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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to everyone,

After finishing up another successful Winter Bling Series, I have to admit, I feel a certain sense of accomplishment. We survived. We suffered through the bone-chilling cold and the torrential down-pours, and with a lot of collaborative effort of members from many Region 5 clubs, we ended up with a series we can all be proud of. I, personally, want to thank Angela Materne for taking this on. She always gives her all, with everything she tackles.....and Region 5 is lucky to have her.

The Bling Series has turned out to be kind of a good option, for those who want to get a head start on the conditioning of their horses. The shows don't have as many riders as our regular season shows, and it's kind of nice to wrap things up and make it home in time to get supper on. For our family, in particular, it worked out great. Shannon was able to get her new horse, Ace, rated before the show season starts, and my mom and my wife's folks were able to come and visit.....spend time with Maddy, etc. Although it sometimes feels like work, it's a great opportunity to unwind and just get away from the usual hustle and bustle of our daily lives. So, thanks again, Angela; Great idea....this Bling Series!

Next on our agenda, is the Spring Stampede on April 25 and 26 in Livermore. For those of you who have become involved in this in the past, you know this one doesn't just feel like work.....IT IS WORK! We need all the hardworking, ambitious members out there to take it upon themselves to GET INVOLVED and help out, in order to make this show run smoothly. The more effort we can put in as a club, the less work it is on just a few select individuals, who always seem to do more than their fair share. So, let's make it an enjoyable and safe event for us all. I'm excited already! Toby and I are 'gonna tear it up!

Our club has some pretty exciting shows coming up, as well. Our annual Mother's Day Show is always a huge success. Get all those mothers out there and working, whether they would rather be at home in bed, or not!And you kids, remember to honor your mothers and grandmothers on this day.

Once again, Sue Maddison has taken on the daunting task of chairing our Highpoint Program. Let's make it as easy on her as possible; Make sure you sign up with her, before the show starts, and be sure to schedule yourself to work events. Thanks Sue, you're one of those members who goes above and beyond!

Aside from shows, our club has many other ways to get out there and enjoy yourselves. This year, we've come up with monthly trail rides. Our first ride (they're held on the first Sunday of every month, weather permitting) had a fantastic turnout. There were approximately 13 riders. We rode for 2 hrs. in Livermore at Sycamore Grove. The site is fabulous....perfect for riders of all levels, the scenery is beautiful, and it stays fairly dry during the winter. We enjoyed everyone's company, even having a few non-club members happy to come join us. Among others, we had the CSHA Vice President, Jim Hendrickson, and Region 5 President and Vice President, Carolyn Hendrickson and Mark Materne. We also had Diane Offutt there, the State and Region's Trails chairperson. The next ride will be held at Point Pinole.....and it's 'gonna double as our famous Chili Ride. So come along and be a part of the fun. Be sure to bring your best Chili recipe. Who knows, you could be our big winner this year!

I want to wish you all a safe and successful show season this year. Take care.

Jay Fowler

Sunday Strolls

The first **Sunday Stroll** at **Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore** was delayed due to rain until March 8th! But what a great ride! 13 members and guests attended and enjoyed the beautiful hills and played in the water!

What a treat, every horse just walked right through the creeks, no stopping or balking!

The next Stroll is April 5th. We are combining it with the annual Chili Chilly Ride. More info on page 4.

If anyone has any suggestions for future rides, please send a note to the club e-mail at tricityshrsmn@hotmail.com



April Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday,

April 1st

Meetings are at the Lefty Gomez Rec Hall in Rodeo.

Juniors @ 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m

Don't forget!



Welcome!

We want to welcome the **Forman** family as new members!. They joined at the March meeting! We know you will enjoy being members and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events.

Welcome to Vikki, Sabrina and Katie Forman!

Once again **WELCOME!**

2009 Club Schedule

Here are the finalized dates!!!

- May 10th Mothers' Day Gymkhana
- May 23–25 Juniors Campout - Mt. Diablo
- June 13 Arena Benefit Gymkhana
- July 11 Emmet Hallet Memorial Gymkhana
- Sept. 12 Trophy Gymkhana
- Sept. 19 Juniors Redneck Olympics playday



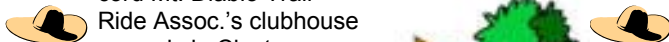
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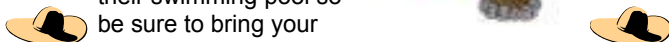
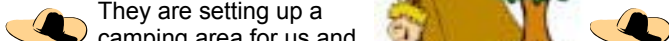
The campout dates are Memorial Weekend, May 23 - 25!



The Juniors have been invited to the Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assoc.'s clubhouse grounds in Clayton.



They are setting up a camping area for us and we will be able to use their swimming pool so be sure to bring your swimsuits!



