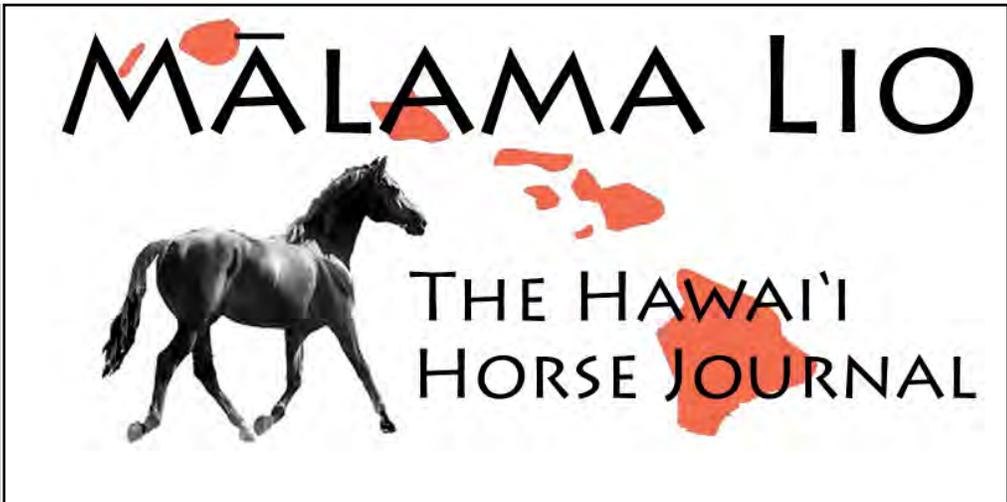


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Come to the Hawaii Island Horse Expo 2008!

On August 9 and 10, the Hawaii Island Humane Society's Horse Expo 2008 will bring to Waimea a number of internationally known trainers, authors and clinicians, including:

- Lester Buckley, champion cutting horse trainer and German-licensed dressage trainer;
- Robert Miller, DVM, veterinarian, trainer, clinician and author, perhaps most famous for his work on imprinting foals;
- Dale Myler, trainer and designer of the highly respected Myler Bits and Spurs;
- Curt Pate, trainer, cattleman, AQHA clinician and *Western Horseman* author, known for his low-stress horsemanship and livestock handling methods.

The host and panel moderator will be Rick Lamb, author and host of *The Horse Show on RFD-TV*. Local speakers will include Brady Bergin, DVM, and Lisa Wood, DVM.

And entertainment will be provided by Templeton Thompson, a country singer, songwriter and horsewoman from Texas.

The HIHS Horse Expo will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, at the Kahilu Theatre and adjacent YMCA park grounds, with demonstrations, discussions, and Q&A sessions. There will also be an opportunity for visitors to participate in trail rides, farm tours and private sessions with the clinicians on Monday and Tuesday, August 11 and 12. Learn, enjoy, participate and support!

Co-chairs for the event are Mary Buckley, photographer, and Nancy Jones, owner of Circle J Horse Sanctuary. For tickets and registration information, contact Nancy Jones at 887-2301, or visit the website HawaiiHorseExpo.com.

Registration fees and donations are tax deductible, and all proceeds will be used by the Hawaii Island Humane Society to help establish an Equine Fund for the care of abused and abandoned horses. 



Bottom, left to right: Rick Lamb, Brady Bergin, Robert Miller. At right, top to bottom: Lester Buckley, Dale Myler, Curt Pate, Lisa Wood. Photos courtesy of Mary Buckley.



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Because of rising postage and printing costs, we can no longer distribute the print version of Mālama Lio for free. Beginning with this issue (July), we've begun charging a cover price of \$1.00.

However, we've dropped the cost of classified ads! See page 12 for more information. 

Where have all the trails gone?

Do you remember riding through fields and forests and gravel roads and ranchland as a kid? Whether you grew up in Hawai`i or somewhere else, if you had horses as a kid you're probably wondering what happened to all those places you used to ride. You probably just hopped on your pony or climbed on aunty's old cowhorse, and off you went across the fields.

