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Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

February 2022

Feb. 23 Monthly Program Tentatively Scheduled with Attorney Scott Voorhees

We're finalizing arrangements with Scott, so we will confirm details regarding our February program soon via email. The program begins at 7 pm – join others for dinner at 6 pm. We are at our usual location, the Pecos Trail Café, 2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. Please RSVP to contact@nnmha.org, so we may advise the restaurant.

If you are more comfortable coming for the program only, so you can wear a mask the entire time, please feel free to do so. The restaurant is glad to fulfill take-out orders.

Speaking of meetings, we regret postponing (to a future date) January's presentation with Will Grant about his adventures on the Pony Express Trail. Just a few days before the January meeting, we had to make this decision, due to a covid exposure. Sorry about the last-minute notice, but with respect for everyone's well-being and safety, we had to do so.

About our speaker for February

Scott Voorhees started his law firm in 1996, representing people who have been injured in car accidents, slips and falls, nursing home negligence and medical malpractice. He grew up in a small town in the sunny Sacramento Valley in northern California. He earned a degree at the University of Washington, Seattle, followed by three years of law school.

He credits his wife for getting him into horses. His first horse was a Tennessee Walking Horse, Mac, followed by Dexter, a finished Quarter horse. Scott says of Dexter that the horse was smarter than him, but Dexter was kind about it and taught him cutting and sorting, all while having a great time together.

Free Workshop to Offer New Training Tips for Troubled Horses – March 15



NNMHA is sponsoring a free public workshop, “From Rescue to Ride; New Training Techniques for Troubled Horses,” Saturday March 5, 10:30am – 3pm, EQ505 (name of barn), 10 A&B Heartstone Drive, Santa Fe. This one-day workshop will demonstrate new ways to work with rescued, feral or troubled horses.

Horse trainers Ginger Gaffney and Leela Brightenburg will evaluate and work with a few different horses, explaining and highlighting techniques to use on a day-to-day basis to calm and rehabilitate the nervous system of troubled horses.



The horses will be evaluated for their eventual rideability, and a long-term plan for training and rehabilitation will be laid out.

If you or anyone you know has a horse who is in distress, this workshop is designed to help you or them think differently with new solutions.

For more information about this workshop, contact NNMHA Committee Chair Joyce Davis, bjmrkitty@gmail.com, 505 490-5390.

About Ginger Gaffney and Leela Brightenburg

Ginger is the author of “Half Broke: A Memoir,” a memoir of her year-long odyssey to train a herd of neglected horses at Delancy Street Ranch, an alternative prison facility in Velarde. As a horse trainer, she has worked with horses and their people for over 25 years. Her book is available at amazon.com and [Collected Works Bookstore](http://CollectedWorksBookstore.com).

Leela’s background as a horse trainer focuses on bodywork. She creates individualized programs for her client’s horses under saddle, with an emphasis on looseness, balanced posture and the recruitment of correct muscles and joints.

Paying Member Dues Has Never Been Easier! Renew Now Online

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their memberships for this year. If it's the check-writing and mailing that's been holding the rest of you back, you may now fill out your annual form and pay online. Please renew by the end of February.

Our new charity status has allowed us to qualify for better processing rates and conditions, making it reasonable to include the option through the Association website. Memberships are the same price, but we have added a processing fee to help defray the remaining costs.

After comparing other companies, PayPal was chosen because it provides a familiar, user-friendly face, good security and will mesh well with our current website, budgeting and banking programs. To take full advantage of the robust security which PayPal maintains, renewing is a two-step process. *Note: Renewing online works best with a desktop or laptop computer.*

That said, it's this easy: To renew online go to <https://www.nnmha.org/join.html>. Fill out the membership form on one side of the page and click the "submit" button. Then use the PayPal buttons on the other side of the page to remit payment.

If you encounter any problems, have questions or wish to offer suggestions, please email Karen Denison redmule@kdt.net.

Working Cattle, Ranch, Craig Cameron Clinics Scheduled; Some Start in Feb.

As a benefit to members, we are providing information about upcoming clinics, including clinics hosted by Loal Tucker. NNMHA has partnered with Loal in the past.



These clinics are open to the public, first come/first serve, and offer a variety of skills training. They will be held at the Lowell Tucker Horsemanship Arena, 48 Cerro Alto Road, Lamy.

If clinics are full, you may sign up on a cancellation wait list. For more information, to register or inquire about auditing, go to www.loaltucker.com.

- Working Cattle Clinics: 1-Day, Sunday 10am-3pm: February 6, March 6, May 8.
- Confidence Clinics: 2-Day, Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm: March 12/13, August 27/28.
- Ranch Versatility Buckle Series: 2-Day, Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm: April 16/17, May 14/15, June 11/12.
- Craig Cameron, Fourth Annual: 2-Day, Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm: September 10/11.

