



MOTHER LODE TAILINGS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is doing well during these trying times.

My good news, my eldest mare Cookie (I am Perfection (Bemist Ohman x Parada Perfection)) turned 31 and is doing fine.

Share your good news with us on Facebook or at mlahanewsletter@gmail.com!!

The new date for Fuzzy Wuzzy is August 2, 2020. Our hope is we will be on the other side of the quarantine and will be able to host the show.

If you have events you would like to include in the Tailings, please forward them to the editor at mlahanewsletter@gmail.com.

See you soon 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

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CURRENT UPDATES FROM REGION 3 DIRECTOR

See below for the latest mandate from USEF regarding competitions:

We are currently experiencing a unprecedented and forever changing situation so please contact local authorities, CDC, USEF, AHA or myself if you encounter any questions regarding an upcoming event.

Stay tuned to local updates as they change on a daily basis. AHA will be hosting some webinars regarding safe practices for shows going forward. If you would like to attend one of those webinars please email or text me right away.

Just announced yesterday Sport Horse Nationals qualifications have been waived.

Stay tuned for current news on local Sport Horse Shows as event schedules are changing minute by minute.

Be Safe and Stay Happy!

Cheryl Hansen
Region 3 Director

April 25, 2020

Dear USEF Members and Competition Organizers (Licensees and Managers),

We continue to carefully monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic situation and the position of health experts, including the CDC and other public health authorities. It appears that in several areas of the country, restrictions put in place by State Governors, such as the "stay-at-home" orders, are making a positive difference. Federal, state and local governments are discussing plans for re-opening the environment in the near future. However, this will not occur overnight and will very likely consist of a graduated easing of restrictions over several weeks, which may vary greatly state-to-state, as well as within the states themselves.

The success of these plans is predicated on a mindful and responsible approach to easing restrictions while also maintaining best practices that we have all learned and adopted in order to reduce exposure to and transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Once USEF competitions resume, we must all continue to support and maintain these best practices as part of our daily activities to help prevent further disruptions to our lives. We hope that resumption of competition comes soon.

With that in mind, the suspension of all USEF owned and named events, selection trials, training camps, clinics and activities is being extended through May 31, 2020. This suspension also includes points, scores, money won, qualifications, or rankings toward any USEF award programs, USEF owned and named events, or selection to a US team including USEF National Championships. Upon the expiration of this suspension, competitions must comply with requirements issued by USEF for operating sport horse competitions in this environment.

Collaborating with competition organizers, affiliate

leaders and other industry experts, USEF has been developing competition protocols for safely operating competitions and mitigating the risks associated with COVID-19. Once finalized, we will be providing all competition organizers with these protocols as well as other risk mitigation tools for their use. These tools and resources will also be front-facing on our website and accessible by all members and website visitors.

We have been working on amendments to qualification and selection processes for numerous USEF owned and named events as well as how USEF HOTY awards and ranking lists are calculated. We have started announcing modifications that will make the process as fair as possible for all participants, despite the disruption to the competition year and the likelihood of a staggered regional start-up.

We have received inquiries as to whether USEF will grant exemptions to the junior competitor age restrictions, equine age restrictions and equine eligibility restrictions based on competitive experience. While these topics are being discussed, it is still too early to make definitive conclusions regarding these issues.

We will continue to assess the pandemic impact, and we will keep you informed of any updates to our position as circumstances warrant or as instructed by the government and public health authorities.

The safety and welfare of our members and their horses must continue to be our top priority.

Stay safe,

William J. Moroney
Chief Executive Officer

SPUR HAPPENINGS - 2020

May 31	Open Schooling Show El Dorado County Fairgrounds Placerville, CA	August 2, 2020	41st Fuzzy Wuzzy Open Schooling Show Triple Crown Equestrian Center Lincoln, CA
Jun 11-14	Region 3 Sport Horse Championships Brookside Equestrian Park Elk Grove, CA	Sept 22-26	Sport Horse Nationals Idaho Horse Park Nampa, ID
July 5-11	Region 3 Championships Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center Reno, NV	Nov 18-21	AHA Annual Convention Silver Legacy Resort Reno, NV
July 19-25	AHA Youth Nationals Oklahoma State Fair Park Oklahoma City, OK	Do you know of an upcoming event not listed here? Email me at mlahanewsletter@gmail.com to add it to the list.	

THE HORSES AND THE ROOSTER FLOCK

By Linda Siegel

A local junior college needed a home for their chickens after the students had the experience of raising chicks from one day old. This would have been about three month old birds. I said I would take them, and soon, some 30 chickens were brought to my house. They were both hens and roosters, but you couldn't tell much about which sex was which. I put them in a coop of their own, and one day, started to hear some juvenile crowing. Someone came and took about 12, thank goodness. With the first group, I sent away the roosters, and they were food for coyotes very quickly. With the second group, I was more thoughtful. Why should boys have a tragic end? What are there options? Internet research led me to the rooster flock, a group of young roosters kept together, never knowing about hens.

How could I do this? I devised a plan to take them to the horse barn area, give them a coop of their own, and let them free range during the day, while locking them in their coop at night.

This turned into a training experience for the horses. The roosters were not shy. They would drink out of the horse's water buckets; jump into the feeders to find grain; jump onto the horse's backs if they got scared. My horses, all Arabians, were initially startled by this experience, but soon became accustomed to these



beautiful golden birds underfoot, and on top of. It became a training project.

Who needed to take their horses out on the trail to encounter scary things when you could do it at home with a rooster flock? Little by little, there were fewer birds. One found his way up to the hens, and soon had his own flock. Another was injured in a rooster fight, and after he healed, we gave him his own flock. Coyotes and hawks picked off some, and then we were left with only two. They entertain my 90+ year old neighbors by going over to their house to ask for treats. They still come in the barn, eat the cat food, interact with the horses, and crow endlessly. Yes, I would do it again.

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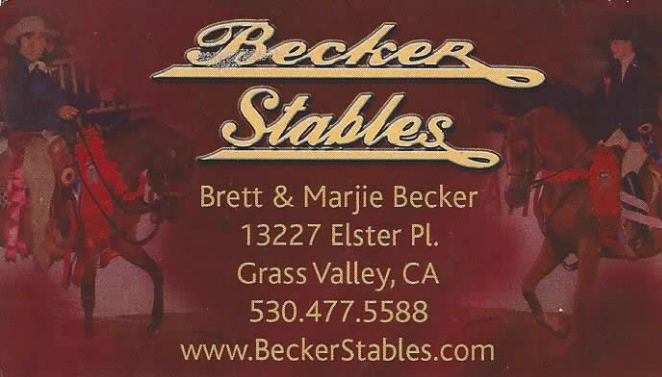
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