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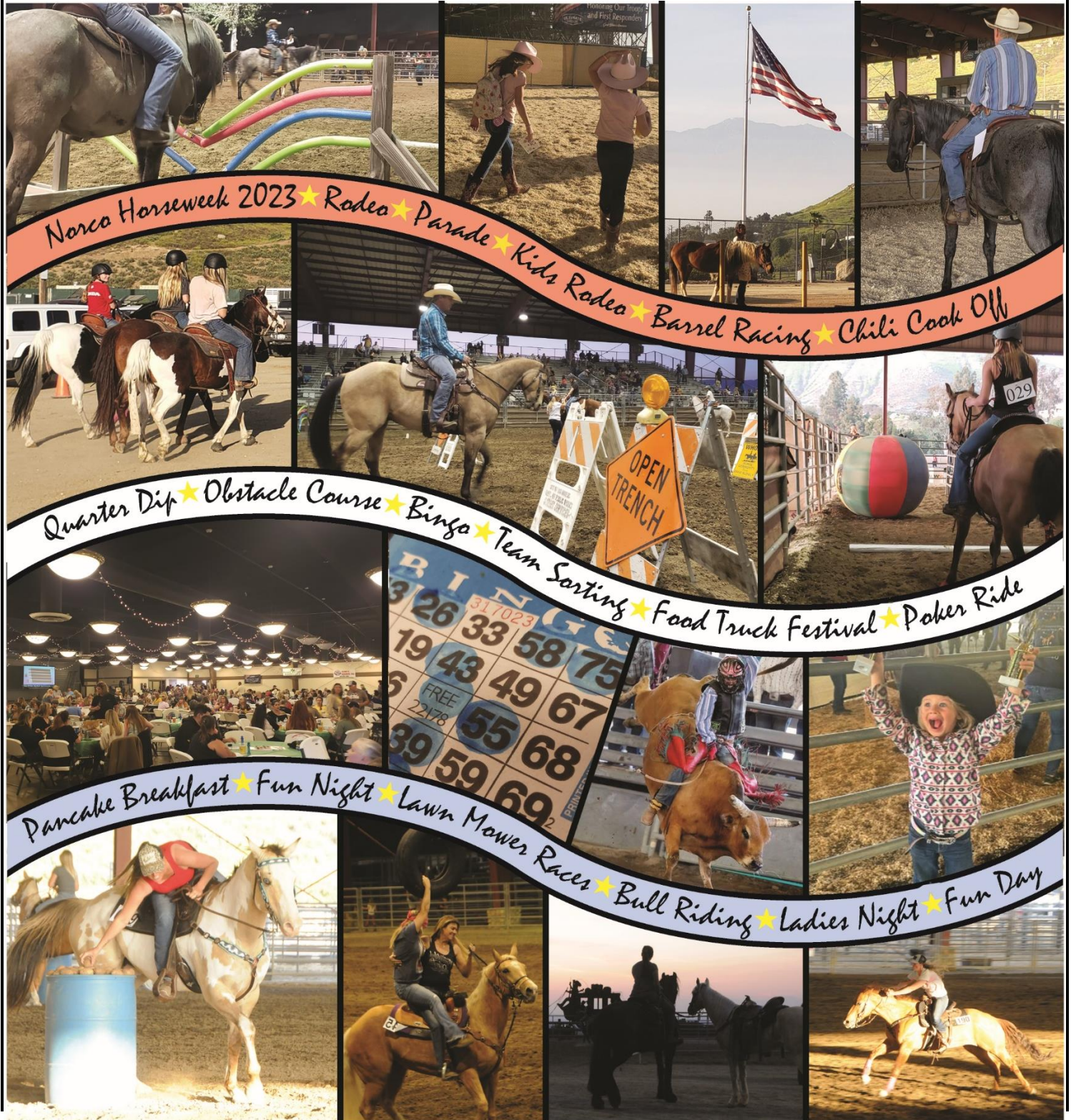
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bonnie Slager

April was a busy month, and I am tired but happy with all that NHA accomplished.

