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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Sat - Sun, Nov 6th - 7th** Despooking 101 and 102, 10:00 a.m. sharp both days. HDH members only - you may join day of the first clinic. Clinician Vince Pirozzi. \$15/day. Prerequisite to 102 is attendance at 101. 5620 Meacham Street, Washoe Valley. Contact Vince: 775.737.1243.

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**Thursday, Nov 11th** Board & General Membership Meeting at Round Table Pizza in Dayton, 6:30 pm. Election of 2011 Officers and Board Members (Ballot listed on page 2).

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**Saturday, Nov 13th** Yerington Ride (HTAP) **Cancelled.**

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**New Ride Saturday, Nov 27th** Lahontan Ride, 11:00 a.m., 9th Street Entrance, You are responsible for \$5 entry fee. Last HTAP ride for 2010. Contact Linda 629-0817 or 302-6278.

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**Sun, Dec 5th** HDH Christmas Party, Noon, Carson Nugget (upstairs). Bring a gift (\$10 limit) for the white elephant exchange. RSVP by Nov. 29 to Anne Martins. \$17.95 includes meal and tip/per person. Call Anne 629-9368 for more info. Raffle items are listed on page 4.

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**Election will take place on Thursday, November 11th at our meeting.**

**If you will not be attending the meeting, please vote via e-mail or by telephone to Jamie Buettner.**

**E-mail: [motokjh@schat.net](mailto:motokjh@schat.net) - no later than 8 p.m. on November 10th (night before the election).**

**Telephone: 775-266-3473. You can leave a voicemail if she is not home. Please call no later than Noon on November 11th (day of the election).**



## ELECTION

### HDH Ballot November 11, 2010

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## Classifieds

*Classified Ads are free  
for all High Desert  
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To submit an ad, email:  
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**FOR SALE:** hand-crafted Horse Christmas Trees. Trees have horse ornaments and other horse-related ornaments as well as native Nevada dried plants as garlands. Call Jennifer at 720-3091 or e-mail her at [starbuddy@hdiss.net](mailto:starbuddy@hdiss.net) to order your tree.

*Jennifer has donated a tree for the year-end raffle (drawing will be at the Christmas Party on Dec. 5th).*



## Fall Transition Tips

October 08 2010, Article # 17079

Fall's arrival means it's time to get your horse and farm ready for winter. Kristina Hiney, PhD, Omega Fields equine nutrition advisor, has prepared a series of seasonal tips which can help the horse owner transition their horses from one season to another.

- Check the body condition score of all your horses, especially the older ones. Extra pounds will aid them in getting through the winter if you live in a cold environment.
- Have your horses teeth checked. Again for the older horses, it is important that their teeth are in good shape. Eating forage is a great way to produce heat in the horse's gut. Their teeth need to be in proper form to digest this feed.
- Pull out blankets and inspect for wear. Now is the time to get repairs done, not when the arctic wind is blowing!
- Check that all wiring and plumbing to the barn is in good repair.
- Check that all bucket and water tank heaters are working. While quite the timesavers, these devices can also cause get headaches if they don't function properly. If they are sending an electrical current into the water from a short, your horse will not drink. This can quickly lead to dehydration as horses are normally eating drier feed stuffs in the winter.

- Make sure you either have a reliable delivery source of bedding, or choose to get a larger stockpile for winter. This is not the season to run short!
- Deworm with a boticide after the first hard frost. The adult insect form will be dead, and there should not be any further infestation for your horse from bots.

### November Birthdays



- Nov. 1—Nancie Cuccato
- Nov. 7—Stevan Lyon
- Nov. 9—Debi Royer
- Nov. 9—Sunny Woods
- Nov. 14—Roy Johnson
- Nov. 21—Scott Schulte

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## An Autumn Ride

By Anne Martins

We were riding our mustangs, my husband and I,  
Under a beautiful October Sky  
There were three bachelor mustangs following us,  
We felt truly blessed, for they were just curious.

I was riding Calamity Jane, my honey aboard Sam,  
When Janie girl stepped on an old tin can  
That didn't sound like sage she thought,  
And next thing I knew she started to trot.

She spun to the left and hopped like a rabbit,  
As I looked down and thought, dagnabbit,  
I'm falling off, this ain't gonna last,  
I'll hit the ground pretty darned fast.

Thoughts of despooking clinics raced through my mind,  
I landed on my back, not on my behind.  
She went one way and gave it a whirl,  
But I had hold of a rein and reeled in my big girl.

I looked up the hill, and to my surprise,  
Those stallions were trotting right over the rise.  
All in a row, the roan, black and bay,  
To see what was happening, was I ok?

I gathered up reins and climbed back in the saddle,  
Not hurt at all, just a little bit rattled.  
We continued along and as we looked back,  
Those bachelors were still following right on our track.

Inquisitive though polite they followed along,  
As if wondering to our horses did they belong  
My honey turned Sam and walked up to the band,  
They veered to the left and stood in the sand.

