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**Nov 8:** De-Spooking 102. 9:00 a.m. at Hamilton's Arena, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. Limited to 15 riders. \$15 fee. Pre-requisite: must have successfully completed De-Spooking 101. Contact Vince Pirozzi, 775.841.3563 for more information.

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**Nov 13:** Board & General Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ 2600 College Parkway, Carson City. Potluck dinner before the meeting. Election for 2009 Board members and Officers. Contact Anne for more info: 246-4247.

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**Nov. 29:** Deadline for mailing in checks for Christmas Party.

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**Dec 7:** 4th Annual Christmas Party! **Noon**, The Carson Nugget (Conference Room upstairs). It is buffet style \$17.95 per person (price includes tax and gratuity). Complete information on page 3.

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**Jan 1:** Breakfast Ride, 11225 Silver Lane, Stagecoach. \$5, children under 12 free. RSVP to Margy by December 22nd, 230-2335.

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**Please check the website regularly for time and date changes. Sometimes things change and we have to re-schedule or cancel. [www.hdhorsemen.org](http://www.hdhorsemen.org) or call the contact number listed for the event.**



There is an excellent article titled *Drug-Resistant Parasites: Is your horse at risk?* that appeared on the website: myhorse.com. It is too large to reproduce in the newsletter but very worthwhile to read. Look for it on our website.

## Classifieds

Classified Ads are free for all High Desert Horsemen members. To submit an ad, email: [llmulkey@yahoo.com](mailto:llmulkey@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 15 inch suede seat-tobacco in color. Semi-quarter horse bars, 26 1/2" seat, 12 inch swell, 6 1/2" gullet. 1 1/2" high X 3 inch wide horn with silver cap. 2 1/2" high cantle. Approx. 30 lbs. -- fleece is in good condition. This saddle was used mostly for showing. It was on the trail only a few times. My horse has Cushings and is now retired from the show ring so I no longer use/need the saddle.  
Contact Bonnie, 775-882-6604 evenings.  
E-mail: [twoandahalfmustangs@msn.com](mailto:twoandahalfmustangs@msn.com).



## News Brief

Floyd Towne is home recovering from a hip replacement. We wish you a speedy recovery, Floyd.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

We currently **need** these items for our Thanksgiving Baskets. We have a goal of 40 baskets (5 more than last year) so we need a total of 40 of each of the items listed. Donations are accepted at any HDH event. **The last day for donations is Thursday November 13 at the meeting.** Thanks for all you give!!

- 40 Turkeys
- 21 boxes of Stuffing
- 34 cans of Cranberry Sauce
- 26 packets of Turkey Gravy
- 7 cans of Yams
- 21 cans of Corn
- 21 cans of Green Beans
- 35 boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- 40 Apple Ciders
- 10 Cake Mixes
- 25 Frostings
- 15 Roasting Pans (aluminum)
- (great Dollar Store item)

## Horse Color Anecdotes

**Does your horse display the characteristics of his color?**

Tradition, they say, can teach us a lot,  
So here is what horsemen, on color, have thought.  
A bay is hardy, a chestnut is fast  
And you can't kill a buckskin: he'll last and last  
A grey is gentle, a sorrel is hot  
A dun is a horse you'll be happy you bought.  
White eyes are flighty, white feet may crack  
While some won't rely on the feet of a black.  
Some pintos are lucky, like the medicine hat,  
But all horsemen agree the best color is fat.

-- Anonymous

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**Election—November 13**

**Ballot**

**President-Linda Mulkey**  
**Vice-President-Margy Hamilton**  
**Treasurer-Kelli Lyon**  
**Secretary-Anne Martin**  
**Directors:**  
**Bonnie Replogle**  
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**April Dziabo**  
**Kelly Knapp**

**You may vote in person on Nov. 13th at the meeting.**

**If you cannot attend the meeting you may vote via e-mail or telephone call to Anne Martins:**  
**mustangmommy@sbcglobal.net**  
**or 246-4247 by Noon, November 13th.**



**November Happy Birthday**



**11/1—Nancie Cuccato**

**11/3—Mandy Brinnand**

**11/7—Steve Lyon**

**11/9—Floyd Townsend**

**11/17—Dana McCoy**

**11/19—Carolyn Kates**

**11/20—Regina Cruz Davies**

**11/20—Sandy Blair**

**11/23—Diana Terrell**

**11/23—Ronald Durst**

**Debbie Young's birthday was October 12th — sorry for the omission, Debbie.**

**Christmas Party**

HDH's 4th Annual Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 7th beginning at Noon. We will be eating at 12:30 p.m. The party will be at the Carson Nugget (Conference Room upstairs). There is valet parking and elevators to go upstairs.