Our yard sale takes all of March and even months before that to get ready for the weekend. Bill and Sharon had things stored in their garage to the point that Bill's truck had to stay out for about 3 weeks. There were multiple trips by many members picking up items for the sale. I had 2 horse trailers full of items and I was not the only one. Then after getting all the items together we had to worry if it was going to rain and we would have to postpone the sale. Fortunately, the weather held and we had nice weather for the sale and even some sun. It was hard on some candles but everything else was fine.

Horseweek takes an amazing amount of person hours. Chili night takes about 25 of us to sell and dish chili, hot dogs and nachos plus pour beer. The obstacle course takes 25 people to man that plus a sign up booth. In addition, NHA members chaired other events. Susan and Gary chaired the Easter sunrise service, Teri Anderson chairs the parade, Darrell chaired the clean up crew for the whole 10 days and many times that crew was Darrell. That is one of those thankless jobs that no one sees unless there is trash around. If the area is clean then no one notices. I am treasurer of Horseweek this year and found it to be a big challenge but also an opportunity to work with many really nice people who care about Horseweek and care about Norco enough to volunteer many hours to make this town what it is. A wonderful place to live.

As we take a deep breath and look at what is ahead, schools will be finishing the year by the end of May and summer will be here after a very wet winter with lots of weeds to remind us of the rain. I think it will take me all summer to get rid of all my weeds.

May 13 is the celebration of 100 years since Norco became a township. The event is 11am

to 1pm, at the Community Center. And of course, Mother's Day. May ends with Memorial Day and there will be an event at the veterans memorial that day.

June should be a little quieter as we get ready for Fourth of July and National Day of the American Cowboy. July fourth will offer the usual activities including a trail ride. Maybe the river bed trails will be good enough to ride there by then. So far the river crossings have not been safe. Day of the Cowboy will offer some rodeo events the evening of July 22. Also, this summer the City will have concerts in the park and some movies. Lots of fun things to do.

Thank you to all of you that have helped so much with our events and continue to help. You are appreciated and I do not tell you that often enough.

NHA Trails Committee Report

I hope you enjoyed HorseWeek. It has been another fairly busy couple of months for the Trails Committee. As indicated in our last article, we had a donation of caps for the white fencing that has been vandalized and with the help of volunteers (Nancy, Kevin, Don, Sharon, and Bill) we have been able to replace over 150 broken and missing caps. The City has indicated they will get us additional caps to continue our efforts to keep the fencing looking good.

Just a reminder, you can use the City App to notify the City of any trail issues such as broken fences or hazardous conditions. The City continues to replace the old wood trail fencing with White vinyl fencing. In the meantime, we will do what we can to repair the wood fencing until it is replaced.

Bill Naylor, NHA Trails Committee Chair
(213) 399-5309



YARD SALE

Thanks for all of your donations and your help that weekend. The yard sale was a big success. We raised money to provide scholarships to some Norco High School students in the FFA program. These students can now continue their education at a community College, a four-year college or a trade school. As well as going to college we have had students go to welding school and flower arranging school to get training for good jobs or to start their own businesses.

So as you clean closets and go through your tack room, set aside things that we can sell next year when we have our sale again. Horse and other animal items always go well as do jeans, boots and jackets. Tools sell well power and hand tools. So keep NHA in mind when you have things that you no longer need.

Thank you to all of you that helped and especially to Teri Anderson for chairing this event.

EASTER

Easter in Norco means sunrise service at Ingalls Park. This event is part of Horseweek even though Easter rarely falls in the 10 days of Horseweek anymore.

I usually ride but this year I drove up to the event because of my broken arm. It was well attended but only about 6 horses this year. We used to get more horses but the crowd in the stands looked bigger than some years. Norco Christian Church did a great job with the service. Gary and Susan Bowen chaired the event and provided coffee and donuts and goodies for the kids.

Good job all!



CHILI NIGHT

Monday night of Horseweek is always chili night. We sell bowls of chili and have a chili cook off contest. NHA runs this event for Horseweek.

The chili contest was tough as there were a lot of entries and some really good chili. The judges may have been helped by the beer they got to wash down the chili but I am not saying some of the chili was spicy.

Also, at this event were the beard contest and the kids dance contest. The kids are always fun to watch and did a great job. The queen and princesses judged the beard contest which made it even more fun.

