



Over Herd

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HPS Golf Tournament

Mark your Calendars:

July 12th

Members Meeting

Lunch at 12:30 PM

Please bring a covered
dish to share.

Sincere thanks to the golfers who supported our June 28th tournament! What a nice group -- we had fun with them (and took some of their comments about their performance with a little bitty grain of salt...**J.L.** 17 under par indeed!). A big thank you to our HPS members who contributed and worked on this: Kathy Biggers, Kathy Haw, Tracey Hubert, Jim Ladislas, Roberta McCardle, Diane Reed, and Elizabeth Richardson.

We very much appreciated the support of the businesses that donated items or services for our prizes. Please note these kindly folks and patronize their businesses when you can (see listing in this newsletter).

This was a fundraiser of mixed success. Sunset Hills Golf Course had previously told us that once we committed to a certain number of players that they would work with us (not charge us) for one or two teams either way (above or below the number of our commitment). We ended up with fewer golfers than expected, and when it came time to pay Sunset Hills, they would no longer do this and HPS had to pay the full amount for the commitment. **See Golf Page 3**

Cows are Carnivores! By: Ambe Lewis

The fun all started last November as we unloaded Snowstorm and Salida to explore their new home. We had just become long term foster care providers for two HPS residents. Now up until the horses arrived our yellow lab, Keisha was top dog. Keisha just didn't know what to make of the two big dogs in her backyard. They did strange things, like eat grass and they did not seem to understand the concept of fetch. Over the past eight months Keisha has decided that they are just about the weirdest creatures she has yet to encounter and is quite content to observe them from a minimum distance of six feet.

These first few months have been fairly uneventful but very interesting to watch as personalities that were not present in Stormy & Salida when they were part of the "large herd" at the ranch emerge. Take Stormy for example... now if you spent time at the ranch during 2000-2002 you probably remember Stormy, the small white albino appaloosa who just refused to stay in his assigned area, who thought every mare at the ranch was in love with him, and had affectionately earned the nickname "brat child". Stormy came to the ranch as a severely foundered stallion in May of 1999. When we met up with him he was well on his way to recovery, so much so that he was about to be put under saddle and placed out in a foster horse with a young girl. Well...saddle training did not go well, when the attempt was made to ride Stormy he proceeded to run up and down the fence line and generally misbehave. The girl was given a different horse. At that time my daughter Danielle began working with Stormy, who had developed a large abscess in his front hoof. A connection was made! Danielle could get Stormy to do things that others just didn't believe, stand quietly in his soaking bucket, come when called, and surprise....be an angel under saddle.

Salida came to HPS in March of 2002; at the time I was trying to decide which resident would be our second foster horse. I chose Salida because she was calm and easygoing. We worked through groundwork and saddle training and ...**See Cows Page 2**



Meet the Members...

Hi! My name is Roberta McCardle. I've served as President and on the Fund Raising Committee and am also a feeder (I am also a frequent "Overherd" guest columnist and am always glad to help a pony get his or her thoughts down on paper). I joined HPS in early 1999 when I read about the rescue of the neglected Saddlebreds in the newspaper. On one of my first visits to the ranch I fell deeply, irrevocably in love.....with a little white pony by the name of Miss Angel LeHouf. In time, her two best friends, Comanche and Snickers, became my best friends too. They were a wonderful threesome and I like to think that we made their final years happy ones.

I have loved horses all my life but never had much chance to be around them. HPS is the most rewarding and compelling volunteer activity that I have ever known. It is such a joy to see a neglected horse or pony regain weight/health and reveal their true personality. I work full-time in healthcare and until graduation a couple of years ago, I was also in graduate school at UNC-G. Coming to HPS was such a wonderful change of pace and a real pleasure. We can all make such a difference in an animal's life. Even if you don't have a lot of time, come out when you can. Winston Churchill said "No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle". I would change that to, "No hour of life is wasted that is spent at HPS." We receive far more from these splendid animals than we are ever able to give them.



Roberta & YumYum

The Olympics are Here!

