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Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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Our 75th Anniversary

Got Questions for Farrier or Vet, or Both? Get Answers at April Meeting

Our April program meeting is a double header! Come hear Dr. Larry Nolen, DVM, and Farrier Robert Holt share experiences, stories and even what-to-do tips. Whether working separately or together, they have decades of horse tales and practical advice for us.

The meeting is **Wednesday, April 26, 7 pm**. We are at our usual location, the Pecos Trail Café, 2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. Come at 6 and join others for dinner.

Need some ideas for questions? How about horse safety with a vet or farrier, the use of supplements, rescue horse concerns, how to prepare for a farrier or vet visit (or both), signs of lameness and correction methods, rehabilitating after an injury or general shoeing options. So, bring your questions about these or any other relevant topics. There will be plenty of time for questions!



(Photo this page: Farrier Robert Holt taking photo of finished correction shoe. Photo: The Horse Shelter online newsletter.)

About our Speakers

Farrier Robert Holt has been shoeing equines in northern NM for 39 years, mostly in the Santa Fe area. He has good working relationships with all local veterinarians. Robert received schooling from and worked with well-known Santa Fe Farrier Frank Turley, among others.

Turley was also recognized for his tool and horseshoe making and taught more than a thousand students over 45 years before he retired and since passed away several years ago.

Robert has worked with most every discipline, including hunters, jumpers, trail, pleasure, and others. He also has experience with various breeds and works with rescue horses. He was raised in northcentral Texas and came to NM the first time in 1975.



Dr. Larry Nolen, DVM, High Desert Equine, is a well-known and respected equine veterinarian in the SF area. He graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1970. He joined an equine practice in Minnesota, and practiced one year in the frozen north.

Since then, he was on the staff of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine (and pursued a post doctorate master's degree in equine medicine and surgery) and had a thoroughbred race track practice in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also started a solo practice concentrating on layup race horses and breeding farms.

In 1982, Dr. Nolen moved to southern Oklahoma and started a solo practice concentrating on race, cutting, performance, halter show horses and breeding facilities. He moved to the Santa Fe area in 2003 to start a solo general equine practice and continues to practice here.

First-ever “Coffee Chat,” Wed., April 12 – Informal Get Together for All



We're hosting a first-ever, come-as-you-are get together, Coffee Chat, Wednesday, April 12, 9:30-11 am. We are meeting in the Big R, 725 St. Michaels Drive (across St. Michaels from Smith's grocery). We are meeting in the breakout room for coffee, pastries and some good conversation. Thanks to Big R for having us.

It's been a long (and sometimes muddy) winter, so we're breaking out of our homes and barns for some fun, chat and grub. For sure, come as you are after chores, grab a coffee and pastry and hang out for some friendly talk. Thanks to Mike Hug, for creating and planning this event. Say hello to Mike when you see him.

Refreshments are free. Bring a friend! If you like this event, we'll schedule more on an occasional basis. Come all and tell us what you think.

Board Moves Forward with Involvement in Chile Roast Horse Show and Expo

We are excited about our partnership with the Arabian Horse Association of NM (AHANM) in an all-breed horse show and expo, Chile Roast, at Hipico on September 8 - 10. NNMHA is a Platinum sponsor, as the Board approved an application for support through our Giving Program. A show program (or premium) with details should be available in the next month or so.

The chief organizer, Mariah Wilson, President of AHANM, was our program speaker in late March. See article about her presentation and learn more about the show and expo in the May edition of this newsletter. Chile Roast is hosted by AHANM and will include many other equine organizations participating or performing in various demonstrations and competitions throughout the three days.

On Sunday, September 10, as part of Chile Roast, NNMHA is hosting a four-hour event, called Meet-a-Horse Family Fiesta, designed to interest families and youth...and anyone else interested in learning more about horses. We also plan to host several youth organizations with whom we are developing outreach relationships for the event.

Look for news about Chile Roast and our Meet-a-Horse event in the coming weeks and beyond.

John Pearson, Karen Denison and Evalyn Bemis presented several possible topics for our event. Sessions may include a demonstration of basic hands-on grooming, east vs. west riding styles, meet-a-mini, a presentation about horse feet/horseshoes and a walk/trot/canter demo, for example. They will be held in an arena with good visibility, so we will be easy to find. This is a perfect opportunity to act on our community outreach efforts this year and beyond, to create more youth-oriented (and others of any age) equine experiences.

Later this year or next, NNMHA is hoping to explore ideas to develop more opportunities for young people and others new to horses, possibly in partnership with other equine-centered groups and organizations. For now, ideas include a clinic for young riders, barn visits in the area and a speakers bureau program about horses that we could show at regular meetings of other organizations.

Coffee Chat, Clinics and More

The Board approved a “Coffee Chat” event (first ever!) organized by Mike Hug for Wednesday, April 12. See related article. Thanks, Mike!

