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Loving and Promoting the American Saddlebred

President's Message

Every time a Saddlebred steps into the ring or on to the trail, head high, ears forward, that unmistakable fire in its eyes, we are reminded why we do this. These horses are more than beautiful. They are living poetry in motion, carrying their heritage with every animated step.

Our members are the stewards of that legacy. Your time, your passion, your work behind the scenes, and your cheers from the rail are what keep the breed thriving. Whether you are training a horse, mentoring a young rider, volunteering at a show, or simply showing up with heart, you are the difference!

In a world that often moves too fast, our Saddlebreds teach us presence, partnership, and the quiet power of dedication. They ask us to be better. They ask us to be more patient, more consistent, and more generous with our knowledge. And in return, they give us moments of pure joy that few other things can match. Thank you for believing in the American Saddlebred and in one another. Keep showing up. Keep sharing what you know. Keep lifting each other up. The future of the American Saddlebred is bright because of people like you.



Smith & Alexandra Lilly Clinic a Hit!

Smith and Alexandra Lilly made the trip out from West Virginia to host our riding clinic February 26th. They spent a few days in California, visiting Merin Maggi's barn before coming to Jennifer Dixon's on the day of the clinic. Many members took advantage of the opportunity to ride their horses in front of these two icons of our industry and get tips on how to improve their performances. Those who signed up had individual lessons then were able to ride in a group setting if they desired.

In addition to the participants, many members came to audit. The lovely spring weather made for a delightful day of visiting friends while getting a chance to see Smith and Alexandra at work.

Smith and Alexandra with Julie Barrow and her gaited horse What's Your Fantasy



Upcoming Events

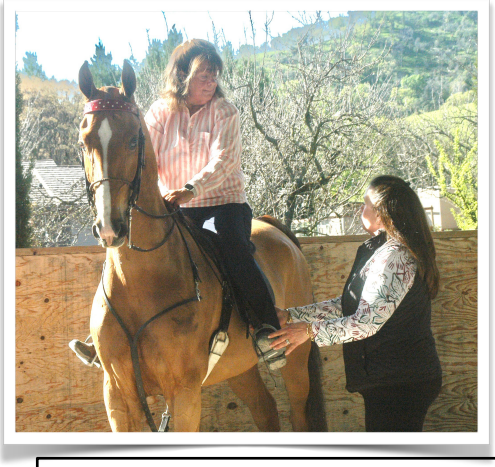
The Autumn Edition Horse Show - October 10 - 11, Santa Rosa - an array of classes for Saddlebreds and Gaited breeds. Information on North Coast Horseman web site.

The California Futurity Horse Show - October 29 - 31, Los Angelos Equestrian Center, Burbank. Saddlebred and open classes, new this year - Ranch division. Information on California Futurity Web site

November 30 - deadline to submit your Open Competition, Pleasure Riding and outside competition points for year end awards. We automatically count the California Springfest and SVHS, but you need to submit placings from up to 2 other shows for final placings. Contact Sue Valley for questions.

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The club had it's annual meeting during lunch and presented the high point performance awards to members. All in all it was a fun event - one that members would like to repeat next year!

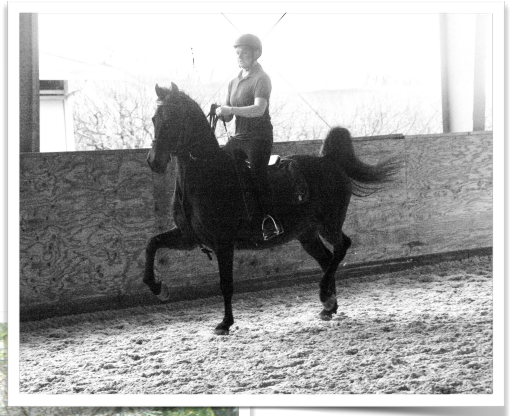


L : Jennifer Dixon & Twisted Sister

Top: Gen Hess & Let's Hear It with Alexandra

Middle: Charlotte Thomas on Vegas hitting a smart Park Trot

Bottom: Grace Ramos & Mountainview's Illusion

















- Alexandra Lilly, Katrina Smith, Gen Hess
- Lynn Silva, Linda Kane & friend
- Sarah & Shari Rainwater & Helen Roy
- Jennifer Dixon and Smith Lilly
- Grace Ramos & Charlotte Thomas
- Julie Barrow and Todd Hickerson
- Dean MacCracken & Jack London (Dennis)
- Lynn Silva and Rich Kid





















Awards Time - Helen Roy presenting

- Lexie Saine
- Lilly-Rose Saine
- Tara Good-Young
- Linda Kane
- Charlotte Thomas & Grace Ramos
- Shari Rainwater
- Margaret Olney

ASHBA annual meeting. Jennifer Dixon, Gen Hess and Sue Valley made the trek to Kentucky for the 2025 ASHBA annual meeting. NCASHA was presented the Breed Ambassador Award for Region
1. Sue Valley was presented with a surprise Service Award for her many years of involvement with the club and the breed. Gen Hess and her company Fluid Film were sponsors of the Legends of Saturday Night which featured riders and horses from the Ladies 5-Gaited Division - a very interesting night of reminiscing by some of the top riders in that division. The meeting is a chance to meet members from all over the country, information sessions and an opportunity to get more involved in our organization. For youth members, there is a wonderful separate program. Jennifer will be inducted as president for the upcoming year.. For anyone interested in attending, the 2027 meeting will be February 11 - 14 at the Campbell House in Lexington Kentucky - information on the ASHBA web site.







