



NEWS



Board News...

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 Marian Beck
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Invite Sponsors/Members!

Member:

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

Sponsor:

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

We so appreciate your donations to make Cottonwood Horse Park a reality. Please send your sponsorship to:
KBEA
PO Box 3120
Homer, AK 99603

Pick yer poison:
 Please make my contribution specifically for:

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

Sponsors 2009:

Our sponsors are listed in each newsletter.

Platinum:
Homer Foundation

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American Seafoods Company
Cass Crandall
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Renee Eidem
Homer Electric Association
Leah Jenkin
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Gambler:
Lisa Cutting
Vicki Rentmeester

Cowpoke:
Eileen Mullen

Thank you Sponsors 2009!

There is a full and complete list of all the Sponsors to date on the website! Check it out!

ANNUAL MEETING:
 We will have our annual KBEA meeting in Nov. @ City Hall.

Please plan to attend... date to be announced.

Newsletter Update

Now that the arena is up and running we will put out a Newsletter twice a year. April/May & Oct/Nov

Kachemak Bay Equestrian Assoc.
 Email: KbayEA@gmail.com
 Website: KbayEquestrian.org
 A BIG THANK YOU TO *Merry Web Designs* for doing our WEBSITE!!!

ARENA NEWS – Join us!

Potluck & Work Day
 Saturday, May 16th
 Cottonwood Horse Park
 starting 11 am
 We'll work til it's done.

Memorial Day Fundraiser
 Monday, May 25th
 Cottonwood Horse Park
 starting at 11:30 am
 ~ pony rides ~
 ~ riding demonstrations ~
 ~ chili cookoff ~
 \$20 entry fee for the cookoff grand prize ~ dinner for 2 at The Saltry Restaurant in Halibut Cove.
 Call Jackie @ 235-0192 for more information.



From The Horse's Mouth

By Roberta Highland



In Appreciation

Thank you to all of you who made the Cowboy Cabaret such a huge success!

We made approximately \$6,100.00 and there were about 150 people in attendance. It was a great event and fun was had by all.

Thank you too, for all the donations we received for the Silent Auction and for sharing your poems and stories. A host of local businesses gave to our cause and they are so appreciated as well.

A BIG thank you goes to Tim Quinn for being the main organizer, and to Jackie Eisenberg for all her hard work getting things set up for the Silent Auction and just being in charge. Your hard work was noticed and very much appreciated!!

Thanks to all for donating toward our land payment in June. We're still short about \$5,000... any ideas? Call Jackie @ 235-0192 with your ideas or to let her know you are interested in joining the fundraising committee.

Howdy Everyone!!!

Spring has sprung – and it's time to ride!!

We enjoyed another fantastic "Cowboy Cabaret" Fundraiser on April 3rd. Outstanding poetry, stories & music were enjoyed by all.

We have a huge work party planned for Saturday May 16th to get the Park spiffed up for summer. Hope to see you there!!

I can't wait to be able to say the CHP land is ours – but alas, we're not there yet. Fundraising continues to be a priority, along with having a lot of fun. We are still short about \$5,000 for our June 1st payment of 30,000.00, so any help would be appreciated. After the 6/1 payment we only need \$1,000 another one hundred and thirty times to complete the purchase.

We are happy to report we received a grant from the Homer Foundation of \$2,470 to build picnic tables and park benches, complete the restrooms and purchase a first aid kit. Thank you, so much – Homer Foundation.

We hired Jenny Carroll as a grant writer last winter and we have received \$500.00 from American Seafood to date. Other grants submitted include First National Bank of Alaska and T.O.T.E. Jenny helped us complete our business plan and also helped us begin a conversation with Rasmussen Foundation to apply for a Tier grant (which is anything over \$25,000). We continue to be hopeful grants will be forthcoming, however the downward economy is not helping our cause. Thus we continue fundraising like crazy.

There is an exciting Memorial Day event planned you can read about further in the newsletter. There is also a schedule of upcoming summer events & future fundraisers so please mark your calendar.

We have accomplished much to be proud of and we continue to thank everyone for their wonderful support.