Lunch is buffet style: American Buffet

- four assorted salads
- baked chicken
- beef entrée (chef's choice)
- fried shrimp
- steamed rice
- Potatoes
- garden fresh vegetable
- Rolls
- assorted desserts
- Beverage

\$17.95 per person (price includes tax and gratuity).

*Send check payable to HDH to Anne Martins, P.O. Box 2263, Dayton, NV 89403 **by November 29th.***

Bring a white elephant gift (not over \$10) for each person, if you want to share in the exchange.

**The Golden Rule of Horsemanship**

Here is a golden rule, a horseman should live up to:

The priceless knowledge in horsemanship.

Remember each time you approach a horse,

A man of kindness to his horse is kind,

A brutal action is a brutal mind.

Think, the Lord made thee, made the brute.

He who gave thee speech and reason,

Formed him also mute.

He can't complain; but our good God's all seeing eyes,  
So behold thy cruelty. He hears his cries of the mute.

He was created thy servant, not thy drudge.

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## Charity Ride—Washoe SP—October 4, 2008



The October 4th Charity Ride was a fun ride, even if the weather was threatening. Thankfully, the rain held off until we got back. HDH raised \$125 for the riding therapy group "Kids and Horses", and \$105 for the Thanksgiving baskets. Thank



you to all who donated and have been donating all year. This is what makes HDH special—we have so many caring members. Thank you Bonnie Replogle for sponsoring the ride. Riders: Kelly Knapp, Diana Goodrick, Sheila Aerick, Bonnie Replogle, Holly, Jamie, & Ken Buettner, Margy Hamilton, Linda Mulkey, Anne & Marty Martins.



Photos are courtesy of Ken Buettner. More are on our website.

### Poetry

#### BE SURE YOU STOP!

Harold Roy Miller

If you are a married man and you like traveling with your wife, pards, let me tell you something that will simplify your life. I learned this the hard way so listen to my expert advice and if you fail to heed it, you will surely pay the price.

What I am saying plainly is if she wants to visit a tourist site just turn the car around and avoid a chronic fight. Do not keep right on driving by and try to change her mind or you will forever be reminded of what you tried to leave behind.

You see, a woman never forgets and don't think that they do. That kind of thinking benefits no one and brings misery on you. I will tell you of my experiences and some of my worst mistakes, and how it could have been avoided if I'd just stepped on the brakes.

Over the years there have been some places that she wished to explore but her pleadings were something that I chose unwisely to ignore. Because back then I was ignorant about women's wiles and ways and had no idea I was gonna be punished for the next ten thousand days.

There's a lighthouse near Mendocino that she still brings up to me but it was almost dark and I didn't wish to pay that expensive one dollar fee. So I kept on driving and made an excuse to my glaring spouse. It's been eight years but there'll be no peace till she get to see that lighthouse.

I drove by the fumaroles in Yellowstone Park and it still haunts me yet because it seems that's another thing she just will not forget. "It's only a spewing fountain. Forget about it." I hissed. But now we're planning to go back up to see that fumarole we missed.

The lava beds, the Rogue River and the Phoenix Heard Museum - I wish now I'd taken the time and checked out all of them. Every time the subject comes up, it is something I quickly drop because she reminisces rather loudly of the places I did not stop.

## Scavenger Hunt—Stagecoach—October 19, 2008

The Scavenger Hunt/Ride/Potluck was fun. Even though we had a large turnout everyone got a prize. The weather was fantastic and the food was even better! We hope to make this a yearly event. Thanks goes to Anne Martins and Kelly Knapp for organizing the event.

Participants:  
Marsha Arthur,  
Nancie Cuccato  
Dennis Cuccato  
Linda Mulkey  
Kelli Lyon  
Jarod Lyon,  
Diana Goodrick  
Kelly Knapp  
Ken Buettner  
Holly Buettner  
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Luanne Kin  
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Photos  
courtesy of  
Anne Martins  
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More pictures  
on our website





# Pyramid of Training

## For the Everyday Horseman—Part 1

by Terry Church

The idea for the “Pyramid of Training,” or training scale, was first conceived in Europe by a General von Redwitz and a Colonel Hans von Heydebreck in 1912, and was later included in the official German training manual after W.W.II. Today in the United States, it is required reading for all certified dressage instructors. Briefly, the training scale was intended as a written progression of steps to be taken in schooling the dressage horse, “start to finish.” However, a horse’s physical development, his mental understanding of what is being asked of him, and the ease with which he potentially relates to the human can be sought after in any riding style or discipline. Therefore, the pyramid can be applied to any horse whose work demands athletic skill, and it can be studied by horsemen and women who wish to increase their level of understanding (at least intellectu-