He came back to me and we rode along grinning,  
They followed again just like the beginning.  
We were so happy and feeling sublime,  
Cuz the boys were pursuing us one more time.

He turned Sam once more and we started to laugh,  
While I sat and witnessed my other half  
Ride back up the trail and up to the troop,  
They stopped for a moment, a beautiful group.

Then they reversed and raced up the hill  
While Sam and Jane watched them quiet and still  
From this adventure I wish to impress  
Our mustangs are honorable and certainly the best!

## HDH Christmas Party—December 5th

The Christmas Party will be held at the Carson Nugget (upstairs). The buffet will be served at Noon. Price is \$17.95 per person. This includes gratuity and tax.

If you would like to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift to share. Gifts should be horse-related. The year-end Happy Trails Award Program (HTAP) awards will be presented.

The following items are in the year-end raffle:

- Hand-crafted Horse Christmas Tree
- Engraved Spurs
- \$35 Gift Certificate to Dayton Grooming
- \$25 Gift Certificate to Benson Feeds
- \$25 Gift Certificate to S&W Feeds
- Other miscellaneous items

***If you have something to donate for the raffle, please bring it to the meeting or give to one of the board members.***

Tickets will be available at the November meeting and also the day of the Christmas Party. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

## Scavenger Hunt—10/17/10



The Scavenger Hunt was a lot of fun. The day was beautiful and we had a great ride. After the ride we had a potluck dinner with ribs and chicken. There was also a surprise birthday celebration for Linda Mulkey's 60th birthday—thanks everyone!

Riders: Anne & Marty Martins, Kelly Knapp, Vince Pirozzi, Ingrid White, Jenny Fleck, Deb Denkler, Janet Freeland, Kelli Lyon, Jake Lyon, Jarod Lyon, Bonnie Replogle, Marsha Arthur, Nancy Martin, Jennifer Kersten, Emily Steel, Linda Mulkey. Those who came for the dinner: Julie & Bobby Bean, Jamie, Holly & Ken Buettner, Kitty & Scott from Projections Photography.



Kelly Knapp, Vince Pirozzi, Anne Martins, Ingrid White



Anne & Marty Martins, Ingrid White, Janet Feeland, Jenny Fleck, Deb Denkler



Marsha Arthur, Vince Pirozzi, Nancy Martin, Anne Martins, Ingrid White, Kelly Knapp, Deb Denkler



Linda Mulkey, Bonnie Replogle, Marsha Arthur

Scavenger Hunt 10/17/10



The hunt is on!



Linda Mulkey & Jenny Fleck



Anne Martins and Kelly Knapp



Vince Pirozzi



Vince Pirozzi, Ingrid White, Kelly Knapp



Janet Freeland, Nancy Martin, Bonnie Replogle

## Member of the Month—Deb Denkler



Hi, my name is Deb Denkler. I have been a member of High Desert Horsemen for a little over two years now. I found the club through a horse magazine that my girlfriend Marcy picked up and gave to me so I could look at. There was a Calendar of events which covered a few months time in the back. One of the events was a Moonlight Ride during the month of July. It sounded like so much fun that I called for more information. The ride was wonderful, and everyone that I met that evening was so friendly and welcoming that I knew I had found a club I wanted to belong to.

Since that time I have made many fun friendships that revolve around the passion of my life..... HORSES. This is not the first club that I have been a member of since I belonged to 3 different 4H clubs in Michigan where I was born and raised.....my Mom and Dad kept me pretty busy, or looking back on those times, I should say that my horses and I kept them busy! Mom and Dad told me that "horse" was one of the first words spoken out of my mouth, so the love

for them started early on in my childhood. After years and years of begging at the age of 12, and with the promise of "I will muck out the stall and properly take care of her" they bought me my first horse. I kept my promise and am still chasing road apples, and still loving it. The smell and feel of a horse is a wonderful part of my life....it's spiritual!

I have two main men in my life. One is my husband and best friend Bill, the other is Hawk or as we so lovingly call him "The Hawkman" a.k.a. "opportunist sneaky butt". The reason for this nickname, as you have probably guessed is that if there is something to get into he tries, opening gates and barn doors with one swift nose, letting his buddies out so they can play. He defiantly has a colorful personality, and is a people horse. He has been driving a cart since he was 2 years young and I didn't ride him until he was 3. The first time I was on his back, I know he was wondering "what the heck are you doing up there Mom" and "where are the shafts". Hawkman is a Morgan; I have had Morgan horses in my life since I was 14. I do love the breed; they are wonderful partners, with great minds, willing to take on most anything that is presented to them. I have been lucky enough to own his Grandmother and Mother and to have him born here at our small ranch over 20 years ago this past spring.

I have done a lot of showing in my past with my horses, breed shows, state shows and with the 4H clubs, but my all time love of riding goes to the trails, which is what I enjoy the most with HDH. It is such a great joy to go on all the different rides that are put on, and then mix it with amazing horse people that share my passion.....what a lucky women I am!



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