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President's Message

(Our most wonderful and kind President is a man of few words)

On Wed the 16th Kolby and I completed two sections of the Pony Express re-ride. One was in the dark with cars zooming by in both directions. The horses did exceptionally well. We traveled 2.5 miles in 20 minutes riding on Green Valley road with traffic. There was a car behind with flashing lights fending off the right lane for us. That's it folks.

Greg King



Our Monthly Newsletter
will now be a Quarterly
Publication.

Please keep your eye on
the website www.lbha.us
for changes to the Sched-
ule of Events and Arena.

SUPPORTING LBHA HELPS SAVE AND MAINTAIN OUR TRAILS, THE ARENA AT THE PARK , TRAYLOR RANCH AND THE RURAL LIFESTYLE

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**June Workday was cancelled.
 Ranch in Good Shape . Watch
 the website for next work day.**


TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

Hello Traylor Ranch Supporters.
 Our normal workdays are the 4th Saturday of the month. Assuming the weather holds. The time is 8-12 noon. Please meet at the Humphrey parking lot at 8 if you can. I'll be there. Social distancing and masked up. Since we are working individually, I think we'll have good social distancing, LOL! If you have a string trimmer, that would be great. I have a push behind string trimmer and a carry string trimmer. Also, if you'd like to help with filling some holes on the trail, bring a shovel. I'll will have a golf cart we can put soil in. As always, bring gloves, drinking water and other personal protection equipment like eye and ear protection if using the equipment. I'll have some as well. Please follow the Traylor Ranch Facebook page for updates or contact me directly at my email with questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/TraylorRanchNatureReserveandBirdSanctuary/>

Dave Faoro
 TRNR Committee Chair-
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*Give a horse what he needs
 and he will
 Give you his heart* 
In return.

MINUTES**LBHA Board/General Meeting****June 23, 2021**

A combined board/general membership meeting was held at the Park in Loomis. The following Board members were present: Greg King, Bruce Renfrew, Maureen Henderson, Janis Rau, Kate Johnson and Kathy Dombrowski. Liz Daffner, Laurene Davis and Joe Warlow were absent.

President, Greg King presided. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The main focus of this meeting was the upcoming horse shows.

Maureen reported that she had contacted Round Table Pizza to inquire about the availability of the meeting room for future meetings. Maureen then made a motion that we reserve the meeting room for the meetings to be held in September and December. The motion was seconded by Bruce Renfrew. After discussion there was a unanimous vote by all present that the September and December meetings be held at Round Table Pizza in Loomis.

Greg moved the discussion to preparation for the upcoming horse shows. The need for sponsorships is the number one priority. The following are those who agreed to be responsible for talking with community members to obtain business sponsorships:

Greg – Echo Valley

Maureen – Douglas Ranch & Raley's

Kathy – Ace Hardware

Beth Post – LBEMC and has some "new" horse supplies which she will donate, i.e., lead ropes, etc.

Tara Gee – Platinum Plus

Bruce committed to a business sponsorship with a banner

Kathy is donating a saddle rack

Bar Ale has already been contacted

Janis will be taking care of ribbons

Maureen will check with Denise to make sure all judges are confirmed

Janis brought up the subject of the two broken benches below the announcer's booth. Discussion ensued about replacing the benches. Janis will contact Parks Dept. to see if they will replace the benches with a concrete bench. In the event Parks is unable to do this, Maureen will contact Pottery World to see if they would be willing to donate a bench, perhaps with a plaque on it.

The subject of the malfunctioning gate at the main arena was discussed. Bruce will contact someone with a portable welder to fix the gate. There is also a post at the upper arena which needs to be reset. Maureen will contact someone about replacing that post.

Obstacle day is scheduled for this upcoming Sunday, the 27th. Discussion was held concerning the extreme heat forecast for that date. Since the event is to take place in the morning, the plan is to move ahead with obstacle day but perhaps start a bit earlier.

The meeting concluded at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Maureen Henderson, Secretary

Events

The Long Valley 4-H group came out to the arena for a Horse Play Day. On May 2 the kids worked all day in the arena moving sand and dirt from the edges of the arena to the inside of the arenas. All their hard work leaving the arena looking smoothed and great. On May 16 the kids were back for their Horse Play Day. They pulled some props from the barn and brought some of their own and were ready to play. It was a great day had by all.

LBHA Obstacle Days

Sat Sept 11

Horse shows

English October 9
Western October 10



Please watch the website for updates or changes!
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2021 LBHA Benefit Horse Shows



October 9th ENGLISH DAY

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Ask the Farrier

What does hoof balance mean to a farrier?

Often when people think of hoof balance, they inadvertently think of “hoof balance x-rays,” because the term and process have grown in popularity over the last decade. For a farrier, hoof balance has always been the entire point of the job, and our goal is to help a horse distribute his weight on his feet properly, without creating pressure points that can cause pain or damage to the limb.

