

SYVAHA Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010



As I write this note to all of you—my first as your president—many of you have returned from our favorite Arabian oasis—otherwise known as Scottsdale—bringing home roses & ribbons by the truck load. Our Valley horses & rider/owners are always well represented in the top placings & this year is no exception. Thanks to Katie Russell, the SYVAHA now has our very own “roving reporter” at many of the top shows, so just turn the page for Scottsdale News & Results from the Santa Ynez perspective.

I would like to especially thank Henry & Christie Metz for so graciously hosting our Club Christmas Party in December—it was standing room only & the long buffet table was packed with gourmet goodies contributed by all who attended.

We had an outstanding turnout for our January Brunch at the Herthel Family’s Montanarro Farm in Los Olivos. Dr. Doug Herthel’s presentation on stem cell therapy in horses was extremely impressive. Alamo Pintado Equine Clinic has been at the forefront of research in this and many other areas over the years. Doug spoke at length about many of the significant advances made by his team; for example suspensory injuries: in the Alamo Pintado study, 100 horses were treated with standard, traditional protocol [that was the “control group”] and 100 horses were treated with stem cell therapy. The results: after 12 months 20% of the control group had returned to sound working condition, however in the stem-cell group—80% were working sound after SIX months. It’s exciting to realize that cutting edge medical & sports injury research of world-wide importance is happening right here in our own community.

**Please mark Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in your calendar! Knock the mud off your horses & join us for a fabulous “Wildflower” trail ride followed by a gourmet box lunch at Joe & Katie Russell’s ranch in Happy Canyon.** This is a terrific opportunity to ride across some of the most beautiful private ranch land in California—see inside this newsletter for details.

Please be sure to check our calendar for upcoming events—you won’t want to miss the Om El Arab Open house, additionally our fabulous “Casablanca” themed party in September. We’re also going to include, where possible, events of interest at our local Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center. The SYVEA is an incredible facility, growing every year, which caters to all breeds and disciplines and has placed strong emphasis on promoting youth-oriented equestrian activities. Positive promotion of horses and horse related activities can’t help but benefit ALL breeds in our community—including our Arabians.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Russell’s ranch later this month,

Nancy



## NEWS

### Henry Logan

Long time SYVAHA member, Henry Logan, underwent open heart surgery on March 2 at Cedar-Sinai hospital in Los Angeles. He had valve repair and replacements done and the surgery was very successful. Henry is expected to receive recovery therapy in Santa Barbara after he is released from the hospital and then he will be back on his horse as soon as he can convince his doctors to allow it! If you'd like to send Henry a card, his address is 3200 Long Canyon Road, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.

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### COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

Due to scheduling conflicts the Helen Logan River Romp CTR is canceled this year. The Sage Hill ride is scheduled for November 5-7, 2010.

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### CALENDAR

March 21	Gymkhana #1, SYVEA, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> for info
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wildflower Trail Ride @ Joe & Katie Russell's, see info this issue
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Western Show #1, SYVEA, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> for info
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gymkhana #2, SYVEA, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> for info
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jumper Play Day, SYVEA, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> for info
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open House @ Om El Arab, details forthcoming
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sorting Series #2, SYVEA, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> for info
April 30 <sup>th</sup> -May 1	CCRHA #1, SYVEA, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> for info
September	"Casablanca " Theme Party @ Ron & Mila Hart's, Date TBA

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## **SCOTTDALE SHOW REPORT**

*By Katie Russell*

Our SYVAHA members fared exceptionally well last month at the extremely competitive and well-attended Scottsdale Show. The weather Gods smiled on us the entire week until the last two days of the show, where we received a clobbering of rain and a sloshing of mud, unfortunately. Other than that, it was an amazing show with competitors from all over the world. It was fantastic to see so many familiar valley faces in the winner's circle at Scottsdale. Let me share some of the successes!

**Harold Green** had an exceptional show. He brought home the coveted Scottsdale Championship roses in two divisions: the PB Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 55 & over with **EVG Seneca** (trained by **Ali Brady**) and the PB Western Pleasure 55 & Over with **EVG Megyn** (trained by **Bill Porcher**). He also went Top Ten in the AAOTR Reining with **Dun this Dun That** (Bill Porcher trainer.) I am sure that **Harold and Liz's** beautiful **Evergreen** halter horses fared well at the show too, am awaiting more details on them and will pass it on later.