California Springfest Horse Show

Judge: Jamie Volz

Manager: Kevin Michael

Secretary/Announcer: Lori Nelson

Steward: Adele Maurer

Paddock Master: Juan Stucky

Photographer: Casey McBride

Farrier: Scott Boe

Chairwomen: Gen Hess and Susan Valley



The California Equine Foundation held its 22nd Horse Show on April 16 – 19th. The California Springfest Show offered participants beautiful spring weather, a variety of Saddlebred, Morgan, Hackney and open classes and a weekend of fun at the Murieta Equestrian Center near Sacramento California. Barns came from Northern California, Oregon and Washington with quality horses for all the divisions. The management and officials kept the show running smoothly – the facility and adjoining hotel and spa was wonderful and accommodating with no complaints about footing or stabling. In addition to the classes – there was an array of hospitality events for all to enjoy.

Grand Finale Stables (Meghan Gallagher trainer) hosted the Wednesday welcome party – a great way to meet and greet everyone. Teddi and Scott Boe hosted a daily breakfast which was very welcome by exhibitors and barn crews. Friday afternoon snacks and liquid refreshment at the show was hosted by Shari Rainwater and Linda Kane. Saturday afternoon featured the famous San Francisco Ice Cream sandwiches It's It – sponsored by the J.L. Dixon Stable along with a book signing by our own Allison Deardorff. Saturday afternoon also featured the finals of the Wack-A-Peep contest – the culmination of several heats held throughout the show. Winners in the Adult Division : Wyatt Lesch – Champion (2nd year in a row), Jennifer Dixon – Reserve, Dana Johnson – 3rd. In the 12 and under division Levi Gillard took home first prize followed by River Arcuri.

The show committee would like to thank all of those who brought horses and those who helped with sponsorships for the show. As with many shows throughout the country – our numbers are dwindling as barns disappear. We are committed to keeping this tradition alive as long as possible and it would not be possible without all the support we received. Special thanks to our corporate sponsors – the Grant Lyddon Foundation and Fluid Film and to the ASHBA grant program. Other major sponsors included: JL Dixon Stable, Monarch Stables, Katrina Smith, Chen family, Don & Karen Lachman, Muy Loco Investments, Priscilla Marconi, NCASHA, Britton Frome, Deardorff Stables, Arcuri stables, Breckenridge family, Rainwater Farms, Martha and Carleton Keck. We appreciate these and all of our class sponsors for helping to keep one of the last Saddlebred shows in Northern California afloat.

Photo above: Wack A Peep contestants: Jennifer Dixon, Katrina Smith, Adele Maurer, Juan Stucky and Tara Good-Young















- Donna Yuriar & The Whole Enchilada
- Sarah Rainwater & Peri's Charm
- Gen Hess & Soquili's The Big Easy
- Sue Valley & Fairview's North of Heaven
- Shari Rainwater and Linda Kane



- Julie Barrow & At School
- Linda Kane & Sunrise's Four Roses
- Stablemates:

Gen Hess & Tom Thumb, Western Champions, Sue Valley & Here We Are, Select Series winners

The **2025 Silicon Valley Horse Show** was another great success. With the largest show to date, and the most prize money given out on the West Coast, it was the place to play in May! Paso Robles is proving to be a fantastic location - a beautiful state-of-the-art facility in the middle of the Central Coast's wine country - for showing horses, spending time with friends, and enjoying local restaurants and wineries. The show's schedule leaves plenty of time for socializing and exploring the local area!

Another first at the show was ASHBA's Junior Judging. This gave youths at the show a chance to try their hand at judging classes, and included some fun swag and prizes from ASHBA. This year's winner, with a perfect score, was the youngest junior judge, Lily Rose Saine. Lily Rose also had a chance to stand in center ring and judge with the show's official judge, Josh Greer.

One of the highlights of the show was the new three judge panel for the Open $5,000 championship classes. It gave the crowd so much to cheer about and gave the exhibitors a chance to experience what it's like to show in deep classes with three judges. The dates for next year's show are May 6-9, 2026 at the Paso Robles Horse Park. We can't wait to see everyone there!