Happy Trails!!!

Roberta Highland
President



Committees:

Finance / Fundraising:

Jackie Eisenberg, Chair 235-0192
Arndt, Sandy Crandall, Cass
Eidem, Renee Fabich, Jeanie
Koth, Annette Pierce, Therese
Quinn, Tim Rourke, Shishana

Culinary: Beck, Marian Eisenberg, Jackie

Building: Tim Quinn, Chair 299-2780
Archibald, Robert
Eidem, Renee Ervice, Elizabeth
Stuiver, Yolande Willis, Skip

Historian / Marketing / News Letter / Web Site:

>>>We are desperately seeking Chairperson!!!!



Arndt, Sandy Fabich, Jeanie
Kilcher, Mossy

Transportation / Facility Rental / Travel:

Renee Eidem, Chair 235-8567
Arndt, Sandy Schollenberg, Shirley

Regulatory / Safety / Risk Reduction:

Crandall, Cass

You may have noticed since last newsletter there are fewer people signed onto these committees... please renew your membership and renew your commitment to help!

Check out the options available and call or email your area of "committee interest" before we get the '09 Directory done...

you tooooooooooo could be on a committee. ☺

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

Upcoming Fundraisers:

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Be sure to renew your membership in a timely manner, and get your friends and family to join, too!

You can enjoy their company on the trail rides, clinics, play days, pony club, 4H events, etc this spring & summer and you can help raise money for next June's land payment!

We currently have sixty-nine KBEA Members. Thank you to all of you for your continued support. Don't forget to talk to your friends and get them to join in 2009.

WORK DAY & POTLUCK -
May 16th

CHILI COOK OFF, Pony rides,
and Riding Demonstrations -
May 25th

HOME MADE FLY SPRAY:

6 full caps	Avon Skin So Soft
1 cup	white vinegar
good squirt	Ivory liquid soap

Other popular add-ins include:

Listerine
Eucalyptus oil
Citronella oil

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A mixture of baby oil and mouth wash rubbed into the dock of the tail with a washcloth can help sooth the itchy spots that your horse has been rubbing.

# 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 ~

*Directory 2009: 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](mailto:arndtfarm@gmail.com) or [kbayea@gmail.com](mailto:kbayea@gmail.com)

~ Item for Sale ~

YOUR AD HERE!

~ Check This Out ~

GET THE WORD OUT!!!

[www.thesaltry.com](http://www.thesaltry.com)



Puppies/kittens for sale ?  
car or truck for sale ?  
personal land for sale ?  
looking to buy something ?

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



## The Haven

Horse Boarding  
Short term or Long Term  
\$8 day - \$200 month

### 235-8567 ask for Renee

summer pasture ~ individual corrals ~ covered stables

Trail access to Cottonwood Horse Park!!

Dog Boarding \$8 day (includes feed)

Fresh Chicken eggs \$5 per 12 or \$7.50 per 18

PO Box 21 ~ Homer, Alaska 99603

## PENINSULA VETERINARY SERVICES

Jerry Nybakken, DVM

Specializing in large animal medicine  
& "Exotic" animal medicine



Ranch calls available



48213 Funny River Road  
P.O. Box 1763  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

(907) 260-5850

(907) 252-7806 cell

[jerny@gci.net](mailto:jerny@gci.net)

(907) 262-1441 fax

## ~ Newsletter Input ~

We want to make this YOUR newsletter,  
with information/ideas  
**you** are interested in.

Send info by **email**:

KBEA: [kbayea@gmail.com](mailto:kbayea@gmail.com)

Sandy: [arndtfarm@gmail.com](mailto:arndtfarm@gmail.com)

or to any Newsletter Committee member

KBEA: PO Box 3120, Homer

Sandy Arndt: 235-7028

**or drop it off:** Renee Eidem @ HEA

## The Kbay Ferry & Saltry Restaurant still Rock!

**Kachemak Bay Ferry**

**PO Box 6410 ~ Halibut Cove, AK 99603**

**(907) 235-7847**

Saltry Restaurant ~ [www.thesaltry.com](http://www.thesaltry.com)

Lunch 1-3 pm. Dinner 6-9 pm. Dinners \$14 to \$25

Reservations are required 296-2223

## Clicker Training isn't just for Horses!

In summer 2004, I took a horse clicker training workshop at Ina Jones arena on East End Road. I had just gotten my two little horse-faced pals, Indigo and Gypsy, and I wanted a good way to train them to do all sorts of necessary and fun things, like allowing me to put their halters on, come, ring a bell, pick up a halter, go in the barn, and more. The workshop was impressive.

