

Bear Valley Springs
Horsemen's Association
Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

6:30 - Coffee & Dessert

7:00 Speaker: Debi Geary
presenting information
on Disaster Training (CCADT)

News & Articles Deadline, Sept. 25

Send news &
articles to Pam Miller at
pambvsprings@gmail.com
or call at 203-5725.

Joan Howard, President

President's Message

Finally some cooler weather! And, it has been darn near perfect for riding or whatever you choose to do outdoors.

Our year is coming to an end but the Horsemen calendar still has some terrific activities scheduled. For our next general meeting on Tuesday, October 17th, we will have Debi Geary presenting information about CCADT, Central California Animal Disaster Team. CCADT focuses on two aspects of disaster rescue, horses and household pets. This will be a short presentation but full of good information and answers to some of your questions, e.g., how does this program work with our own rescue plan here in BVS?

Saturday, November 4th, is our second annual, Turkey Trail Trial contest. All proceeds will go to Rising Star Riders, a nonprofit, therapeutic riding group. Information, description, map and registration forms are available on our website, BVSHA.org. Don't wait on this one, entries are limited to 25 riders.

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Thanks for Picking UP Trash!

Thanks to those 15 who turned out for the roadside pick up on September 8. We got a lot done, including BV Road from the gate to the school and around to 202, as well as from the gate to Cumberland, then along Cumberland from San Juan! Those of you who participated were Kim Cohagan, Linda and Rick Flores (the only non-horse people!), Carol Hellyer, Joan Howard, Jeff Humphreys, Carol Jenkinson, Romelle and Mike Kemp, Ingrid Lindquist, Diane Lunsford, Fiona Nelson, Kathy Underwood and Judy Walsh. Thanks for all of that hard work and community spirit!

If you ever see a Benz trash truck going down the road without being covered, please call Larry at Benz, 972-8324.

Thanks all. Laurie Rude-Butts.

Turkey Trail Trial

Proceeds will go to Rising Star Riders

A Therapeutic Riding Organization — Your Donation is Tax Deductible

This is Not a Trail Trial for Professionals.

It will be a Relaxed Day for BVSHA Members and their Friends.

Saturday, November 4th at the Equestrian Center.

\$25 Entry Fee. Free Barbecue Lunch for Riders & Volunteers

Prepared by the Rising Star Riders.

Make Checks Payable to Rising Star Riders

Mail to Romelle Kemp, 26900 Columbia Way,
Tehachapi, CA 93561

10 Obstacles

Start Times will be Assigned

Maximum of 3 Riders Per Group

Prizes for the Five Top Competitors

Limited to the First Twenty-Five Riders Who Sign Up

Deadline to Reserve Your Spot is Wednesday, November 1st

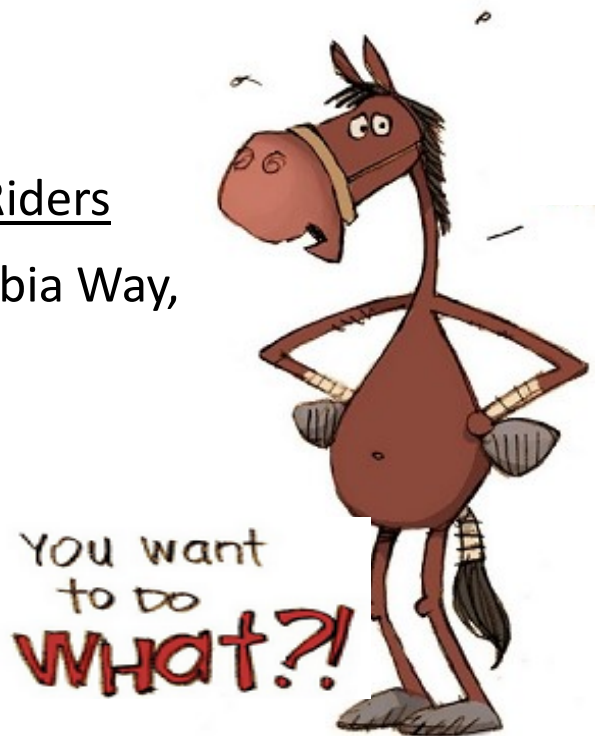
Or **Volunteer** as a Worker (Includes a Free Lunch)

Contact: Romelle Kemp 661-917-2034 (romellekemp@att.net) or

Mike Kemp 661-878-5032 (mhkemp@att.net)

Between September 29 and October 19 Contact by Email Only or

Contact Carol Hellyer 661-821-0361 (rhellyer3@gmail.com)



President's Message...Continued from page 1.