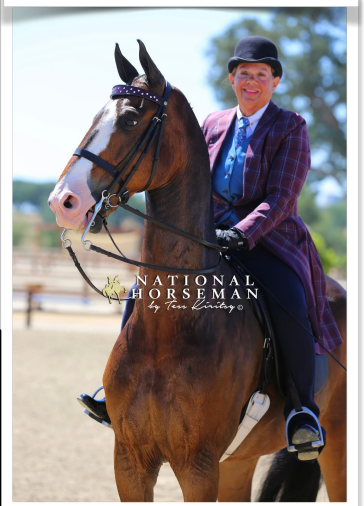












- Lily Rose Saine wins Jr. Judging!
- The Open Championship classes were full
- Helen Roy & Allison Freeman
- Jennifer Dixon, Sue Valley, Gen Hess
- Gen Hess & Undulata's Believe in Me

Monarch Stables

Cotati, CA

We've had a lovely and busy summer and as it turns towards fall, it's great to look back on all the great times we have had at RedRoofRanch the past 6 months! Lots of horse time, rides, laughs, mini trail rides, sharing and quite a few Wine Wednesdays!!!!

Julie and Lynn and I went to the Silicon Valley horse show in May with two. This was our first time at the new venue and it was very impressive. What a nice horse show Helen Roy put on! The facility was great and the hospitality even better. We were grateful to be there and very much appreciate all the hard work that goes into putting on this type of event!!!!

Next up we headed to Santa Barbara National, one of our favorite shows of the year! The atmosphere this year was wonderful, the weather perfect and we had a fantastic time! Lynn Silva and Rich Kid were reserve in both of their Show Pleasure Driving classes with nice presentations. Julie Barrow and What's Your Fantasy were second in the Five-gaited Show Pleasure qualifier and then came from behind to win the Championship!! These two have a neat relationship and they are starting to come on in the show ring!

We also had a bit of silliness at SBN and tied for Reserve in the Wizard of Oz theme tack room contest. What else are you going to do in Santa Barbara for a week with only two horses?!?!?

Next up, we will head to the Autumn Edition show at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds on October 10 - 11th. Always a wonderful community weekend and a great place to get some good practice!

Then on to the California Futurity at the end of the month! Hope to see everyone there!

We welcome new barn members, Tracy Reif and Keith Vaux and their handsome geldings RWC Brady and Purple Haze.

Congratulations to Julie Barrow as her special mare, At School (Addie), earned her Champion status!

Happy Riding to All!

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- Lynn Silva and her handsome Rich Kid ->

Julie Barrow & What's Your Fantasy winning at Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara shenanigans

Saturday teamwork & Happy Days of Summer trail ride

Newly crowned CH At School

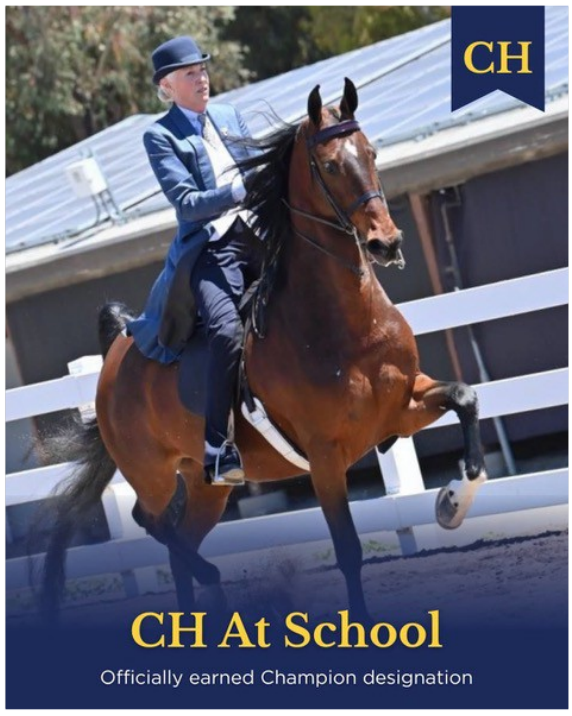
Julie's granddaughter Audrey starting her horse journey!!!













As the 2026 season winds down, **Muy Loco Investments** is thrilled to share updates on our horses and a look ahead to a promising 2027!

Two of our horses are still in the ring as the year comes to a close. Both Creekridge Brian Turner and Fight Like a Girl are at Matt Shiflet Stables and doing wonderfully, with their final shows of the year coming up in Ocala this October. Creekridge Brian Turner ("BT") is out with Matt to gain valuable exposure before heading back home to California. We're also delighted to share that BT has a wonderful crop of foals this season. We're incredibly excited about the future of his breeding career! Fight Like a Girl is out there to be sold. Matt and Whitney who bred her are thrilled to have her back.

While in Louisville, we found the perfect new home for Crazy Fool "Loco", who now has a little girl of his very own to call his rider. We have no doubt he'll be over the moon in his new role!

Back in California, our superstar CH Taco enjoyed a full season off but will return in 2027 with Lexie in the irons.

