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President's Message

Hello everyone and Welcome to Summer -

Hope everyone is enjoying our warm California summer. Be careful and make sure you pay extra attention to your animals and pets during these hot summer days, making sure they get plenty of fresh clean water and good electrolyte supplementation.

I, as well as the entire BOD, am excited to announce the sponsorship of 6 children to Horse Camp this summer. By using a combination of the Marilyn Hunter Memorial Fund and the MLAHA Youth Fund we are able to sponsor 6 children to camp this year - most of them not horse owners - and it is our desire to introduce them to the wonderful Arabian Horse in hopes that they might consider an Arabian when they get ready to purchase their very own. We will post photos in the following months and stories and testimonials of their experiences.

Exhibitors enjoyed a FABULOUS Trail Trials Clinic June 22 at the LBHA so please enjoy the update in the *Tailings* as provided below.

We hope to provide other fun and informative clinics and meetings to the membership in the future. Be sure and respond to our member survey coming out soon where we can learn how to best serve our membership. This is your opportunity to let us know how we can help you in enjoying the Arabian Horse in our community.

Please stay tuned to future tailings as well for information on upcoming ranch visits, clinics, trail rides and overnight trips.

Stay cool and Happy trails!!

Cheryl Hansen
MLAHA President

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JULY MEETING **LOCATION**

You are invited to our BOD meeting on July 15 at the Black Bear Diner, Forest Hill Exit (then right and again right at the light), Auburn at 6 p.m.





HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED A
WONDERFUL 4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	6-12	Region 3 Last Chance and Regional Show, Reno
	15	Mother Lode Board Meeting, Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way, Foresthill Exit, Auburn, 6 pm
August	19	Mother Lode Board Meeting, Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way, Foresthill Exit, Auburn, 6 pm
September	14	MLAHA TRAIL TRIALS - OLMSTEAD LOOP, COOL, CA
	16	Mother Lode Board Meeting, Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way, Foresthill Exit, Auburn, 6 pm

Trail Trials Clinic

Conducted by Jaede Miloslavich
Benefitting MLAHA

How can we thank Jaede Miloslavich for the wonderful job she did organizing and conducting the trail trials clinic held on Sunday, June 22? The day was warm, but no warmer than the camaraderie enjoyed by the attendees (17) and assistants at the clinic. Jaede is a superlative clinician and Mother Lode is so fortunate that she volunteered her time and expertise on this clinic which we all enjoyed so much. The morning was spent inside the arena, learning the CSHA rules for trail trials, and practicing various obstacles. After a leisurely lunch, everyone participated in a mock trail trials with six judged obstacles.

Some comments from attendees: "Thanks for the great clinic and for sending us the comments. Shadow and I will continue to practice for the Cool Trail Trials." "Thank you to all the helpers and judges for baking in the heat to make this fun for us riders!! Lunch was excellent and I had so much fun. I think we all agree that Jaede is a natural and should do this for a living. Thank you Jaede to share your knowledge with us." "Thank you, Jaede, for an amazing day! I recently moved to Cool into my first 'horse property' ever, and very excited to have found you, thanks to Pam Greer's email about your clinic. Starzduster and I will have a wonderful summer practicing what you have taught us and ride in the Cool trail trials. Maybe even try the Dru Barner one. All the feedback and materials you provided are invaluable, everything 1st class and beautifully organized. The team of judges were smart and constructive and incredibly helpful. All was so well run. Now it's my turn! Have a lovely and willing horse, and new Arabian horse club, you!" "Thank you so much Jaede, you rock!! I had a blast and really appreciate all the work you did and all the work the Judges did out there today. The morning session was well thought out and you had it all so beautifully under control. It was fun and informative and you are a great clinician."



After the clinic, Jaede sent the following message to all the attendees, and it bears reprinting here:

"I hope you all had a good time and enjoyed our day together. And, I hope you left with a bit more knowledge about trail trials and what you might need to work on at home to become a better trail trial competitor.

"I certainly had a great time, and your enthusiasm and willingness to work and learn makes it worthwhile for your horse - and we were all there for our horses.

"For those of you who this trail trials clinic was your first exposure to this event, I hope you found it fun and that you will continue, and come back for the 22nd Annual MLAHA Trail Trials at Cool September 14. Go here for more information: <<http://www.mlaha.org/tt.html>>"

Editor's note: This is the second installment in our series on trails in our area. Let me know if you want me to feature YOUR favorite riding place!

Sly Park

Courtesy of LBHA website

Sly Park around Jenkinson Lake has shaded and well-maintained horse trails. This is a beautiful setting at Pollock Pines off Highway 50, where riders can take a day ride of 9 miles around the lake, or choose to horse-camp and do several shorter rides. Many riders hope to catch cool breezes at this higher elevation when Sacramento is baking. Although you can't count on actual "cool" weather, it is always at least cooler than the valley below. But at 3500 feet, this park gets snow, and the roads can be icy. Call for information if it is not summertime.

The 5 miles of equestrian trails on the north side of the lake are friendly and relatively easy. These well-marked trails occasionally share or cross multi-use trails, but generally horses have their own trails on the hillside above the paved road and the bike trails. Footing is good, there is shade nearly all the way, and the views of the lake are wonderful. There are a few stream crossings where horses can drink, and also a strategically placed watering trough about halfway to the picnic area.