How do you achieve “balance” the old school way (a.k.a. without a vet involved)?

As a farrier, I’ve had to train my eye to see what I believe a set of x-rays would tell me. I use multiple markers in the horse’s foot to formulate this idea, and then I also look over the horse’s entire body. I look at its conformation and I watch it move. I create a mental hoof balance x-ray in my mind before I begin, and then trim the foot from that.

What do you do differently when a vet sends hoof balance radiographs to you?

When a veterinarian sends me radiographs, I work closely with him/her to come up with a plan to accommodate any changes that need to be made. Joint spacing and sole depth are two of the most important visual markers that can be measured on digital images.

You like to watch the horses walk before you work on them. How does this help you?

We’ve talked only about static balance thus far: that is the balance of the foot when the horse is standing still, and is one hundred percent weight bearing on all four limbs. We also need to discuss dynamic balance, which is observed when a horse is in motion, and essentially tells me what areas of its feet it’s loading and/or not loading while moving. The combination of static and dynamic balance helps me start the thought process about how I’m going to address the horse’s conformation through trimming, and ultimately, how I’m going to shoe the horse.

What is the most common issue that you encounter, and how do you fix it?

There’s a broad spectrum of hoof issues that I come across every day. The reason I love my job is because every day it provides me with a different challenge. However, I don’t use the word “fix.” I simply aid a pathology, and everything begins with trimming. I can play all sorts of tricks with a fancy shoe, but if the trim isn’t correct, it’s all pointless. As a farrier, I need to be a few steps ahead of the horse, hopefully making necessary changes before issues occur.

What are you predicting for the future of your industry?

It is definitely becoming more of a podiatry industry, and we take a lot more instruction from the vets now than we used to. The introduction of shoes made of synthetics and aluminums/alloys has forced the traditional blacksmiths to make room in their shoeing rigs to adjust to a new wave of products. Of course, farriers won’t ever be completely phased out, but I do think that in the higher ends of the various horse sports, shoeing horses is going to become more of a medical procedure. The world may not need someone who knows how to work steel to put a set of shoes on a horse.

This is an annoying question but it begs to be asked...why do horses lose shoes?

Here are a few reasons: improper fitting/poorly forged shoes, muddy paddocks or poor barn management, overreaching, or simply being overdue for shoeing.

What is a peeve of yours when it comes to your clients?

Sticking a microphone in my face while I'm trying to shoe their horses, for starters.

(Burn. But okay, we deserved that.)

Oh, and when the light doesn't work above the horse I'm shoeing.

(Right. We'll get that fixed.)

But seriously, I've been in the industry long enough that I really only have to deal with the clients I like, so no one bothers me too much!



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Ask the Vet

1. Sole depth is measured from the tip of the coffin bone to the ground surface. In most feet I like to see 15mm of sole depth, as any less makes the foot prone to bruising.



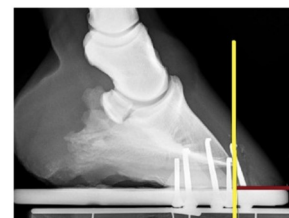
2. Toe length is measured from the tip of the coffin bone to the tip of the foot. The ideal toe length is at or under 30mm.



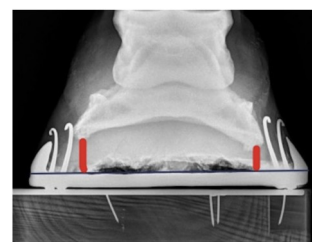
3. Heel height is measured from the back of the bottom of the coffin bone to the ground surface. For heel height, I like to see 2-10mm more heel than sole depth, as less heel than sole depth is a negative bone angle, and this is trouble on many fronts.



4. Breakover is measured from a line dropped down from the tip of the coffin bone and forward to where the shoe or the foot breaks over. Breakover is probably the hardest ideal to achieve. In general, less is better, all the way down to zero. Practically, though, 10-20mm is great.



5. Medial heel height versus lateral heel height. As far as medial to lateral or side-to-side balance, if the heels are within 3mm, I don't worry too much. If they're over 5mm, we start making significant shoeing changes to offset the forces that are crushing the lower heel.



Of course, all of these ideals are dependent on many factors, but they generally support a better foot and higher levels of soundness.

Why might my horse need hoof balance radiographs?

Farriers do an amazing job figuring out how to trim a horse's foot (do you ever wonder, as I do, how they place all those nails in the foot without hitting sensitive tissue?). However, the fact is that as good as farriers are, some things simply go unnoticed until something goes wrong. Chances are good that you've already needed hoof balance radiographs to help with a foot-related problem: a foot abscess, a lost shoe, or an occasional lameness.