We're also delighted to share more about our beloved Morgan, Lexington Steel GCH ("Gage"), who is Lily-Rose's mount. Since Lily-Rose wasn't quite ready to step out of the Leadline division, Lexie had the opportunity to show Gage in the Morgan Classic Pleasure division at Carsoule and Silicon Valley Horse Show, the equivalent of the 3-Gaited Country Pleasure division.

Gage and Lily-Rose have been putting in the work at the barn, and it truly shows, thanks to the expert instruction and training of Lila Tatar at Maggi Stables. We have full confidence that in 2027, this pair will be ready to shine in the 10-and-Under Walk-Trot division!

As for the future of the Saddlebred industry, we're proud to be growing as breeders. In April 2026, we welcomed our very first official foal, a colt we've named Jude after Judy. He doesn't have an official show name just yet, but we're certain he's destined for something special. Jude is out of our spicy grey mare, Evangeline, and by Arrowhead's Bateleur.

We also have two confirmed pregnancies coming along beautifully, both expected in 2027: a Fight Like a Girl × Tango's Parting Kiss cross, and a Farewell Toast × Northern Vegas cross. We're thrilled about both of these future babies! We're additionally working toward a Fight Like a Girl × Creekridge Brian Turner cross. While a few of our embryos from this pairing didn't take, and one was reabsorbed after 30 days, we remain hopeful and determined to make it happen.

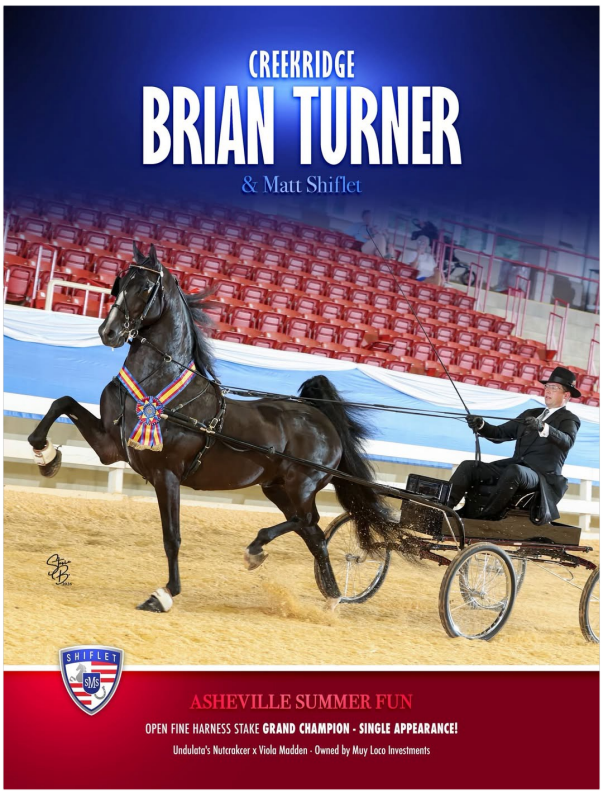
Here's to a season well spent and an exciting year ahead, filled with promising foals, fresh opportunities, and horses continuing to make their mark.

— Lexie Saine and Judy Castaillac, the faces behind Muy Loco Investments

- Lexington Steel GCH and Lexie and below with Lily-Rose and Lila
- Brian Turner and Matt Shiflet
- Lily-Rose and Jude









JL Dixon Stable has had a busy 2026!

We had a great time hosting the NCASHA clinic with Smith and Alexandra Lilly. The weather was kind to us with warm temperatures! We all learned a lot from Smith and Alexandra and appreciated the opportunity to host the event for the club.

Our show season began in Scottsdale AZ at the Carousel Charity Horse Show. Undulata's Believe In Me, Soquili's The Big Easy, Ishmael's Wild Child and Twisted Sister all made victory passes. CH Here We are continued his work in the Country Western Pleasure. So So Samurai got more show experience along with the reserve ribbon in the Fine Harness. Let's Hear it was reserve in the Park Pleasure.

CA Springfest was our next stop. Blue ribbon rides were had by So So Samurai, Ishmael's Wild Child,Soquili's The Big Easy, Fairviews North Of Heaven, Undulata's Believe In Me, Let's Hear It, Hear We Are and Tom Thumb. We had a good time hosting the annual It's It party and enjoying the beautiful facilities at the Equestrian Center in Rancho Murieta.

Silicon Valley in Paso Robles next on the schedule. So So Samurai, Soquili's The Big Easy, Let's Hear It, CH Here We Are and Fairview's North Of Heaven. Undulata's Believe In Me was reserve in the Adult Show Pleasure and fourth in a very large Open English Pleasure jackpot class.

Charity Fair is always a favorite on the schedule. CH Nutta You Business, Soquili's The Big Easy, Ishmael's Wild Child and Undulata's Belive In Me all had victory passes. Fairviews North Of Heaven and Let's Hear It both made the trip earning ribbons in Open English Pleasure and Country English Pleasure respectively. We enjoyed the surf and the sun and all the good restaurants the area has to offer!

