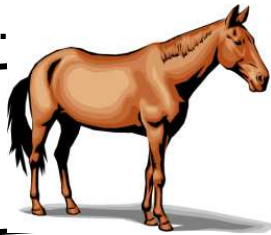


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It seems that the last few newsletters have been, ah let's say a little analytical. This issue is devoted to the softer side of Serrano. Seven acres devoted to a world where kindness, gentleness and most of all cuteness, rein supreme. No harsh words, shall pass these pages. With imager of puppies, craft macaroni affixed pencil holders, heart shape helium balloons, and cute gift bags, let's begin.

What could be more wonderful than parades and horses. Again, as always, our love goes to Janet Cosgrove who made July 4th a memorable experience for many of our riders. With smiles of pride as big as a watermelon, Serrano's boldest and bravest, exhibited the beauty and magnificence of the spirit of the horse. Hearts pounded and throats lumped (?) as the resplendence of the equestrian

spirit washed over the thousands of enraptured that lined the parade route. Can it get any better than this?





Six beautiful souls from our modest facility are preparing to compete at the California State Horsemen's Association Show of Champions, the State Finals. Since February, "no" has not been in their vocabulary, as they have competed against all odds (cue Chariots of Fire theme).

It all comes together in early October when their final pilgrimage carries them to Santa Rosa. For four days, resolve and gritted teeth (but not too tight don't want to damage those pearlies) will be order. To give them every possible aid, dreams of glory in action can be seen in the front arena practicing these few day:

- Aug 29 5:30-7:30
- Sept 12 5:30-7:30
- Sept 26 5:30-7:30
- Oct 3 5:30-7:30

In addition, they will also continue with their Friday/ Saturday night practices from 6:00-8:00 on Aug 24 and Sept 22.

The arena is not closed to other riders, but these hopefuls will be riding fast at times and the patterns do take up a lot of arena space.

Stop by to see the excitement as these riders prepare themselves, and their horses for this life affirming event.



Tori Moyer (2006 CSHA Div 5 Champion racing barrels) on *Dash*.

Arena Closure News: We'll begin round 1 of the arena rehabilitation projects on September 10th.

The front arena will be closed early on Monday morning so that we can get a strong start. The Back arena will be stripped of all jumps so that there will be maximum riding space for all. With fingers crossed, work should be completed by Friday night. To facilitate the compressed work period, we'll be bringing in supplemental footing materials to amend what has been lost over the few years. Unfortunately this means that several parking spaces will be lost the week before. We could stockpile the material further away, but that only means that the trucking it to the arena adds more time. Secondly the screening process requires the footing to be very dry. Look for a dusty arena starting the week before.



TP News: It seems that there exists a bandit that strikes at the core of our value system. This thief finds gold in our "bathroom tissue". At first we discounted the uptake in usage to poor accounting practices. But on a recent Friday night, let's say a trail of evidence was discovered. Sadly the bloodhounds lost the scent, and the perp got away.

Efforts to create a neighborhood watch have fallen flat. While some of the horses are spirited, it seems not in a community way. We looked at many options such as printing this newsletter on the tissue. This way we can guarantee that it will never be taken (seriously). Our first real effort was to only put out the day's requirement (kind of like the jewelry store that puts all the diamonds away at night). On several occasions the day was longer than we thought. Some night owls must have had thoughts about management.



Heading up this campaign, Fernando has advised that a heavy weight be placed in the bottom of the box, thus preventing the smash and dash strategy of the purloiner. Vetoed was my idea of the exploding ink device that would be hidden in the bottom of the box. We'll go with his advise. . . For now.