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Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

March 2023

Our 75th Anniversary

Learn about New All-breed Horse Show and Expo to be Held in Santa Fe

Our next program meeting features Mariah Wilson (in photo), president of the Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico (AHANM). She is very active in horse events in the state and is currently heading up a large horse expo and show, currently called Chile Roast, at Hipico on September 8-10.

She was responsible for show management of the equine portion of the NM State Fair last year and attracted over 140 exhibitors (far more than the previous year). Mariah has now turned her sights on Chile Roast and is actively planning the schedule of events for this new expo and show event. NNMHA is helping support this event and will be recognized as a Platinum sponsor.



In addition to AHANM, a wide variety of breed and performance organizations will play key roles in the event. There will also be an emphasis on attracting youth with events designed especially for the novice. **Come to this meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 7 pm, and learn more about Chile Roast.** It will be exciting to hear what's in the works of what promises to be an important annual event in Santa Fe!

We are at our usual location, the Pecos Trail Café, 2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. Come at 6 to join others for dinner.

About our Speaker

Mariah is a national-level equestrian coach, trainer, breeder, owner (Platinum Performance Horses, Albuquerque) and judge of Arabian horses. She has managed horse shows and events to profitable outcomes. Her training facility is home to over 70 show horses, and she is well known for her lesson program in horsemanship - from beginner levels and horse camps to national level competitors.

She and AHANM have taken the lead in working with Hipico, as well as reaching out to other organizations and groups with the aim of building all-breed events that will attract every level of riders and the general public.

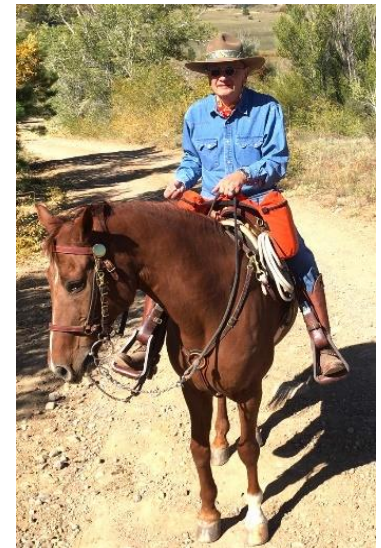
Feb. Meeting Speaker to be Rescheduled

We cancelled our program meeting last month due to a very strong wind and storm advisory. We will reschedule Dr. David Fry, DVM, retired state veterinarian soon. We certainly look forward to his presentation!

Ridge Riders Rarin' to Ride – Look for Details of Rides via Emails

This year, Ridge Rider rides will again be on the first Saturday of each month, starting in March. Since the newsletter is sent the first week of each month, look for emails the month before with ride details. That way, we can give you plenty of time to sign up to ride. *(An email about the March ride was sent in mid-February.)*

We're lucky to have Trail Boss Ed Srsic (in photo) headin' up the rides again this year, and the sign-up process is the same. Go to the website, nmma.org, for ride details and to register for each ride.



Happy Trails!

Proposed Wild Horse Legislation to Create New “Horse Expert” Position



Legislators are scheduled to consider a bill to create a position for a "free-roaming horse expert" who answers to the New Mexico Livestock Board, according to KRQE-TV's Roundhouse Roundup on February 16. This expert would help landowners control free-roaming horses.

Senate Bill 301, sponsored by Sen. Brenda G. McKenna (D-Bernalillo and

Sandoval) and Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Sandoval and Santa Fe), would give this expert statutory authority to manage herds and control horse populations. 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, the State Land Office explained in an analysis. This bill would change that.

At this time, this bill has passed its first committee referral, the Senate Conservation Committee, with unanimous approval. It is now scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Proposed legislation may (or may not) move quickly through the Legislature. If you want to know more about this and similar legislation, register for updates on the Animal Protection Voters' website, apvnm.org.



Add Your Providers to Resource List

We are in the process of compiling a Resource List for members to use, if they need to find a service provider or supplier. No one knows every provider in the area, so NNMHA is compiling this list as a crowd-sourcing project. Right now, we're starting with two categories; we'll add more as we go along. Please help!