I watched horses learn to do needed tasks within fifteen minutes. One of the workshop organizers showed off her incredible little dog that could do a whole set of tricks, including a high five. It was amazing! I was hooked.

So I went back to my little horse-faced pals, alpacas really, and started clicker training them. It took me a while to get the hang of it, but soon I had them coming to a target, walking mazes, jumping jumps, ringing a bell, picking up a halter, throwing a ball, going into the barn, standing still (most of the time), and cushing (alpaca talk for lying down). You can see some of their accomplishments at <http://www.vimeo.com/videos/search:Nina%20Faust>.

So the bottom line--if I can train alpacas to do all these fun and necessary things, just think what you could do with your horse.

Now I hope someone in the horse community will do a T-Touch workshop so my little horsies can benefit from that!

Nina Faust



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I wanted to share this sensational resource,  
<http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/resources/webcasts>  
which has a number of very interesting webcasts on a variety of horsekeeping topics.  
Check it out!

~Meg Ciciarella

## THE HORSES VITAL SIGNS:

| VITAL SIGN                             | IDEAL TEST RESULT                                                                                              | POTENTIAL PROBLEMS                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Capillary refill time                  | Press horse's gums firmly:<br>They'll blanch, but should return to their normal pink color within 1-2 seconds. | <i>Color returns too fast:</i><br>High blood pressure, agitation, anxiety.<br><i>Color returns too slowly:</i><br>Shock, poisoning.                            |
| Digital pulse<br>(pulse found in foot) | Take on inside of ankle below fetlock:<br>it should be hard to feel, but detectable.                           | A strong digital pulse is a symptom of various foot problems, especially laminitis.                                                                            |
| Gum color                              | Pale to bubblegum pink.                                                                                        | <i>Pale color</i> indicates anemia, <i>a blueish tinge</i> a lack of oxygen, which could be a sign of heart disease, lung failure, or colic.                   |
| Gut sounds                             | Long and short rumbles and gurgles.                                                                            | Quiet for longer than 2 minutes is a bad sign.                                                                                                                 |
| Heart rate                             | 30-44 beats per minute.                                                                                        | <i>Too fast:</i> recent exercise, pain, fever, heat stroke, shock, anxiety, heart abnormality.<br><i>Too slow:</i> Hypothermia, shock, reaction to medication. |
| Respiratory rate                       | 10-15 breaths per minute                                                                                       | <i>Too fast:</i> recent exercise, heat stroke, shock, respiratory track infection, electrolyte imbalance.<br><i>Too slow:</i> see heart rate                   |
| Temperature                            | 99-101* F (37.2-38.3*C)                                                                                        | <i>Above normal:</i> heat stroke, infection, excess exertion.<br><i>Below normal:</i> shock, hypothermia.                                                      |

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### *Startling facts about the horse family...*

A horse's stomach holds only 2-4 gallons at a time.

The equine small intestine is about 70 feet long.

A horse's large colon can hold 20-25 gallons.

Horses cannot vomit or burp, nor are they able to breathe through their mouth.

Most horses have 175 bones in their bodies.\*

Standing at rest, the horse carries between 60 and 70 percent of its weight on its forelimbs.

Horses are the only animals (other than humans) who sweat through their skin.

A horse uses up more energy when it is lying down than it does when standing.

Of all the world's countries, China, Ethiopia, and Mexico have the largest population of donkeys.

\*18 ribs, 6 lumbar vertebrae and 18 tail vertebrae, but Arabian horses have only 17 ribs, 5 lumbar vertebrae, and 16 tail vertebrae.

