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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Denise Howell

Howdy Pardners,

Thank you to all the volunteers, judges and exhibitors for making our annual horse shows this year another great success. We are making changes due to the brilliant suggestions of our staff and exhibitors and welcome your input. We plan to "step up" next years shows and have an even better venue.

Our November meeting is coming up and we will have nominations for our Board of Directors. We will also be asking for a horse show committee chairperson and we'd love to have YOU.

Speaking of "stepping it up" and joining the way of the future, we now have a Facebook page. Now everyone can give us their input without having to make the evening meetings. We look forward to hearing what you have to say about everything LBHA! Feel free to use the page for getting information to us about the trails and check the page often for updates and news.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone and....

Tally Whoa!

Denise Howell  
& Beethoven



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### TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

On September 28 we completed what will be our last workday of the year. Only a few trails needed mowing and there was limited amounts of blackberry growth. There were some trails requiring gopher hole filling. We handled some tree trimming during the week and neighbor Dale Sloss did some berry pruning also.

A big welcome to Vicki Miles, a new member and she brought along her grandson Markel. Thank you for the help. It is very much appreciated.

The other team members this month included Clelia Jocoy, Jennifer Wright, Mary Westfall, Maureen Henderson, and Dave Faoro.

Next week Linda and Jerry Potter will be putting some final touches on the Del Mar side.

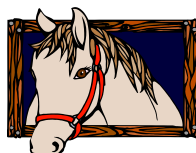
With such mild weather, this is a great time to be using TRNR. Come on out and enjoy!

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have contributed this year to helping keep Traylor Ranch the special place that it is.

If at anytime you are using Traylor Ranch and you see something which needs to be addressed, please reach out to me.

*There is no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse.*

*~Robert Smith*



*Dave Faoro*

**TRNR Committee Chariman**

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## Minutes

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 16, 2013

As President Denise Howell was unable to attend, Vice-President, Maureen Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were Arlea and Randy Cohen, Janis and Pete Rau, Flo and Dave Faoro, new member Ronnie, Jane Brown, Bob Sydnor, Kate Johnson, Kathy Drombowski, and Maureen Henderson.

Bob Sydnor gave a trails report. He specifically told us about a trail meeting which had taken place the prior evening in Auburn at City Hall. The purpose of that meeting was to open up trail section in the Forest Hill area to mountain bikes. LBHA was not notified of this meeting; Bob was not notified until that morning, and he was unable to attend. Apparently Donna Williams was present at the meeting and we should attempt to find out more about what happened. We discussed having a liaison person for trails so that LBHA can be notified and kept informed about trail developments in our area.

The main focus of this meeting was to discuss the recent horse show. Kathy gave a financial report of the show:

English - 231 entries; 39 Horse/Rider combos; \$1,127.25 Fees Collected.  
Western - 209 Entries; 61 Horse/Rider Combos; \$1,008.90 Fees Collected  
\$1,990.00 in Product Sponsors  
29 Cash Sponsors for \$1,130 with a few more to enter

Janis Rau, volunteer coordinator, gave a brief show report. The membership had many comments, most of which were positive. It was unanimously agreed that there should be a horse show committee which will be responsible for making changes to the premium list for the 2014 horse show. This committee will also be responsible for putting together a procedural "user manual" for club use in putting on future horse shows.

Everyone present felt that we can do a better job of marketing our horse show. However, there are concerns about sufficient parking if we are able to grow the show. Kathy will contact the Parks Department to find out about securing more parking at the property for future shows.

The topic of sending thank you letters to the 4H kids who painted the jumps and our sponsors was discussed. Though no formal motion was made, the consensus was that this is something the club should do.

Some points brought up for future discussion are:

Procedures for an emergency  
Larger amp for speakers (Kathy to follow up)  
Volunteers (commit and confirm)  
Print up a professional poster for LBHA  
Changing the way we do the gate passes  
Back Gate (needs 3 people – 1 take tickets; 1 operates gate; 1 runner)  
Adding descriptions to our class list (i.e., maiden, novice, hunter, jumper, equitation, etc.) so that entrants will know what they and/or their horse are being judged on  
Not passing out class lists at Horse Expo (should we go), or place a disclaimer on sample class list  
Think about perhaps attending Horse Expo every other year  
Facebook page (Denise was nominated for this position)  
Photographer  
Arena trails (warm-up); changing time?; perhaps using point system for little ones instead of DQ  
Take a look at trail trials as we only had 5 entries this year

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Maureen Henderson  
Acting Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP

There are many of you that have DEC 12 expiration dates for your membership and a few that had memberships that expired JUN 13. Would love for all to renew so they can keep the club strong. The list of those that need to renew for can be found at: <http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/PaidUpMembers.pdf>

Please Renew  
Today!

This link is found on the main LBHA Page throughout the year. So if you are not sure, check out the list. There is also a list of those that did not renew in DEC 10. 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.

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## The LHBA Equestrian Arena

Loomis Community Park, Placer County Regional Parks

by Robert H. Sydnor, *LBHA Trail Committee*

November 2013

Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

### Introduction

The members of the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association have constructed an equestrian arena and warm up arena within Loomis Community Park. It is a popular venue for equestrians. There are LBHA meetings and horse clinics held in the Spring and Summer months.

