



# NEWS



## In the news...

### Contra Dance/Auction!



On Saturday night April 21<sup>st</sup> we are holding a fund-raising auction/contra dance at West Homer Elementary. Doors open at 7:00pm and the dancing begins at 7:30. Please bring a dessert to auction off if you can and **bring lots and lots of money** to spend!

As you know, we are raising money to buy the property for the Cottonwood Horse Park so all the riding groups in the area can have a "home" that we can buy insurance for and practice our magnificent riding skills...



### "How Do I Donate?"

Total needed: \$200,000.00  
Raised so far: 24,805.00  
Total still needed: \$175,195.00

### Fund Raising

#### *Coming in April 21st...*

Contra-Dance/Auction  
Fund-raiser!

#### *Possible future fundraisers:*

No response has been received in regards to the invitation mailed to Garth Brooks for the possible fund raising concert in Anchorage. It is disappointing but at least we tried.



#### ***BIG yard sale:***

The Fund Raising Committee is also planning a big yard sale that will consist of items donated to KBEA by you. It is being planned for the end of May at the Park and can be anything lying around your house that you no longer want to keep. Please call Therese at 235-1846 or Renee at 235-8567 to arrange pick up of your donations. A big thanks to Eileen Mullen who has already donated a big pile of neat stuff.

### Memberships

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships. After all the dues have been paid our memberships are down just a little bit. We now have 73 members.

#### ***New Members to be added to address, phone and email books:***

#6 Jeanie Fabich  
(Single to Family membership)

Len Fabich, Garrity, Jenna,  
Libby, and Delta

#14 Tamara Farrow  
now Tamara Barnett  
(Name Change)

#21 Shirley Schollenberg  
new email:

[shirley@horizonsatellite.com](mailto:shirley@horizonsatellite.com)

#29 Mossy Kilcher  
(Single to Joint membership)

Conni Klingel

#43 Ingrid Avril  
(Single to Joint membership)  
Skip Avril

#58 Kalista Avril  
907-235-7366  
4510 Thomas Ct  
Homer AK 99603

#59 Sierra Avril  
907-235-7366  
4510 Thomas Ct  
Homer AK 99603

#60 Leah Campbell  
Mariah Campbell  
PO Box 428  
Anchor Pt., AK 99556  
907-235-4040  
[campbell@xyz.net](mailto:campbell@xyz.net)

# Board News...



## Upcoming meetings:

### Board Meetings:

April 26, 2007  
Homer Library, at 5:30 pm

May 10, 2007  
Homer Library, at 5:30 pm

May 24, 2007  
Homer Library, at 5:30 pm

### Fund Raising Committee Meeting

April 19, 2007  
Homer Library, at 6:00 pm

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Hi everyone - Could you take a few moments and send a letter of support to Senator Stevens and Representative Seaton regarding funding for the Cottonwood Horse Park? We really need to send them as many letters as we can so that they can see that the Park has tremendous community support.

I have attached a letter to each of the legislators. You can simply sign these letters and send them or you can use the information they contain to create your own letters. Either way - please send each legislator a letter as soon as you can.

If you know others who support the Cottonwood Horse Park, please get them to send in a letter as well. Please make as many copies of the letters as you want.

Thank you very much!

*Cass*

## From The Horse's Mouth

by Renee Eidem

*Dear members,*

Spring is in the air. It is feeling warmer, getting muddy, birds are arriving and our horses are feeling frisky. Summer is on its way, which means it's time to start riding!

The Board has been working to get things planned and ready for an exciting summer venue. Items in the works are as follows:

1. The 501 c 3 application has been completed and mailed to the IRS thanks to the generous help of Judy Lund at Sundog Consultants.
2. As of yet there has been no word from the Charlotte Martin Foundation where another grant application has been submitted.
3. Work is being done to secure the Cottonwood Horse Park property, as our lease is up in June 2007. Nothing has been finalized yet.
4. Letters have been mailed to our State Senator and Representative in hopes of receiving funding for the park. Cass sent out form letters to all of us to be signed and mailed in. If this is a project you would like to see state funding for, it is very important that time is taken to get them signed and mailed in. Thanks Cass for your hard work on that.
5. We are now Homer Chamber of Commerce Members.
6. Tim Quinn will be heading up the Building Committee to build a nice sign for the Park as well as a bulletin board for posting the arena schedule and special events. He presented some very nice choices to the Board. Thanks Tim for all your hard work on that.
7. A schedule is being worked out for use of the arena for open riding by the general membership, riding lessons, clinics, and events. Once it has been figured out it will be posted at the arena and sent to you via the Newsletter.
8. Criteria and appropriate forms are being drawn up for the use of the arena. The Board has been reviewing criteria of other arenas in the state to help narrow down decisions that need to be made in this regard.
9. A calendar of events has been planned. It is our hope that you will plan to attend at least 1 of these summer events designed for your riding pleasure and education.

