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The Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Association, Inc., was incorporated on June 14, 1998 by the Board of Directors: President Marjorie Vliet, Director Virginia Flint and Director Jim Curry. It is and has always been member supported and driven, with a dynamic group of people volunteering to run the club.

Area VII's membership is spread across California and Nevada at this time, with members of all ages, with varied backgrounds and interests. Area VII is primarily a club for those that enjoy their Shetlands and Miniatures, with a particular interest in showing.

"We are an informal group of people of all ages who gather together for the enjoyment of friendships made, and the promotion of our beautiful equine. As members of this organization, we help maintain the recognition that our fine Shetlands and Miniatures deserve at the ASPC/AMHR level."

2014 Events

For a complete list of events, updated weekly, please see www.areaviiclub.com/events

May

- 9-11 Vineyard Classic CDE**
Woodland Stallion Station, Woodland, CA
Contact: Shelley Chavoor, (530) 848-0019
Website: www.vineyardcde.com
- 17 Area VII Tack Sale and General Meeting**
Location to be announced
Contact: Nancy Turner, (707) 433-4346
- 18 California Scurry**
Sargent Equestrian Center, Lodi, CA
Contact: Jeanne Williams, (209) 727-0200
Website: www.sargentequest.com
- 24-26 National Area VII Show (AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR)**
Ingalls Park, Norco, CA
Contact: Laurie Villalpando, (801) 985-9720
Website: www.pcmhclub.com
- 24-25 Horse Driving Trials**
Each day is an individual event. Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate levels. VSE, Pony and Horse classes
Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, CA
Contact: Stan and Debbi Packard, (916) 952-2196
Website: www.claystationhorsepark.com

June

- 7 Playday**
Monthly playdays starting at 10 a.m.
One-Two Carriage Driving, Oakdale, CA
Contact: Roger Cleverly, (925) 348-1346
- 13-15 Western States Horse Expo**
Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA
Website: www.horseexpo.com
- 13-15 Summer Festival CDE**
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- 14 PCMHC June Jubilee (AMHR)**
Ingalls Park, Norco, CA
Contact: Cyndi Phelps, (951) 536-4144
Website: www.pcmhclub.com

July

- 5 Playday (Driving)**
Monthly playdays starting at 10:00 a.m.
One-Two Carriage Driving, Oakdale, CA
Contact: Roger Cleverly, (925) 348-1346

- 5 PCMHC July Jamboree (AMHR)**
Ingalls Park, Norco, CA
Contact: Cyndi Phelps, (951) 536-4144
- 9-13 ASPC/ASPR Congress (ASPC, ASPR, NSPPR)**
Des Moines, IA
Website: www.shetlandminiature.com
- 13 California Scurry**
Sargent Equestrian Center, Lodi, CA
Contact: Jeanne Williams, (209) 727-0200
Website: www.sargentequest.com

August

- 1-3 National Area VIII Show (AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR)**
Spanaway, WA
Contact: Rinda Pullen, (425) 334-4664
- 2 Playday (Driving)**
Monthly playdays starting at 10:00 a.m.
One-Two Carriage Driving, Oakdale, CA
Contact: Roger Cleverly, (925) 348-1346
- 10 California Scurry**
Sargent Equestrian Center, Lodi, CA
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September

- 3-14 AMHR Nationals**
Tulsa, OK
Website: www.shetlandminiature.com
- 6 Playday (Driving)**
Monthly playdays starting at 10:00 a.m.
One-Two Carriage Driving, Oakdale, CA
Contact: Roger Cleverly, (925) 348-1346
- 13 Pony Day at the Santa Cruz County Fair (ASPC/AMHR/Open)**
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Watsonville, CA
Contact: Julie Mabie: (831) 684-1555
- 18-21 Shady Oaks CDE**
Compete or volunteer—be there!
Shady Oaks Farm, Lodi, CA
Website: www.shadyoaksevents.com

Message from the President

By Nancy Turner, 2014-2015 President

The Schooling Show on March 30th was fun and we ruled it as a success. We may not have made money, but we didn't lose much either. The NorCal schooling show at Ranchotel the following Saturday only had 10 horses. I went to hear Casey Campbell give reasons on how he placed the classes but since he didn't use a PA system I couldn't hear him. I ended up having a jam session about our upcoming tack sale with Jim Curry, Pat and Linda Anastasio, and a couple of their friends. There were plenty of good snacks and good ideas about where to have the sale. Looks like it is time to start dusting off your good used tack and show clothes that you would like to sell. —*Nancy Turner*

Spring Schooling Show

Sunday, March 30, 2014 • Ranchotel Horse Center, Vacaville, CA

After obsessively checking the weather forecast all week, and spending Saturday, March 29 watching it rain all day, I was relieved to wake up on Sunday morning to clear skies and the promise of a fine day.