On the second weekend of October, LBHA has its annual two separate Annual Benefit Horseshows. The English Benefit Schooling Show on Saturday and the Western Benefit Schooling Show on Sunday.

The purpose of this report is to provide driving directions and the location of the LBHA Arena on King Road in the Loomis Basin.

There is a freeway overpass along King Road, but no interchange from Interstate-80. Therefore, use the Penryn Road exit from I-80, then turn south along Penryn Road to the T-intersection with King Road. Proceed west to Loomis Community Park, then turn into Ong Place which is the driveway entrance to the county park.

### Index Map to Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association Arena within Loomis Community Park



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Please visit the LBHA website for detailed rules (permits and liability) and specific information regarding use of the LBHA Arena: <http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/>

Horse trailers are parked in the unpaved gravel area as shown on the aerial photo. LBHA members can obtain a key (with a \$5 deposit) to the locked gate of the horse-trailer parking lot which has access to both the large arena and the warm up arena. Sedans park in the asphalt-paved parking lot that is shared with the general public (mostly families with kids playing baseball). No horse trailers in the paved parking lot. There are restrooms with flush toilets and sinks located near the baseball fields .



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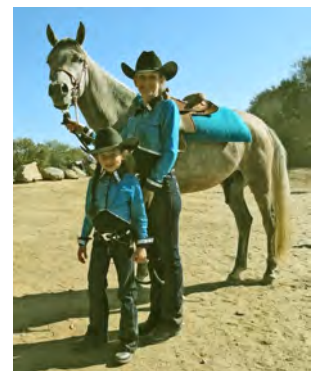


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## Link Between Chronic Pain and Aggression in Horses Identified

by: [Stacey Oke, DVM, MSc](#)

Anyone who's suffered from chronic aches and pains will likely say the ever-present irritation can put a damper on their day, possibly even making them cranky. But is the same true for horses? A group of French researchers recently completed a study on the topic and, for the first time, demonstrated an association between chronic discomfort or pain and aggressive behavior in horses.

"Several studies have implicated that experiencing acute pain can affect the social behavior of humans and animals in that the risk of exhibiting aggressive or violent behavior is increased," said equine behavior scientist Carole Fureix, PhD, of the University of Rennes in Rennes, France, and lead researcher on the study.

Researchers on one study noted that 70% of human patients with chronic pain expressed feelings of anger. However, studies evaluating the link between chronic pain and aggression are lacking in animals. So Fureix and colleagues set out to determine if chronic discomfort or pain in horses was associated with increased aggression.

The researchers observed 59 horses (44 geldings and 15 mares that were 5 to 20 years old; mostly French Saddlebreds) residing at three different riding centers in France. The horses completed five different standardized behavioral tests that are commonly used in human-horse relationship studies (see sidebar). Subsequently, an equine chiropractor assessed the degree of back pain (or absence thereof) based on bony and soft tissue palpation and stiffness.

### **Key findings of the study included:**

73% of the horses were severely affected by vertebral problems, based on the chiropractor's evaluation (most commonly the sacral area [croup] appeared severely affected, followed by the thoracic [withers to mid-back], cervical [neck], and lumbar [mid-back to croup] spinal regions);

More than 75% of the severely affected horses showed aggressiveness or negative reactions toward humans (e.g., looking at the experimenter with ears laid back, threats to bite by stretching the neck, or approaching the experimenter with ears laid back) in one or more of the five behavioral tests; and

Severely affected horses showed fewer positive reactions toward humans (e.g., looking at the experimenter with upright ears, approaching the experimenter with upright ears, sniffing, licking, nibbling, chewing) than unaffected or slightly affected horses in all the tests.

According to the authors, this is the first experimental study conducted in horses supporting the hypothesis that there is an association between chronic discomfort or pain and aggression in horses.

Fureix noted, "Human awareness of this association may well alter the perception humans have of 'bad tempered' animals. Chronic pain should not be overlooked as a cause of aggression in horses."

### **The following common behavioral tests** were used to evaluate the horses in the current study:

A motionless person test (where a person entered the horse's stall and stood with his or her back against the closed door for five minutes, facing inward and looking at the ground);

An approach contact test (where a person entered the horse's stall and stood motionless 1.5 meters from the horse until he resumed eating forage, at which point the person came closer to the animal and tried to touch his neck. The test was stopped when the experimenter could stroke the horse's neck continuously for two seconds or after three unsuccessful trials);

A sudden approach test (where a person walking slowly along the barn aisle appeared suddenly at the closed door of the stall while the horse was feeding; the doors were solid wood on the bottom and wire gated on top);

A saddle test (which followed the same procedure as the sudden approach test, except that the person carried a saddle on their right arm and opened the stall door); and

A halter fitting test (where a person entered the stall, holding a halter and approached the animal, walking slowly and regularly toward the horse's left shoulder, then put his or her right arm over the horse's neck and fitted the halter).

MEMBERSHIP FORM  
LOOMIS BASIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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**DECEMBER LBHA MEETING DECEMBER.19** Christmas Party. Round Table Pizza, Horseshoe Bar Rd Loomis. Eat 6:30pm Meet 7:00pm

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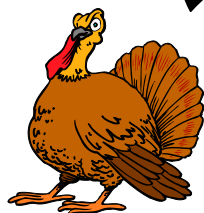
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