Santa Barbara National was a great last CA stop before heading East. We were able to fine tune a few things still on our " home turf". Blue ribbon winners included So So Samurai, Soquili's The Big Easy, Undulata's Believe In Me, Twisted Sister and CH Nutta You Business. CH Magic City made his debut in the Western Pleasure division! He was reserve in both of his classes. CH Here We Are continued winning ribbons in the Western Country Pleasure. Fairviews North of Heaven won the Amateur Open English Pleasure and was Reserve in the Jackpot. We enjoyed the 4th of July fireworks from a boat on the water and having Katie Sinclair along at the show!

The Kentucky State Fair was up next. We layer over in Danville at Mitchell Clark stables. Danville is such a cute little town and nice to be a bit off the beaten path. We always enjoy trading stories with Mitch about the good old days in CA!

So So Samurai turned a few heads and gained experience showing in a loud horse filled venue.He was fourth in the Ladies qualifying and sixth back in the Ladies Worlds Championship.

CH Nutta You Business had an arena full of Western horses to navigate. Gen did her usual great job of making it all look easy! Fourth in the qualifying and then third in the World Championship class! Toews is always beautiful wearing the silver tack!

Palisades Kentucky Colonel was every bit the Ladies Harness pony winning the sixth place ribbon in the qualifying class and seventh back in the Worlds Championship.

Undulata's Believe In Me was beautiful with Gen in his section of the Adult Qualifying earning the third place ribbon. They put on a great show in the Championship getting more confident showing with so many other horses!

Soquili's The Big Easy was seventh in his qualifying class getting him back to the Championship. We felt very fortunate to have such cool weather at the fair this year! It was unseasonably less hot and humid! The horses and humans really appreciated that.

Ricki came on board as a Dixon dog during Louisville. An American Russell she is quite the character! Heidi, Hayzel and Slinky all think she's just fine. Maverick of course has a different opinion….

We are looking forward to finishing up the season at CA Futurity in Burbank and then the American Royal in Kansas City MO.







- Undulata's Believe in Me & Gen
- Jen & Gen, Dixon cowgirls
- Ismal's Wild Child & Jen Dixon
- Ricki joins the family

















- Sue & “Big” Al
- Gen & Nutta You Business
- So So Samuri & Jen
- Sue & Patrick at SVHS and Charity Fair
- Katie Sinclair and her favorite guy Larry (Magic City) after his Western debut at Santa Barbara

Stephanie Davidson has been busy developing her breeding program and was fortunate enough to have four saddlebreds and one quarter horse born this year. It's been a fun adventure, putting bloodlines together and seeing the babies unfold at her farm in Gilroy. CH Dark Vanilla has 3 babies in training now at Marcos Stables in Scottsdale, all by different stallions, along with a 2 year old full sister to Bleach Bum that looks special, and a really neat 3 yr old five gaited gelding by Samur in the making all in training.



Foal by Samur





By Glamorous Nuts out of a Tomahawk mare











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News from **Cathy Sauer.**

After the Santa Barbara show, Cathy and Candy Dowdy took a several week cruise to the Shetland Islands and Iceland. We don't have a full accounting of the trip, but Cathy sent this photo of a real Shetland pony.
In The Shetland Islands, they retain their Champion status for 5 years. Possibly because the world championship is held in Paris and it's quite a boat ride! He was just purchased for this local breeder. Both Candy Dowdy and Cathy Sauer visited this farm on their cruise to Iceland!!







CH Shetland Pony on the Shetland Islands

Cathy and the Monarch group at Santa Barbara, Lynn Silva, Julie Barrow, Brigitte Scholl

Cathy and CH Pewter after their win at Santa Barbara

The Merced County Sheriff's Posse and their beautiful palomino Saddlebreds have had a busy summer! Pictured are the group at Our Lady of Miracles Bullfight and Santa Barbara Fiesta Days Parade. The group was honored again with an invitation to America's 250th 4th of July Parade in Washington DC - sadly they again got cancelled because of weather - this time the heat! We are so proud of them being chosen to represent our state and breed at these national venues.







Santa Barbara Fiesta Parade 2026










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Hickerson Arabians (and Saddlebreds):

Todd and Sarah Hickerson and their crew have been busy on the Saddlebred and Arabian circuits this summer.. A few photos from Santa Barbara

- Sarah & Todd, Shari Rainwater and Nani Barnes

- Sarah & Peri's Charm

Hunter Champion

- Linda Kane & Sunrises 4 Roses







Saddlebreds in the Wild

A Year of Growth, Adventure & Celebration

It has officially been one year since Donna Yuriar ventured out on her own as an amateur with her small but mighty herd of American Saddlebreds, and what a year it has been! This first year has been filled with learning, adventure, a few unexpected twists, and plenty of reasons to celebrate. Most importantly, it has been a year of discovering new sides of three very different Saddlebreds and sharing the versatility, personality, beauty, and heart of this incredible breed with a whole new community of horse people.