The kids are planning a scavenger hunt on horseback among other things! Sure to be fun! All members and guests are welcome.



More info will be provided as it becomes available.



Sweetheart and Horseman Signups!

Don't forget!! All Sweetheart applications must be received by Jay no later than the April General meeting. If you plan on participating, be sure to turn them in at the April 1st meeting!

Rules and applications are available on the club web site.

The speech topic will be announced at the April meeting.

Items for Newsletter

Send your articles, jokes, etc. to me to include in newsletter.

Send to club e-mail at tricityshrsmn@hotmail.com



Chilly Chili Trail Ride

The Chilly Chili Ride is Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 a.m. at Pt. Pinole Regional Park in Richmond.

Enjoy a ride along the Bay, through groves of Eucalyptus and along the marsh. All trails are fairly flat, wide and in great shape!

Or if you don't want to ride, bring your fishing pole and fish off the pier (fishing license required) There is also a playground within walking distance. Please no dogs!

This is a ride-as-you-want ride, no set time or course! You literally cannot get lost!

Bring your best chili recipe and enter the Chili Cook-off following the ride. You may win a "FANTASTIC PRIZE"!

Bring a camp stove to keep your chili hot, serving utensils and your drinks. You may also want to bring chairs.

Club will provide bowls and spoons.

Park in upper dirt lot inside the park entrance.

Normal EBRPD parking fees - \$5 per vehicle and \$4 per trailer. !

RAIN CANCELS! This ride will not be rescheduled due to Easter the next weekend.

Directions:

From Highway 80 take the Richmond Parkway exit and go toward the bay.

Turn off at the Giant Road exit.

Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp.

Turn right at the stop light.

Cross the railroad tracks and turn right again.

Go approx. 1/4 mile the park entrance is on the left.



**Hey! Did you hear?
The Spring Stampede
is Coming!!
April 25 - 26
Whoo Hoo!**



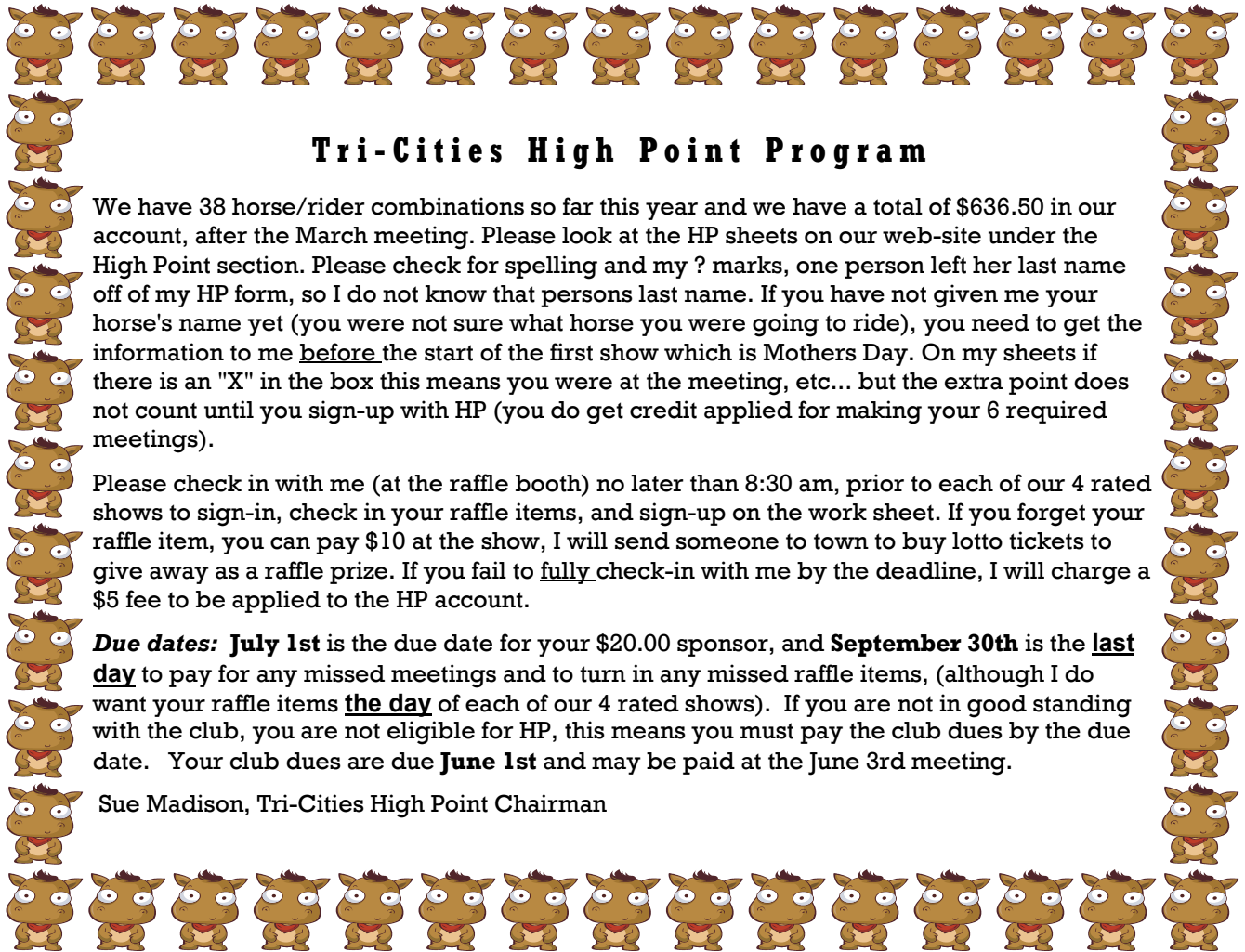
TACK SWAP at the Spring Stampede!