I still had vague hopes of being able to use the large outdoor arena, at least for the driving classes after lunch, but when we arrived at Ranchotel, there were ducks swimming back there, so I faced up to the fact that we were going to have to use the (small and dark) indoor arena. Not ideal, but a lot better than cancelling our show!

We ended up with a total of 24 horses, which was an excellent turnout, especially considering the dicey weather. New members Tina Jacobson and her daughter Eva made their show ring debut, and so did Eric Metcalf and Tommy Croasman, who drove all the way down from Orland with Dian Harris. Sherry Ward travelled all the way from her ranch in Merced to introduce her new pony, DZ Voo Doo, to the show ring. Thanks also to Pat and Linda Anastasio, Emily Buck, Sue Cushing, Debbie Deffner, John Gasparini and his granddaughter, Ava Schmitt, Dian Harris, Ted and Becky Horat, Charlene Palmer, Nancy Turner, and Tammy Ueland. Putting one of these shows together is a lot of work, and we appreciate your support.

Susan Browning-Wroe and Lynn Blackwell had the show office up and running by the time I arrived at 7:30, and they did their usual stellar job of keeping things running smoothly all day. Robert Blackwell served as ring steward for our (favorite) judge, Lisa Schmidt, who was wonderful as always. Marvin Wroe worked the gate, Daniel Benner handled the awards and ribbons, and Mark Nelson announced—a particularly challenging job after the PA suddenly stopped working halfway through the show. As always, we owe all of these folks a huge thankyou for volunteering their time and doing such a great job.

I heard lots of positive comments from the folks who were there, and I also heard folks saying they hope we can have more schooling shows this year. We'll be discussing this at our next meeting, which will be at the Tack Sale on May 17 (location to be announced), so please come and help us make some plans.

—*Michele Nelson*

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ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Carriage Driving Classes A Renewed Reality

By Diane Zmolek, ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Area VIII Director and ADS Shetland Breed Steward

The doors have swung wide open for what the future holds. After many years of development, brainstorming and collaboration to update the six ASPC Shetland Carriage class rules, we may be on the verge of a renaissance of enthusiasm for carriage driving in Shetland breed shows.

Carriage Driving is as distinct as Roadster. It is supposed to reflect the time-honored, historical traditions handed down through generations. It is not a costume class, nor trendy but one with culture and purpose.

Because of the interest generated from many different sources and supported by long time carriage driving experts, through publications and competitions such as CDE and ADS Carriage Pleasure Shows, we are enjoying the benefits of years of effort. Shetland enthusiasts will have the chance to carriage drive at their own breed shows.

There are now redefined rules which will go into effect at breed shows, next year, 2015. Particular appreciation goes to Diane Russell of Colorado and Phyllis Hopwood of Nebraska. They were instrumental in this incredible rewrite of those rules.

The best news is, for the first time in many years, Shetland Carriage Driving classes are being offered again at local shows, National Area Shows and Congress 2014, July 8-12 in Des Moines, Iowa

During all of these years, focusing on the Shetland class rules, it was often spoken of as a goal, to create the same carriage classes for Minis. It is a

Diane Russell driving Classic American Shetland Scottie

lofty goal, but achievable. As a result of the rule rewrites, it became even more of a reality when we were able to present the 2015 rules to a few clubs and propose they add non rated Miniature Horse Carriage Driving classes to their shows as an introduction to what may be not far off in the future. The only caveat is that the Shetland Carriage Driving classes will have to be offered as they are written in the present rule book for 2014.

The excitement is spreading like wildfire. Area VIII just approved this very plan for the 2014 National Area Show hosted by Evergreen Miniature Horse Club, in Spanaway, Washington, August 1-3, 2014. Area V is doing the same thing at their Area National Show, hosted by the North Texas Shetland Pony/Miniature Horse Club in Glen Rose, Texas, June 20-22, 2014.