By YumYum

(with a little help from Roberta McCardle)

As I have often noted, one seldom has to travel far to be entertained. We recently had a major Olympic event here at the ranch that generated all kinds of excitement. It was complete with refreshments, music, etc. We took pictures too but Navajo ate the camera so there went that.

No one knew it but we harbored Olympian mice in the tack room! Boh first noticed them when he was getting a drink of water in the tub by the tack room window. He thought he heard some shouting as well so he took a closer look. Peering in the window, he observed four teams of six mice each taking turns in such events as lead rope climbing, halter jumping, and saddle sliding. He could hardly believe his eyes so he went and got Windwalker to check behind him.

"Yes," she said, "those are definitely athletic mice." She excitedly spread the word to the herd and before you knew it, a crowd had gathered by the window. Dakota got the door open so more horses could see

Firebreeze opened the fridge and passed out bananas to the onlookers. I was going to sing but then I realized that my fine, rich voice would overpower the mouse announcer. We spend a fascinating afternoon watching a variety of events. Some of the mice were pretty buff thrill-seekers. There was only one injury and that took place during the hoof-pick lifting event. One little fella just couldn't do it and pulled a muscle lifting the pick out of Box # 6.

Once the mice retired from the tack room, I heard many positive comments from the horses. "Let's do this again!" "What a party!" "I love seeing another species sweat." Little did they know that I already had another event in mind.....have you ever seen one of the two-leggers struggle up the boards to the top of the manure pile with a full wheelbarrow? What potential!

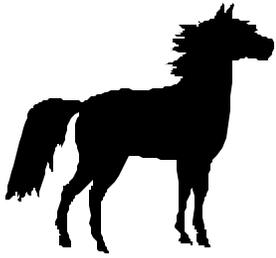
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she did very well, and was actually a little timid under saddle.

Now fast forward to present and let me share how things are run in "our barn". Salida is head mare ("and don't you forget it Stormy") and will remind you if you begin to feel at all superior, that basically we are just the maid service. Stormy on the other hand has let that wild side reemerge. Perfectly content to allow Salida to be "in charge" while in the pasture, he derives his fun in teasing Danielle. His favorite hobby is to let Danielle get him impeccably groomed and then when returned to the pasture walk straight away from her, turn to be sure she is watching (snorting to get her attention if not), and then roll and roll until his beautifully groomed white coat is once again filthy, this game concludes with Stormy emitting cooing noises when Danielle gives him evil looks (as if to say, "oh come on you can't actually be upset with me"). Dinner is another ritual in "our barn" Salida must be first in and first out, and "when I'm done you will let me out promptly whether Snowstorm is done or not". Stormy prefers to hang out after dinner for a face rub. We have also become fairly picky with our fruit and veggie selection, if something is added that does not meet with our approval we just eat around it and leave it. Stormy has decided that beans are just not worth eating, Salida oranges and cucumbers.

We are fortunate to have about four acres of trails at our house that we can ride on. Now riding is a different story...Salida is very timid once she leaves the pasture ("You go first Stormy and don't get to far ahead of me"). Stormy has this great fast walk and likes to move it along, Salida on the other hand likes to take it slow and check out the scenery. The problem is when Salida gets too far behind as she wants to be able to see Stormy at all times ("Someone has taken Stormy and Danielle...we must find them immediately!"). We ventured off property a while back and took an old jeep trail on a neighbor's property; all went well until we saw the cows. I could just hear Salida, "Turn around Stormy, you know cows are carn i-vores"!

It has been a great eight months and we are looking forward to many years of fun and frivolity with Snowstorm and Salida. Come on out to the ranch, the equine companion of your dreams may be waiting!



News From The Herd

Dakota is being treated for stretches (fungus) on a couple of his feet, and is recovering nicely.

Whisper and Nightmist both had eye problems this past month and saw the vet on a couple of occasions. They were treated with ointments and behaved very well, seeming to understand that the treatment would help them. One of the ointments made them photosensitive and it was a challenge to keep them out of the bright sunlight, we had to relocate them to the big barn for a short time. Both are doing much better and have returned to their own pasture.

