



MOTHER LODE TAILINGS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope your holidays were good to you and the upcoming year will be enjoyable. I am looking forward to serving as your new club President.

As for that, I am looking for suggestions on places to hold our bimonthly club meetings. We prefer to be off 80 between North Highlands and Auburn to best accommodate everyone to attend. Restaurants that will allow us use of a room without a cost is preferred so we can hear each other!

In other news, our 41st Fuzzy Wuzzy Show has been scheduled for March 22, 2020 at Triple Crown Equestrian in Lincoln. We need sponsors and volunteers to make this happen. Please contact me or Cheryl to sign up today. More information is coming soon.

Our next meeting is January 21st at Mel's in Auburn at 6 pm.

If you have events you would like to include in the Tailings, please forward them to the editor at mlahanewsletter@gmail.com. See you at the shows or on the trail. Feel free to call or email me with any questions or input about the club, at 916-996-8362 or charleenaughton@att.net.

Charleene Naughton
MLAHA President

WELCOME NEW MLAHA BOARD

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- Valerie Baker, Youth Director
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UPCOMING MEETING

January 21, 2020
6 p.m.

1730 Grass Valley Hwy.
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SPUR HAPPENINGS - 2019/2020

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| Jan 21, 2020 | MLAHA Board Meeting
Mel's Auburn
Auburn, CA | April 9-12, 2020 | AHANC
Murieta Equestrian Center
Rancho Murieta, CA |
| Feb 9, 2020 | Open Schooling Show
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
Placerville, CA | May 3, 2020 | Open Schooling Show
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
Placerville, CA |
| Feb 15, 2020 | Equus Fest West,
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
Placerville, CA | May 14-17, 2020 | DAHA
Brookside Equestrian Park
Elk Grove, CA |
| March 8, 2020 | Open Schooling Show
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
Placerville, CA | Jun 11-14, 2020 | Regionals
Brookside Equestrian Park
Elk Grove, CA |
| March 22, 2020 | 41st Fuzzy Wuzzy Open
Schooling Show
Triple Crown Equestrian Center
Lincoln, CA | Do you know of an upcoming event not listed here? Email me at mlahanewsletter@gmail.com to add it to the list. | |
| April 5, 2020 | Open Schooling Show
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
Placerville, CA | | |

VISIT MAGIC RANCH

Linda at Magic Ranch has offered an open invitation to come visit her and the horses. Be sure to contact her directly to make an appointment during the winter months! Contact her at magicalranch@gmail.com. Also be sure to follow her and the ranch on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/magicalranch/>.

**SAVE THE DATE
COME SEE MLAHA AT
EQUUS FEST- WEST**

Saturday February 15, 2020
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive in Placerville,
CA.
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEE OFFERED FOR OLDER ARABIAN HORSES

Do you have an unregistered Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian that is 2 years old or older in your barn? The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) "Amnesty Program" for older horses offers reduced registration fees for domestic horses. Purebred Arabian horses age 2 and older whose parentage can be qualified through DNA typing and who are able to meet all registration requirements are eligible. Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses must also meet registration requirements.

The Amnesty Program starts on Sept. 15th, 2019, and runs through March 15, 2020.

At \$250, owners save \$100 off purebred Arabian registration. Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian owners pay \$150.00. Please note that these are member fees. The non-member fees are \$300 and \$200, respectively. A \$15 fee is assessed if ownership needs to be transferred.

Owners greatly expand their options to participate in programs and competitions when they register horses. Shows, distance rides, races, prize money, awards, recognition and the camaraderie of sharing many activities with other Arabian horse enthusiasts are some of the benefits enjoyed by owners with registered horses.

For more information visit <https://www.arabianhorses.org/registration/amnesty.html>.

**REGISTER YOUR HORSES
OVER 2-YEARS OLD
TODAY!**



REDUCED FEES

Preserve Your Horse's Legacy

Reduced registration fees* for horses over 2-years old.

Arabian: \$250

Half-Arabian & Anglo-Arabian: \$150

Apply by March 15, 2020

*All other registration requirements must be met. Amnesty fee with AHA membership.