But much of that easy access to open space is gone. Farmland turns into suburban housing. Forests become malls and parking lots. Dirt roads and donkey tracks are transformed into paved highways.

Our readers report that it's getting harder and harder to find and gain access to good trails. One reader comments, "The best trail riding is closed to the general public by large landowners because of fear of potential liability issues."

Others cite restrictions because of invasive species concerns; new owners who put up fences and lock gates; rezoning that chops up agricultural land for commercial growth and housing; formerly open military land now being leased to private trail ride businesses; and mismanagement by planning groups.

In Kauai County, one reader relates a sad story: "A few years ago the County received federal funds to develop a Pedestrian Pathway," including an equestrian portion which had been an existing horse trail for over 40 years. Safety concerns caused the planners to separate the horse trail from the pedestrian trail.

"No matter how many examples of multi-use trails there are nationwide, they could not understand the concept. They started grading the trail and then the County Council submitted a proposed new county ordinance to BAN horses from the proposed Equestrian Trail.

"So now the Equestrian Trail is

not going to happen. We now do not have an improved Equestrian Trail—we have no Equestrian Trail because we lost total access to the old trail and were told we would be breaking the law and will be subject to fines if found on the trail with horses.

"All of this happened over a period of 5+ years with many, many people doing hours of research and doing their best to answer every question or problem the County Council threw their way."

Our places to ride, our trails, are vanishing. And it's not just here in Hawai`i. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, open space all across America is disappearing at the rate of **250 acres an hour**. What can we do?

- Take care of the land that you *can* ride on. Be a courteous land user and be sure to say thank you to landowners!
- Ride on organized rides to help support organizations that are working to keep trails open.
- Know what's going on in your community. Speak out to make sure our government officials and decision-makers know how important it is to keep access to open land. Lobby legislators for open-space funding, reduce the liability risk for cooperative landowners, and include safe access for horseback riders in designated recreation areas.
- If you own land, learn how you can preserve it for future recreational riding. Consider selling or donating development rights of your property, and talk to a lawyer about creating a land trust.
- Go to malama-lio.com and take this month's survey to give us feedback about your use and access to trails currently. We'll continue to publish your comments and views. Is it time to form a statewide equestrian trails council? 

*The Akamai Horseman***Horsemanship: It Starts on the Ground**

by Yod Neal

Riding the horse is not the same as horsemanship. Horsemanship encompasses the entire horse-human relationship. A great deal of that relationship takes place with the human's feet flat on the ground. It is from the ground that we feed our horses, clean their stalls, groom and clip them, lead them, load and unload them from trailers, de-worm them, doctor them, clean their hooves, and ultimately saddle them and bridle them. When a good rider is not also a good horseman, what is usually missing is a foundation on the ground.

Groundwork for many people could be just bringing the horse from the pasture to the barn. For other people it could be lunging the horse in circles or simply putting plastic tarps over the horse or on the ground. Groundwork has many faces. My belief is groundwork should free the horse's feet in all directions when asked, and have the horse calm to a stimulus when asked.

There are two purposes in groundwork, as in all horse training. You either sensitize or desensitize a horse to a stimulus. You can never do a combination of the two. If you want to sensitize the horse to a specific stimulus, you want to liven his feet in a certain direction, so you must generate energy that requires an active response from the horse. To desensitize, you present stimulation but you ask the horse to ignore it, so your demeanor must change—become quieter, more relaxed, with less energy—because you want to reward a “non-response” from the horse.

Anything that moves or creates motion has energy coming off of it. When sensitizing you want the horse to move away from energy. Some examples include pulling on the lead rope to make the horse move away from the energy (pressure) placed on his poll; holding a hand up to drive horse out of your space and telling horse to move away from you; applying energy with your legs to signal the horse to move forward. When sensitizing your horse, maintain the energy until the horse either yields or moves. As soon as he responds, take the energy away and immediately reward him.

Desensitizing involves getting your horse to stand

“The Akamai Horseman” presents thoughts and solutions to issues in training, riding, and communicating with horses.

