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Ready to win some hardware?

by Steve Golis, President

Well we are off for the new season; all slates are clean. Need to clean up and dust off the boots, the tack and oh yeah your ponies. I have had my horse in intensive training in the off season and he is ready to go. I think for one training session we hit 5 wineries on saddle in one day. He was exhausted! I am not sure if that works though but one of our local wine members, Larry and Linda Saarloss. said that it was a sure winner to get your horse ready.

The VPA Board in its infinite wisdom has elected me President and I am honored and humbled to try to do my best in leading this great group of folks this year.

Our first event is March 14th. We again are going to give awards at each event. I know I am looking forward to all of the events, the fun, the great camaraderie and the laughter. I also am looking forward to the events so I can get some good stories to write about. I know Cochran has already told me that he will, to his best ability, provide some good material for the newsletters. I know we all can count on him for that. With Cochran, Gordon and myself being some of the graduates into the Limited division, it has really shaken up that division. I hear that Guy Hamilton and Judge Davis are losing more sleep about this as we get close to starting the season.

Ok now for just a little business.

- Please slow down when driving by the Collier's property.
- Any participant who chooses to ride up on both their division teams, such as Limited to Open or Novice to Limited, will be declaring themselves in that higher division, their rating will be changed accordingly. You may still ride up on one division team as long as your other team is within the division you are presently rated. Adopted Jan. 11, 2010. In fact Trevor and Jessica Maher are looking for two open teams to make the big jump.

I also want to send out some kudos.

- Thank you to Matt and Darryl for the handling and moving of herds during our events - always with a smile. Matt usually gives me some good pointers too, Please be sure to let them know they're appreciated during the year. It keeps our events moving smoothly and in a timely fashion.
- Thank you to Scott Garner, Scott Latner, Chris Morales, Ron Morales and Marla Sprowl for moving panels and the trailer in preparation for the Penning Season. Jeff Nelson and Ron Morales also did weed abatement to make sure all is looking great. Thanks Team!!
- Thank you to Lee Anne Edie for doing a great job with the newsletter to keep us all informed.
- Thank you to Mary Ann Bahnken for our webpage. I think it has been a huge asset for all.

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Thanks to the volunteers that serve on the Board as I have found out from the years I have been involved on the board that there is a tremendous amount of work and effort that goes in behind the scenes. Sorry if I forgot any folks.

Speaking of the Board if any members would like to be a part of the Board, please let us know. We would welcome that.

Dues are due! Please make sure to get your dues in, sign the waivers, etc. before the first event. You can download the forms from our website at www.syvpa.com

We are also fortunate that the equestrian center is doing there sorting series again which starts on the 27th of this month to help keep our horses and ourselves fine tuned.

I hope all have a great season. Thanks for being a part of the VPA; we have a great season ahead. Till our next newsletter!! Hope to see yaw'll on the 14th. Come on out to hear who earned the 2009 Rider of the Year award!!

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Penning Season Schedule

Mar. 7: Practice
Mar. 14: Event #1 (3/28-rain date)
Apr. 11: Event #2 (4/18-rain date)
May 16: Event #3
Jun. 20: Event #4
July 18: Annual Draw Sort Party

Reservation Hotline : (805) 688-4888
or email vpareservations@yahoo.com

Spring Horse Care Tips

Begin your riding or driving schedule slowly if your horse (and perhaps you) have been idle over the winter months

Horses who haven't shed out their long winter coats will heat up faster when working and take longer to cool down and dry out on warm spring days.

Consider clipping a long winter coat if you are planning to get back into a regular riding routine. A clipped horse or pony may still need to be blanketed if the temperature dips.

Spring time is vaccination time. Consult your veterinarian for the recommended vaccinations in your area.

Hasten shedding with regular grooming. A shedding blade helps pull out long hairs.

Be cautious about introducing your horse to lush green pasture if it has been eating hay all winter. A horse that is allowed to nibble grass as it emerges will be introduced slowly and naturally. But putting a horse or pony out on pasture suddenly can lead to things like colic and founder. Make the transition to pasture very slowly especially with ponies, draft breeds and draft crosses. As little as thirty minutes on fresh grass can cause a pony to founder.

Horses accustomed to being blanketed during the cold weather may still need blankets during temperature dips or rainy weather. Don't forget to remove the blanket when the weather warms up again!

Keep an eye out for signs of thrush or rain scald that can flare up during wet spring weather.

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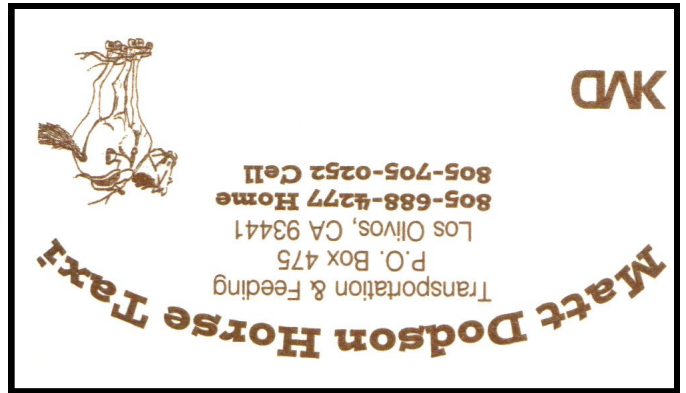
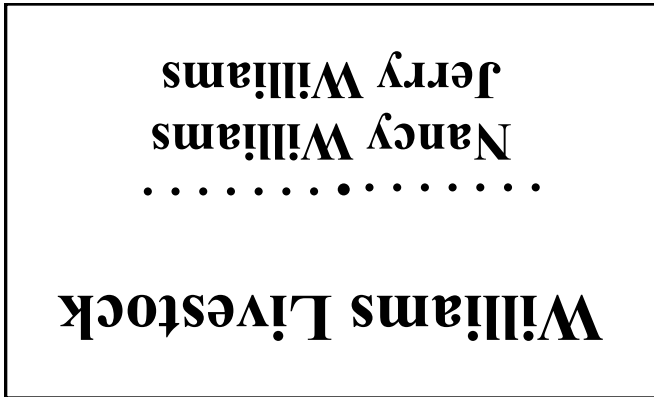
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Remember to check the VPA website periodically for Event Dates & Event Results. We also add new photos after each event under the Photo Gallery.

The VPA Member Message Board is there for you to use to help put teams together or sell personal items.

If you're busy and don't have time to call in your teams, just send a quick email to: vpareservations@yahoo.com





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