Contact Registration for more details:

303.696.4500

info@arabianhorses.org

MLAHA CHRISTMAS PARTY



BEDDING YOUR HORSE

By Linda Siegel

When we designed the eight stall barn at Magical Ranch, there were many things that we had to choose. Because of the fire danger in our area, we built a metal barn. We wanted a concrete aisle, but decomposed granite for the stall base. We put in covered yards, ceiling fans for summer, and heat lamps for winter. But the toughest choices had to do with footing in the stalls. After reviewing countless options, we ended up with traditional 4x6 stall mats. But even tougher was the questions of bedding – the choice between rice hulls and pine was easy – rice hulls were simply too slippery and non-absorbent – but the choices in shavings were more difficult. Should we use pellets, and wet them to the right consistency? – Use shavings and have less dust? – Use miniflakes and have much easier cleaning, but more dust? The big wet shavings, such as those used at vet hospitals were out of the question because we wanted to set up a large biodegradable area for both manure and shavings and those shavings are very heavy to pick up and don't biodegrade so easily. We started with pellets, and would wet them to make a flake a bit sturdier than mini-flake. Then we went to a combination of pellets and mini-flake and had a picture of each stall floor and it's bedding design to accommodate comfort for laying down and absorbability for waste. We started out by using two bales of shavings per stall, and changing it weekly after vacuuming every bit of the old shavings out.

But recently a study out of Switzerland demonstrated that horses are happier and healthier with more bedding. This meant that the cost of bedding our stalls would go from two bales at \$5 a bale up to three bales, or even four at \$5 a bale. Since we have more horses than stalls, we board out, and the boarding places took a dim view of increasing their bedding by a bale a week. Generally, boarding a horse does not bring



in a large profit, and to keep the cost affordable, boarding places really watch their prices on feed and bedding. Rarely, does a boarding place have ample clean shavings. The reasoning is that the bedding is for absorption of manure and urine, and the stall mats are for footing. But if you have ever changed out the bedding in the stall, I can pretty much guarantee that the horse will come in and lie down, and most likely roll. The Swiss study confirmed that by studying how much time a horse would lie down each day/night. It was quite different with more bedding. So we have now gone from two to three bales a day, and our horses that are boarded out are supplied with supplementary bedding. We visited a barn at Mount Diablo that had oversized stalls, and each stall started with four bales of bedding and had another three bales emptied into the corner so that the stall cleaner just took out the dirty and pulled down the clean.

A horse may spend a lot of time in a stall, and you want them to be clean and rest comfortably. Even an outside horse with a shelter will appreciate good clean pine bedding. If you want to read the study done visit <https://www.milnerfeeds.ca/single-post/2016/11/22/Skipping-on-Shavings-New-Study-Says-You-Might-Not-Want-To>.

LITTLE BITS

Margaret Culver, from WHD Shazaam Arabian Youth Team won the Hi Point Arabian Buckle at the Fall Open Schooling Shows held at the Placerville Fairgrounds. Congratulations Margaret!

Arabian Youth Team members had their annual New Years Pajama ride at Seducente Ranch in Pilot Hill. They practiced drill team riding including the Zipper, Thread the Needle, and the Wheel. Even some of the parents got in the fun.



MLAHA MEMBER WINS LITERARY AWARDS AT FILM FESTIVAL

Our newsletter editor and member, Rae Rankin, won two literary awards, called Winnie Awards, at the 7th Annual Equus Film and Arts Festival held at the Kentucky Horse Park in December.

Rae's book *Cowgirl Lessons*, inspired by an Arabian cross pony name Duchess, her daughter Elizabeth, and trainer Valerie Baker was awarded Best Children's Book-USA. Her follow-up book, *Cowgirl Christmas* was named Best Children's Holiday Book-USA.

Rae also participated on a panel of Children's book authors and illustrators discussing the business of publishing children's books. The video of the panel will be available soon on YouTube.

The backdrop for the festival was the Kentucky Horse Park and the International Museum of the Horse. Rae shares with us some photographs from the AL-Marah Arabian Horse Galleries.

The Equus Film and Arts Festival, founded by Llsa Diersen, is considered the world's premier showcase for domestic and international feature films, documentaries and shorts, literature, and art, in which the horse is put center stage. For more information on the Film Festival visit <http://www.equusfilmfestival.net/>



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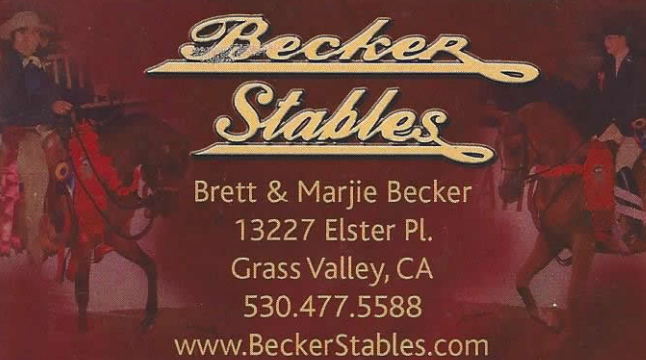
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