If you have a provider or supplier to add to this list, please email them to Janis Poletto, janispoletto@gmail.com. Thanks, Janis, for doing this!

Here's what we have so far:

Trailers /Trailer Maintenance

- C & J Traders, Moriarty, NM 505 832-9300
- Pojoaque Valley Equipment; John Massengill 505 455-3221
- Tech 1 Mechanical, Santa Fe; David Arroyos 505 920-3401
- Sandia Trailer Sales, Edgewood, NM 505 281-9860

Farriers

- Robert Holt 505 470-2146
 - Mike Stone 505 690-5215
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Board Moves Forward with Youth Outreach Efforts – Involved in New SF Horse Show and Expo at Hipico

Kudos to Paula Zima for assuming the role of secretary and taking over the responsibility for providing Board meeting minutes, among other tasks. Thank you, Paula.

The Board approved the formation of a Compliance Committee to ensure some organizational policies relevant to a 501(c)3 organization are in place. The committee is comprised of Georgia Fischel, John Pearson and Evalyn Bemis.

The committee will initially focus on several areas of attention: a whistleblower policy, primarily to safeguard our financial resources. The other areas are a code of ethics and a document retention process that ensures vital records such as taxes, giving donations, organization bylaws and membership lists are protected in a secure online Google drive. Thanks to John for presenting a detailed description of these issues.

Informal Get-Together

Member Michael Hug joined the meeting to discuss hosting an informal “Come As You Are” coffee get-together, perhaps at an area barn. This event could be staged initially as an initial get-together that could become several coffees throughout the year. Michael said the purpose is to offer opportunities for members to socialize and share ideas informally, even in “come-as-you-are barn wear.”

He sees now as the time to cautiously move past the pandemic and the isolation that came with it. He and Joyce Davis were asked by Board members to further develop their ideas and present them at the next meeting.

Chile Roast – New Horse Show and Expo in SF

The Giving Program committee presented an application from the Arabian Horse Association of NM (AHANM) for a three-day all-breed horse show and expo, Chile Roast, at Hipico on September 8-10. AHANM President Mariah Wilson hopes to attract many exhibitors, along with demonstrations, performances and competitions. (Note: Mariah is our program meeting speaker this month. See separate article.)

Chile Roast is designed to give equine enthusiasts, as well as the general public, opportunities to see, participate in and appreciate equines in various settings and sessions. It is expected that groups, such as state associations representing the Quarter horse, Hunters and Jumpers, Buckskin horse, Palomino horse, Pinto horse, Paint horse, Western Dressage, and others, will participate. Promotional materials will be available in the next month or so.

NNMHA Board members voted to accept her application to help defray event costs. We will also co-develop and help host several demonstrations and sessions designed specifically for youth attendees and their families, especially those with little or no experience with equines – but with an interest! Doing so is in keeping with our community outreach efforts this year and beyond to create more youth-oriented equine experiences.

We are excited about this partnership that includes so many other equine organizations, as well as the chance to showcase equines to youth and the general public. One facet of our involvement could include hosting members of youth organizations with whom we have had recent contact, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, 4H and Girls, Inc.

Community Report

The Board approved the 2022 Community Report, a summary of our accomplishments in the first full-year of both our Giving Program and branded clinics and workshops. Members received the report via email, and it can also be found on our website, nnmha.org.

Dues Reminder

Final reminder: Dues are overdue! If you haven't renewed (you should have recently received a reminder from Karen Denison) please go to the website, nmma.org. You may also mail payment – see directions on the website. If you do not renew right away, this will be the last newsletter you receive.

Changes to Come in Caja del Rio Area

At our program meeting in late January, nearly 40 people heard our speaker, Deirdre Monroe, a well-known equestrian and trails advocate, discuss plans underway in the very popular Caja del Rio area. Of note, the city and county of Santa Fe recently requested that the federal government take responsibility for the Caja as a “federal protection” area.