The contributing writers are well known to many horse people in Hawaii: Franklin Levinson (aka The Maui Horse Whisperer); Anna Twinney, former head instructor at the Monty Roberts Learning Center and founder of the “Reach Out to Horses” program; and Yod Neal, natural horsemanship trainer at Kula Kai Farms on Maui.

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still, relax or not move to energy, and stand calmly when saddled; not react when a rider waves or swings a rope; not spook at flapping or plastic bags, lawn ornaments, or show ribbons; and calmly accept the presence of traffic, dogs, or other horses. To desensitize your horse, apply consistent rhythmic movements (energy), until he relaxes and what you're doing no longer bothers him.

A lot of people get confused and think that all they have to do is desensitize their horse and then they're good to go. It is not the case. It depends on the individual. The horse is looking for balance, whether you're on the ground or on their back. So, you need to balance everything even when you're on the ground. Some horses are more flighty so more desensitizing is needed. Some horses are more laid back so in this case more sensitizing is needed. In a nut shell, if you have a horse that is too desensitized, which is good, there could also be a down side. The horse could be too unresponsive to his cue and will either stand rooted to the spot when you want to go somewhere, or he'll push and crowd into you. If a horse is too sensitized, he will never relax and stand still. The good news is that at least your horse has forward motion.

In summary, the goal is to engage the horse's mind and the horse's feet. When sensitizing we want to free up the horse in all directions. When desensitizing you are looking for the horse to see energy, and think his way to a calm standing, breathing, thinking state of mind with no feet moving. 🐾

Yod Neal grew up with horses on a Quarter Horse ranch in Wyoming. After participating in a clinic with legendary horseman Ray Hunt, Yod began to develop and refine his own natural horsemanship methods, which he now employs as the resident trainer and instructor at Kula Kai Farms on Maui. He recently had the opportunity to work with Leslie Desmond as he continues his own horsemanship training. For more information: kulakaifarms.com email: yodneal@kulakaifarms.com

Ten Secrets to Becoming Highly Successful with Horses

by Franklin Levinson

#1 Attitude is everything.

The quality of our lives is dictated by our thoughts and beliefs. We see our world not as it is but as our judgments and paradigms (beliefs) dictate. If we judge our horse is bad, then we may think it deserves punishment. Perhaps we think the horse made us look like poor riders or simply made us look foolish. Actually, a horse is never doing anything to us personally. All unwanted behavior from a horse is a fear-based reaction to something. Either pain (or the anticipation of pain), misunderstanding of a request, too much input at once, never being rewarded for efforts at compliance, frustration and more, can cause a fearful reaction from a horse.

Notice I said reaction rather than response. They are two different things. A reaction is instinctual and without thought. A response tends to be somewhat thought out and more appropriate given the actual circumstances of the situation. As horses are prey animals, their fearful reactions can be well understood as a survival mechanism and should not be punished. What needs to be established within the horse are feelings of safety and trust that it will be safe (survive). Safety does not live in the outside world. Safety is a feeling only. We either feel safe

enough to take that plane ride or we do not. It is the same for a horse. It either feels safe and trusting enough to try to comply with requests made by a human (load into a trailer for example) or it does not. Therefore, it is easily understood that the development of trust between horse and human is essential, paramount and basic to any successful endeavor, or relationship, with a horse.

The development of trust between horse and human is actually quite easy. It revolves around the human's abilities to consistently lead and guide simple movement by the horse, support the horse in being calm, as well as to always show compassion, kindness and skill when interacting with a horse. Having as the bottom line and overall agenda of maintaining the animal's feelings of safety, rather than other short-term goals (i.e., getting him into a trailer or over a jump) will assure the development of trust and a willingness by the horse to try to comply with the requests made by a human. This approach will definitely provide greater opportunities for success with a horse in all endeavors. Every instant we are with a horse is an opportunity to develop a deeper level of trust. Every step we ask a horse to take is a chance to earn that animal's trust even more. Success

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Franklin Levinson grew up with horses. At the age of thirteen, Franklin became the youngest registered polo player in the U.S. and by age 17 he was training polo ponies. As a riding instructor in camps and school programs, Franklin began teaching about the nature of trust as it relates to horses. Both horses and humans benefit greatly from this approach to horsemanship.