Windwalker was troubled with allergies which affected her eyes and she also had a vet visit.

Laredo, Seneca, Raven and Dream Catcher all are suffering from cracked hooves and are getting frequent "hoof polishes".

Boh has experienced some liver problems and is now on a special diet and is also being treated for the same eye trouble as Whisper and Nightmist but only in one eye.

Desert Sand has continued to gain some much needed weight, she is still being treated for the sand in her digestive track but is progressing well.

Special "Thanks" to the following businesses and individuals who donated items for the HPS Golf Tournament:

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Aside from this, it was a great day. Kathy Biggers made expeditious rounds (a nice way to say she was a F-A-S-T driver) in a golf cart to deliver drinks & snacks to our golfers. A rumor surfaced that she was running over golf balls! Then, there was the short-cut from the pavilion to the golf road over the grass.....with the small matter of a ditch with a six foot drop. Luckily, a co-worker spotted this so Kathy will remain in good health to once again drive a golf cart another day (Note to Kathy: further practice of those 3-point turns would not be amiss).

Domino's Pizza of Salisbury

Auld Golf of Concord

Wendy's on Harris Blvd - cups/spoons/napkins for ice cream. Plus 40 coupons for Wendy's single combo.

Hardee's on Hwy 29 in China Grove - 6 gallons of Hershey's Vanilla ice cream

Chili's Too Concord Mills Mall - 2 \$5 gift certificates

Jillian's Concord Mills Mall - 3 \$275 value Party Packages

Super K-Mart on Hwy 29 in Concord - 2 Golf Gift packs and 1 Package of Golf balls

Raintree golf course in Charlotte - round of golf for 4 players

Elizabeth Richardson - PGA book

Jim Ladislas - \$10 gift card from PEP BOYS, \$20 gift card from PEP BOYS, Duke Golf Ball Sleeves, and various other items



Farewell Chinook

By: John Kiwacka

I'm saddened to say we lost one of my favorite equines this past Friday, June 13, 2003. The Riders-in-the-Sky came to round-up our Chinook. When Chinook and I first met I was still a green horn around horses. I was told, "Watch out for Chinook he bites". Well, at first he would bear his teeth to me but I took that as a challenge to gain his trust. Needless to say Chinook and I became good partners, except when a new mare would arrive, I was then sort of second fiddle then. Chinook had this problem of falling in love with every new mare. We suspect it was more colt-to-mare than gelding-to-mare love. Ms. Dizzy was one of his loves but she only put up with it for a short time and left. Chinook's final selection was Raven and she was more than willing. See when we got Raven she came with a 12 year old colt. I am going to miss Chinook, I was always being told of his antics towards other HPS members. Farewell Chinook.

Please Help the Horses!!

Kohl's (near University Hospital) is once again giving HPS an opportunity to work during their August Tax Free Sale. This is a very nice fundraiser for the horses. As you recall, our whole salary goes to HPS. It is a pleasant work environment in air-conditioned comfort. We cannot wear jeans but other kinds of slacks are fine. For those of you who have not done this before, we tidy up areas as they direct us (I spent 1/2 day re-folding slacks in the Men's Dept), we place customers' purchases in bags (stand with register clerks), put boxes together, etc. Remember also that you do not have to be a member of HPS to volunteer/help in this way. Tell your friends, family members, etc. You do have to be at least 18 years of age to participate. Also, in the past Kohl's has given each worker a Kohl's discount card (one time use) of 15%. We have the following times available:

Friday, August 1st. Anytime from 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (tours must be at least four hours, so if you choose to go to work at 3:00 p.m. you should stay to at least 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, August 2nd, need both day and evening help. 1st tour starts at 8:00 a.m. Last tour ends at 11:00 p.m.