The general BVSHA meeting, Tuesday, November 21st, will again give all of our outstanding Horsemen cooks a chance to compete in the, PUMPKIN DESSERT CONTEST. The winner will get a free dinner at the BVSHA Christmas Party at the club. And the best part is, members get to sample all the desserts afterwards.

The November meeting is also important because it is election night for the 2018 BVSHA Board. In order for the Horsemen to continue with our activities and stay a viable organization for the equestrian community we need to have an interested and functioning board. If you enjoy the activities and fellowship of other horse folk please consider being on the board. If you have any questions about being on the BVSHA Board and what is involved please contact me, I will be happy to talk with you.

To wrap-up our year we will have the annual Christmas Party, Saturday, December 16th, at the OTCC. In appreciation for all our good members who support the club and volunteer for the various activities, the club will pay a portion of the cost for dinner. Dinner again this year will be \$20.00 for adult members, guests and non-members will be \$37.00.

Play Day



Food and prizes always add to the fun!



Diane Lundsford began the games with the flag salute.



Tom Gahagan, a regular competitor at these games.

Peggy Bergman-Smith, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes of Sept. 19

Meeting called to order at 6:55PM

Meeting Presentation:

Maggie Peirzmeier, DVM of Pacific Crest Equine gave a presentation. The topics discussed were 'Wound Care in Horses' and 'Lameness and Regenerative Therapies'. It was a very informative presentation.

Minutes from August meeting:

Motion made to approve by Kathy Carey, second Ginger Moorehouse, approved by all present.

Financial Report from the September newsletter:

Motion made to approve by Kathy Carey, second Bob Howard, approved by all present.

Reports:

1st VP: Judy Walsh and Debbie Humpries – Not present.

2nd VP: – Vacant position.

Secretary: Peggy Bergman-Smith – Not present.

Treasurer: Kim Cohagan – No report.

EAC: No meeting was held in September due to holiday.

Trail Crew: Bob Howard reported that a gentlemen, who works on the Mammoth Lakes trails, will walk Oak Canyon in October and provide his feedback on the trail.

New Business:

1. Nominating committee for BVSHA board positions. Joan asked the members present for three volunteers who wanted to be on the BVSHA board nominating committee. Unfortunately no hands were raised. If anyone wishes to volunteer for this important committee please contact Joan at 661-821-1577 or bvshoward@hotmail.com . Also, if you are interested in any of the board member positions please contact Joan.

Board members who will remain in their current positions unless challenged are:

Peggy Bergman-Smith, Secretary and Kim Cohagan, Treasurer. Joan Howard announced she will run for 2nd VP position.

The election of new board members will take place at the November meeting.

2. October Meeting: Debi Kermode will give a presentation on CCDAT (Central California Animal Disaster Team).

3. November Meeting: The election of new board members will take place, and we will again host the famous Pumpkin Dessert Contest. Judges will taste all the dessert selections and decide upon a winner. The dessert contest winner will receive one free dinner at the BVSHA Christmas dinner.

Old Business:

Trail Trial - Romelle Kemp reminded everyone who wishes to ride in the Trail Trial the deadline to register is November 1.

The cost to enter is \$25. Checks should be made out to Rising Star Riders. The entry fee also includes a barbecue lunch at the equestrian center lounge.

Mail entry checks to Romelle Kemp, 26900 Columbia Way, Tehachapi CA 93561.

The Trail Trial event is on Saturday, November 4.

From the Floor:

Kathy Carey would like to speak at our next meeting regarding funding for the installation of mirrors in the covered arena.

