

# Hoofbeats

January 2026

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



## The Prez Sez



Our end of the year Christmas party was a blast. It was so nice to see everyone relaxing and having a good time together. I was so proud to receive a knife made by Kelly Vermeer-Vella as my 2025 president's gift. I have worn it nearly every day.

2026 is off to a fast start with our High Ride dates already set for July 21st- July 26th and Mike Garman is set to come and bless us with incredible meals for our ride. There has already been a lot of interest in our 2026 High Ride event. We have started putting our events schedule together and have completed our budget for the year. We are off to a good start :)

THH President,  
Joy LaMons

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Horsemen website at:  
[twainhartehorsemen.org](http://twainhartehorsemen.org)

### Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 3 @ 6:00 pm.

### Location:

Mounted Posse Grounds  
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

## Officers

### President:

Joy LaMons  
209.222.1424

### Vice President:

Lance LaMons  
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### Secretary:

Nancy Broce  
209.533.2807

### Treasurer:

Helga Zuber  
209.581.1798

### Past President:

Linda Post  
209.206.8375

### Directors

Cyndie Collins (Y3)  
805.748.6954

Ron Stearns (Y2)

209-559-1324

Roy Smith (Y1)

209-728-7651

## Committee Chairs

### Hoofbeats Newsletter:

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### Membership:

Chris Walpole  
209-559-8005

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Janine Smith  
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Linda Post  
209.533.8511

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## Past Events

### Columbia Christmas Parade December 14, 2026

Six THH members took part in the annual All Equestrian Christmas Parade in Columbia. Riders included, Chris, Helga, Dennise, Amanda, Pamela, and Sherryl. Wearing festive outfits and bells on horses jingling, the riders waved and greeted the crowd while enjoying a day of perfect weather. We thank those who took part, that includes the organizers and ground crew. It is important that we continue to get out there and promote the club at these public events.



### Twain Harte Horsemen Membership!

It's that time of year again! Please join or 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.

*For further membership information and the mandatory Release of Liability, scroll to the last two pages of this newsletter.*



The 2026 Events Calendar will be organized soon and will appear in the February 2026 Hoofbeats issue.

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## The 2026 THH Christmas Dinner

THH member Terry Lewallen made her from-scratch Lasagna and it tasted better than ever. About 40 members contributed a variety of tasty side dishes and desserts at the gathering Friday, December Dec. 19. Everyone enjoyed the social event and shared Christmas cheer. After dinner, Kim Prout MC'd awards and the installation of officers. Joy thanked the club for her 2025 president's gift—a beautiful knife made by Kelly Vermeer-Vella. Terry Lewallen was awarded a free reservation for the 2026 High Ride for all the times she saved our bacon. Literally. Jumping in to cook meals for one high ride in particular, and offering to make dinners and breakfasts for the setup crew at other rides. Her culinary skills are greatly appreciated.

The 2026 board includes: President, Joy LaMons; Vice President Lance LaMons; Treasurer Helga Zuber, and Secretary, Nancy Broce. The 2026 directors are Cyndi Collins, Ron Stearn, and Roy Smith.

The swearing in was followed by the traditional gift exchange.



Food and serving crew: Terry Lewellan, center, daughter xxx, and Karen Rosaco, right.



Board member Cyndi enjoys her holiday feast.



Gala guests.



Kris Jordan, left, John Watts and Jackie.

## THH Christmas Dinner continued



Linda, right, Suzanna and Steven salute the cooks.



Joy thanks the club for her President's gift as Kim P. looks on.



Board members are thanked for their service.



Joy, left, grins as Lance helps his White Elephant gift doll wave at the camera.

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## Don't Forget Your Membership Dues

*It's that time of year again! Please join or renew your membership so we can continue to offer our annual High Ride at Eagle Meadow, and other fun events for both our membership and the equestrian community.*

**Your dues go toward our liability insurance and a membership in CSHA that we are required to have for our events.**

**Membership Dues are to be paid by January 31, 2026. 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.**

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 like discounts to the high ride and other activities. For Active Membership status a member must attend at least three meetings and a combination of five workdays or functions every year.

If you wish, you can take advantage of our AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP. You will pay the same dues, and are still covered by insurance and CSHA with no requirements of attendance. However there are also no discounts. Please let us know if you wish to change your membership designation.

Release of Liability is on the following page. Please sign and return with membership payment.

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# 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

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