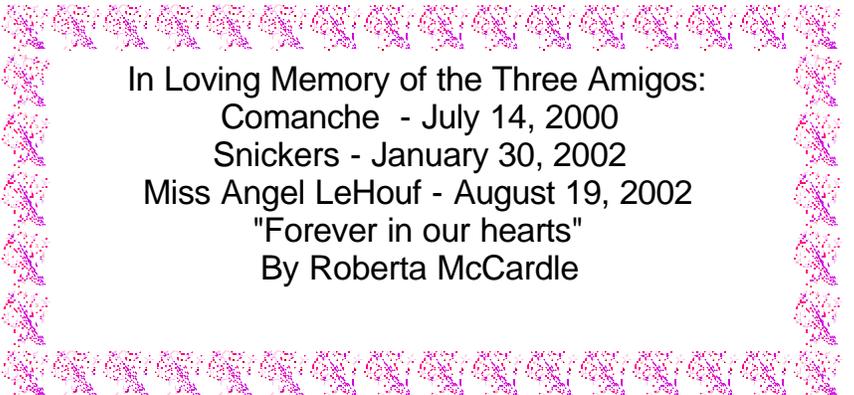
Sunday, August 3rd. They open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

If you are available to donate time working at Kohl's to help the horses, please contact Roberta McCardle at 704-637-9049 by Monday July 7th. THANK YOU!

All I Need To Know In Life I Learned From My Horse

When in doubt, run far, far away.
 You can never have too many treats.
 Passing gas in public is nothing to be ashamed of.
 Ignore "cues" . . . they're just a prompt to do more work.
 Everyone loves a good, wet, slobbery kiss.
 Heaven is eating for at least 10 hours a day and then sleeping the rest.
 Great legs and a nice rear will get you anywhere.
 Big, brown eyes help too.
 When you want your way, stomp hard on the nearest foot.
 Act dumb when faced with a task you don't want to do.
 Follow the herd. . . that way, you can't be singled out to take the blame.
 A swift kick in the butt will get anyone's attention.
 Love those who love you back, especially if they have something good to eat.

In Loving Memory of the Three Amigos:
 Comanche - July 14, 2000
 Snickers - January 30, 2002
 Miss Angel LeHouf - August 19, 2002
 "Forever in our hearts"
 By Roberta McCardle

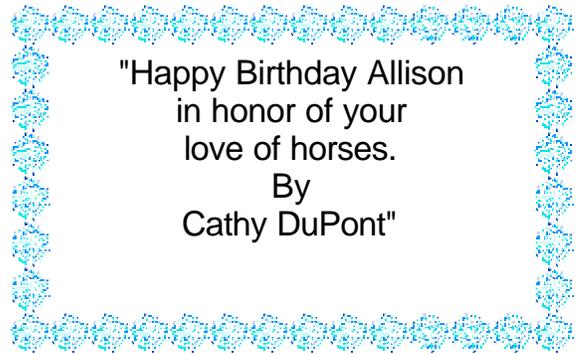




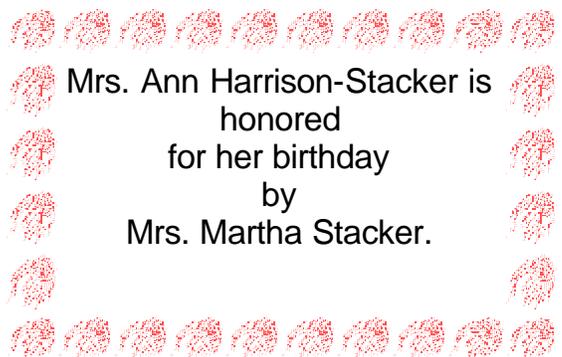
The horses would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the following folks for helping them with donations this month. Without you there would be no Horse Protection Society..... and we all know what that means to the horses in need.

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love of horses.
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Making the World a Better Place for Horses

It is the mission of the Horse Protection Society of North Carolina Inc. to make the world a better place for horses through education, rescue and rehabilitation.

Founded by Joan Benson and incorporated in 1999, we continue to reach out and to grow. We are always seeking new members.

HPS is a fully incorporated 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Your donations are the main source of income to support the sanctuary and are eligible for tax deduction.

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