Thanks to all of you that renewed your memberships for 2007. Your continued support and involvement in this project is appreciated.

*Happy Spring,*

*RENEE*



Representative Paul Seaton  
Capital Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Cottonwood Horse Park

Dear Representative Seaton:

I am writing this letter in support of the Cottonwood Horse Park, a project being promoted by the Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association (KBEA) and the Kenai Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council (KPRC&D) and listed in the City of Homer's Capital Improvement Plan.

Homer and the surrounding communities are in urgent need of a horse park to provide a safe place for instruction, training and recreational fun for the many children and adults who currently own horses or want to learn more about them through lessons or simply by watching other riders in action. The Cottonwood Horse Park will meet this need as well as providing an exhibition arena for other animals for 4-H and Future Farmers of America.

In addition, the Cottonwood Horse Park will have broad community benefit by serving as a multi-use trailhead linking a variety of recreational facilities such as the East End Road bike path, the Jack Gist Park, and the proposed Beluga Lake trail network. It will provide parking, restroom facilities and access to the bicycle path and trail system users.

We are asking your help in securing funding in the amount of \$180,000 to purchase the land for the Cottonwood Horse Park. Please feel free to call Renee Eidem, KBEA President at 235-8567 or Roberta Highland, Vice President at 235-8214 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Gary Stevens  
Capital Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

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## Ride Safety \_\_\_\_\_

by Carrie Reed

### **Most severe head injuries can be prevented**

*Like football, baseball, hockey and bicycling, horseback riding is an activity for which helmets are essential for safety.*

### **Always wear a helmet when mounted on a horse. It can save your life!!!**

*While a broken leg or arm will mend, a 'broken brain' can't.*

### **A safe helmet meets the ASTM F1163 standard and is SEI approved.**

*Look for this mandatory label on the inside of the helmet.*

### **A helmet must be secure:**

*Always fasten the harness before mounting the horse and leave it fastened until dismounted.*

### **Choose a helmet for your riding style.**

*There are new light weight, ventilated equestrian helmets available in assorted styles and colors.*

*Head injuries are for life! Wear a helmet!*

## Safety Tips:

Originally appeared in Aug/Sept 1995  
HORSEPOWER Magazine for Young Horse Lovers

### *Using Your Head Around Horses*

*Can Save ALL Your Body Parts From Harm*

#### **In The Trailer:**

Determine if your horse has enough headspace in the trailer.

If his ears are touching the roof when his head is at a normal level, the ceiling is too low.

Check your trailer over thoroughly at the beginning of each season and make a point of giving it a once-over before every use.

Areas to pay particular attention to are the floor, doors, latches, hitch, safety chains, wiring, lights, tires and brakes.

Teach your horse to load quickly and quietly. Get help from a professional if necessary.

The driver should haul the trailer as if there were a glass of champagne on his dashboard - and he didn't want to spill a drop. This means no sudden stops or starts and easy does it on the corners.

## *Committees:*

### **Finance / Fundraising:**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Therese Pierce, Chair</i> | 235-1846              |
| Arndt, Sandy                 | Beck, Dave            |
| Beck, Marion                 | Eidem, Renee          |
| Fabich, Jeanie               | Highland, Roberta     |
| Rourke, Shishana             | Schollenberg, Shirley |
| Simpson, Greg                | Simpson, Kathy        |

### **Culinary:**

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kathy Simpson, Chair</i> | 235-5528        |
| Beck, Marion                | Domela, Kristin |
| Lea, Sabrina                |                 |

### **Building:**

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

### **Historian / Marketing / News Letter / Web Site:**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Sabrina Lea, Chair</i> | 235-5900         |
| Arndt, Sandy              | Cabana, Amber    |
| Fabich, Jeanie            | Kilcher, Mossy   |
| 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> | 299-4047 |
| Crandall, Cass            | 235-3433 |



***It's not too late to volunteer, call 235-8567.***



## The Natural Horse

by Sabrina Lea

### *Garlic Breath?*

Keeping your horse's immune system healthy in Alaska throughout the year can keep your horse strong and help reduce vet bills. Any time the weather turns for the worst, your outdoor animals have to adjust to the stress physically. Although we look forward to springtime riding and sunshine, it can cause anything from "the sniffles" and infections passed from horse to horse, to joint pain and stress on the organs and other maladies.