While other shows in other parts of the country have tried to inspire interest in the past, the thought is, now that we will have these outstanding, much clearer rules as a guide, the Breed Partnership, so much promotion, and more people recognizing how good all of the possibilities are, we may have a far better chance to spread the news. And spread the news, we are... People are truly excited!!!

Photo Courtesy of Carousel Photography



We should feel very proud that this division is going to get the recognition it so richly deserves. We should become knowledgeable about the sometimes unspoken nuances of why we do things the way we do, like gloves, brown leather. Those are the things that make it so special; the intricacies which are not necessarily written in a rule book, but set the impression of its finery apart...similar to saying "please" and "thank you".

You can be part of the fun too...just do it!!!



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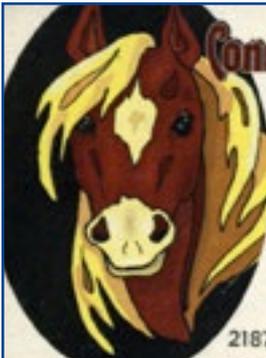


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News from Meadowlark Barn

Some of you may already know that the love of my life, my American Shetland DZ Big Dash-a-Tabasca "Dash," has been absent from the show ring. Dash has experienced life-threatening health issues and my vet has tried to brace me for the eventuality, by telling me that Dash will not live to be an old pony. I can tell you that one devastating announcement almost took me to my knees. At this time, I can report that Dash's medical situation is controlled and he's enjoying a comfortable and playful life at home, though managing his issues is challenging and sometimes just outright scary. Luckily, this darling pony has an awesome fan club and hardworking support team and I am blessed for every morning that he greets me with a whinny from his stall.

Training, driving and showing Dash was at the center of my universe and my joy. His last show was an ADS Pleasure Show at Clay Station where he did very well, beyond my wildest dreams actually, the day nothing short of celebratory when he won first place in a large open Ladies-to-Drive class. He has always made me proud and he was just an awesome fellow to drive. So, for a while, I was quite lost without my partner. In the beginning, it was too painful to even contemplate "replacing" Dash.



Last year, I received an offer of a new "partner." Still I agonized for almost three months before I felt like I could let another pony into my heart. It seemed like it wouldn't be fair to the new guy to compare him to Dash, and it wouldn't be fair to Dash to see me play with an-

other pony. Most of my friends know of my soul searching. Then one day I saw a sign. (You know how you sometimes ask for "a sign?") I realized late in life that the American Shetland is truly MY BREED, and I said I would love to fill the barn with these guys. As much as I rationalized that I already have plenty of dependents, I also realized, I really NEEDED another pony to love and train and drive.

I took delivery of one spirited and somewhat uptight little bay gelding that has had limited but very competent handling. He was a clean canvas and ready to mold into something special. I quickly discovered that I had room for another pony, in my heart and at the center of my universe, and the fun began.

My new pony is DZ VooDoo and he's a super-learner, sweet, charming and he's a big mover. Every day he gets calmer and braver, and every lesson, he makes great progress. The Voo Debut was at the Vacaville Schooling Show and for a pony that had never been off the farm (except to change farms to my place!) he did a great job in halter, liberty and in-hand obstacle. Pretty nice for less than five months of "weekend warrior" training!

Dash is still the boss and he likes to join the training sessions if he's in the same pen, to offer his opinions and share the treats for Voo's successes. He doesn't seem to mind so much that this new fellow is doing the heavy lifting. ;) So, I hope to see you soon in the show ring...with my new partner.—*Sherry Ward*



Photo by Kristeen Pemberton

Tomahawk Ranch News

My 24 year old black mare, Tomahawks Dancing Raisin, will be coming home from colic surgery at U.C. Davis by April 17th. She had a stone so the ECR didn't work, nor did two trips to get the vet to get her tubed with oil. This was her second colic surgery. Her first one was at 3 months of age. Then she had the surgery on the vet's kitchen table and the prices were cheaper.

For those following my colt, Skywalker, and my efforts to get him gelded, I took him to the National Gelding Pilot Program Clinic in Petaluma on March 15th, the Cryptorchids day, and paid \$225 to have the job done. It only cost \$75 if both testes are down. When I picked him up, I found out that he had the "regular" two testes castration! Hey, I couldn't feel anything down when he left home...and this time I checked before we left. I didn't even think to ask for my money back—plus I left a good water bucket there—but it was worth it as he is a much more pleasant colt to work with.