Additionally, if you've ever looked at your horse's feet and wondered if something wasn't right — the toes look too long, the hoof wall is breaking apart where the clinches are, the heels look uneven — your veterinarian can easily take hoof balance radiographs and share them with your farrier. This often clarifies the necessary action to correct a number of foot problems.

Hooves are constantly changing/growing, so how often are hoof balance radiographs necessary?

On average, the usual frequency is likely once yearly. However, the answer to this question is entirely dependent upon why the initial radiographs were taken, and what was found. Some issues are identified and corrected immediately. More complicated cases require radiographs before and after trimming and shoeing, followed up with more radiographs prior to the next shoeing.

Okay, we've taken the x-rays. Now what?

Your vet has looked at your horse, taken the radiographs, and made some notes. That only leaves one thing left to do: come up with a plan with your farrier. How we do this is important. If I were a farrier, I wouldn't appreciate for a minute shoeing a horse for years, and then having a recipe shoved under my nose, telling me what to do.

Until I get to know a farrier and until they get to know me, I try to meet them at the farm when they're shoeing the horse of interest so that we can take radiographs before and after trimming and shoeing. If that isn't possible, I am careful to email the radiographs and notes to them, and follow up with a phone call to go over the findings and recommendations. I'm also careful to give farriers choices. We often ask them to do things that they're not comfortable doing. This could be due to inexperience or a prior bad experience. Either way, providing them with choices includes them in the decision-making process and insures that they are vested in the outcome.

The next question is follow-up. Assuming the horse has responded positively to the new shoeing, it's not uncommon for the foot and the farrier to drift back to old habits. Depending on the condition and response to the original shoeing, a follow-up set of radiographs in 2-3 shoeings can be valuable.

Considering the measurements of the foot after the initial shoeing to establish some benchmarks for future use can be helpful, as well. Two measurements to consider are hoof wall length (from the hairline at the toe to the end of the foot) and distance from the tip of the frog to the front of the shoe or foot. The hoof wall length might be as short as 3.25 inches up to 3.75 inches. The distance from the tip of the frog forward could be between 1.25 to 2.5 inches. However, I recommend being careful how you use these measurements since most farriers don't like having owners look over their shoulders!



MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership.

If you are not getting e-mails from LBHA, we may not have the correct e-mail or you are blocking LBHA. The Newsletter goes on line the first week of each month, so if you do not get a notice, just check the webpage and then get the correct e-mail to LBHA.

All Memberships expire December 31. New members joining after October 1 will renew December 31 of the following year. Pay on line the easy way! www.jotform.com

Being an LBHA Member is a great way to give back to our community.

We thank you in advance.

AD FEES For LBHA Members (Non-Members add \$10 to below fees)

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Next Meeting

**Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of each month
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Reminder!

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Arena

Please NO TRAILERS or HORSES on the asphalt parking lot. No barrels, poles or other equipment may be used in the arena. Small Orange cones allowed. Trainers must have an Arena Use form submitted annually as well as the proper insurance naming LBHA and Placer County as "Also Insureds." If Insurance is cancelled 2 times or more, the permit is no longer valid. Trainers MUST contact LBHA with the time and number of students that will be in class, 24 hrs before the lesson. (All Forms are on LBHA Website at LBHA.us)

Attention!

It is a privilege to have a key to the gates of our LBHA Arena.
 It's important to close and lock the red parking lot gates when you leave.
 We have had "renegades" come in during the night and early morning and use our arena for 4 wheeling and dirt donuts causing us to resurface and sand the arena.
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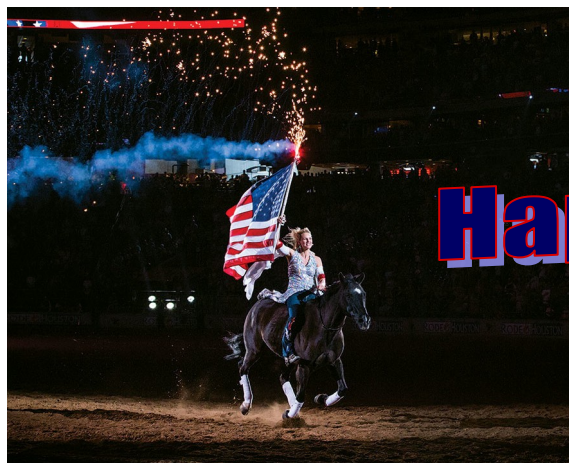
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Happy 4th of July!

From the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

ABOUT LBHA

The Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association founded in 1984 is a non-profit 501 (C) 3 information and awareness organization dedicated to the South Placer County Trails, Traylor Ranch, the Arena at the Loomis Basin Community Park and the Preservation of the Rural Lifestyle.

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