The Whole Enchilada, better known as Atticus, continues to be the larger-than-life centerpiece of the herd. Residing at Summit Ranch in Alamo, the big chestnut Five-Gaited gelding has quickly become a barn favorite. While Atticus and Donna can still be found training together in the early mornings, this year his résumé expanded well beyond the arena. He has explored trail riding, enjoyed turnout and playtime with friends, experienced Masterson Method bodywork, and begun learning liberty, poles, and bareback riding. Along the way, Donna and Atticus have been exploring new ways of communicating and developing their partnership, proving that even a seasoned show horse can enjoy learning something new.

Atticus recently put on his Sunday best for Summit Ranch's annual Pattern Show, where he had the opportunity to introduce an audience largely unfamiliar with Saddlebreds to exactly what makes the breed so special. With Heart's Barracuda playing over the speakers, Atticus delivered a thrilling performance, racking around the arena and showing off the beauty, power, presence, and unmistakable charisma of a Five-Gaited American Saddlebred. By the end of the afternoon, the big red horse had people talking, and perhaps created a few new Saddlebred fans along the way!

Meanwhile, Ha Ha has been thoroughly enjoying her California “post-baby era” alongside her tenth and final foal, Ha Ha Made Me Chuckle, affectionately known as Chuckles.After many years as a broodmare, Mama Ha Ha is getting the opportunity to rediscover herself. Living out in pasture with a herd has allowed her to settle beautifully into her role as one of the resident matriarchs, particularly among the younger horses. But retirement apparently wasn't quite exciting enough for Ha Ha; this year she was restarted under saddle. Ha Ha seems delighted to have a job again and especially appreciates all the attention and pampering that comes with it. Whether she is working with Donna, gracefully trotting across the pasture, or supervising the younger members of her herd, Ha Ha carries herself with the quiet confidence of a mare who knows exactly who she is. And who knows? If she continues enjoying her new adventure, Ha Ha may even make her Academy Walk/ Trot debut in the coming year! At this stage of her life, there are no expectations; just opportunities to have fun.

Then, of course, there is Ha Ha Made Me Chuckle, “Chuckles.” At 17 months old, Chuckles is a sweet, lively, and endlessly curious young Saddlebred who has become a favorite around the pasture. He is growing quickly, and appears determined to follow in the very large footsteps of his older brother, Atticus. For now, his education consists of simply learning how to be a good young horse: leading, backing, respecting space, standing patiently, exploring new things, and learning the rules of life from both his human handlers and his equine herd mates. He continues to show plenty of personality, and watching him grow has been one of the great joys of the year. Donna is already looking forward to the next chapter of his education as he begins taking his first steps toward more formal training next summer or fall.

Looking back, this first year has ultimately become about much more than training horses.
It has been about partnership, learning, experimenting, celebrating small victories, and allowing each horse to show who they are outside traditional roles.

Perhaps the most rewarding part has been watching people who have never spent time around American Saddlebreds meet Atticus, Ha Ha and Chuckles. Through trail rides, pasture life, and the occasional spectacular rack around an arena, they have been able to experience these horses up close and discover what those of us in the Saddlebred community already know:
There is something very special about an American Saddlebred.
They are beautiful and powerful, certainly, but they are also intelligent, sensitive, versatile, curious, and full of personality.

One year into this adventure, Donna and her little herd have plenty to celebrate, and even more to look forward to. Here's to another year of learning, adventures, unexpected accomplishments, and sharing the American Saddlebred with the world…one big red horse at a time.











The California Futurity Horse Show will celebrate its 82 nd Anniversary on October 29 - 31 at the Los Angelos Equestrian Center in Burbank. Management is hoping to increase participation this year and is offering an array of classes and social events. Below is a brief history of the show contributed from Mary Paine . The article really speaks to the history of the show and the people associated with our breed.

The California Saddle Horse Breeders Association Futurity will celebrate it's 75th anniversary in 2019. A group of Saddlebred owners, under the inspiration of Floyd Shofner and Edward Radcliff, met in 1944 to form the California Saddle Horse Breeders Association whose purpose was "to promote the breeding of the American Saddlebred by organizing and presenting the annual California Saddlebred Futurity." These charter members agreed to underwrite the expense of the Futurity for the following three years so that all monies paid as Futurity fees would be paid out as awards with no deductions. The California Saddle Horse Breeders Futurity was incorporated in August of 1944 with the State of California. Floyd Shofner was elected president and Edward Radcliff, secretary, positions which they held for the first sixteen years of the Association. Of the charter members which included such well-known persons as Revel English and Dr. W. Ballentine Henley and Mrs. Eleanor Dees.