Thanks to all the NHA members that worked that night pouring beer, serving chili, making nachos and chili dogs. Special thanks to Sally Quinn and Denise Shoemaker for kitchen clean up and keeping it all together.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you need a NHA membership Renewal application form, then feel free to contact our Membership chairman, Sharon Chandler, at (562) 896-3665 if you have any questions. Or check out our website at nha-norco.org. Info and forms can be found there as well.

OBSTACLE COURSE

This year's obstacle course went really well. Thanks to Joy Chase, Bill Naylor, Sharon Chandler and Maureen O'Donnell for working on obstacle ideas for months. We got slowed down by all the rain but managed to get 10 good obstacles figured out in place for the course.

To those of you not involved with this effort, we spend a lot of time setting up obstacles and then testing them with various horses to see if they work or not. We want it to be challenging but not dangerous. And we do different obstacles every year so we have to come up with new ideas every year.

This year's fun obstacle was the AB 233 obstacle when they had to get off their horse and pick up manure and put it in a bag then get back on their horse.

New this year was a separate class for those riders 12 to 17 so the adults did not have to compete with the kids. We had some excellent riders, and the competition was tough.

Thanks to all that helped with the obstacle course and thanks to all that competed. We had 185 people sign up for this event.



AB 233 MANURE BILL

Suddenly, I became the go to person for manure questions.

First, I got a call from some paper I never heard of and was quoted in an article they wrote along with the letter from Mayor Robin Grundmeyer that the City sent to the State.

Next was a call from the Press-Enterprise, I talked to a reporter on the phone, and he sent a photographer out to take pictures here. Bill Naylor, Sharon Chandler, Jim and Laurie Hammontree and Joy Chase all brought horses over to demonstrate the difficulty of picking up manure on the trail.

Next was Channel 9 and Joy came over to help with this photo shoot. Then Channel 7 called and Rob McMillian and a photographer came out for pictures. I could not get them to even touch a horse or pick up any manure, but they did a good article.

Last was a call from a Channel 7 photographer. I talked to him for a while and then he wanted to know if I was in town, and he could come over for some pictures. I said yes and asked him where he was, and it turned out he was at the corner of Sixth and Valley View so he was in sight of my house. He came over and took some pictures, actually scooped some manure and commented on how heavy it was and could see the difficulty of doing this on the trails. Finally, someone told me that I was on KFI talk radio too but I did not hear it so I don't know what they said.

My brother thinks I should get an agent but I think my moment of fame is over as the "Manure Queen" and the news is now old and we know that old news stinks.



SENIOR AND PETS

This year again we were able to provide help to the Norco Seniors and Pets group with a check for \$1,500 to help them with food for Easter dinners.

This group provides boxes of food monthly to seniors on low income. They also provide dog and cat food to help seniors be able to afford to keep their pets.

We help this group 2 ways. First, we have a monthly collection from our members of a designated item such as toilet paper that is added to the senior's boxes. Secondly, we sell Stater's Bros. scrip all year and earn \$50 from each \$1,000 of scrip we sell to provide funds for our annual donation. You can purchase scrip to help us with the program by calling Denise at 909-240-1290.

Thank you to Diane and Barbara Hill who keep this program operating. It is a valuable part of helping residents of our community and takes a lot of time to keep it going.



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Calendar of Events

MAY

Tues	05/02	NHA Board Meeting	3829 Valley View, 7:00pm
Wed	05/03	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers, 7:00pm
Thurs	05/04	NHA Trails Meeting	6 th Street Deli, 6:30pm
Sat	05/13	100 YR BIRTHDAY NORCO TOWNSHIP	Community Center 11am -1pm
Sun	05/14	MOTHERS DAY	
Wed	05/17	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers, 7:00pm
Thurs	05/18	NHA General Meeting	American Legion, 7:00pm
Sat	05/20	RANCH TOURS	
Mon	05/29	MEMORIAL DAY	

JUNE

Thurs	06/01	NHA Trails Meeting	6 th Street Deli, 6:30pm
Tue	06/06	NHA Board Meeting	3829 Valley View, 7:00pm
Wed	06/07	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers, 7:00pm
Thurs	06/15	NHA General Meeting	American Legion, 7:00pm
Sun	06/18	FATHERS DAY	
Wed	06/21	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers, 7:00pm