**Rent table space and clean out your barn or tack room!
Or stop by the Pole Barn and see what great deals you can get!**

Proceeds benefit the Horsemastership Program

Tables are \$25.00 for the weekend for CSHA Members.

**For more information and to sign up
Contact Peggy Hetlage on 925-672-8260**



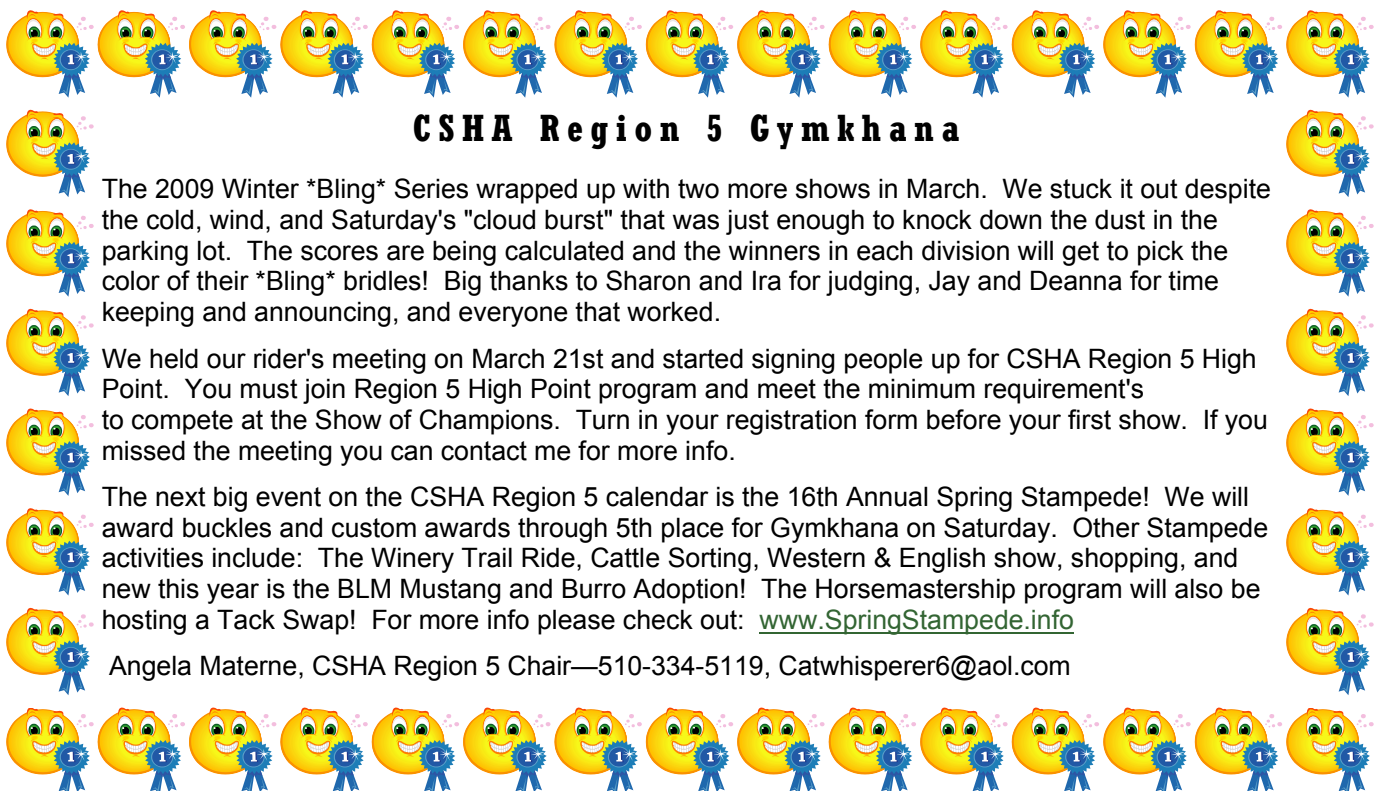
Tri-Cities High Point Program

We have 38 horse/rider combinations so far this year and we have a total of \$636.50 in our account, after the March meeting. Please look at the HP sheets on our web-site under the High Point section. Please check for spelling and my ? marks, one person left her last name off of my HP form, so I do not know that persons last name. If you have not given me your horse's name yet (you were not sure what horse you were going to ride), you need to get the information to me before the start of the first show which is Mothers Day. On my sheets if there is an "X" in the box this means you were at the meeting, etc... but the extra point does not count until you sign-up with HP (you do get credit applied for making your 6 required meetings).