Garlic is one of the absolute best ways to support a healthy immune system naturally. It has an arsenal of fighting agents that help keep you riding, and we all live to ride! Garlic properties include the following: antiseptic, antibiotic, antimicrobial, anthelmintic, expectorant, diaphoretic, hypotensive, anti-diabetic and anti-thrombotic (*A Modern Horse Herbal* by Hillary Page Self).

"Garlic is now included in many of the proprietary brands of horse coarse mixes, as well as being available in powdered form for addition to feed. Garlic is ideal for any respiratory disorder. Rich in sulphur, which is excreted through the pores of the skin, garlic cleanses the blood and when excreted will help to deter biting flies (hey, we could really use that here, too!). With regard to digestion, garlic supports the development of natural bacterial flora, so vital to a good digestive system, whilst killing pathogens. Garlic is one of the best herbs to use when wishing to protect animals or humans from infection. Used in a prophylactic way internally it can guard against coughs, viral infection, and worm infestation. Externally, the juice from a cut bulb can be used on cuts, bites, stings, ringworm, lice, and tick bites. "

6 - 8 fresh, crushed cloves daily, or 15-30 grams of pure garlic powder daily. Introduce gradually. They love it! Not suggested for nursing mares.

If you are concerned about the health of your horse, contact your vet immediately

## *Top 10 Spooky Things*

### *A horse's point of view*

#### **#10. Blowing Paper:**

*"At any moment it could whip up into our faces, covering our noses. We could suffocate. And don't try to tell us you'd do CPR."*

#### **#9. Barking Dogs:**

*"What? You've never read Stephen King's CUJO?"*

#### **#8. Puddles of Water:**

*"Quicksand."*

#### **#7. Trash Cans:**

*"They've been known to swallow horses and transport them into another dimension."*

#### **#6. Babies and Li'l Kids:**

*"Long lost tribe of horse-eating pygmies."*

#### **#5. Plaid Horse Blankets:**

*"Hey, when was the last time you wore plaid? It adds 100 lbs."*

#### **#4. Ropes and Hoses on the Ground:**

*"Dreaded North American Trail Snakes."*

#### **#3. Ponies:**

*"Cute, clever, hardy. They want to take over the world."*

#### **#2. Windy Days:**

*"Two Words: impending tornado."*

#### **#1. Carts and Wagons:**

*"Look. You put a human on our backs; we can always buck them off. But hitching a horse to a wheeled object? It's just not right."*

## Cowboy Quotes & Tips To Live By

Never drive black cattle in the dark.

The only good reason to ride a bull is to meet a nurse.

Make apologies not excuses.

Water and truth are freshest at their source.

Don't go in if you don't know the way out.

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***It's that time of year again!***

**Seller's Terms...**

(what they say & what they really mean...)

**Big Trot:** *can't canter within a 2 mile straightaway*

**Nicely Started:** *we can lounge him, but we don't have enough insurance to ride him yet*

**Top Show Horse:** *won a reserve championship 5 years ago at a show with unusual low entries due to a hurricane*

**Home Bred:** *knows nothing except being raised on the front porch*

**Recently Vetted:** *someone else found something badly wrong with the horse*

**Big Boned:** *good thing horse has mane & tail or he would be mistaken for a cow*

**Doing Courses:** *when tranquilized to the eyeballs & lunged 6 hrs straight before hand*

**Well Mannered:** *hasn't stepped on, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week*

**Professionally Trained:** *my brother, the lawyer, rode him once.*

**Should Mature 16 hands:** *currently 13h, dam is 14.3hh, sire is 15hh, every horse in pedigree back 18 generations is under 15h but this horse will definitely defy his DNA*

## All I need to know in life I learned from my horse:

Heaven is eating at least 10 hours a day... and then sleeping the rest.

Eat plenty of roughage.