Joyce Davis continues to line up terrific speakers for our monthly program meetings. She’s working on several possibilities, including a carriage driving demo and a summer social that includes a training presentation.

Likewise, Carol Marthens is busy scheduling clinics and workshops that may include horsemanship, gaited horses, ranch riding, western dressage and confidence building. Depending on venues and trainer availabilities, we’ll have some great clinics this year.

Gary Clendenen and Sandra Smith developed a proposal that the Board reviewed and approved for an annual youth scholarship that is named in memory of Eldon and Karen Reyer. The Reyers were well-known equine community leaders and enthusiasts. A flier about this scholarship is posted on our website. If you know of a deserving youth (below age 22), please let us know.

John Pearson presented an application for our Giving Program to fund youth riders in the Caja del Rio Endurance Ride in May. The Board approved this application and discussed two other applications. Last year, one junior rider joined the 50-mile circuit and five joined the introductory ride, so we’re hopeful there will be more this year.

Finally, in response to the Board approving the formation of a Compliance Committee, it adopted a Code of Ethics to ensure some organizational policies relevant to a

501(c)3 organization are in place. The code commits to certain ethical conduct of directors and any persons acting under the direction of the Board. It can be viewed on our website, nnmha.org.

We Need You! Help Make Upcoming NNMHA Events Successful

There was no groundswell in response to the Board's request in last month's newsletter to get involved in events sponsored by NNMHA. So, we're asking again for your help in planning, organizing and staffing new and ongoing activities. We particularly need your help if you have experience working with or being around youth, so we can create programs designed specifically for them.

While this year and beyond offers opportunities to reach a broader (and in some cases, unserved) public, seven Board members and several committee chairs can't do it all. We need help from members on a regular basis, but throughout the year nothing is a huge time commitment. There are times, however, that your ideas and hands-on help are much needed.

With a successful response from members, only then will NNMHA have the "people" resources to support these wonderful initiatives. Here's what you can do to help:

Meet-a-Horse, September 10, Outreach Event

- Help with scheduling appropriate topics to present during our half-day event
- Volunteer to bring your public-ready animal for use in a short demonstration
- Help with run-up preparations and day-of needs to manage spectators and arena, so everything runs smoothly and is fun



Ongoing Outreach

- Serve as a liaison between NNMHA and designated youth organizations such as 4H, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girls, Inc., and others
- Help update database and mailing list of youth groups
- Help plan and host future equine programs for young people and others interested in learning more about horses

Monthly Program Meetings

- Join the program committee to plan and host our monthly program meetings
- Share your ideas for programs, demonstrations and other meeting ideas
- Help organize and set up social get-togethers twice a year



Clinics and Workshops

- Help plan and organize clinics and workshops throughout the year
- Lend a hand staffing these events (registering participants, setting up refreshments)

Communications

- Keep our website current and add new content, as needed
- Contact designated mass and social media outlets to publicize our events
- Write short stories for the newsletter about members doing something interesting like participating in clinics or workshops, or doing other “equine things”

Advocacy

- Keep track of key bills during legislative sessions as a liaison with organizations such as Animal Protection Voters and update Board and members, as appropriate

What to do next...

Call or email any Board member (email addresses and phone numbers are always in this newsletter) to help with a committee or activity that interests you. In advance, thanks!

Ridge Riders are On the Go, Check Emails for Monthly Ride Details

Like last year, Ridge Rider rides are on the first Saturday of each month, and details will be sent during the preceding month to give riders time to sign up. Trail Boss Ed Srsic heads up the rides again this year, and he's led two already. (*An email about the April ride was sent last month.*)

Go to the website, nmha.org, for ride details and to register. Please bring a signed waiver (on the website) for each ride. You can also check out the ride etiquette tips on the website.

Celebrate Earth Day at Caja del Rio

Earth Day 2023, Saturday, April 22, is being hosted at Caja del Rio by the Caja Coalition with events that everyone can enjoy. There is a guided hike of the Caja from 9 – 11 am, free lunch from 11 am – noon and a clean-up from noon – 2 pm.



To register for this free event, go to cajadelrio.org/earthday. Make it a family or friends day, together!

Want to join the Caja Coalition mailing list? There's a lot going on. Simply go to cajadelrio.org/stay-informed and follow the directions. This group is doing great work, so support them with your time and thoughts.

Add Your Providers to Resource List



We are continuing to compile a Resource List for members to use to find a service provider or supplier. No doubt, you have a provider or supplier – veterinarian, farrier, hay supplier, trailer maintenance - to add to this list.

Please email their names, phone numbers and email addresses (physical addresses, too, if appropriate) to Janis Poletto, janispoletto@gmail.com.

