



# Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

February 2021

## New Board Elected; Rarin' to Get Going

Congratulations to our newly elected and re-elected Board members! We are fortunate to have experience, enthusiasm and a passion for the Club represented among our Board. With initial groundwork for our 501(c)(3) organization in place, we can truly look forward to leading, supporting and making a lasting contribution to the northern New Mexico equine community for years to come.

As you know, the new Board is expanded from five to seven members to add additional resources and expertise. **Welcome aboard, Board members! They are: Gary Clendenen, Joyce Davis, Kristina Flanagan, Howard Gershon, David Marks, Piar Marks and Helen Newton. Thanks to the entire slate of candidates who ran in this election for your interest and support!**

A brief meeting of "old" and "new" Board members was held in late January that allowed for introductions. At a Board meeting scheduled for February 16, Board members will determine who will serve in which officer position for this year. They will also finalize "overlapping" terms by some serving one year and others serving two years on the Board, to provide for continuity this first year. All future elections will be for two-year, staggered terms.

As we look to the future, a round of applause for all in shepherding, taking part in and approving the sale of the Grounds, managing and supporting the items sale, approving the mission and vision statements and voting! We had over 45% of voting members participate in the election.

Finally, with a new Board and Bylaws in place, the next step is to solicit feedback from members regarding which issues or opportunities are most appropriate for our Club to

address. From there, we can plan specific initiatives, programs or events. Just a reminder: The Board welcomes comments from members at any time. Board meetings are always open to members, but especially now, the Board is keen to ensure Club decisions are as transparent as possible.

Consider this process like connecting the dots, in writing: Our mission and vision statements set the stage for identifying key opportunities and issues. From there, specific initiatives, programs and events can be planned and put into place.

We look forward to hearing your ideas!

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# New Bylaws Finalized, Posted on Website

Through the efforts of the 2020 Board and with the input of significant legal advice, Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association has new Bylaws corresponding with our new status as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Thanks to all who helped with this heavy lifting!

The organization and our Bylaws are now successfully registered with the IRS, as well as the New Mexico Secretary of State and Attorney General Offices. Having this designation at the time of our Grounds sale was very important to preserving the proceeds for our future.

Anyone who wishes to see the new Bylaws will find them posted on our website at [www.NNMHA.net](http://www.NNMHA.net). The direct link is (yes, it's a long one): [http://www.nnmha.net/uploads/2/6/2/0/26200067/final\\_nnmha\\_bylaws\\_1-21-2021\\_v2.pdf](http://www.nnmha.net/uploads/2/6/2/0/26200067/final_nnmha_bylaws_1-21-2021_v2.pdf)

## **Serving Both Community and Members**

Members who were familiar with our previous Bylaws (first written in 1989 and last amended in 2016 when we were a private non-profit club) will see changes, both large and small. While we are permitted to have some member-only events or activities, our primary mission as a 501(c)(3) must be to act in ways that serve the whole local horse community.

That itself is not a big stretch as we have always held open educational meetings and public events, and in the past offered an educational scholarship, but that outward-looking focus is now woven throughout the Bylaws.

Also prominent are new Bylaw articles concerned with keeping the public trust: there are lengthy portions that detail conflict-of-interest policies, financial accountability and insurance.

### **Elections and Board Membership Changes**

Members are more likely to notice changes which involve elections like the one just completed. In the past, members elected officers who together comprised the Board. Elections are now for directors, then following election, the Board itself will determine who serves as officers for the coming year.

Also, director terms of office will be two years arranged in such a way that half the board positions will be elected by the membership each year. These overlapping terms are expected to help provide more continuity for programs or initiatives which last more than a year.

Because a number of these guidelines were recommended "best practice" for 501(c)(3) organizations, and with legal blessing due to reconstitution and re-registration of the organization, the Board adopted the first Bylaws without a member referendum. But as with our old Bylaws, further changes require member involvement.

### **Thank you all for your ongoing support!**

Regardless of any changes, however, members remain central to who we are. The Board is comprised of members who will look to the membership for ideas and guidance in serving not only members but also the local horse community.

*Karen Denison*

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*



# County Open Lands, Trails Advisory Committee Needs Member



Santa Fe County is currently seeking a County resident from District 1 to serve on the County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC). COLTPAC serves as an advisory committee to the Board of County Commissioners, and it's always helpful to have the interests of equestrians represented on this group.

To find a map of Santa Fe County Commission Districts via Google, type: Santa Fe County District 1, and then click on Santa Fe County Commissioner Districts listing below.

To apply for this position, email or mail your resume and a letter of interest (including a physical address and phone number) to: melohmann@santafecountynm.gov, Santa Fe County Planning Division, Attn: Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner, PO Box 276, Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276. Phone is 505 995-2774.

For consideration, **materials must be received by this Friday**, February 5, 3 pm, so act quickly!

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## Do You Know...

What rain rot (or rain scald) is? It is a common bacterial skin condition that can be crusted, scabby, painful and infectious. In early stages, a horse's skin may be dry, patchy with loose, flaky hair. It is caused by a bacteria, *Dermatophilus congolensis*, and contagious in extreme cases, often passed by grooming tools or insects.



It is triggered by moisture that remains in and on the hair and skin. It can occur year-round – in the winter under blankets – and year-round in rainy or wet (even temporary) conditions, especially when horses are not regularly groomed. It's often found on backs, flanks and where moisture runs down the barrel, shoulders and face. Horses with compromised immune systems are at higher risk. If you find an early stage of rain rot, treat it

immediately to avoid serious problems. According to an article in *Practical Horseman*, "Beneath The Surface of Rain Rot," it is important to allow oxygen to reach the

affected area. If it's a mild case, you can gently remove the scabby area and follow with an antimicrobial bath to clean the area.

Larger, more difficult to remove scabs may result in bleeding and tenderness. Be sure to wear latex gloves and discard the removed skin and hair in the trash. Don't dispose of it where it can be released back into the environment and re-infect, because the bacteria are still infectious.

Antimicrobial treatments are also appropriate for more severe cases, or your veterinarian may have a specific recommendation. Be sure to clean grooming tools, too!

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## 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: sfclores@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.

### 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.

## BOARD YOUR HORSE

At the "Happy Horse" place, RANCHO MARIPOSA. Horses fed quality hay three times a day, grain twice a day. Turned out regularly in large pasture and ring, blanketing. Every stall and shed has a paddock and shavings. Indoor arena, sand riding area, dressage ring, round pen, trails available. Caretakers live on site. Lessons and training available. Manager has 40 years professional horse experience and cares for your horse the same way she does her own. Please come and visit us! We're located on "Ranch Road" off of 285, just SE of Eldorado. Call Barbara at 505 466-1005.

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# Board and Committees

*(to be updated after incoming Board members decide on who will serve in specific officer positions later this month)*

### **2020 Officers of the Board**

President	David Marks	<a href="mailto:david.marks.SF@gmail.com">david.marks.SF@gmail.com</a>	505 466-3306
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### **Committees**

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**Website**      <http://www.NNMHA.net>

*You are welcome to contact any board member with questions or comments about Club plans or activities. Board meetings are held each month. Due to the pandemic, meetings are online. Members are invited to participate in board meetings. Please contact a Board member for more information.*

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***What good is the warmth of summer,  
without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.***  
*John Steinbeck*