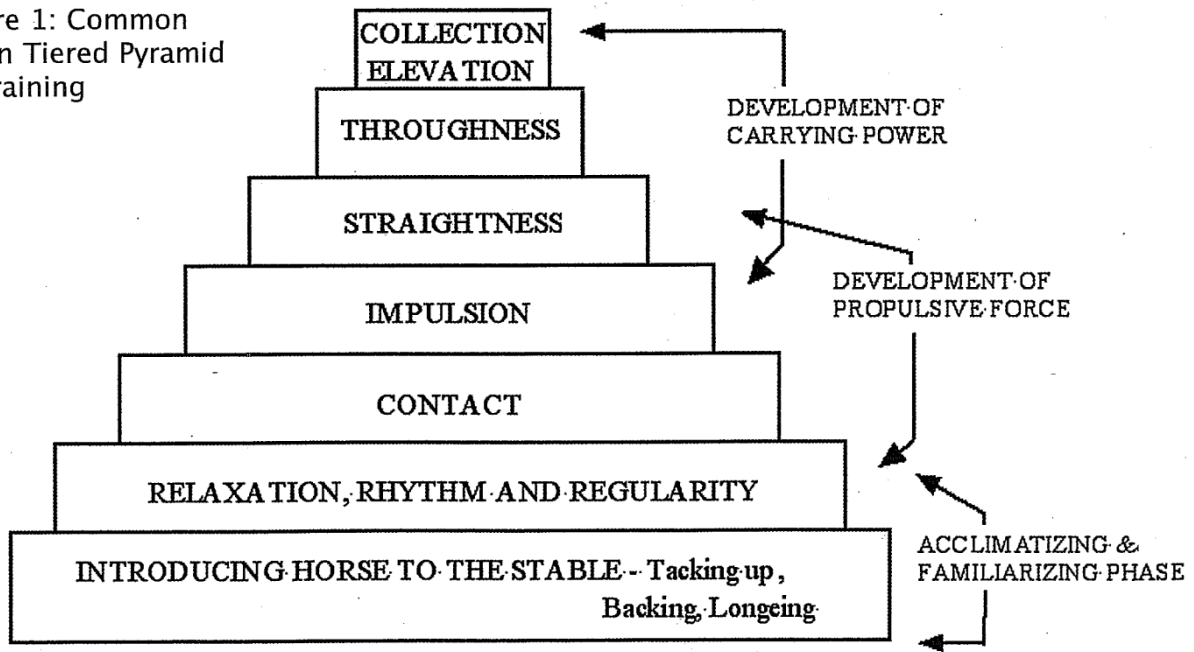
ally) about the bodybuilding phases a horse must go through to perform increasingly difficult actions or movements.

In recent years, the Pyramid of Training had various forms. One that was commonly used had seven tiers as shown below in Figure 1.

The tiers represent the progression of “training” in phases. Each tier (or phase) contains a concept or action that represents a desired outcome for that phase. The phases are listed from the bottom upwards, as you would walk up a stairway from the ground, alluding to the importance of establishing a foundation before moving to the next level of complexity.

In 2007, the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) standardized and published an “official” Pyramid of Training. It has six tiers as shown in Figure 2, on the facing page.

Figure 1: Common Seven Tiered Pyramid of Training



**Fun Day—September 28, 2008**



Pres. Tony Sumner with Hi-Point Winner  
Kelli Lyon

The Fun Day was a huge success and a whole lot of fun. It was one more way for members to come out and have a good time with a lot of camaraderie from the other members. Thanks to Aimée and Tony Sumner for organizing & hosting the event.



Pres. Tony Sumner with Reserve Hi-Point  
Winner Marsha Arthur



Ken Buettner on Wind



Kelli Lyon on Pepper



Bonnie Replogle on Beau



Anne Martins on Sam



Holly Buettner on PeWe



Jamie Buettner on Red



Kelly Knapp on Robin



Nancie Cuccato on Rags




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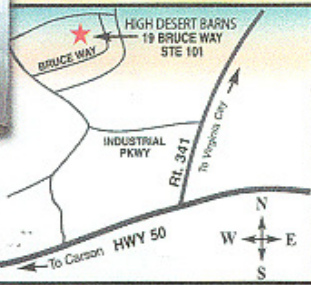
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