Legislative Update - Sen. Bills 271, 301

Sen. Bill 271 recently passed the House floor unanimously and is expected to be or has already been signed by the governor (as of this writing). It codifies a process where all abused and abandoned horses, donkeys and mules – in the custody of the Livestock Board or law enforcement, or seized after a cruelty conviction – can first be saved by registered equine rescues before being sent to auction. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Carrie Hamblen (D-Dona Ana county/Las Cruces area).

Senate Bill 301, sponsored by Sen. Brenda G. McKenna (D-Bernalillo and Sandoval) and Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Sandoval and Santa Fe), was tabled by a vote in the Agriculture, Acequias & Water Resources Committee during this year's regular legislative session. Under existing law, landowners can kill unowned, free-roaming horses found on their land, as long as they don't do so in a cruel manner. This bill would have changed that, by creating a position for a "free-roaming horse expert" who



would have answered to the New Mexico Livestock Board. This expert would have helped landowners control free-roaming horses and potentially saved the lives of some of these horses.

If you want to follow this type of legislation, register for updates on the Animal Protection Voters' (APV) website, apvnm.org. Thank you, APV, for all you do.

Do You Know...



It's almost time to check your fence lines and trailer? It's a good idea to walk each fence line following winter. Check for and repair any damage to fences, gates or shelters. You never know what your equines have been up to all winter long!

Regarding your trailer, check the tire pressure and tire condition, make sure the brake pads are in good condition and look for electrical wiring fraying or damage (thanks, hungry rodents). Ensure the trailer lights are working and clean out the interior. Outside, look for any rust damage and dings or dents that need repair.

Happy Spring!



Online Bulletin Board

NNMHA provides short listings of area hands-on equine events, such as clinics and workshops, as space permits. The information in the listings is based on second-hand sources, so please check for accuracy.

Caja Endurance Ride, May 26 - 27

The Caja del Rio Endurance Ride is an annual event that welcomes all riders and breeds, Friday-Saturday, May 26 - 27. It is a serious endurance ride, with a 50-mile and a 30-mile circuit, as well as an introductory ride for novices. For details: cajadelrioendurance@gmail.com or 541-771-8717.

Western and Traditional Dressage Clinic & Schooling Show, April 21 – 23. The Dressage Club of NM is hosting Trainer/clinician Ellie Stine-Masek at Hipico for this combination clinic. For details: nance@swcp.com, 505 977-0372.

Zia Classic & Region 8 Sport Horse Championship, May 24 - 28

The Zia Classic Show is Wednesday – Thursday, May 24 - 26, and the Region 8 Sport Horse Offsite Championships is Saturday – Sunday, May 27 – 28, at EXPO NM in Albuquerque. Hosted by the Arabian Horse Association of NM, it includes all-breed events. For more information: nmarabs.org and click on events.

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. Members: If you need your ad removed from this space or updated, please let us know.

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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 nonprofit 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 info.

NEED USED TWO-HORSE TRAILER

Looking for a used two-horse bumper pull stock trailer or light weight trailer. Call Susan Kaz, 505 685-4745.

SUBSTITUTE BARN MANAGER NEEDED

Substitute barn manager needed for small Santa Fe horse rescue. 5-10 days per month. Horse handling experience and basic horse training ability are needed. This may evolve into a full-time, live-in position. For more information, call 505 570-7377.

TRAILER FOR SALE

EquiSpirit two-horse gooseneck straight-load trailer. Very well-maintained, built for safe and smooth hauling with very good visibility for the horses through large bus windows. Well-ventilated, good tires and many features. Gooseneck area is pristine as a sleeping compartment. One owner. Asking \$8,500/obo. Call Evalyn Bemis, 505 577-4141.



EQUINE PORTRAITS

Helen K. Garber is available to create a unique photographic portrait of your horse or you riding your horse. In sizes up to 10 feet wide. Can be printed on paper or fabric. Her work has been acquired by museum collections such as the Getty Museum, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum archives of the Venice Biennale and the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. For more information, go to www.helenkgarber.com (Helen K Garber Studio) or email/call Helen, mail@helenkgarber.com/310 344-7883.

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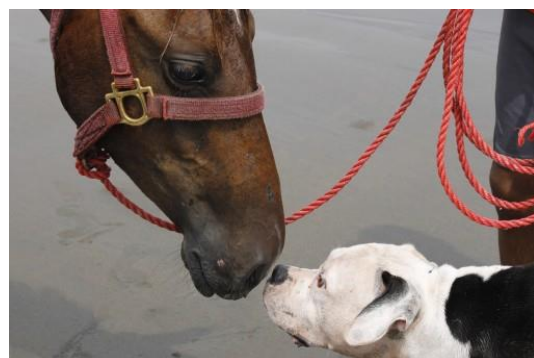
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NNMHA encourages and educates our members and the broader northern New Mexico community with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities

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 contact any Board member for more information.



***Some of my best leading men
have been dogs and horses.***
Actress Elizabeth Taylor