It's too soon to know how this could change the planning, maintenance and use of the Caja. But, the timing is right for interested parties to decide on action steps to ensure their voices will be heard. For equestrians, we must ensure the interests and needs of riders be well represented as politicians, government planners and others determine best practices for this area. Certainly, bikers, hikers, runner and other recreational users will be a part of this planning process and key influencers.

Favorite of Equestrians for Years

The Caja has been a favorite among equestrians for many years and multiple users have shared this beloved recreational resource. However, riders and horses will always need a safe place to ride, maintained trails, water resources, adequate parking and easy access and exit from designated entrances and exits. With increasing numbers of other users, noise and parking congestion, to name a few concerns, the equine community must be well represented.

“Horses tend to be left out of the equation,” said Deirdre, when it comes to multi-user recreational areas. As with such areas, there are many others who have an interest. It takes skilled planning to be inclusive and multi-user oriented.

“This is an old place. There are special tribal interests, Spanish land grant concerns, cattle owners whose herds graze here, wildlife (including three bands of recognized wild horses) and bird protection organizations that know this is an



important corridor. Not to mention hikers, bikers, climbers – even long-distance runners. They all share a love for this historical area, yet their needs and concerns may be different.



“Federal protection needs a multi-user point of view, and we need to start planning for how that evolves now,” Deidre explained. “It could be a national monument,” but whatever its designation, there will be rules and regulations.

So, horse people need to be key influencers as plans are made and put into place to ensure the Caja remains a national and international equestrian destination.

Get Ready to Help the Caja

Thanks, Deidre, for your insights and determination to be influential in this process. NNMHA and other equine groups should and will take actions to support this invaluable equestrian area. We look forward to hearing from Deidre in the near future, so NNMHA can stay on top of this important development.

Get ready to write letters, develop a “recreational access for equestrians’ statement,” contact congressional leaders and state and local officials, share our thoughts with the news media, and more!

Since the program meeting, Deirdre reports that work continues on this decision and equine enthusiasts will need to be heard at critical stages of the process. She also needs help in tracking this issue and responding accordingly. Contact Deirdre if you are interested in volunteering. Email her at Deirdre@swcp.com.

Note: Unfortunately, Deirdre was not able to share her intended presentation of slides, photos and maps. You will find it on our website. nnmha.org, under the Resources tab.

Update on BLM Shooting Range Development

Relatedly, the decision regarding the development of a shooting range somewhere in SF county continues to be a topic of great interest. Rightly so, because there continues to be multiple instances of random shootings in the Caja area. Work is underway to establish a safe location for a designated shooting range. However, it is expected that no final decision by the federal Bureau of Land Management and its collaborators will be made until the end of this year.

The Caja del Rio is a dissected plateau of volcanic origin. It is located west of SF and includes approximately 100,000 acres of public land. The terrain varies from open expanses to rugged canyons and volcanic mesas. It is used for multi-use grazing, recreational equestrian riding, hiking, climbing, running and mountain biking. In Spanish, it means “a box of the river.”

It is a major wildlife corridor, home of three wild horse groups and part of a unique ecological zone that includes a pinon-and-juniper dominated vegetation zone with areas of sage and mixed grass. The Caja is historically significant and considered sacred to Pueblo people.

The Conservation Homestead Links New Trails to Galisteo Basin Preserve

Last fall, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) opened the Conservation Homestead and its 4.5 miles of new trails. Equestrians, bikers, runners, dog walkers and hikers can now enjoy these new trails that link to the existing 50 miles of trails at the Galisteo Basin Preserve.

Users may park at the Cottonwood Trailhead, as a new parking lot remains to be built. Please know that the Cottonwood Trailhead is being reworked to better accommodate horse trailers. Currently, space for trailers is limited.



The trails are part of the purchase of a 300-acre parcel that had it been developed, would have created a large housing cluster. SFCT Board members and staff realized the opportunity to not only protect it with a conservation easement, but also to use it as a demonstration site. As such, the site is designed to showcase land restoration techniques that lessen the effects of climate change on this and similar landscapes.

