



NEWS



Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 9, in the West Homer Elementary School Library.

45 people were present including all current board members. Marian Beck, Chris Day, Renee Eidem, Jackie Eisenberg, Janet Fink, Roberta Highland, Tommy Patton, Tim Quinn, Donna Richards, Sue Robinson were nominated and elected for the 2011 KBEA board.

Carmen Field spoke about the Nature Rocks group in Homer & how it evolved to the Mud Wallow at the park.

Anna Marie shared her award winning 4-H presentation: A Horse's Heart.

Sue & Janet shared a photo reflection on summer activities at the horse park.

Donna recognized award winners for Peninsula Horse Series Show

Lyn Patton summarized the years activities for Kachemak Pony Club. There were 19 active members this year making them *the largest club in the region.*

Roberta revealed 2011's committees: building, fundraising, newsletter, historian.

Marian explained the new toxins that are now being found in our local grasses. She emphasized that it might be constriction due to toxin, not colic.

Entertainment by Tim & Sunrise. Thank You!

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Tom Patton

Sue Robinson

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*We appreciate your donations to make Cottonwood Horse Park a reality. Please send your sponsorship to:
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It's That Time Of Year Again!

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From The Horse's Mouth



Howdy Everyone!!!

KBEA has had another great year with fun, action, and accomplishments. This just doesn't happen by itself--so "THANK YOU" to all those who made it happen. You'll be reading about some of the events in the following pages.

We had a rousing third annual "Cowboy Caberet" at Alice's in April--food, entertainment, and auctions raised \$10,511.00. Thank you especially to Tim Quinn and our emcee Mark Marette. There are DVDs available--contact Sue Robinson .

The remainder of the Homer Foundation Grant paid for beautiful steps at the park designed by Larry Smith and built by Tim Quinn and Dave Beck--two of our finest volunteers.

KBEA continues and continues and continues to fundraise--we happily raised the \$30,000 annual payment so now all we need is \$100,000. Please help us raise this money. Do like I do and stop strangers on the street and ask for money for this exciting cause. Better yet, ask your friends and relatives. Of course, they will soon start running the other direction when they see you coming, but don't let this stop you--just do it.

I want to thank Melody Martin and her family for the great job of maintaining the park this summer. They hung a new gate, fixed and painted boards on the arena, weed whacked and mowed, cleaned restrooms, hauled garbage, etc. Well done!

Yes, another exciting year at Cottonwood Horse Park (CHP) and with each passing year there are more people finding their way to our lovely park--thank you everyone!

The following are excerpts from "Horse Wisdom--Life Lessons from the Saddle"--in honor of our magnificent friends, our horses.

Horses strengthen our attributes and tone our temperaments.

*Spending time with horses changes you:
it deepens your soul and diminishes your ego.*

*Working with horses humbles us,
makes us aware that we are not
preeminent in the scheme of
existence.*

*There are rides that build trust in
yourself,
leaving you ready for the
unexpected in the rest of your life.*

Committees for 2010:

Building: Tim Quinn, Chair
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Lyn Patton
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235-8567
Sandy Arndt
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Reduction:**
Cass Crandall

A big THANK YOU to [Tim Quinn](#) & [Jackie Eisenberg](#) for all their work in organizing the Cowboy Cabaret again for 2010. It was YET AGAIN a huge success and we brought in over \$10,500.00 in profit. What a tremendous help in making our land payment.

Happy Trails!!!.

Roberta Highland

President



A big THANK YOU to the rest of you that read or recited your poems, collected items donated for the Silent Auction, and helped with the different jobs the night of the big event. Your hard work did not go unnoticed!

*Thank you to everyone who
volunteered last year...
we couldn't have done it
without your help!!!*

Many hands make light work! ☺

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



Upcoming Fundraisers:

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Renew your membership for 2011. Get your friends and family to join, too! The more the merrier!

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

We currently have 87 KBEA Members. Thank you all for your continued support. Don't forget to talk to your friends and get them to join in 2011.

The Cowboy Cabaret is going to be April 2nd 2011 at Alice's. Mark your calendars and watch for updates! You may call Tim or Jackie if you want to help out.

Committees for 2011:

Building: Tim Quinn,
Chair 299-2780

Fundraising:
Jackie Eisenberg,
Chair 235-0192

Historian: _____ ?

News Letter: Sandy Arndt,
Chair 235-7028

You may have noticed... there are fewer Committees to sign up for this year. Be sure to sign up for your committee soon!

Check out the options available & call or email your area of "committee interest" before we get the 2011 Directory done...



We need a park host. If you have a family member or friend that would be interested in camping out for the summer please

contact Roberta at 235-8214 or Renee at 235-8567 for more information.

Kachemak Cowboy Race challenge 2010

We had an exciting new event for our Memorial Day Grand Opening Party this year. Donna Richards and helpers organized a "cowboy race" as seen on RFD-TV. The course was patterned after the Extreme Cowboy Race guidelines. There were 8 contestants, an amazing obstacle course and some amazing horses too! Sue Robinson and Shirley Cox were our judges.



Elissa Tutt rides through the Cowboy Curtain



Cass Crandall jumps hay bales

First place in the senior division was Katie Matthews on Gauge and second place was Tommy Patton on Gunner. Junior division first place winner was Elissa Tutt on Capri and second place was Hannah Kelson on Red.



Katie Matthews roping the barrel on Gauge



Tommy Patton crossing the bridge on Gunner

A fun time was had by everyone, riders and spectators alike. We would like to thank everyone who donated their time to help with this special event.