Great legs and a nice rear will get you anywhere. Big, brown eyes help too.

When you want your way, stomp hard on the nearest foot.

In times of crisis, take a poop.

Act dumb when faced with a task you don't want to do.

Follow the herd. That way, you can't be singled out to take the blame.

A swift kick in the butt will get anyone's attention.

Love those who love you back, especially if they have something good to eat.



# CLASSIFIED ADS

## ~ Feed for Sale ~

hay \$400/ton ~ straw \$14/bale  
oats \$26/100# bag

*Sterling Rose Saddlery*

Please call 235-5900

## ~ Hay for Sale ~

Outside Timothy hay  
delivered to Homer  
Double-compressed 60 lb bales ~  
\$498 per ton

New shipment arrived 4/7/07

**Dairy goats 4-sale**

*Laying or Stewing Hens 4-sale*

*Jeanie* 235-4888

## ~ Horse for Sale ~

18 year-old reg Thoroughbred Mare  
15 hands, excellent dressage  
partner!!! Very nice mover!  
off to college ~ regrettfully selling.  
\$2,500 OBO

*Alina* 235-2401

rski@xyz.net more info or pictures

## ~ Utahn Working Saddle ~

Hand-built 14 1/2 Inch  
western riding saddle.

Excellent quality, asking \$800.

Hard working & beautifully crafted.  
235-5900 leave message for

*Carrie Reed*

## ~ Rossi Y Carusso saddle ~

~ English ~

16 1/2" all purpose

235-5900 leave message for

*Carrie Reed*

## ~ Horse Boarding ~

Need a place  
to keep your horse?  
Pasture only boarding.  
\$125 per month

*RENEE* @ 235-8567

## ~ Horse for Sale ~

Thoroughbred Gelding  
11 yrs ~ 15.2+ hands  
sweet disposition ~ *FAST*  
intermediate/advanced rider  
*Leah Campbell* 235-4040

## ~ Wanted ~

I'm looking for a younger  
(under 10 years old) horse  
to lease/borrow for the summer.  
I'm a C3 in the U.S. Pony Club  
and want to work with/train  
a horse as a summer project.  
The horse must be over 14.2  
hands with a base of training.  
*Leslie Whip* @ 299 -0259

## ~ Lessons ~

This summer  
from June 5 until September 1  
I'm going to teach riding lessons.  
The cost of the lessons will be  
\$20

if you provide your own horse  
and \$25

if you use my horse.

*Leslie Whip* @ 299-0259

## ~ Pictures wanted ~

I still need some pictures  
for the KBEA web site!

Please email me  
(or drop off at HEA  
or snail mail to KBEA)  
any pictures we could use  
to jazz up the site.

Pictures of:  
*you, kids, animals,  
shots of local color,  
view shots, etc..*

Thanks,

*Jeanie* [jeaniefabich@yahoo.com](mailto:jeaniefabich@yahoo.com)



## ~ 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!!!

*Sabrina Lea* at 235-5900

*Sandy Arndt*

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

## ~ 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!

please contact

*Sandy Arndt*

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

*Sabrina Lea* at 235-5900

## Newsletter Input

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

We are asking for your input  
and ideas on how to make it  
more informative and interesting.

Send info by **email**:

Sabrina: [westernak@yahoo.com](mailto:westernak@yahoo.com)

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

(or any Newsletter Committee  
member & they'll get it to us)

**snail mail:**

KBEA: PO Box 21, Homer

Sandy: PO Box 1477, Homer

**telephone:**

Sabrina: 235-5900

Renee: 235-8567

**or drop it off:**

Renee @ HEA

# SAVE GAS - RIDE A HORSE!

Author Unknown

## *HONEST HARRY'S NEW & USED HORSES*

I can save you money on gas!