Meeting adjourned: 1st Bob Howard, second Kathy Carey. The next meeting is October 17.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kim Cohagan for Peggy Bergman-Smith
Secretary*

BVSHA Treasurer's Reports

Year to Date August 31, 2017	
2017 Beginning Balance	\$15,662.62
2017 Income/Expense	
General Income/Expenses	
Membership	\$2,550.00
Ads (Includes 2017 Received in 2016)	\$950.00
Petty Cash Deposited In Checking	\$75.00
BVSHA.com URL Fee & Hosting	(\$122.35)
BVSHA Meal Ride Supplies	(\$141.71)
Directory Printing 2017	(\$375.00)
Donation	(\$100.00)
Holiday Dinner Deposit	(\$100.00)
Meeting Supplies	(\$123.30)
Misc. Office Supplies	(\$107.02)
Newsletters	(\$1,051.43)
Open House Fund	(\$50.00)
PO Box Expense	(\$130.00)
Shed & Teeter Totter Repair	(\$407.36)
Total General Income/Expenses	\$866.83
Mule Show Income/Expenses	
Entries	\$4,365.00
Sponsorships	\$1,950.00
AMA Application Fee	(\$35.00)
Awards	(\$3,211.01)
Dinner Donations	\$55.00
Dinner Refunds	(\$60.00)
Food	(\$573.57)
Judges	(\$1,274.00)
Jumps	(\$2,698.00)
Misc. Supplies	(\$190.13)
On Site Petty Cash	(\$200.00)
Photo Copies	(\$62.74)
Sponsorship Mailing	(\$130.97)
Total Mule Show Income/Expenses	(\$2,065.42)
Transfers to/from Savings Account	(\$6,429.40)
Checking Account Balance August 3	\$7,850.61
Bank Balance in Checking	\$7,902.49
Outstanding Checks	(\$51.88)
Balance in Checking Account	\$7,850.61
Total Savings Account	\$17,517.60
Total Checking Account	\$7,850.61
Total Funds	\$25,368.21

Year to Date September 30, 2017	
2017 Beginning Balance	\$15,662.62
2017 Income/Expense	
General Income/Expenses	
Membership	\$2,600.00
Ads (Includes 2017 Received in 2016)	\$950.00
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BVSHA Meal Ride Supplies	(\$141.71)
Directory Printing 2017	(\$375.00)
Donation	(\$100.00)
Holiday Dinner Deposit	(\$100.00)
Meeting Supplies	(\$430.69)
Misc. Office Supplies	(\$158.90)
Newsletters	(\$1,170.94)
Open House Fund	(\$50.00)
PO Box Expense	(\$130.00)
Shed & Teeter Totter Repair	(\$407.36)
Total General Income/Expenses	\$438.05
Mule Show Income/Expenses	
Entries	\$5,277.00
Sponsorships	\$2,050.00
AMA Fee	(\$495.00)
Awards	(\$3,211.01)
Dinner Donations	\$327.95
Drug Fee	(\$205.00)
Food	(\$573.57)
Judges	(\$1,274.00)
Jumps	(\$2,698.00)
Misc. Supplies	(\$480.79)
Photo Copies	(\$62.74)
Sponsorship Mailing	(\$130.97)
Total Mule Show Income/Expenses	(\$1,476.13)
Transfers to/from Savings Account	(\$6,429.40)
Checking Account Balance September	\$8,062.92
Bank Balance in Checking	\$8,813.66
Outstanding Checks	(\$750.74)
Balance in Checking Account	\$8,062.92
Total Savings Account	\$17,526.44
Total Checking Account	\$7,850.61
Total Funds	\$25,377.05

Dominance in Human-Horse Relationships

By Robin Foster, PhD, CAAB, IAABC-Certified Horse Behavior Consultant

Aug 24, 2017



Confident, supportive people invite trust and curiosity and provide a secure base for the horse to take risks, which promotes both learning and a strong human-horse relationship.

People desire safe encounters, training success, and satisfying relationships with horses. The concept of dominance offers an appealing strategy for achieving these goals. According to dominance theory, unwanted behaviors such as bucking and biting are direct challenges to the person's dominance status and can be resolved if the person gains "alpha" status. The principle is simple and popular, but scientists have recently expressed concerns about the use and misuse of dominance theory in equine training and handling.¹⁻³ In this commentary, I summarize and expand on the some of these concerns.