Please check in with me (at the raffle booth) no later than 8:30 am, prior to each of our 4 rated shows to sign-in, check in your raffle items, and sign-up on the work sheet. If you forget your raffle item, you can pay \$10 at the show, I will send someone to town to buy lotto tickets to give away as a raffle prize. If you fail to fully check-in with me by the deadline, I will charge a \$5 fee to be applied to the HP account.

Due dates: **July 1st** is the due date for your \$20.00 sponsor, and **September 30th** is the **last day** to pay for any missed meetings and to turn in any missed raffle items, (although I do want your raffle items **the day** of each of our 4 rated shows). If you are not in good standing with the club, you are not eligible for HP, this means you must pay the club dues by the due date. Your club dues are due **June 1st** and may be paid at the June 3rd meeting.

Sue Madison, Tri-Cities High Point Chairman



CSHA Region 5 Gymkhana

The 2009 Winter *Bling* Series wrapped up with two more shows in March. We stuck it out despite the cold, wind, and Saturday's "cloud burst" that was just enough to knock down the dust in the parking lot. The scores are being calculated and the winners in each division will get to pick the color of their *Bling* bridles! Big thanks to Sharon and Ira for judging, Jay and Deanna for time keeping and announcing, and everyone that worked.

We held our rider's meeting on March 21st and started signing people up for CSHA Region 5 High Point. You must join Region 5 High Point program and meet the minimum requirement's to compete at the Show of Champions. Turn in your registration form before your first show. If you missed the meeting you can contact me for more info.

The next big event on the CSHA Region 5 calendar is the 16th Annual Spring Stampede! We will award buckles and custom awards through 5th place for Gymkhana on Saturday. Other Stampede activities include: The Winery Trail Ride, Cattle Sorting, Western & English show, shopping, and new this year is the BLM Mustang and Burro Adoption! The Horsemastership program will also be hosting a Tack Swap! For more info please check out: www.SpringStampede.info

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A Bronc's Lesson

I guess I've heard as many bronc tales as any feller my age.
Stories and poems of wild horses, a tearing up the sage.
Oh they buck, they snort, they jump so high, they hit the ground hard.
I'm here to tell you one and all, I've been there myself O! pard.

Now tales like this have but two ways to go, so I'll turn the choices loose.
One gets throw'd an hurts his pride, while the other rides that ole cayuse.
But my tale is different don't you see, I taught a moral lesson to that steed.
And when you find out just what I did, I'll be sure that you would have agreed.

Now I'd been ridin' that there colt, for just about a month or so.
This day I had a lot of fence to mend, and quite away's to go.
Well the morning was a cool one, and he was feeling kinda light.
But with a long day of riding fence line, I really did not expect a fight.

I dismount and mounted through out the whole day long.

I twisted, cut and stapled, and I even sang a happy cowboy song.
As we rode back towards my camp, a rabbit jumped from neath his feet.
He spun and whirled and gave a jump, then bogged his head, to make this fight complete.

I lost the off side stirrup, and with the next jump I hit that rocky ground.
It took me several minutes fore I could sit up, and recognize that sound.
No it weren't the choir of angels singing, or birds singing away the day.
It was that sound of horseshoe hitting stones, as that colt there run away.

Now what is the moral, that that colt learned, when he run and left me there?
Did he fall and break his leg, or was he eaten by a wandering grizzly bear?
I thought and chuckled to myself, on that long walk back I even kicked a stone.

"I sure fixed that ornery hoss, 'cause I made him walk back to camp all alone!"



Horsemastership

Everyone has heard the phrase, but what is "Horsemastership"? Well, it's a CSHA program that teaches you about your horse.

It covers health, parasites, stabling, grooming, feed, etc. Basically everything you need to know about your horse.

Region 5's program is being chaired this year by our own Peggy Hetlage. She is planning speakers and study and practice sessions.

It costs \$20 to join the program, a little money for a lot of knowledge. Contact Peggy on 925-672-8260 for more information and to sign up.



Upcoming Events

- April 1 - General Meeting
- April 5 - Chilly Chili Ride
- April 12 - Easter Sunday
- April 18 - CSHA Quarterly Meeting
- April 25 - 26 Spring Stampede

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