The first Futurity classes were held during the 4th Annual Fall Horse, sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Horse Owners Association, at Strickland Park in Burbank with Charles Green of Missouri, judge.
Two policies of the California Futurity were established: (1.) that all monies received as nomination fees be paid out as prize money, (2.) that the judge be a well know horseman from out of state.
As the county fairs were reactivated after the World War II war years, futurity classes were held at the county fair horse shows at Stockton, Bakersfield, Costa Mesa, Pomona and the Sacramento State Fair.

When many of these shows were curtailed or discontinued, it was decided that the CSHBA would put on its own show at a permanent location. The Los Angeles County Fair Association offered the CSHBA the use of the Carnation Ring with adjoining stalls, and financial support for a show to be held during the first weekend of the Fair. In 1960 with Mrs. Dees as President and Ella Mae Shofner as Horse Show Manager, the Futurity Horse Show was born. Starting with a two day show with afternoon performances and eleven classes by 1982 it grew to be a four day show with afternoon and evening performances and eighty-two classes. The show is unique in the West because it is the only show which is programmed primarily for the showing of Saddlebreds, both in futurity and open classes. Other breeding classes beside the futurity classes have been added through the years, such as classes for the produce of dam and get of sire classes.

The primary purpose of the Futurity Horse Show is to provide a setting for futurity classes. Performance classes were added to make it worthwhile for exhibitors to come to the show and to become exposed to the satisfaction and excitement that comes from watching the Saddlebred developed from babyhood to adolescence. The prize money awarded to futurity winners has always ranked high among the futurities recognized by the American Saddlebred Horse Association. In 1980, the total prize money of $12,390 was exceeded only by the futurities in Kentucky.

The California Futurity is noted for its consistency and integrity, two essentials for the continuance of a successful futurity. Evidence of this is apparent in the reputation that is has both locally and nationally, and with the many California breeders who have nominated their Saddlebreds over the years. Mrs. William P. Roth, who joined the CSHBA during its first year, holds the record for nominations, having never failed to nominate in the California Futurity for 38 years.

An attractive ring setting, a good audience, and a well- run show, all contribute to making showing in the California Futurity a memorable experience.

Minutes from 2026 Annual Meeting of NCASHA

February 28th 2026 at the J. L. Dixon Stable,
Vacaville, CA Meeting called to order at 12:20 PM
Minutes from the 2025 meeting were read and approved

Election of officers was held by e-mail vote earlier in the year. President: Helen Roy; Vice President: Donna Yuriar Treasurer: Lexie Saine; Secretary: Susan Valley

Treasurer' Report:
Bank Balances as of end of 2/26: $18,133.58
All 501C3 forms have been submitted, Officer Liability has been paind Charter Club has been registered

President's Report:
The meeting was taking place during the club's educational clinic with Smith and Alexandra Lilly – this venue has proved to be very popular with the membership and we will likely repeat it again.
The club is again planning to support our regional shows with a $500 grant to each for sponsorship of the Academy Division. We are trying to have a bigger on line presence on FaceBook and Instagram – tag NCASHA when you post things about your horses.

Rated Horse Shows: There will again be two shows in Northern California this year: California Springfest Show will be April 16 - 19 at Rancho Murieta and Silicon Valley Show will be in Paso Robles, May 7 - 10. NCASHA will again be a beneficiary of the Silicon Valley Show and will be supplying the insurance for the show. Any members who are interested in helping at either show should contact Manager Kevin Michael or Committee heads Gen Hess and Sue Valley for the California Springfest or Helen Roy for the Silicon Valley Show, and Helen Roy or Lexie Saine for the SVHS.

Santa Rosa Shows: There will again be an all-breed show series run by Marie Boyd. Members felt it was important to support these shows as they are a good entry level show for many new riders. Marie is planning a show for April and October.

Newsletter: Membership continues to support having the newsletter digital. It will be posted on our web site. Members have to opt in to receive a printed copy.

Website/Facebook: The website has been updated. Helen Roy will continue to post activities on Facebook and Instagram as well as the web site. Members are encouraged to send her information to post.

Membership/Meetings: Dues remain: Family: $50, Sr: $35, Jr: $20, members are encouraged to renew their membership on pay pal..

Breed Promotion: There was a discussion about possible ways to promote the breed. The Horse Expo has moved its venue to Rancho Murieta and dates are in June, they do conflict with the Charity Fair Horse show making participation a problem. Todd Hickerson did bring a Saddlebred in 2024 along with his Arabians, Jennifer Dixon will talk to him about possibly joining him in that effort

this year. Possible other locations for the club to set up a breed information booth include: the Fairwinds Farm Schooling Show and events by the Sonoma Horseman's council.