About Loal Tucker

Loal is a third-generation rancher and horseman and a highly respected trainer and clinician. He offers clinics on a variety of skills, including Horsemanship, Confidence, Ranch Versatility, Working Cattle and Trail Confidence. Loal is a member of the NM Mounted Search and Rescue team and has been involved in The Horse Shelter's Trainer's Challenge.

Centered Riding Clinic Registration is Underway for Certification, Riders

Member Lynn Clifford and colleague Erin Calhoun are hosting a two-part Centered Riding (CR) clinic, with Lucile Bump, Senior Level Instructor. It will be at the Nizhoni Ranch, 145 General Goodwin Road, Cerrillos. The ranch is about 15 minutes from Madrid and offers boarding, indoor arena and outdoor arenas.

Participants in the seven-day clinic may become certified CR Instructors. The second part is open to student riders who will experience teaching from certified CR instructors, along with the instructors who are enrolled to become certified. Note that Parts 1 and 2 are approximately six weeks apart. Some auditing opportunities may be available.

- Part 1 (three days): Centered Riding Level I Certification Clinic, Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1,
- Part 2 (four days): Current Centered Riding Instructor Certification Update Clinic, Thursday, June 9-Sunday, June 12.

All clinic days are scheduled to start at 8:30 am and end about 5 pm. Some deadlines are as early as early this month. For details and more information (including registration), contact Lynn Clifford, 505 231-5353 or lynn@lynnclifford.com.

About Lucile Bump

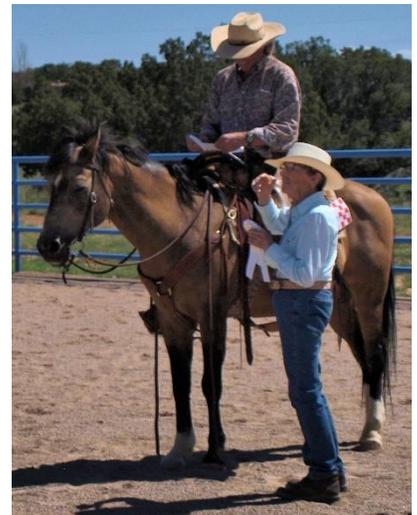
Lucile is a Senior CR instructor/clinician and has taught all levels and disciplines of riders for more than 45 years. She has worked with Sally Swift and Linda Tellington-Jones and has taught throughout the US, Canada, Europe, Japan and South America. She began riding around age 10 and rode through school, competing regularly in Hunt Seat Equitation. Regardless of the discipline, she understands the foundation of how a horse and rider work together and warmly welcomes all breeds.

Going to a Clinic? Ask about Health Requirements for you and Your Horse

When registering for clinics or similar equine events, regardless of host or sponsor, be sure to ask about horse health requirements and Covid protocol for you.

In some cases, a negative Coggins test may be required, as is a Health Certificate, within 30 days, if a horse is traveling to here from out of state. And, you may be required to show proof of a full Covid vaccination (received more than two weeks prior) or a negative Covid test within 72 hours.

Mask wearing will conform to state regulations and may be recommended or required, depending on specific circumstances. It's just the way it is these days, so check it out ahead of time, rather than be disappointed on the spot.



Cayuse Collaborative Clinic to be Held at HIPICO, Feb. 12-13

Member Katrin Silva and colleagues Jec Ballou and Amy Skinner are hosting a “bring your horse as is/ride in your tack as is” clinic designed to help you and your horse expand your comfort zone. The two days include horsemanship, foundational work, exercises for horse fitness, “real world” dressage, obstacles and outdoor challenges. HIPICO is located at 100 S. Polo Road, Santa Fe. Auditing opportunities exist.

For more information, contact Katrin for more information at silvakatz@me.com, 505 429-7968, or register online at <http://nickernews.net/cayuse-collaborative-clinics>.

Liability Waiver Now on Website

A liability waiver or participant release form has been approved by the Board for use by anyone who is involved in a NNMHA event, such as a trail ride, clinic or any other activity sponsored or cosponsored by our organization. With our change to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, The Board has been updating important documents such as the waiver.

It covers inherent risks associated with equines, familiarization with the New Mexico Equine Liability Act and wearing helmets, among other topics. At our events, participants are required to sign waivers and these forms are retained.



If you would like to see the waiver, go to our website. Here is a direct link: <https://www.nnmha.org/library.html>. You may also print a copy, complete it and bring it to an event to save you time.

As more documents and materials are posted, each (like the waiver) will get its own sub-page, so it will be easier for you to find what you need.

Board Adds New Member, Finalizes Giving Program, Reviews Upcoming Clinics and Approves 2022 Budget

Carol Marthens was enthusiastically elected to become our newest Board member. She grew up in a family familiar with horses, earned an animal sciences degree in college and has four horses currently. Would you believe she has also been a beekeeper, had llamas, competitively showed fish and worked as an SPCA adoption specialist? “I’m a clinic-aholic,” Carol says, “and I’m excited to join the Board.” And that’s great, because Carol is already setting up clinics for this year.