Founded in 1993, SFCT has been involved in the creation of other trails in the SF area, in partnership with other organizations, volunteers and agencies. **Volunteers are needed to help finish this project.** For more information about volunteering, events, trail maps and trail details, go to sfct.org.

To clarify, the SFCT parcel is owned by SFCT and the Commonwealth Conservancy is the current trailhead, Galisteo Basin Preserve (GBP). This is a joint partnership between the landowners to enhance trail connectivity. The GBP is the flagship initiative of Commonwealth, a nonprofit conservation-based community development organization. (Sorry for all the acronyms.)

Equestrians: Parking for horse trailers and part of other expenses like signage and regular maintenance are paid for by fund raising campaigns organized by Commonwealth directly benefit GBP. Of particular importance to equestrians is that few donations via the GBP website come from the general equine community, as identified when donations are made on the website. This could influence future development plans regarding amenities related to riding and riders.

If you value riding, trailer parking and equestrian trails in this area, please make a donation on galisteobasinpreserve.com. Look for the Donor Box on the website and be sure to note you are an equestrian. **Let's support Commonwealth's commitment to the equestrian community!**



NNMHA Member is “Artist in Residence”

As part of the ongoing La Fonda on the Plaza Artist in Residence program, different (usually local) artists are featured in the hotel lobby on various weekends throughout the year. If you happened to stroll through the lobby one weekend last month, you would have recognized a familiar face. The artist is our very own Kathy Olshefsky. Of course, her oil paintings are of equines.

Editor's Note: Did you, a family member or another NNMHA member do something interesting lately? If so, please send a few words and a photo to use in this newsletter.

Sign Up for Severe Weather Alerts

Santa Fe County offers a free online service to receive weather alerts for wind, snow, severe storms, fires, and more. Seems we are all dealing with crazy weather more these days. It's easy to sign up: go to santafecountynm.gov. Scroll down and on the right side of the page and look for "Get Trusted Alerts from Your Local Police & Other Agencies" with a box that reads, "Sign Up Now."



Click on the box, and that will take you to a page where you enter the zip codes for which you want alerts. There, you can also share the page with family and friends.

Do You Know...

According to *125 Fun Facts about Horses*, the American Quarter horse got its name from the quarter mile. While we may first think of cowboys herding cattle, Quarter horses were originally used for racing, in particular, the quarter-mile sprint (of course!).

It was for this favorite pastime that the colonists in early America began to breed horses, and the result was the American Quarter horse. This versatile horse outran all others over short distances and could turn on a dime. Long live Quarter horses everywhere!

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, please let us know.

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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.

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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.

TRAINER, EDUCATOR, FARM-SITTER AVAILABLE

Horse trainer and educator, successfully starting and gentling young horses, as well as renegotiating behaviors in troubled horses for 15 years. Studied under Buck Brannaman and rode for Dressage Olympian Courtney King-Dye. She works with the horse as opposed to on the horse, and the results bring a lot of contentment and connection to both horse and human. She is also available to farm-sit. Contact Courtney Colella with questions or inquiries, 336 757-2791, courtneymcolella@gmail.com.

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 \$9,500/obo. Call Evalyn Bemis, 505 577-4141.



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2015 Audi A4 Quattro S Line Series, AWD sedan. Leather-power-sunroof-navigation-dual temp-heated seats, plus more. FANTASTIC CAR! 100,200 miles. Asking \$14,750. Contact Wendy Tucker, 505 350-8333 or email, wendyw@loaltucker.com.



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.

DO YOU LIKE TO RIDE BUT DON'T HAVE A HORSE?

I have a 19-year-old (almost 15 hand) gelding who gets ridden regularly, but he can always use more. You would ride him (with me on another of my horses) in the La Tierra trails and nearby open space areas. He is healthy, friendly and very personable. He does best with a fairly experienced confident rider. If you are interested in riding 3-4 a month, pretty much year-round, contact Sandra, smithcom@goldengate.net, for more information.

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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.



***On Saint Patrick's Day,
everyone is Irish.
Anonymous***

***It's not easy being green.
Kermit the Frog***