2010 Peninsula Fun Show Series



The 2010 horse show season got off to a wet start in June at Cottonwood Horse Park. Our judge was Allison Trimble from Ferndale, WA, daughter of Emmett and Mary Trimble. This was the second year Allison judged for us and both years she donated her time and expertise as judge to benefit the park. Her generosity and support is greatly appreciated by everyone who has worked so hard on the park project. Thank you Allison!

Despite the rain, we had a good turn out with riders from Homer, Soldotna and Kenai. A new twist was added this year with 4-H horse project riders from 4-H clubs all over the peninsula also being judged in English Equitation/Western Equitation to try and qualify for a 4-H finals class that was held at the last show in August. In order to qualify for the finals class, either English or Western, a rider must win three blue awards in that division. These awards are judged on the Danish system, which allows for more than one rider to receive a blue ribbon. The Danish system judges on how well a rider completes the commands asked of them while riding in the class. If all commands are completed well, they receive a blue award, if the judge feels some more work is needed on completing a specific command or commands, a red is awarded and if it is felt more work is needed, a white is awarded. The riders are not judged against other riders but how well they completed what was asked of them.



Elissa Tutt riding Capri - Jr. Trail Class – Ninilchik Melanie Mastolier riding Go Go Gizmo - Jr. Trail class - Homer

Many of the junior participants who rode in the show were from horse related clubs such as 4-H and Pony Club and did a great job of showing off the skills they have learned as members of these two great youth oriented clubs. We also had a much greater turn out of adult riders as well. Yahoo!!! I am glad that more “seasoned” people decided to have fun along with the kids and apply their skills and show off their horses in different classes. It is so much fun to compete and make friends along the way. Just ask any of the kids.

The second show of the season was held in Soldotna in July and started out a little cold and wet but turned out to be a good day. Once again riders came from around the Peninsula and had a chance to compete in a number of the 22 classes offered. The last show of the series was held in August in Ninilchik, which also had some of the wet stuff falling from the sky. By then I think everyone was resigned to the fact that the rain was not going anywhere and came out anyway and we all had fun riding in the rain. Can't keep a true horseperson down!

The 4-H finals class was held at the Ninilchik show with Anna Marie Motis winning the English Equitation and Shishana Rourke winning the Western Equitation. Both these girls are members of Ridge Riders 4-H horse project here in Homer, *your 4-H leader is proud of you.* Congratulations!

The season is complete and year end awards have been ordered. To qualify to win a year end award a rider must show in two of the three shows offered. The following riders will be recipients of year end awards for having the most points in one or more classes. Thank you to everyone who came to these shows and supported us in our efforts to provide a fun time for all.

Elissa Tutt – Capri

Halter Mares, Showmanship 14 & under, Trail Horse Junior, Western Pleasure Junior, Discipline Rail Open, Western Equitation Junior, Stock Horse/Reining

Lori Nelson - RC Hollywood Custom

Halter Geldings

Shishana Rourke – Orion’s Crown Royal

Trail Horse Senior, Beginner Horse 6 & under Open

Melanie Mastolier – Go Go Gizmo

Showmanship 13 & under, Hunter Under Saddle Junior, English Equitation Junior, Trail Horse In-Hand Open

Kristie Sellers – Two Doc Two

Western Pleasure Open, Western Pleasure Senior, Western Equitation Senior

Jenna Hansen – JJ

Hunter Hack Open, Hunter Over Fences Open, Equitation Over Fences Open

Western Junior High Point Over All – Elissa Tutt

English Junior High Point Over All – Melanie Mastolier

Western Senior High Point Over All – Kristie Sellers

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Elissa Tutt & Capri with her awards – Homer



Anna Marie Motis & Cutter with her awards - Ninilchik

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~ *Winter Weather - What about the Horse?* ~

Take Good Care!

Jim Hamilton, DVM

There are several "extra" considerations when it comes to your horse's well being/survival during very cold winter weather. It is important to take special precautions because it is much easier (and cheaper) to think ahead than react after the fact. The age of the horse, does he normally live in or out, has he been clipped, are there automatic waterers or buckets... all factor into the winter equation.

When you go to feed the horse on that ever-so-cold day, keep in mind that a large portion of the energy that is consumed will go to heating the body so, a higher dietary energy content is important. Another consideration is adequate water consumption. Studies have shown that if the water is warmed up, the amount consumed by the horse is much higher. Therefore, work several water changes into the schedule to promote more drinking. Any horse vet will tell you that most colics during the winter are impaction/constipation colics which, in large part, are due to poor water intake - a little extra labor now is much cheaper than the vet bill later!

If your horse lives out a lot, then construction of a run-in shed (wind break) should be top priority. During heavy snow, the shed provides the only dry place in which to sleep - make sure to find a level spot in the field and face the opening to the south for maximum sun. The shed is a good place to feed and, if designed with a gate across the open side, you can close the animal in on the worst of days.

There are many horse owners who boast of their animal's "thick skin", their amazing tolerance of a frigid environment. One can only wonder how that judgment is made. Hopefully the criteria is something other than survival!



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2011

We would like to make up a KBEA Directory again this year. We need everyone to get their membership in by the end of April so we know who to include. We don't want to leave anyone out!

We had a total of 87 Members for 2010 ~ 20 supporting members & 67 riding members!

Thank you all. Your support is very much appreciated!!!

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