Are Humans Included in the Equine Social Hierarchy?

One definition of dominance refers to an individual's social status. Dominance rank is the animal's position in the group, determined by its ability to compete for access to valued resources such as food. Dominance hierarchy refers to the relative positions of all members of the social group, and "alpha" designates the individual with the highest dominance rank. Most contests over resources occur between two individuals, and the largest, strongest, youngest, most experienced, most highly motivated, or temperamentally feisty competitor typically has the advantage. Dominance rank and hierarchy are useful constructs to scientists, but from a horse's perspective what's important—and remembered—are past interactions with other horses, which helps resolve future conflicts without fighting, reducing the risk of injury.

This definition is the foundation of the concept of dominance in human-horse interactions: To earn the horse's respect, the human must hold the high ranking "alpha" position—never mind the horse's advantage in size, strength, and speed. One question is whether the equine dominance hierarchy even applies to human-horse relationships. Researchers Elke Hartmann, PhD; Janne Winther Christensen, PhD; and Paul J. McGreevy, BVSc, PhD, MRCVS, MACVS (Animal Welfare), Cert CABC, Grad Cert Higher Ed, report that; "there is no evidence that horses perceive humans as part of their social system."¹

Dominance is not a Substitute for Learning Principles

"Get after him!" "Don't let him get away with that." "Be the boss!" These familiar bits of advice are examples of a dominance approach to training. They assume that the horse's unwelcome behavior directly challenges the human's superior social status.¹ A serious concern is that more plausible explanations for the unwanted behavior—such as fear or anxiety, inadequate training, confusion, or medical issues—are often overlooked. For example, in one case, a filly would not move forward on the longe line. The owner believed that the horse did not respect her as a leader and attempted to resolve the issue by "getting after" the horse. A veterinary exam revealed that the filly actually suffered from a painful stifle defect requiring surgical repair.

Insufficient training is a common cause of unwelcome behavior. The proper use of learning principles can improve training success and prevent unwanted behavior.

Horses learn more readily when they are attentive and calm, so training should reduce fear, not trigger or intensify it.² People who adopt dominance as a guiding principle for horse training and management are more likely to use harsh, punitive methods,^{1,2} and could become increasingly frustrated and angry if their efforts to prevent or correct the behavior are ineffective. Dominance is not a satisfactory substitute for a working knowledge of science-based learning principles.

Interpersonal Warmth Invites Trust

In psychology, “dominant-submissive” is one axis of the “interpersonal circle.”⁴ This model also includes a second “warm-cold” axis, and an individual’s relational style is a combination of dominance (low to high) and warmth (low to high). Examples of dominant traits are power, control, competitiveness, self-confidence, and a focus on one’s own needs; examples of warm traits are friendliness, love, compassion, trust, and a focus on the needs of others.

In any relationship, a person’s way of interacting pulls predictable responses from the other individual. These responses are reciprocal on the dominant-submissive axis (dominance evokes submission, and submission evokes dominance), and complementary on the warm-cold axis (warm invites warm, and cold invites cold). People with a “warm-dominant” relational style are confident, encouraging, and friendly, and they inspire confidence and trust in others. Interpersonal warmth is an important predictor of relationship quality and satisfaction. People with a “cold-dominant” relational style are controlling and competitive, and have trouble expressing most emotions except frustration and anger. People who adopt a cold-dominant style bring out submissive, fearful, avoidant, withdrawn, or oppositional responses in others; it has been called the “dark side of personality and leadership.” In human relationships, conflict associated with a cold-dominant interpersonal style is resistant to change.

It is unknown if the interpersonal circle operates in animal societies, but it might describe how people engage with animals. Going beyond the concept of dominance, this model predicts that a person who is warm, nurturing, and focuses on the horse’s needs will have greater training success. Confident, supportive people also invite trust and curiosity and provide a secure base for the horse to take risks, which promotes both learning and a strong human-horse relationship.

For references go to http://www.thehorse.com/articles/39606/dominance-in-human-horse-relationships?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=welfare-industry&utm_campaign=08-24-2017



Spotlight on New Members

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