



NEWS



In the news...

Cottonwood Arena News

The arena is ready to use thanks to Marian Beck, Don Bellamy, Roy Morris and all of you who helped on the workday July 21st.

The sand is in, the arena fencing is up and so are the corrals. We even made the Newspaper!!

Thanks to all of you who generously gave of your time and energy.

*** **Please Remember** ***

- 1) Carry your membership card with you when riding at the park.
- 2) Kids need to wear helmets.

KBEA Fun Day !

What:

Arena Games &
Relay Races – Bring Your Horse!
BBQ – after the games

When:

THIS Saturday, September 1st
Beginning at 2 pm.

Where:

Cottonwood Horse Park!

Why:

Fun with our horses!
Fellowship with our KBEA friends!

Who:

Current & **New** KBEA Members
~ Membership Cost:
Adult \$12.50 Student (Under 18) \$5
Join **today** and play with us!



4th of July Parade:

It was great to see our members Mark Marette and Libby Fabich riding in the parade.

What fine looking horses!

Fund Raising



Allison Trimble was in town and did a Riding Clinic.

She donated the proceeds of \$485 to KBEA. Our thanks to her.

There were about 9 people that showed up and she gave us some good information and things to work on.

Emmitt and Mary Trimble of Coastal Realty donated a fine spread of food for lunch.

It was a fun time. Thank you Allison, Emmitt and Mary for your time, expertise, and good food.

Reminder:

Please check your membership card expiration date to make sure it hasn't expired.

Some of you had memberships through June of 2007 so need to get your dues in.

If you need to know please call Renee at 235-8567 or Donna at 226-2256 to find out.

Please send \$12.50 per adult and \$5.00 per youth for 2007.

We want all memberships to be due at the beginning of each year to make it easier for our volunteers.

If you send in a full year membership amount of \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per youth **the extra will be put in the general fund.**

Thank you for your help and for updating your memberships.

Great News!

We have approval from the IRS for our 501 (c) 3 status! KBEA is officially a non-profit with tax-exempt status!

Memberships

We now have 83 members !

New Members to be added to address, phone & email books:

#56 Aurora Lambert

PO Box 253

Anchor Pt AK 99556

Phone: 907-235-5366

email: auroralambert@hotmail.com

#69 Katie Schollenberg

25707 Sterling Hwy

Anchor Point AK 99556

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email: seitak@hotmail.com

#68 Elaine McCollum

PO Box 2536

Homer, AK 99603

Phone: 907-299-1829

#67 Wende Love/Edward Liebler

35320 Upland St

Homer AK 99603

Phone: 235-1423 or 399-4884

email: lovewel@alaska.net

#28 Shelley Rainwater

PO Box 3182

Homer AK 99603

Phone: 907-235-4205

email: eqineamogo@hotmail.com

Don't forget to stop by HEA and see Renee to pick up your 2007 KBEA Directory.

Board News...

~ Notice Changes to Board ~

President: Roberta Highland

Vice Pres: Renee Eidem

Treasurer: Donna Richards

Secretary: Cass Crandall

Members at large:

Shere Baechler

Marian Beck

Rhonda Bradshaw

Upcoming Events:

Fun Day @ Cottonwood Park

Saturday, September 1st, 2 pm
Relay Races, BBQ, fun, fun, fun !

Work Parties:

There have been on going weekly work parties this past month or so. If you are interested in joining the fun please contact Tim Quinn or Roberta Highland to see when the next one is!

Board Meetings:

There are no meetings planned at this time.

"How Do I Donate?"

Just a thought:

We owe \$30,000 each June for the next 3 years for our land payment.

We have 61 family, single, joint, and youth memberships.

If each membership gave a **tax-deductible** donation of \$500 per year (or \$40 per month) we could meet our obligation each year.

Please consider donating what you can to make the burden lighter for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

From The Horse's Mouth

By Roberta Highland



Howdy Everyone!!!

KBEA has had an exciting month. We've got a full-fledged arena. Thanks to Marian Beck, Roy Morris and Don Bellamy for the time, sand and cat work. We had an amazing work party on July 21 where we put up the arena walls and horse pens (generously donated by Cass Crandall). There are some finishing touches needed on the arena and then it will be ready for full use!!

We also had volunteers, Robert Archibald and Larry Smith, put in the footings for the concrete slab for the restrooms. Dibble Creek Rock has since poured the slab along with more volunteer labor and is curing as we speak. Next is the actual building of the restrooms. The KBEA board wants to thank everyone for all their help on this exciting project.