Activities/ Fund Raising: Several ideas were raised about possible club activities

- Clinics with outside trainers to be held off season. The Smith and Alexandra Lilly clinic hosted by the JL Dixon Stable has proved to be a popular event. The club will likely plan a similar event for next year.
- Possible outreach to organized groups such as Girl Scouts, 4-H.
- Meet the Judge events such as those done at the NWSA show in the past

Year End Awards: California Futurity, Silicon Valley, Santa Rosa Shows. Points would be doubled for the California Futurity and Silicon Valley. In addition, members can contribute points from 2 outside shows – points have to be sent to Sue Valley by November 30th. Show year begins December 1.
Discussion was held about expanding and promoting our non-show categories: Pleasure Riding, Open Competition, Parade and maybe adding Trail Riding. Additional categories for ½ Saddlebreds will be added to help promote them.

ASHA Breed Ambassador Program and Breed Promotion: NCASHA was named Region 1 club of the year. Sue Valley was honored by ASHBA for her contributions to the breed over the years. Jennifer Dixon is in line to be president of ASHBA in 2027, several members are on various committees. Individual members and barns were encouraged to submit their activities for awards. Many members were winners of the ASHA Region 1 High Point Awards

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm

Year End Awards were presented to our high point and reserve high point winners. Certificates were given to adults, Jr. Exhibitors continue to receive ribbons and trophies.



20 Years Ago: 2006

CH Fiasco & Doug Glick under the guidance of Michael Craghead, became the first World Grand Champion Western Country Pleasure horse at the Kentucky State Fair.

2026 NCASHA High Point Tallies

Shows include: California Springfest, SVHS (both double points)

I took the liberty of adding in Charity Fair and Santa Barbara – you are able to add in 2 additional shows – you can use these 2 or choose something else – let me know

I don't have results from the Spring Edition Santa Rosa Show, the October show is scheduled for October 10 – 11, California Futurity is at the end of October

Are there any Academy riders out there? Let me know if I am missing something.

3-Gaited: Wilkinson – Allison Freeman 70 (2 shows)

Fine Harness

So So Samuri – Gen Hess 140 (4 shows)

She's Delightful – Helen Roy 40 (one show)

Creekridge Brian Turner – Lexie Saine 12 (one show)

Park: Sir of the Sirens – Charlotte Thomas 44 (one show)

Park Pleasure: Fairview's North of Heaven – Sue Valley 40 (one show)

5-G Show Pleasure

Soquil's The Big Easy – Gen Hess 136 (4 shows)

What's Your Fantasy – Julie Barrow 62 (3 shows)

The Whole Enchilada – Donna Yuriar 60 (one show)

Blue Ridge Billy – Cathy Sauer 8 (one show)

3-G Show Pleasure

Undulata's Believe in Me – Gen Hess 106 (4 shows)

Dreamacres Mr. Heisman – Allison Freeman 62 (2 shows)

Our Lady Valentine – Tara Good Young 24 (one show)

Jr. Ex Show Pleasure: Mountainview's Illusion – Grace Ramos 48 (one show)

Show Pleasure Driving

Rich Kid – Lynn Silva 88 (3 shows)

She's A Tiger – Shari Rainwater 44 (one show)

3-G Country Pl

Let's Hear It – Gen Hess 122 (4 shows)

Available in Blue – Adrienne Young 72 (2 shows)

At School – Julie Barrow 36 (one show)

Country Pl Driving

Sunrise's Four Roses – Linda Kane 100 (3 shows)

What? – Helen Roy 88 (2 shows)

Nordavano – Virginia Bergstrom 72 (2 shows)

Peweter – Cathy Sauer 48 (2 shows)

Cloverleaf Red Cloud – Brigitte Scholl 40 (one show)

Hunter: Peri's Charm – Sarah Hickerson 68 (3 shows)

Western

Here We Are – Sue Valley 90 (3 shows)

Tom Thumb – Gen Hess 68 (2 shows)

Nutta You Business – Gen Hess 32 (2 shows)

Magic City – Gen Hess 10 (one show)

Open English Pleasure

Fairview's North of Heaven – Sue Valley 78 (3 shows)

Undulata's Believe in Me – Gen Hess 12 (one Show)

Open Pleasure Driving

Carl's Sweet Caroline Jane Overstreet 20 (2 shows)

Shes' A Tiger – Shari Rainwater 16 (one Show)



2016 - Ten Years ago: Some people and thoughts....

The last year of Monterey Springfest, Lynn Silva was smiling (as she still does), Gen Hess & Your Lucky Stars were on their way to greatness, Rylee Abbott & My Girl Molly were a hit at the MCC Fun Show (Molly just passed away this month), Brigitte Scholl pilots Beth Davis's beloved Rein Dancer, Shari Rainwater takes home the blue on Sir Aaron and Royalee Cleveland and Berry Red were a force in the 5-G Pleasure Division













More 2016: Spud was sure a Cougar was going to eat him, Dean MacCracken & HS Sense of Style, Helen Roy, Dana Leavitt and Julie Barrow up for a good time. Sue Valley and Here We Are made their way to Lexington, Michael Craghead and Linda Kane's Into the Cosmos make an entrance.