*Alright folks, step right up! You don't want to pay \$4.69 for gas, no problem; I have the perfect vehicle for you. Needs no gas, no oil, or even a battery, just a little grass and water will do these animals fine.*

*Now everyone has different needs, so choose from the following models:*

1. **Trail Horse** - Your average run around town animal. Has the energy to get where you are going, the brain to find the best way to go, big enough to carry the normal sized American.
2. **The Arabian** - perfect for those who travel long distances in a day and try to multi task while driving. Although the Arabian may not go to your home or office with out specific instruction, it **WILL** go somewhere.
3. **The Draft** - Calling all soccer moms. This big guy can carry the whole team, their gear and snacks. Just like the big machines, this guy will require more fuel, and his shoes will be more expensive than the compact model.
4. **The Western Pleasure** - The right car for the high end white collar workers. This animal works harder and requires more special knowledge so only the best can figure this out. Be sure to take your cell phone. You won't be stuck in traffic, you just won't be getting anywhere fast.
5. **The Parelli** - Salesmen, stay at home moms, and high school kids will all enjoy this dream. You can load him down with flapping Wal-mart bags, ask him to walk in places a horse won't fit, and you can dance with him as you listen to the latest tunes.
6. **The Ranch** - The most dependable animal available. He will go where ever you ask him to, at whatever speed is appropriate. You can tie him to the stop sign and he will be there when you get back. Best of all, this model has been specially engineered to be able to go without water for days and stay fat and slick by eating sagebrush and dead prairie grass.

*Of course all models are available in base colors (sorrel, bay, black)*

*Special order colors are available (dun, gray, palomino)*

*and for an additional fee, custom paint jobs are also available (overo, tobiano, blanket, leopard).*

**No horse is sold with a warranty,**  
however maintenance plans are available in the event brakes, steering, or accelerator fail.

Book Review

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*"Time Well Spent"*  
by GaWaNi Pony Boy

Time well spent is a journal designed to create a deeper bond and to bring more understanding between you and your horse in order to enrich your overall experience together.

It is written by GaWaNi Pony Boy, a horse trainer dedicated to carrying on Native American horsemanship.

It is beautifully hardbound with Native American inspired photographs.

There is plenty of room to write, and you are occasionally encouraged with phrases like "Observe how your horse interacts with his herd member. Can you tell who your horse likes best?" and "When and why does your horse vocalize?"

His book focuses on spending the time with your horse that it takes to bring your awareness to a new level.

This books makes a really beautiful gift either for yourself, or one of your equine lover friends. Also great for teens.

*You can order this book through Homer Bookstore, ISBN is1889540420*



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*If you haven't already done so, please fill out & send in your payment to renew your membership.  
Or, you may give it to a friend who would be interested in joining us as a member!!!*  
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**Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association Jan thru Dec 2007 Membership**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult membership \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Student membership \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail along with check to: PO Box 21, Homer, AK 99603 Questions? (907) 235-8567**



## KBEA ~ Calendar of Events:



| Date       | event                                                 | location            | contact                 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| April 21   | Contra Dance/Auction/games                            | W Homer Elem.       | Jeanie 235-4888         |
| May 12     | Shorebird Festival Booth                              | HHS                 | Therese 235-1846        |
| May 18     | Membership Drive Meeting                              | City Hall           | Renee 235-8567          |
| May 28     | Yard Sale<br>(We need your donations)                 | Cottonwood H.Park   | Therese 235-1846        |
| 5/29-6/1   | Senior Horse Camp                                     | Ninilchik Frgrounds | Shirley 398-7665        |
| June 2     | Open Junior Horse Show                                | Ninilchik Frgrounds | Shirley 398-7665        |
| June 3-5   | Junior Horse Camp                                     | Ninilchik Frgrounds | Shirley 398-7665        |
| June 16    | Soldotna Horse Show                                   | S. Rodeo Grounds    | Laurie Nelson (Shirley) |
| June 17    | 4 hr Ride<br>(sack lunch picnic -4.0 tide begins 9am) | Bishops Beach       | Renee 235-8567          |
| 6/20-7/3   | Laurie Askew<br>(Flat & Jump lessons)                 | Cottonwood H.Park   | Cass 235-3433           |
| June 23    | Trail Ride Extraordinaire                             | Head of the bay     | Shirley 398-7665        |
| July 4     | Parade                                                | HHS                 |                         |
| July 12-13 | Sue Kolstad<br>(bio-mechanics/dressage clinic)        | Cottonwood H.Park   | Cass 235-3433           |
| July 14    | Riding Demonstration & BBQ                            | Cottonwood H.Park   | Renee 235-8567          |
| July 21    | Street Fair Booth                                     | HHS                 | Therese 235-1846        |
| August 11  | Trail Ride                                            | TBA                 |                         |
| October    | Membership meeting                                    | TBA                 |                         |
| Nov 15     | Annual Membership meeting                             | City Hall           |                         |

