producing this newsletter remotely. She can continue to be reached at redmule@kdt.net.

Sandra Smith has taken on the role of co-editor (and membership), working closely with Karen. She will help produce and send the newsletter, especially when Karen is not able to do so. Sandra can be reached at smithcom@goldengate.net.

Feel free to contact Karen or Sandra. This is **YOUR** newsletter, so please suggest story ideas, send news items or tell us about any topic that you think would be of interest to members.

Thanks for your ideas, news and suggestions!

Karen and Sandra



You must look into horses, as well as at them.
Adapted from Lord Chesterfield