

Hoofbeats

December 2022/January 2023

P.O. Box 1326, Twain Harte, CA 95383



The Prez Sez



For those that don't know me (and I'm sure there are many!), my name is Linda Post. A little about me ... I knew I would be retiring in Tuolumne County (Dad was here for 40 years), and in early 2019, that's what I did, happily, ever after!! I spend a lot of hours in the saddle, either riding the Stanislaus National Forest (heaven) or roping the dummy (if only I had a few head to neck!). Traditional riding,

roping and gear is my thing. And of course, riding in the Sierra!

I've been a Twain Harte Horsemen member since 2019 and served as a board member for three years. When I was approached to run for club president, I was flattered and terrified 😬. Thanks for putting your faith in me. Luckily, I have amazing support from our dedicated past presidents, VPs, and all the board members who make it happen. The stuff they know!!

This year marks 75 years as a club for Twain Harte Horsemen. We'll have big doings at the Mother Lode Rodeo Parade, so plan on riding!

Anyway, here's to 2023. I hope the lakes and reservoirs are full, the flower season is long, the fire season is short, and our ponies are sound!

Linda Post
2023 President

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.com

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 7

- General meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Board meeting at 7 pm.

Location: Sheriff Posse Grounds,
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

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Christmas 2022

The Twain Harte Horsemen's Christmas party, held on December 17, was a festive success thanks to the hardworking decoration and food crews. Member Terry Lewallen drove up from Manteca to prepare the delicious Lasagna main course, with members such as John and Sandee pitching in. Sandee led the decorating group, setting out tables with red tablecloths and holiday table decorations. Participants dug into the appetizers and desserts brought by various guests and members. The installation of the 2023 officers was held and a White Elephant gift exchange wrapped up the evening.



Membership Dues Reminder

It's that time of year again!

Membership Dues are to be paid by January 31, 2023. Dues are \$30.00 per adult member and \$15.00 per junior member, 17 and under, with a paid adult membership.




Make checks payable to T.H.H. and mail payment *with* a *signed* Release of Liability Form to: **P.O. Box 1326, Twain Harte, CA 95383.**

Your dues go toward our liability insurance and membership in CSHA. A release form needs to be signed by each adult member, husbands, wives and families may use the same form.

On the release form, included at the end of this newsletter, please add any change of address, phone number or email address. Our Insurance Company requires that we have a new, signed release form on file every year, for each of our members.

To keep our club vibrant and effective we need to have ACTIVE members. So, remember, to maintain your ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP and to realize benefits of discounts at activities, a member must attend at least three meetings and a combination of five workdays/ functions every year. If you wish to take advantage of our AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP you will pay the same dues, and are still covered by insurance and CSHA, but there are no requirements of attendance and no discounts at functions/ activities. Please let us know if you wish to change your membership designation.

Sun Shine Notices

-  Roy's shoulder surgery has been completed and he is recovering well.
-  Our club friend Bonnie Kolpack lost her mom.
-  Kris J. reports that Sandee is doing well following her recent surgery.



BEEF FOR SALE

Hamburger and other cuts by the package.

Hamburger, 1 lb packages – \$6 each.

Other cuts range from \$6 to \$18 (approx. 1 lb each)

Contact Helga

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We will be holding our **2023 events planning meeting** January 20 at the Sheriff Posse Grounds, 19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown. The meeting starts at 5:30 pm. We welcome your participation and appreciate your ideas for THH activities in 2023.

An events calendar will be published in the February 2023 newsletter.

Watch for Sticky Snakeroot

Sticky Snakeroot, also known as crofton weed, is toxic to livestock and can be fatal to horses. It causes Numinbah Horse Sickness, otherwise known as “blowing disease. Horses that have eaten crofton weed can develop a permanent chronic lung disease. Affected horses develop a cough, particularly while being ridden or lunged, and they have a reduced ability to tolerate exercise. They might lose weight, seem depressed and can have shortness of breath. Severely affected horses can die from respiratory failure. Horses affected by crofton weed poisoning will need to be retired from riding if they can no longer tolerate any level of exercise.

Sticky Snakeroot prefers disturbed areas, coastal canyons, riparian areas and scrub and has been spreading in San Mateo County and southern California. A campaign is underway to locate and eradicate the weed in San Mateo County. The shrub has also been found in Mariposa County. Eupatory is considered a serious weed in agriculture, especially in rangeland, because it often replaces more desirable vegetation or native species. Though it usually grows below 1000 ft. it has been found as high as 6,500 ft. in other countries.

Native to Mexico, the plant is known by the scientific names *Ageratina adenophora* or the synonym *Eupatorium adenophorum*. It was introduced to many parts of the world as an ornamental during the nineteenth century. By 1935 it was reported as a “rare escape” in the San Francisco Bay Area and along the south coast.

If you believe you have sighted this shrub, please report it to your local agricultural agency.



RELEASE OF LIABILITY

PARTICIPANT: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport, which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to horse, my property and myself. *I knowingly assume all risk, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.*

I hereby release the TWAIN HARTE HORSEMEN, (hereinafter referred to as THH), and the California State Horsemen's Association (hereinafter referred to as CSHA), various entities of US Government, California State Government, Counties and municipalities within the State of California and any private land owners, from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of the aforementioned or any of its agents. In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by the THH and CSHA, I waive, release and discharge the THH, CSHA, the US Government, California State Government, Counties and municipalities or property owners or any of their agents, their directors, officers and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless THH, CSHA and the U.S. Government, California State Government, Counties and municipalities, their officers, directors, members and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for any benefit in which this release is upheld. THH, their agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage, which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire or natural disaster, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse or property.

Every rider is responsible for their horse's behavior and must be able to control their horse. THH Board of Directors, it's officers and ride chairs reserve the right to dismiss any rider if the rider &/or horse demonstrates lack of control or unsafe behavior.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Signature _____ *Date:* ____ / ____ / ____

Signature _____ *Date:* ____ / ____ / ____

Parent or Legal Guardian must sign for minor children:

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, in consideration of my child's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, and his/her property arising out of his/her participation in events. Helmets are personal safety equipment that should be used for all minor riders. I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand *its contents*.

Signature _____ *Date:* _____