Speaking of local trainers, **Ali Brady (AB CENTRE)** and **Bill Porcher (Porcher Pleasure Horses)**, both had a great Scottsdale, too. Ali's other famous valley amateur, **Dori Lowe**, went Reserve Champion in the Scottsdale Signature Stallion ATR Western Pleasure championship with **Martinis at Noon**. **Phire Phli** and **Ali** went Top Ten in the H/A Hunter Open and Top Ten in ATR and **Khalypzo** went Res. Champion Sport Horse Under Saddle. **Ali's** new superstar (just purchased from local valley breeder extraordinaire, **Carol Steppe of DayDream Arabians**), **TTop Gun** (handled by **Carmello Zavala**) went Top Ten in the H/A Yearling Colt Class. We are lucky to have Ali back home in the valley safe and sound. She was T-Boned by an errant driver on the Westworld show grounds. Luckily, she and her horses are all back home safely.

**Bill Porcher** won the Western Pleasure Maiden Horse with **EVG Cendyl**. He also went Top Ten in the Western Pl. Jr. Horse with **EVG Monaco** and Top Five in the Scottsdale Signature Stallion Western Pl. Futurity with **EVG Ashlyn**, **Sacred Torch+/-** was Top 10 Walk/Jog & West. Seat Equitation with Natalie Dixon. And, another well-known valley resident, **Jenn Trickey**, went Top 10 Hunter Pl. AATR 40 & Over with **LLC Kasper**.



**Cynthia Burkman and her Burkman Centre** had another phenomenal show. She brought home six Scottsdale Championships: **Aflair CF**-H/A Hunter PI JRT & JOTR; **Krusayder+** -Ladies Western Side Saddle; **GR Khaleidoscope**-Ladies English Side Saddle w/**Marisa Basinger**; **The Big Dance+**-H/A Country JOTR 13 & under and Res. Champion H/A Show Hack; **Cowgirl Cool**-H/A Western Pl. JOTR and Res. Champion H/A Western Pl. JTR 14-17; and, **Capt Jack Sparrow**-H/A Ladies Western Side-Saddle. In addition, she garnered five more Reserve Championships and 37 Top Tens. Wow!

**Ann and Tony Pejsa's** gorgeous gelding, **David JCA** (bred by **Manny Lawrence of Jade Creek Arabians**) went Top Five in the Signature Stallion Hunter Pleasure Maturity and Top Ten in the PB Hunter Pleasure Jr. Horse Championship (**Tammy Bowles**, Trainer.)

Last, but not least, yours truly, **Katie Russell**, went Top Ten in the H/A Western Pleasure 40 & Over and 1st Place in the H/A Western Pleasure AAOTR 40 & Over with **Geta Lode of This +//**. "Elmer", his barn name, had a year off last year (he's 14 and has been doing this a long time), but we wanted to see if he had more of it in him. Alas, he is being retired to romp in play in our pastures after the show. It was just too much for him and he is done with it! He has earned his retirement and I am hoping to have him on the trails soon.

There were many more valley competitors at the show that are not included in these results. **What do you need to do to get "written-up"? Send me an email!** Pass your news along to me at: [katierussell1239@yahoo.com](mailto:katierussell1239@yahoo.com). I would LOVE to include you in my "Show Happenings" segment of the Newsletter. So, c'mon, toot your horn and send me a line. We have a lot to be proud of. I sure was proud seeing all of you and your gorgeous horses trotting down the rail with roses and blues. Keep it up and keep me posted!

Good Luck and Peace,

Katie Russell (Your faithful Scribe)



Janina Merz, Katie Russell & Kimerlee Curyl enjoying our January Meeting



Doug Herthel presenting Stem-Cell Therapy Research



Dori Lowe with "Martinis At Noon" & her fan club in Scottsdale after her big win



Please join your fellow SYVAHA members

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## **WILDFLOWER TRAIL RIDE**

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**At Joe & Katie Russell's Ranch**

**8001 Happy Canyon Rd**

**Santa Ynez**

**Assemble: 9:30 am**

**Ride out: 10:00 am**

**Lunch: approximately 12:00-- Non-Riders Welcome!**

**Gourmet Box Lunch from Los Olivos Grocery, \$20**

**Drinks hosted by Joe & Katie Russell**

**This is a tremendous privilege & rare opportunity to enjoy the most beautiful wildflower season we have seen in several years, on some of the most gorgeous private ranch land in California. Cross your fingers for good weather and please bring an experienced trail-safe horse, no green "projects" please. Non-Riders are welcome & encouraged to join us for lunch, please rsvp by the deadline so we have an accurate count for lunch-box orders.**

**RSPV: Nancy Eklund-Hunsicker by March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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