VP John Pearson gave an overview of the new giving program and the process NNMHA will follow to award sponsorship, scholarship and grant funding, primarily to applicants in the northern or upper portion of our state. NNMHA will also produce or provide events and activities on its own. When approved, the giving program and application forms will be posted on our website, nnmha.org.

Committee chair Joyce Davis announced the dates for future monthly program meetings, so save these dates: Feb. 23, March 30, April 27 and May 25. Details to come.

Other discussion included upcoming clinics in the area. The Board also discussed and accepted a budget for this year, and expressed hope that Ridge Riders trail rides, with a committee to oversee rides, would be formed in the near future. The committee will probably start with shorter rides with plans to promote rides according to difficulty.

The budget also includes two social get-togethers, as in past years. Full speed ahead, NNMHA!

Local Horse Program Helps Veterans

The Cowboy Up! Program at Horses For Heroes, is headquartered at the Cross Arrows Ranch, a nonprofit organization south of Santa Fe.

Its mission is to help post-9/11 veterans and active duty-military personnel "...reclaim their lives through the camaraderie of fellow participants and the incredible healing power of horses."



There are photos of veterans bringing in a herd at Bonanza Creek Ranch, also near Santa Fe. Day work at neighboring ranches allows participants to get real-work experience, according to the article. This article appeared in *Equus* magazine, winter 2021. It's a nice tribute to something that is going on in our area. For more information about the program, go to hopeinthesaddle.com.

Do You Know...

What a "wave mouth" is? Found mainly in older horses, it is a condition of uneven tooth wear. According to an article in the winter 2021 edition of *Equus* magazine, signs of dental problems may be an equine chewing with its mouth open or dropping partially chewed food, eating meals slowly or intermittently or failing to finish. As a horse moves into mid- to late-teen years, it may require exams more frequently than yearly.

Interesting factoids: horses have 36 to 44 teeth; wolf teeth (the very small first premolars) are not found in every horse; a horse's teeth erupt at a rate of about one-eighth inch per year; and, the dark "craters" on the surface of permanent teeth wear away as the horse ages, leaving a flat mark called the "enamel spot."

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 40 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

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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. Check this website for upcoming events and clinics hosted by Lynn and colleagues.

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.

TRAINER TO WORK WITH NON-PROFIT

ISO-English or Western Trainer willing to work in tandem with local, insured non-profit to bring together horses and humans, who might not otherwise have the opportunity for

riding experiences. Seeking two, one-hour time slots per week, preferably on the weekend or between 3:30 - 4:30 pm weekdays. If interested, please e-mail Learning Through Horses at thunderhorse40@hotmail.com with questions or for more information.

TRAINING, LESSONS, FARM-SITTING

Horse training and riding instruction. Undersaddle instruction, groundwork and problem solving with an emphasis on setting an optimal foundation of the basics you can build on. Successfully gentling young horses and renegotiating behaviors in troubled horses for 15 years. Studied under Buck Brannaman and rode for Dressage Olympian Courtney King-Dye. Incorporates studies and education of somatic therapy and the nervous system into training - working with the horse as opposed to on the horse. Also available to farm-sit for winter/spring. Contact Courtney Colella, 336 757-2791, courtneymcolella@gmail.com.

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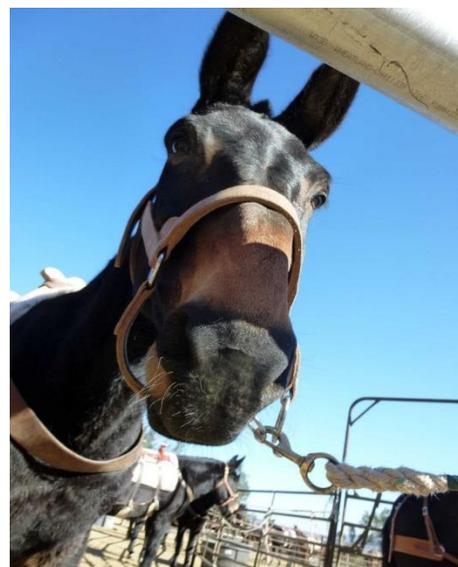
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NNMHA encourages and educates our members and the broader northern New Mexico community with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities

You are welcome to contact Board members with questions or comments about plans or activities. Board meetings are held each month, and members are invited to participate in Board meetings. Meetings may be online or in person. Please get in touch with any Board member for more information.



***I have never seen a stubborn mule.
But I have seen a mule shut down for a while
in order to give the person time to figure out
what the person should have been doing.***

*Tom Dorrance
Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee*