



NEWS



Board News...

Thank you to all of you who came and put in your vote at the **annual membership meeting** held at Homer City Hall on 11/14/07.

Passing of the officers and board members was unanimous by a show of hands. They are as follows:

President: Roberta Highland
Vice Pres: Renee Eidem
Treasurer: Donna Richards
Secretary: Janet Fink
Members at large:
Marian Beck
Rhonda Bradshaw
Shirley Schollenberg

We discussed raising and restructuring membership dues. They are to be changed as follows:

	Supporting	Riding
Individual:	\$ 30	\$ 60
Family:	\$100	\$200

Donna Richards explained to members present reasons why dues needed to be increased...

- Land payment
- Insurance
- Restrooms (finish)
- Parking lot, etc.

The Committee chairs explained what their committees had done over the past year and attempted to recruit more help for their committee.

Len & Jeanie Fabich showed a fantastic slide show of activities that have taken place over the past summer.

Mark Marette quoted a sad, but excellent poem he had written.

Tim and Sunrise sang beautifully.

We then visited and ate the goodies brought by the culinary committee.

Memberships

*We now have 106 members!
New Members to be added to your directories:*

#85 Tamara Schmidt
PO Box 65
Homer, AK 99603
Phone: 235-0142
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39340 Brenmark Rd
Homer, AK 99603
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Homer, AK 99603
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57179 E End Road
Homer, AK 99603
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PO Box 15235
Fritz Creek, AK 99603
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**#90 Jackie Eisenberg
Aurora & Skyler Shadle**
1552 Saltwater Drive
Homer, AK 99603
Phone: 299-1851
email: jackieeis@hotmail.com

*Memberships are due for 2008.
Please get your dues in ASAP so we can get the new directory out early in the year.*

New for '08:

You may put an ad in the directory for your business for as little as \$25 !

We will have the 2008 Directory out as soon as everyone renews his or her membership.

Check out the options available and call or email your area of "committee interest" before we get the '08 Directory done... you too could be on a committee. ☺

Kbay Equestrian Assoc. Email:
KbayEA@gmail.com

*Website: **KBEAHomer.org***
(under construction, but off to a great start – Thanks, Len Fabich!)

Use the attached NEW membership application to invite a friend to join KBEA. Complete the RENEWAL form to extend YOUR existing membership through 2008. Your continued support is appreciated!

Upcoming Events:

"Skratchers" Fundraiser:

We're ordering 100 cards and need volunteers to sell them. There will be a contest with prizes for the most \$ raised per family using skratchers.

Check out www.skratchers.com to see what it's all about.

Contact kbayea@gmail.com or Sandy Arndt 235-7028 to sign up for the contest & to get your cards.

"How Do I Donate?"

Just a thought:

We owe \$30,000 each June for the next 3 years for our land payment.

We have **81** family, single, joint, and youth memberships.

If each membership gave a **tax-deductible** donation of \$370 per year (or \$31 per month) we could meet our obligation each year.

Please consider donating what you can to make the burden lighter for all. (Income Tax Refund?)

Consider being a Sponsor:

Platinum:	\$1500 & above
Gold:	\$ 1,000 - \$1499
Silver:	\$ 500 - \$ 999
Bronze:	\$ 200 - \$ 499
Land Barron:	\$ 100 - \$ 199
Gambler:	\$ 50 - \$ 99
Cowpoke:	\$ 35 - \$ 49

Pick your poison:

Please make my contribution specifically for:

Land payment - \$	_____
Insurance - \$	_____
General Fund - \$	_____
Building Fund - \$	_____
Total \$	_____

Our sponsors will be listed in each newsletter.

Thank you for your consideration.

From The Horse's Mouth

By Roberta Highland



Howdy Everyone!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

We received an early present – a \$5,000 grant from the Eleanor & Henry Jansen Foundation. And then two, not one but **two** matching \$5,000 funds were received! We want to give a **BIG** Thanks to Marion & Dave Beck, the Jansen Foundation and an anonymous donor for their generosity. That brings us \$15,000 closer to complete our land purchase. Now all we need is \$1,000 153 times. Help!

With the above members in mind and the continued funds needed for land payments, insurance, the restrooms, parking and utilities we are asking our members to help by paying an increase in membership.

The new dues are:

Supporting Membership (individual)	\$ 30 per year
Supporting Membership (family)	\$100 per year
Riding Membership (individual)	\$ 60 per year
Riding Membership (family)	\$200 per year

FYI, 25% of the membership dues will go directly to a land purchase fund. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

The finance committee has been working on a \$23,000 grant to the Rasmusen Foundation for parking. A **BIG** Thanks to Cass Crandall for her many hours of work on this grant, with assistance from Marian Beck and other Board Members.

We held our annual membership meeting on November 14. The following were voted to serve on the Board: Roberta Highland – President, Renee Eidem – Vice-President, Donna Richards – Treasurer, Janet Fink – Secretary. Members at Large: Marian Beck, Rhonda Bradshaw and Shirley Schollenberg. We want to thank Cass Crandall for her time on the Board – she promises to continue helping on the Finance Committee. On December 7, 2007 the Board appointed Sarah Robertson to fill the seat vacated by Cass.

The Fundraising Committee is working on ideas and plans for the Winter and Spring – so please attend these events as they come along – we promise a good time.

Happy Trails.

Roberta Highland
President

Spring Fundraisers

Note Card/Calendar Pictures

We are looking for some seasonal pictures (winter, spring, summer & fall) to put in a future calendar.

We are also looking for some AWESOME pictures of Horses & Homer to make up into note cards to sell at Shorebird Festival & other places throughout the year.

Contact Jackie Eisenberg 299-1851 for more information and email pictures to jackieeis@hotmail.com

Alice's Cowboy Poetry Night
March 29th @ 6pm

We're planning a Fundraiser at Alice's Champagne Palace on March 29th beginning at 6 pm.

There will be a Local Cowboy Band; Great Food from Local Restaurants, Dancing (with lessons), Prizes for the "Best Dressed Cowpoke" & "Best Cowboy Boots"; and last but not least "Cowboy Poetry". Get those pencils & papers warmed up... you have less than two months to come up with that Great Classic Cowboy Poem that we all know is bottled up inside of you.

If you have questions, or want to help, call Tim Quinn 299-2780 and he will line you out with everything you need to know.



1st Annual Peninsula-Wide Tack Swap Event

Sponsored by the Trail Blazers 4-H Club

Be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting horse event on
Saturday, April 12th
10 am to 4 pm

The tack swap will be held at
the fairgrounds in Ninilchik

and will feature
tack sale booths, classes & learning stations
for all ages and all levels of horsemen!

Dr. Nybakken
will be available for "healthy horse" check-ups at a special fee

as well as
Farriers and 4-H leaders
to answer your horse-related questions

Short seminars will be held on issues such as
NAIS, training techniques & the 4-H horse program

The Trail Blazers cooking club
will be serving up
rodeo burgers, steer daubers (tater tots)
& other tasty snacks

Booth space is
FREE
so bring your old horse stuff and go home with a little cash!

Booth space must be reserved ahead of time, so call
Suzie Cobb
567-3373
for a table.

Deadline for reservations April 6th

Contact
Shirley Schollenberg
398-7665

if you would like to teach a short learning seminar
or have an interest you would like to learn more about

Come join us for a day of fun and learning at this

Equine Extravaganza!

Dangling Blanket Buckles:



To keep blanket buckles from coming undone, use a few small rubber washers stacked on each buckle tongue.

These will keep the tongue from floating around and working its way loose.

Funny Cowboy Quotes

Here are some cowboy quotes & tips for life:

There' are two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.

Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

If you find yourself in a hole the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Just 'cause trouble comes visiting doesn't mean you have to offer it a place to sit down.

When you're throwin' your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.

Never ask how stupid someone is 'cause they'll turn around and show you.

Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Committees:

Finance / Fundraising:

<i>Renee Eidem, Chair</i>	235-8567
Arndt, Sandy	Crandall, Cass
Eisenberg, Jackie	Fabich, Jeanie
Fabich, Len	Pierce, Therese
Quinn, Tim	Rourke, Shishana

Culinary:

<i>Kathy Simpson, Chair</i>	235-5528
Beck, Marian	Eisenberg, Jackie
Domela, Kristin	Lea, Sabrina
O'Neill, Melissa	

Building:

<i>Tim Quinn, Chair</i>	299-2780
Archibald, Robert	Barnett, Tamara
Eidem, Renee	Ervice, Elizabeth
Stuiver, Yolande	Willis, Skip

Historian / Marketing / News Letter / Web Site:

>>>We are desperately seeking a Chairperson & Web Designer
Thank you, Sabrina (**chairperson**) & Len (**web design**)



All your hard work this past year was much appreciated.

Arndt, Sandy	Cabana, Amber
Fabich, Jeanie	Fabich, Len
Kilcher, Mossy	Lea, Sabrina
Reed, Carrie	Rourke, Shishana

Transportation / Facility Rental / Travel:

<i>Renee Eidem, Chair</i>	235-8567
Arndt, Sandy	Cabana, Amber
Rourke, Shishana	Schollenberg, Shirley

Regulatory / Safety / Risk Reduction:

<i>Carrie Reed, Chair</i>	399-0140
Crandall, Cass	Emmit Trimble
Mary Trimble	

Check out the options available and call or email your area of "committee interest" before we get the '08 Directory done... you too could be on a committee. ☺

**It's not too late to volunteer - call 235-8567
email: KbayEA@gmail.com**

Horse Messages, Feedback & Body Language

from *Saddle Savvy* by Kaaren Jordan

Horses are the best judges of what works for them! Always put yourself in the horse's place, how would it feel if...? Be aware of the subtle and sometimes not so subtle messages your horse give you during grooming and tacking up. If you show your friend each piece of equipment before putting it on them, you will be able to gather valuable information on fit and comfort. Please note that sometimes it is the subsequent activity and not the equipment that they object to. Also notice body language, changes in facial expressions, breathing, shifting weight, muscle tension, etc.



Kaaren & her happy horse,
Lalli (Icelandic Pony)

The following is a partial list of Red Flags:

When the horse...

- is difficult to catch
- moves away when equipment is introduced
- pins its ears back
- bites, snaps the air or grinds teeth
- paws, kicks out or holds a high head and braced back
- is hard to mount or drops its back when being mounted
- is stiff or bucks under saddle
- will not lift its back or is 'barn sour'
- can not or will not respond to your requests under saddle
- spooks a lot

Green Lights!

When the horse...

- is easy to catch
- stands quietly while grooming or tacking up
- licks and chews when groomed or tacked up
- has a calm demeanor and a soft eye
- has relaxed muscles or a dropped head
- stands quietly under saddle
(an ill fitting saddle exerts more pressure standing still than when moving, thus any discomfort increases significantly when stationary).
- responds to cues under saddle and moves freely

NOTE: Mounting from the ground over time is a repetitive stress that should be minimized. Using a mounting block whenever possible prevents damage to your horse's back and ribs. Saddles also can become twisted through repeated ground mounting. Mounting from both sides will also help minimize repetitive stress to both horse and saddle.

Tracking Changes In Saddle Fit

By Kaaren Jordan

Keeping dated records and photos of your horse's topography, weight, etc. can come in handy in helping you assess saddle fit over time.

Sometimes just a different pad or shim or a spot flocking is all that is needed to fine-tune your fit.

Doing topline tracings (see Kaaren's website for details) and photos every 2-3 months will make sure that you always are working with current information.

Comparing the tracings and photos with the original and subsequent ones will give you a very clear picture of how your horse and your horse's saddle fit needs are changing.

If your horse has grown out of your current saddle's tree size, it may be possible to adjust the saddle.

Some saddles can have the gullet plates widened or even have the entire tree replaced for a price that is less than a new saddle.

Be a savvy consumer and ask the manufacturer if this is an option.

Record keeping will also give your saddler, fitter, body worker, farrier and veterinarian important information so they can help you and your horse enjoy many hours of happy riding.

About Kaaren Jordan –

"I have an acupressure and nutrition practice in Santa Ynez, CA focusing on both animals and their human companions. My work draws on more than 23 years of experience in the Oriental Healing Arts as well as in Western natural healing methods. I also have 18 years of riding and horse keeping experience and for the past 10 years I have conducted an intensive study of saddle fitting.

From this perspective over the years I have observed that many physical and behavioral issues can have roots in mis-matched equipment fit. For this reason I now teach saddle fitting as well as Jin Shin Jyutsu® acupressure self-help.

I am available both in person and by phone for saddle fitting education and consultations as well as JSJ self-help and personal sessions."

Kaaren may be reached at 805.688.2503 (11 a.m.- 6 p.m. Pacific Time, 7 days a week).

Be sure to visit her on the web! www.kaarenjordan.com

Fund Raising Update:

We REALLY need a Committee Chairperson!

The Fundraising Committee needs volunteers to help with fundraisers. We need funds to purchase items to maintain the park, props for playing games, as well as paying for the land and insurance.

A few semi-solid ideas we've come up with for this coming year are...

>"Scratchers" cards (Feb)
Sandy Arndt 235-7028

>Family Theatre movie night
pending Homer Theatre approval

>T-shirts, hats & mugs (Mar)
Shorebird Festival & beyond
Jeanie Fabich 235-4888

>Alice's Cowboy Poetry Nite
food/band/dancing/prizes
March 29 @ 6pm @ Alice's
Tim Quinn 299-2780

>Note cards/calendar (Apr)
email pictures to Jackie
jackieeis@hotmail.com
Jackie Eisenberg 299-1851

>Contra Dance & Food !!!
Jeanie Fabich 235-4888

>BBQ Cook Off (June/July)
details TBA later

Things are beginning to take off this season & we would really appreciate YOUR help.

Please call Renee 235-8567 or email KbayEA@gmail.com and we'll inform you of when the next meeting will be, or tell you where your help is needed.

Nikki, a beloved little mustang had to be put down two weeks ago and there were many sad hearts on that day. My daughter, Abi Daniels, was one of Nikki's previous owners and I jotted down the following poem in Nikki's memory.

A Tribute to Nikki

by Vicky Daniels

She was the fulfillment of many dreams
Of young, horse-adoring girls.
Girls who loved everything about the equine species
And read every book and article about them.
Until finally, the opportunity came to get their hands on
a real horse,
A little mustang named Nikki.

It was not just a dream anymore,
This horse would open the way to take riding lessons,
To attend horse camp, and to ride on the beach-
If the rider could make her walk down the village road
And keep her from turning around and running home.
That was Nikki.

Her gentle nature made it possible for mothers to feel
safe
And nod their heads in agreement to make the sale
final.
Yet her wise, sensitive spirit along with her spunk, gave
enough fight
To teach the wannabe equestrian that she must earn
the right
To ride, to command, and to be respected.
That was Nikki.

Spanning two decades there was Aurora, BJ, Sara, and
then Abi.
There was Sarah, Mattie, and then Hannah-
All brand new riders, all dreamers, all lovers of horses,
Feeding, brushing, riding, showing, winning blue ribbons-
Novices learning valuable life lessons from their first
beloved horse,
Nikki.

Now that Nikki's work is over, the last horse camp
attended,
The last flag proudly borne across the rodeo arena,
The final ride home after 23 years of training riders,
Lessons learned from her will not be soon forgotten
For they are a part of the hearts and lives of her
students and owners forever.
That was Nikki.

*Below is the article that came out in the
Peninsula Clarion's Neighbor's column
on Jan 28.*

In rural communities such as ours, difficult circumstances often reveal how many lives have been touched by a single individual or, in this instance, by a horse named Nikki. Those who have attended horse camp in Ninilchik during the past two decades got to know the beloved little mustang because she was used to help train young equestrians how to saddle, bridle, ride and properly show a horse year after year. Countless youngsters Peninsula wide got to know her from the horse rides they took while attending the Kenai Peninsula State Fair.

Nikki was born in 1985 and was purchased in 1987 by Pam Rodrigus, formerly of Anchor Point, for her daughters, Aurora Rodrigus and BJ Parr. Shirley Schollenberg, Trail Blazers 4-H Club leader and director of the annual 4-H horse camp said that Nikki was often used over the years by kids who did not have a horse of their own to take to camp. She said that Nikki was unique because her gentle spirit made a novice rider feel safe, yet, she possessed enough spunk to make her pupils earn the right to ride her and obey their commands.

Before Pam moved out of state, she sold Nikki to Sara Martin in Ninilchik. In 2001, Sara needed to move on so she posted an ad on the Ninilchik Post Office bulletin board that caught the eye of Ron Blough who bought the horse for his 12-yr-old granddaughter, Abi Daniels. I was present when misty-eyed Sara handed the lead rope to Abi, but Abi assured her that Nikki would be well loved and cared for. Nikki was Abi's dream come true and she couldn't believe that her mom (that happens to be me) really let her have a horse of her very own. Abi learned valuable lessons as she took total responsibility for her horse: feeding, watering, cleaning out the stable, and earning money to pay for feed.

When Abi outgrew Nikki, like previous owners, she was hesitant to give her up, but sold her to Larry and Suzan Cobb for their daughter, Sarah Cobb, another dreamer who longed to own a horse. When Sarah moved on to a more challenging horse, her younger sister, Mattie became the proud new owner. Last summer, when Mattie got a new horse, 10-yr-old Hannah Kelson started using her to learn to ride and took her to beginner horse camp.

It was a very sad day last week, when Nikki fractured her leg, and the vet had to put her down. Suzan Cobb said that her family was so touched by the outpouring of help and support they received. Now that Nikki's work is over, the last horse camp attended, the last ride on Ninilchik beach, and the last blue ribbon won, she made her final ride home after 23 years of training riders. Several of her pupils have expressed that lessons learned from Nikki helped mold their lives, and, like that special first love, their first horse will never be forgotten.

Are You Really Rotating Your Wormer?

By Shirley Schollenberg

Most of us know we should rotate wormers every so often but how many of us really keep track of which product we are giving and what parasites that product targets?

When considering purchasing a wormer, it is very important to note the *active compound* in the wormer. For instance, several companies make a wormer whose active base is Ivermectin, a product used to target tapeworms and bots. Equell, Bimectin, Zimecterin, IverCare, IverEase, Quest Plus, Equimax and Rotectin are all examples of wormers with an Ivermectin active ingredient.

If you purchase Quest Plus in the fall and Equimax for the next time you worm, you are only changing *brands* not ingredients. This is very important because if you don't change active compounds, you are only targeting a small portion of the parasites that our horses are subjected to.

Rotating wormers keeps those nasty bugs guessing. Some parasites have a very short life and reproduce so prolifically, that they quickly build up a resistance to a chemical treatment if it is used repetitively.

Here is a schedule that might help keep you on track:

<u>Time of Year:</u>	<u>Active Compound:</u>	<u>Target Parasites:</u>
Winter (January)	Fenbendazole	General control, All stages of encysted small strongyles
Spring (March)	Ivermectin	General control, Bots, tapeworms
Late spring (May)	Pyrantel Pamoate	General control roundworms
Summer (July)	Fenbendazole	General control, All stages of encysted small strongyles
Fall (September)	Ivermectin or Moxidectin	General control, bots, tapeworms
Late fall (November)	Pyrantel Pamoate	General control Roundworms

Remember –To have the most cost efficient, effective worming program you need to rotate the active compounds you are using, not just the color of the box!

CLASSIFIED ADS

~ Place an Ad ~

Members can place a classified ad for free here! Selling a horse or a saddle? Are you boarding horses or maybe looking for something special? We would love to include your ad in the newsletter!!!

~ Free Business Ad ~

We are looking to expand our newsletter! We need your business card size ad (or the info that you would put on a business card) I can design one for you if you don't have one! Most of you out there have a business, or a hobby you could advertise for FREE in our newsletter!

~ Ad in KBEA Directory ~

New for '08: You may put an ad in the directory for your business for as little as \$25 !

Contact me with info: *Sandy Arndt* arndtfarm@gmail.com or kbayea@gmail.com

~ Horse for Sale ~

Thoroughbred Gelding
11 yrs ~ 15.2+ hands
sweet disposition ~ FAST
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Leah Campbell 235-4040

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www.coastalequine.com

Allison 360 961 5537

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Crump 17.5" Prix deSaute,
Black.
Excellent "new" condition,
close contact saddle.
Includes girth, leathers & stirrups.
\$500.

Janice 235-7049

~ Saddle for Sale ~

Just in time for spring riding!
like new, light weight,
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for a medium sized rider,
used twice, includes stirrups
\$300.

~ Sickle Mower for Sale ~

used on
old fashioned Ford Tractors
(can be adapted to any tractor)
great for cutting weeds in pastures

Mossy 235-7540

Seaside Farm

~ Tack for Sale ~

Bridles
Bits
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Saddle Pad
Call for prices
ShiShi 235-1222

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\$125 per month/short term
\$8 per day (feed not included)

~ Dog Boarding Available ~

\$8 per day (feed included)

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\$4 per dozen
\$6 per 18

RENÉE @ The Haven 235-8567

~ Cat Needs Good Home ~

gray longhair
8 yo female,
sweet lap-cat
needs loving home.
Owner is leaving state.

AllEgra 235-1505



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Member's ads in the KBEA
Newsletter are FREE !!!!

Sterling Rose Saddlery

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with information/ideas **you** are interested in.

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Sandy: amdtfarm@gmail.com

or to any Newsletter Committee member

snail mail:

KBEA: PO Box 21, Homer

telephone:

Renee: 235-8567

or drop it off: Renee @ HEA

Its Winter.... Let's go riding!

As horse owners in Alaska, we are often limited to the places we can ride during the winter. Some of us settle for plowed subdivision roads, while others spend hours a week keeping their trailers shoveled out and watching the tides for weekend outings to the beach. If you're the kind of rider who wants to keep your horse in a steady training regimen throughout the winter or are just looking for a place to exercise with your four-legged friends, then we've got the solution for you!

A 72x120 foot covered arena is currently under construction at the Schollenberg's ranch near Anchor Point. The arena is a dome-style building with a bright, well-lit interior and choice footing. The arena will soon be open for public use with minimal fees assessed on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. All horse folks are welcome but please respect private property, clean up after and keep your furry pals on leashes or lead ropes at all times.

For use or rental information, please contact Shirley at 567-3467
or via email at shirley@horizonsatellite.com

An arena schedule as well as release forms will be available upon request or distributed in next month's newsletter.

Don't neglect your equine partner during the winter months this year!