Hay! Members! ~ What do you think about this? We need your input!!!!

"How to bombproof your horse" by Rick Pelicano.

A mounted police officer in the Washington D.C. area who trains PD horses and has for the last 20 years.

Paraphrased response from the author of " How to bombproof your horse" when asked if he was willing to do a clinic for us here in Alaska.

*WOW Alaska? I never thought I would get a request way up there!*

*I'm not sure how to explain about what we call "travel clinics". They are not easy to do because of logistical issues. I still work full time at the police dept and the rest of my staff have full time jobs. So first is the taking off work issue, and then I have to make sure they are compensated for missing work. At the very least we are looking at 3 days (travel to, clinic day, travel back) so it gets pricey. Travel clinics start at \$5000 then I have to look at all associated costs. I like to bring 3 staff with me.*

*I can do 2 three-hour sessions with up to 25 horses per session. So that is potentially 50 horses per day. Since I will be flying, you will have to provide all of the equipment.*

*That is it in nutshell. So let me know if it is even close to feasible and we can look at it further.*

*Thanks  
Rick*

*So gang, do you think we could get 50 horses for a clinic like this? If he charged us \$7000.00 at 50 horses it would cost us each \$140.00.*

*Let me know what you think.*

*Thanks  
Lyn Patton*

*A thought:*

*maybe people (or Homer businesses) would donate mileage or companion discount coupons to get them here?*

*Sandy*

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**A GOOD STAIN REMOVER:**

You can use white vinegar, diluted on a washcloth, to remove grass or manure stains from your horse.

**APPLE CIDER VINEGAR:**

Old-timers advocate feeding apple cider vinegar to horse to aid in fly control. Up to ¼ cup (60 ml) can be added to the horses feed, or up to a Tablespoon to the water.

## Cottonwood Horse Park 2009 Calendar of Events

There are dates on this list that are not KBEA sponsored events but may be of interest to members.

March 27<sup>th</sup> Pony Club Quiz – Statewide Rally Spaghetti dinner W. Homer Elementary 6:30 pm

March 28<sup>th</sup> Pony Club Quiz – Statewide Rally 8am – 5pm W. Homer Elementary - Jackie 235-0192

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Cowboy Poetry – Alice’s Champagne Restaurant Fundraiser for CHP - Tim Quinn 299-2780

April 17<sup>th</sup> Statewide 4-H Horse Bowl 10 am Horse judging @ Shirley Schollenberg’s

April 18<sup>th</sup> Statewide 4-H Horse Bowl - Soldotna Horse bowl quiz-presentations-public speaking

Shirley Schollenberg 398-7665

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May 16th Potluck & Work Day @ Cottonwood Horse Park – Roberta Highland 235-8214

May 25th 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off (pony rides, demonstrations) - Jackie Eisenberg 235-0192

May 26th – 29th Senior Horse Camp – Fairgrounds - Shirley Schollenberg 398-7665

May 30th Horse Camp juniors only horse show – Fairgrounds Ninilchik

May 31st – June 2nd Junior Horse Camp – Fairgrounds Ninilchik - Shirley Schollenberg 398-7665

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Starting June 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesdays) 6:30pm – 8:30pm Western/English lessons – fee charged

(Fundraiser for Cottonwood Horse Park) - Donna Richards 226-2256

June 8<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup> Horsemasters Camp @ Cottonwood Horse Park - Cass Crandall 235-3433

Starting June 15<sup>th</sup> (Mondays) 10:30am – 12:30pm Ridge Riders 4-H rides at CHP - Donna 226-2256

June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup> Pony Club Camp @ Cottonwood Horse Park - Cass Crandall 235-3433

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Peninsula Fun Series Horse Show - CHP arena Homer - Donna Richards 226-2256

June 27 Trail Ride Extraordinaire – location TBA - Shirley Schollenberg 398-7665

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July 4th KBEA rides in Homer parade

July 18th 2nd Peninsula Fun Series Horse Show – SEA arena Soldotna - Kristie Sellers 260-1944

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August 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Peninsula Fun Series Horse Show – Fairgrounds Ninilchik - Shirley 398-7665