Skywalker's dam will be having another foal about April 27th. This time I am hoping for a filly. I have had three loud black and white appys by "Jackson" this year (see cover for one).

I sold an AMHR/ASPC mare to Terry Mason-Esteban (thanks to my newsletter ad). Blue is being picked up tonight and being shipped to Julie Mabie's to be bred to her black stallion.—*Nancy Turner*

News from Fog Ranch

Just when we were downsizing our herd...

Imagine our surprise when we went out to feed in the morning and found a filly! Well, that is what happened to us! Our mare, Wave Dancer, never showed she was in foal; she had been running with our stallion Royal Coachman for two years and—nothing, *nada*. Well, he finally figured it out. And now we have a very nice filly. She is colored like her sire, Royal Coachman, and her grandsire, Step-N-Stones Fancy Russet Roulette

Needless to say, we are very happy with this new addition.—*Pat Michielssen and Mimi Woolem*



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Our Mission: We accept any horses by volunteer surrender without judgment. We also acquire horses through the network of shelters, animal control, and the tips from concerned parties on the issue of abandonment cases. It is our hope that through continual education and help that we may minimize the number of miniature horses currently in need.

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Jim Curry Ranch News

Much has happened here in a short time. I have a new address; I had hoped to move back to a ranch but am in another apartment. All but two of the horses have been sold. Those two are my stallions so I won't be breeding and having foals in the near future. From sixty to two animals and from a ranch to an apartment has been a big change in my life and it has taken two years for it to happen. I have also sold my one ton pickup and my trailer. My big Dodge diesel just wasn't the best vehicle for in-town driving and parking. I now have a half ton, but still a pickup truck. I am in the market for a small trailer but really don't need one as both stallions are leased to others.

For the present time, I plan on attending a few shows to help friends and show as needed. Of course I will be judging as usual and it is more convenient not to have the horses with me at this time as I am gone most weekends.

I recently went to get new glasses and found out that I have cataracts in both eyes that have to be removed. I certainly hope it goes well as I have a show in Texas to judge three days after it is to be done.

I am enjoying just visiting at the shows with friends and showing a few but not actually training. I have been giving a few lessons and as always it is gratifying to watch progress being made. I hope to see everyone at the shows or meetings and wish everyone a fun and successful year.—*Jim Curry*

Rodabi-J Ranch News

Rainy day today...Hoorah! But all of my fruit trees think it's the middle of spring, and they've set lots of fruit already. Apricots will be the first to ripen, then figs, followed by the plums, apples, Asian pears, walnuts, and Fuyu persimmons (in that order). I am especially delighted when I get to share all of this bounty with my family and friends. I've been enjoying my little miniature horse ranch here in Placerville for over 25 years now, and all of these fruit trees (except for the apricot) were personally planted by me.



My two mares, Velvet and Cabaret, each look to be expecting triplets! They still have a couple of months to go until their actual due dates in May, however. I have placed my order for two show-quality black appaloosa fillies, of course.

Hope everyone has a very happy and fruitful foaling season.—*Barb Naviaux*

Rodabi-J Hits the Spot, 2004 foal by Rodabi-J Ebony Thrills. Bred by Barb Naviaux.

News from Whisper Equestrian Center

Spring has sprung at Whisper Equestrian Center. The weeds are knee-high outside the pastures. We are still waiting on our 2014 foals; I am sure they are not hiding in the tall weeds. It is very hard to be patient when everyone else is posting baby pictures. They are all so nice.

We have acquired two new mares for breeding and maybe showing. FR PuffinStuff was purchased from Pat Michelesen and Mimi Woolem, and Whisper's Katy's Amazing Grace was purchased from Joanne Fisk. I was not looking for additional mares but I could not pass these two up. We are breeding them to our Hall of Fame Stallion, McCall's CB Jazzee Jet for 2015 foals.

Chris Carringello, Heidi Arau and myself made the trek south to the April Flowers show put on by the Pacific Coast Miniature Horse Club. The weather was perfect during the day but a little cool in the evening. The show went quite long and we were showing at 2:00 a.m. Yes that was in the morning. Heidi got two firsts in pleasure driving and won under both judges in her stakes class. Whisper's Special Edition got a first and a third in Model Stallion and a third and a fourth in Stallion Halter. Whisper's Heart's of Fire got a third and a fourth in Stallion Halter. The boys were very tired, as were we, but they hung in there. We have more work to do but they are just starting their show careers, so we know they will get better and better. Showing under a full moon was lovely and the arena was wonderful, so no complaints there. The girls are getting quite good at tail gate parties and invite you to join us anytime.