In contrast, the 4 miles of trails on the south side of the lake are "advanced trails," to quote the Sly Park brochure. While the hiking and biking trails follow nicely along the side of the lake, the horses become mountain goats and climb switchbacks on the hillside. This side of the lake, from the picnic area back to the trailer parking, is excellent conditioning for endurance-type riding, but stressful for inexperienced horses (and riders!). At about the 8-mile point, the horses need to wade through water at a spillway with large rocks and boulders. Be prepared to get wet if your horse gives you an argument!

The picnic area at the midway point is simply beautiful, with shaded picnic tables, tie rails, toilets,

and a wonderful view of the lake. So far you have ridden about 2-1/2 hours at a walk. This is the place to turn around if you are looking for only an easy day ride. To continue, you cross Park Creek, then begin the strenuous 4 miles along the "Southshore Trail." You can circle the lake at a walk (with some trotting up the steepest hills) in about 4 hours.

Black Oak Equestrian Campground has 15 campsites, some with corrals, toilets, and overflow parking. Call 530-644-2792 for reservations and information on fees, or to ask if there is room for you to park there for the day. If you are able to park your horse trailer at the Campground, you can ride directly to the north, easier trails. If you park at the day use staging area and come down to the lake trails, you will have to choose either steep hills (to the right toward the picnic area) or the challenging switchbacks to the left.

Jenkinson Lake is part of the El Dorado Irrigation District, and Sly Park Recreation Area is run in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation.

DIRECTIONS: Sly Park is 12 miles beyond Placerville on Highway 50. After the Pollock Pines exit, take the next exit onto Sly Park Road, turn right, and drive 5 miles down hill past the Park entrance. Go approximately 3 more miles, then turn left on Mormon Emigrant Trail (Iron Mountain Rd.) for the Black Oak Equestrian Campground thru the gate on the right. For day use, continue on Mormon Emigrant Trail past the campground, go across the dam/spillway approximately 2 miles, up the steep incline, about 1/2 mile. Look for a sharp 180 degree turn into the entrance of the Day Use Staging Area. For campground reservations, or for information, call 530-644-2545.



LITTLE BITS

Don't forget our "Fab Arab Award." Although we will be presenting the award at the end of the year, we are taking submissions throughout the year. If you have or had (or *knew*) a wonderful Arabian citizen, please send a story about that horse, together with pictures for the newsletter, to me at counts4275@gmail.com and I will present all the submissions to the board toward the end of the year for selection of the winner.

Reminder that Jean Zabriskie is available for petsitting, house sitting, etc. If interested, contact her a zjeanie@yahoo.com.



More Trail Trials photographs

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HORSE KILL PEN RESCUE

(Third in a series submitted by Linda Siegel)

As I enter the third month of experiencing killpen rescue with so many contributions from others towards bail money, the entire system of killpen rescue, abolishing the practice of exporting US horses for slaughter, and the efforts going into this area are nearly so vast that you can't grasp it all.

In terms of killpen rescues, there are some notable benchmarks. I began to look outside of WA into NV and CA. Even though CA has a ban against its horses crossing the borders to go to slaughter, somehow, there are ways around this, and I will be studying the California law with an eye to proposing amendments this month. The terrible scandal resulting in the closing of the Madera auction yard, and the arrest of three people, including a brand inspector, was at the top of California news. These people are accused of taking 2 horses from loving owners with assurances that the horses are going to pasture as companions, and instead shipping them to slaughter.

As you look at the horses in killpens, it is apparent that this happens often. The most striking rescue was that of a former successful racehorse, Return of the King, whose family was massacred

a few years ago. He ended up at an end-of-the-line auction house where he was rescued. After his rehabilitation, his breeder is taking him home to retire. It is a fascinating story <http://offtrackthoroughbreds.com/2014/06/26/massacre-victims-race-horse-rescued-in-calif/>.

A new friend and I teamed up for the Moses Lake pair of horses that were Arabians – Merry Weather and Ariel. They were the only ones rescued that week – we bailed them and another person rescued them.

We have not seen a lot of Arabians promoted by those that go into the feedlots, but there are certainly a lot on craigslist throughout the West. At Horse Expo in mid-June, I was able to network with many rescues, including the American Humane Society, and we have been discussing a variety of ways to stop slaughter of US horses. The SAFE Act at the Federal level, proposes to stop slaughter because of danger to the food chain from horsemeat. There are excellent reports available at the Humane Society's website on horse slaughter. And one of the new areas I found is Equiculture, an Australian website loaded with great information on horse ownership.



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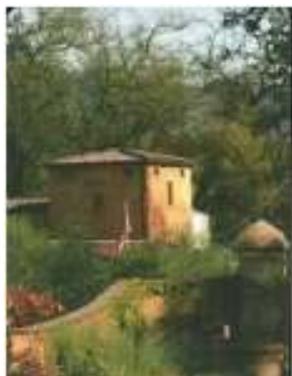
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Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association (MLAHA) is a group of horse enthusiasts who come together to share their experiences, expertise and love for the Arabian breed.

MLAHA was founded in the early 1970's and has an average membership of 100 active members. It is sanctioned by the Arabian Horse Association.

MLAHA hosts various activities that include: our annual FUN spring schooling show, FUZZY WUZZY, competitive trail rides, an annual spring tack swap, and a year-end high-point program for horses and exhibitors.

We also offer the club members one hour of free legal advice from a local attorney. Generally, requests are for contract review or debt collection.

We look forward to getting to know you and encourage your participation in Mother Lode activities. There will be many occasions in which you can enrich the Association by sharing your unique skills as a volunteer. We normally meet on the third Tuesday of the month, details are in this issue of *Tailings*.

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