

Hoofbeats

February 2025

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



The Prez Sez



It is so nice to get the 2025 year rolling and most days the weather has been good for February. It has been nice to get both the rain and the cold sunny days. Even cleaning the barn in the cold beats paying bills by the fire :) I've been taking the time to feel blessed when I see my horses standing out of the rain and out of the mud when in their stalls. Then, of course the silly, four legged children of mine slip out of their blankets, throw them on the nearest pile of road apples and proceed to stomp them down to make sure they are

good and juicy for me to pick up the next day. But life without horses would be boring and so much less enjoyable even if I know they are nickering when I pick up their dirty blankets off the floor of their stalls. With squiggly lines over my head, like a comic book character, I remind myself that the joke is on them because they are the ones who will have to wear that stinky old blanket the next night the temperature drops down to freezing. And thus the wintertime barnyard drama continues nightly. I hope all of you are able to feel as blessed as I do.

I want to thank all of the club members who put in so much effort in so many ways. There are so many things that get done by members who are unseen. In the last month the club has created a budget for 2025, audited our accounting from 2024, created an events calendar for 2025, and formed a committee for planning this year's High Ride. We have a great group of dedicated club members who are always helping out and filling in. The best part is that when we all meet up we get to tell silly and serious stories about our furry friends. It is always a fun time to be around this group of horse lovers.

THH President,
Joy LaMons

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.org

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 4 @ 6:30 pm.

Location:

Mounted Posse Grounds
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

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Upcoming Events

Our Events calendar is attached. Yay!

Some of the attractions include:



The **Top Hand Ride!** Get your riding year started on April 26. It'll be a pretty spring ride at Peoria with good stuff to eat, and a buckle for the top hand. Open to the public so bring your friends. We'll have the flyer out soon. Pass it around and help us get the word out!



Our **High Ride** is on! It will be held July 22 through July 28. Prices and plans will be crystalized during our February 19 meeting. Look for THH **Member** (only) applications in the latter part of February. Applications for Guests will be released March 1.



In August, we will hold the **Ranch Agility Event**. Scheduled for August 9 and 10. It is a two-day event at Center Camp hosted by Chris M. and Amanda. THH members are encouraged to participate.

And of course, we'll have fun Drill team days hosted by Nancy B. And lots of day rides.

Beef for Sale

Hamburger and other cuts by the package.

Hamburger, 1 lb packages – \$7 each.
Other cuts range from \$7 to \$22 (approx. 1 lb each)

Contact Helga at 209.581.1798, or email: helga2853@gmail.com



February 2025 Birthdays!

Helga Zuber – 2/8
Jeanna Santalucia – 2/11
Lance LaMons – 2/20
Terry Lewallen – 2/22
Kurt Billingsly – 2/27

If we missed your birthday—contact Colleen so we can add you to the list.

Twain Harte Horsemen Membership!

Remember to renew your membership in our wonderful equestrian organization so we can continue to offer the annual High Ride at Eagle Meadow, fun and educational arena events, and other activities to the public and to our members.

CONSIDERING THE WEEDS IN OUR PASTURES

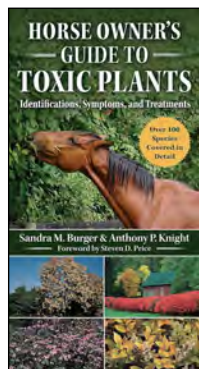
by Nancy Broce

Right now is not too early to start to deal with the weeds on your property. With warm winter temperatures and recent rain I am finding some undesirables sprouting in our pasture. How do I know what they are and that I don't want these plants?

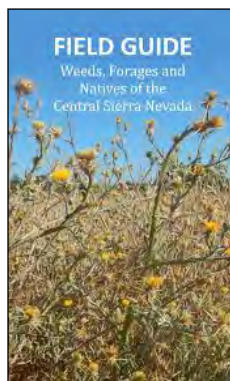
Weed identification is important. Some weeds are non-native invasive species that we don't want to become established in the county, some become so abundant they reduce ground space for desirable pasture and some are toxic to livestock, potentially causing sickness or even death. To be fair, many weeds are palatable to livestock and offer nutritional benefits. Also, wildlife depend on the foliage, flowers and seeds. Knowing whether a weed is desirable or noxious helps us make informed decisions for the quality of our pasture.



Weeds are spread on your property by winds, in bird droppings, from borrowed equipment, dropped from a passing animal's fur and in purchased hay. Some ways of control are hand-pulling, repeated hoeing or cultivating, sometimes mowing, grazing with sheep or goats if non-toxic and careful chemical spraying. Often it takes more than one type of control and repeated efforts. It is always better to get after young weeds rather than wait until they have grown large and produced seed. At that point weed-whacking or mowing only spreads the seed further around., do our environment and your horses a favor by managing your weeds. I recommend these two books for their excellent information and pictures of weeds and other poisonous plants:



[Horse Owner's Field Guide to Toxic Plants](#) by Sandra Burger. Available at Tractor Supply Co.



[Field Guide - Weeds, Forages and Natives of the Central Sierra Nevada](#) by the University of California. Free at the Tuolumne County Extension, 52 Washington St., Sonora.

Also, there are two excellent recorded shows on our local radio station. Go to KAAD-LP.org, find Archives and scroll down alphabetically through the program list to [Equestrian Arts](#).

[23-08-17 Weed Control](#)—Interview with Roberta Shields who worked for Tuolumne County Department of Agriculture.

[18-03-08 #9 Weeds](#)—A general discussion of local weeds with some management ideas.

Twain Harte Horsemen 2025 Events*

Date	Event	Event	Participation
April 25	Peoria Flat – Pre-Ride	John Watts	Members Only
April 26	Peoria Flat – Top Hand Ride	John Watts	Public
May 3	Peoria Wild Flower Ride	Cyndi Collins	Members Only
May 10	Mother Lode Parade	Linda Post	Public
May 17	Open Center Camp	Lance LaMons	Members Only
June 7	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
June 21	Tack Sale?		Public
June 28	Herring Creek Ride	Linda Post	Public
July 3-5	Eagle Meadow Pre-Ride/Campout	John Watts	Members Only
July 22-28	High Ride	Club	Public
August 9-10	Ranch Agility @ Center Camp	Chris Mason	Public
August 23	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
September 20	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 11	Kerrick Corral Day Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
October 25	Center Camp Closing	Lance LaMons	Members Only
November 8	Fahey Cabin Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
December 14	BCHC Columbia Parade	Linda Post	Public
December 19	Christmas Installation and Dinner	Joy LaMons	Members Only

*Subject to change