We continue to need help fund raising - \$168,000.00 to complete the purchase of the Cottonwood Horse Park land. We are looking for grant writers, ideas and donations. Please spread the word and help as you can. Contact any board member for information.

Just a reminder: Anyone using the arena **has to be a KBEA member**. KBEA has insurance coverage for members only - so this is really important. If you happen to see someone at the Horse Park you don't recognize, please ask if they're members - for their safety and ours.

The KBEA board will be planning some fun activities for the future, so stay tuned.

In the meantime - Happy Riding and Happy Trails.

Sincerely,

Roberta Highland
President



Yarrow:

Sabrina Lea

"A Modern Horse Herbal" by Hillary Page Self

This time of year yarrow is everywhere in just about everyone's pastures. Although it can really seem like a nuisance, it also has a good side! Its appearance is easily recognized and is readily grazed by horses and cattle.



According to "A Modern Horse Herbal", by Hillary Page Self, the entire plant can be collected for medicinal properties. 'It is particularly beneficial for urinary infections such as cystitis, and is a specific for fevers. It encourages the healing of wounds and burst blood vessels. It will improve and encourage appetite, especially if this is due to ill health or fevers. It will improve the blood supply and circulation to peripheral blood vessels, making it a useful herb for conditions such as navicular syndrome. In some parts of the world it is used for rheumatic conditions.'

Hillary suggests using 25 grams per day of the dried herb with feed. A compress for wounds can be made with an infusion of yarrow: pour a cup of boiling water over 3 teaspoonfuls of the herb and allow to stand for 15 minutes. So go ahead and pick some of those pretty but seemingly pesty yarrow plants dry them and put them away for your ponies until next year. You never know when you might need some!

Sabrina



It's That Time Of Year Again!

Seller's Terms...

(what they say & what they really mean...)

Excellent Disposition: *never been out of his stall all year.*

Clips, Hauls and Loads: *Clippity, clippity is the sound his hooves make when he hauls a\$\$ across the parking lot when you try to load him.*

Great Halter Prospect: *Bred for beauty, not for brains.*

Good Mother: *She's too dumb to do anything else.*

Selling Due To Divorce: *My spouse certainly couldn't stand him...*

Bomb Proof: *So dumb you could set off a bomb under his tail and he wouldn't blink.*

He Can Do It All: *bite, kick, buck, rear...*

Flashy: *nice looking... forget about him being ride able.*

Stunning: *you'll be stunned at his kicking power.*

Very Brave: *even a whip can't force him back.*

Slight Case Of Navicular: *better buy him before he's too lame to walk*

Proven Sire: *The mare we bred him to had a baby*

Lots of Potential: *Under the right circumstances, you might be able to ride him*

Great Bloodlines: *He can't do anything, but that's okay because some horse 20 generations back did something*

Already Broke: *two fences, one arm, six buckets*

Horse starts anew with move to Anchorage

NOLA: Small but sturdy equine is a good fit for children with disabilities.

By KATIE PESZNECKER
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(Published: July 7, 2007)

Submitted by Milli Martin

If only Nola could talk.

Then, the sturdy Icelandic horse might explain how she ended up in Kotzebue. She lived for 14 years in the Alaska Arctic, tethered alongside reindeer and sharing salmon with sled dogs.

About four years ago, she boarded a cargo plane along with a couple of reindeer who, the story goes, caught the pilot's eye. Matted, stinky and infected with worms, she arrived in Anchorage, and the team at the Rainbow Connection program took her in.

"When Nola came to us, it was kismet, meant to be," said Brienne Mabry, the program's horse trainer. "She needed a second chance and we needed a small horse."

The Rainbow program uses horses in its therapy program for kids and adults with disabilities. That makes the short, strong, Icelandic Nola ideal: Children astride her are nearer to eye-level with therapists.

And Icelandics have a smooth gait that's easier on riders' stiff joints and muscles.

"She's adored here," said Mabry. "And now she has a purpose."

It's unclear whether Nola had a purpose in Kotzebue. The pilot -- now retired -- told Mabry the horse was tied up by someone's front door. No one remembers now who owned her, or knows where the horse was born.

Veterinarians think she is in her mid- to late-20s, middle-aged, in Icelandic horse years.