We are looking forward to showing in the Area VII National Show the end of May. Although it is a long drive, it is worth it, and we can tell you where all the Starbucks are located along the way.

Congratulaitons to Julie Smith on her purchase of Whisper's Apache Tears. Apache is bred to McCall's CB Jazzee Jet for a 2014 foal, and Julie hopes to show them both in the future. It will be great to see a new face in the show ring, but now I will have to find a new ring steward for the Santa Cruz County Fair pony show.

Happy foaling season and hope to see you at the upcoming shows.—*Julie Mabie*



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News from Bellota Miniature Horses

We are happy, the horse season has started. We participated at AREA VII Spring Schooling Show and NORCAL's schooling show, both at Ranchotel in Vacaville, and we had lots of fun. Pat has been working and training a new horse to drive, and I am working to show my two yearlings at halter.

We had no babies this year, but we enjoy seeing all the new babies from everyone on Facebook. Thank you for sharing.

Although the tack swap meet will not be at our house, we look forward to participating when a location is decided.

Although my friend Charlene Palmer beat me in the schooling show with her colt at Vacaville, Prince and I are still practicing to show. He is getting older and better, so beware Charlene!

Our granddaughter, Dakota, is learning to show. We think she is going to be a natural.

Look forward to seeing all our friends.—*Pat and Linda Anastasio*



Look out, Charlene!



Judges can't resist pink boots!



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Deer Haven Ranch News

This is my favorite time of year. All the trees with their leaves and the grass that the horses are enjoying. Fruit trees blooming and wildflowers. The river canyon on the way to Jackson is so colorful. The hills there are covered with poppies.

I was laid up a few weeks ago. I fell in the barn, and there happened to be a fold-up table corner that got me in the ribs. Broke one, and left me plenty sore for several weeks.

Carolyn has been clearing out much of her belongings and collections she has accumulated over the years, including furniture. She has a 2-story house and five acres which will be sold before long. Bruce passed away last September after a long illness. She had a large collection of native American things and books. She is also hoping to find homes for her many cats, which are all spayed and neutered.

I still have a lot of horse stuff. Most of the new things were taken to Pam Brown's Twin Cities Tack Store in Herald, just east of Galt. I still have several carts and harnesses plus minis here.—*Marjorie Vliet*



Creamery's Gold Boy. One of our early stallions, a Palomino bred by May Haldridge of Modesto. She had the largest herd of Shetlands and Midgets in the 1950s.



We bought this Palomino mare in 1958 from May Haldridge



Silver Ann and her foal, Iron Maiden. The mare and filly were shown in the Bay Area in 1961.

Editor's note: Marjorie sent me these wonderful photos from the '50s and '60s, and I really loved looking at them. Any errors in the captions are mine.

Do you have any photos from days gone by that you would like to share? If you do, please send them in and I'll scan them and return them—I promise to handle them with care.



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Summer Newsletter deadline is Friday, July 18

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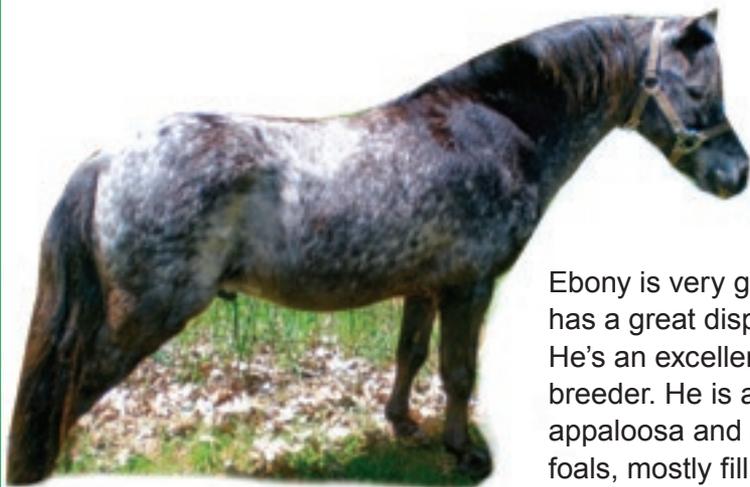
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34-1/2" black appaloosa stallion



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