AN 'UGLY ICELANDIC' BLOSSOMS

During her Kotzebue years, Nola had a different name: Hesta.

"Hesta is Icelandic for horse," Mabry said. "That's like calling a dog 'Dog.' I couldn't live with that." So they changed her name to Finola -- Gaelic for "white shoulders."

Nola looked worse for wear. Her matted hair hung in homely clumps. For a year, she smelled like fish.

"She had the most lustrous coat though," Mabry said.

It took four months of de-worming treatments and heavy-duty grooming to beautify Nola. Her coat is a mosaic of brown and off-white. She is stout, barrel-bodied. White-blond and apricot hues streak her mane and thick forelock. A tan fan of feathery lashes fringes her large brown eyes.

By breeders' standards, Nola's an ugly Icelandic, Mabry said. "Her head is way too big, and she's way cow-hocked."

But Nola's unusual looks are maybe why those who use her for therapy every week find the horse so endearing.

"A lot of our riders, they don't look right, or they have a deformity of some kind," Mabry said. "Here's a horse who also doesn't look right."



OH DEER, A CONFUSED HORSE

After so many years in the Bush, separated from her species, Nola doesn't act quite right either.

"Nola behaves more like a reindeer than another horse," Mabry said. "So when I trained her, I just tried to bear in mind that I wasn't training a horse, I was training a reindeer."

Exhibit A: Stalls terrified Nola. "She'd never been indoors," Mabry said.

Exhibit B: Nola's sadly lacking when it comes to interpreting other horses' communication cues. Shortly after her arrival, Mabry put Nola out to pasture with a horse named Cash. The pair stood awfully close together, so Cash nudged at Nola with a hoof -- horse language for, "Excuse me but you're in my personal space," Mabry said.

"So all he did was say, 'can you go?' And Nola freaked out and started cow-kicking him. Her eyes were huge."

MADE FOR KIDS

But the kids love Nola. Maybe it's because she's small and cute, in a "My Little Pony" way. Perhaps it's her patience. She can stand for hours on end for a grooming session.

Roughly 30 children with the Rainbow Connection currently use Nola for therapy. On a recent weekday, she put in a day's work at the Rainbow Connection's summer set-up at the William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center at Ruth Arcand Park in South Anchorage, just off Abbott Road.

In a dusty outdoor arena, an obliging Nola ferried around a little girl named Faith, who has cerebral palsy.

JoAnn Schnellbaecher, an occupational therapist who's also a riding instructor, said Nola is the perfect horse in Faith's case, because of the way her Icelandic body moves with her gait.

During Faith's workout, she sat in the saddle, her small legs around Nola's body, stretching out her hips and muscles. As Mabry walked Nola in laps around the white-fenced corral, Schnellbaecher had Faith stand up in the saddle, or attempt to reach forward and touch Nola's ears, or lean back to touch her tail.

"It's great, because Faith gets double movement," Schnellbaecher said. "We're asking her to move while on a moving surface."

Throughout the workout, Nola was steady, patient, and obliging. When Faith has finished, and her mother swept her away with thanks and a wave, volunteers with the program crowded around Nola to pet her and play with her hair.

"She loves her life here," Mabry said. "She soaks up love like a little sponge. She really is just a sweet, uncomplicated little girl."

What is an Icelandic horse?

Vikings used the stout Icelandic because they were small enough to ride on boats but strong enough to carry a warrior's weight.

While most equine breeds go at three speeds -- walk, trot and canter -- the Icelandic is gaited, meaning it's five-speed: It can also go at a tolt, which is a fast walk; and it can pace, which means both legs on the same side move together. Both of these gaits make for a very smooth ride, putting Icelandic's among the most comfortable riding horses in the world.

~ This article was brought to you by Milli Martin. If you have an article, story, cartoon etc. that you would like included in the KBEA Newsletter, please forward it to Sandy, Sabrina or Renee. ~

Another Homer Jewel

Have you ever wondered how there can be so many amazingly talented folks in Homer? Just when you think you've heard it all, another gem appears.

Western Saddle Builder *Wayne Hape* received the 2007 award for World's Best Hand-tooled Western Saddle at the annual leather show held in his hometown of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Having grown up on a real working ranch in a genuine cowboy town, Wayne learned from one of the best his Dad. *Chester Hape* is one of the original designers of tooled western saddles where it all began in Sheridan. He has been recognized in the Rodeo Hall of Fame and many collect his saddles. He designed and built saddles out of his saddle shop for a living. Not only are these saddles beautiful, but functional working ranch saddles as well.

Although Wayne spent his days working side by side with his father, it wasn't until this year that he put his best work of art together and entered the competition.

The saddle is incredibly beautiful and is completely covered with tooling, and even incorporates our very own local Sitka roses within its design. The saddle is for sale and on display at his sister's western shop in Sheridan, where his famous brother-in-law, *Tom Balding*, makes world-class bits and spurs.



An example of Wayne's work.

Wayne builds custom saddles and does custom leather work. One of his saddles is for sale at Sterling Rose Saddlery in Anchor Point. Inquiries can be made at 235-5900.

Funny Cowboy Quotes

Here are some cowboy quotes & tips for life:

When you give a lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Generally, you ain't learnin' nothing when your mouth's a-jawin'.

Tellin' a man to git lost and makin' him do it are two entirely different propositions.

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.

If it doesn't seem to be worth the effort it probably isn't.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket

Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

CLASSIFIED ADS

~ Place an Ad ~

Members can place a classified ad for free here! Selling a horse or a saddle? Are you boarding horses or maybe looking for something special? We would love to include your ad in the newsletter!!! Contact either one of us with info: *Sabrina Lea* at 235-5900 or *Sandy Arndt* arndtfarm@gmail.com

~ Free Business Ad ~

We are looking to expand our newsletter! We need your business card size ad (or the info that you would put on a business card) I can design one for you if you don't have one! Most of you out there have a business, or a hobby you could advertise for FREE in our newsletter! Again, please contact either one of us to get your info into the newsletter: *Sandy Arndt* arndtfarm@gmail.com or *Sabrina Lea* at 235-5900

~ Horse for Sale ~

18 year old - 15 hands,
reg Thoroughbred Mare
excellent dressage partner!!!
Very nice mover!
off to college ~ regretfully selling.
\$2,500 OBO
Alina 235-2401
rski@xyz.net
more info or pictures

~ Horse for Sale ~

Thoroughbred Gelding
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sweet disposition ~ FAST
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~ Saddle for Sale ~

Utahn Working Saddle
Hand-built 14 1/2 Inch
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Excellent quality, asking \$800.
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~ Your Ad Could Be Here ~

~ Saddle for Sale ~

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complete with stirrups, irons, etc
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Mossy 245-7540

~ Saddle for Sale ~

Rossi Y Carusso English saddle
16 1/2" all purpose
Carrie Reed @ 399-0140

~ Horse Wanted ~

Bombproof horse
Gelding preferred
Carrie Reed 399-0140
[Cdf1119@hotmail](mailto:Cdf1119@hotmail.com)

~ Horse for Sale ~

Haflinger Gelding
4-years old, 14.1 hands
Parelli trained
Used for trail riding & lessons
Shi Shi @ 235-1222

~ Misc for Sale or Trade ~

1981 4-horse trailer 2.5K
4 yr Appy Gelding 2.5K
8 yr Grey ArabX Gelding 2.5K
both good trail/pack horses
\$5,500 pkg deal

1994 Chevy Suburban 5600
8 passenger - Automatic 4WD

NSDR male mini aussie
Blue-eyed red merle 2.5 yrs
4 sale/breed/lease \$650

Interested in trading for:
Land, 4-wheeler, motor home,
small motorcycle, laptop, car
or good old fashioned money !

Sandy 235-7028



puppies for sale ?
car or truck for sale ?
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looking to buy something ?

Member's ads in the KBEA
Newsletter are FREE !!!!

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straw \$14 per bale
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Please call
235-5900

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Jeanie 235-4888

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snail mail:

KBEA: PO Box 21, Homer

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Sabrina: 235-5900 or Renee: 235-8567

or drop it off: Renee @ HEA

Website Pictures Needed!



I **still** need some pictures for the KBEA web site! Please email me (or drop off at HEA or snail mail to KBEA) any pictures we could use to jazz up the site. Pictures of: *you, kids, animals, shots of local color, view shots, etc.* Thanks,

Jeanie jeaniefabich@yahoo.com



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*If you have a friend or acquaintance that would be interested in joining us as a member please give them this!!!*  
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Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association Jul thru Dec 2007 Membership



Name: _____

Telephone: _____

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email: _____

Adult membership _____ x \$12.50 = _____

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Questions? (907) 235-8567