At age 30, he moved to Maui and began Adventures on Horseback. In the early '90s Franklin created the Maui Horse Whisperer Experience to teach the language and psychology of horses. In 2002, Franklin moved his home base to Snowmass, Colorado, where he created the Aspen Horse Whisperer Experience. These programs use Equine Facilitated Learning to improve the lives of adults, children and horses.

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Ten Secrets to Becoming Highly Successful with Horses

- #1 Attitude is everything.
- #2 Trust is the key to unlock the treasure trove of great endeavors.
- #3 Successful completion of a horse and rider's basic training will foster more winning in competition and more success in all activities with horses.
- #4 Developing a confident horse will help ensure probable success in all equine matters.
- #5 Develop good habits and ways of being when around horses.
- #6 Providing an appropriate consequence for unwanted behavior can go a long way toward modifying it.
- #7 The common successful language humans can have with horses is the language of kindness, compassion, precision and respect.
- #8 Having a successful session (training or any experience) with a horse in theory is simple.
- #9 "Reading" a horse and developing a good, accurate understanding of what the animal is trying to convey begins with the beliefs of the human about horses.
- #10 Developing an overall approach to horsemanship that advances and supports the highest level of equestrian activities, equine relationship, training efficiency and winning strategies.

Hawai`i Island Events Calendar 2008

July

- June 30 – July 2 Parelli Clinic with Marc Rea, West Side. Contact Beth Robinson 443-4588 or alohabeth@gmail.com
 4 Parker Ranch Rodeo, Waimea
 11 HQHA Open Arena Day, 9:00 am, Honoka`a Arena
 26 HQHA Novice/Open Show, 8:30 am, Honoka`a Arena (NOTE: DATE CHANGED)
 27 HIDCTA/4-H Club Schooling Show & Fun Day, Panaewa Equestrian Center, Hilo

August

- 9-10 Hawai`i Island Humane Society "Healthy Happy Horse," Kahilu Theatre & YMCA, Waimea. 887-2301
 16 HQHA Trail Ride, 8:00 am check-in, Kohala
 16 HHOA Keiki Rodeo, Panaewa Equestrian Center, Hilo
 16 Pa`u Workshop at Anna Ranch and Barbecue at Pukalani Rand (Paniolo Preservation Society)
 23 Old Hawaii on Horseback, Minuke`ole Park & Parker Ranch, Waimea (Paniolo Preservation Society)
 23-24 HIDCTA Dressage & Three-phase Event, Panaewa Equestrian Center, Hilo
 24 Trail ride at Pono Holo Ranch (Paniolo Preservation Society)
 25-29 Paniolo Preservation Society farm and technology tours
 30 HQHA Novice/Open Show, 8:30 am, Honoka`a Arena
 30 Evening at Pu`uopelu, fundraiser for Paniolo Preservation Society
 30-31 Labor Day Rodeo, Parker Ranch, Kamuela. www.parkerranch.com
 31 HQHA Clinic, Honoka`a Arena, details TBA

September

- 27 HQHA Novice/Open Show, 8:30 am, Honoka`a Arena
 28 HQHA Clinic, Honoka`a Arena, details TBA

October

- 19 HIDCTA Dressage Show, Kamuela. Judge: Joan Darnell, TX
 26 HQHA Halloween Open Show
 27-31 Exhibition of "Honor the Fallen Warrior" at Wailoa Arts Center, Hilo

November

- 15 HHOA Ranch Rode, Ka`u

Contact information for clubs and associations on Hawai`i Island:

Hawaii High School Rodeo Association (HHSRA) www.hawaiihighschoolrodeo.com

Hawaii Horse Owners Association (HHOA), Al and Nancy Cabral, 959-8932

Hawaii Isle Cutting Horse Association (HICHA), Kirsten Heid, 960-4330

Hawaii Isle Dressage & Combined Training Association (HIDCTA), www.tactfultraining.org/HIDCTA

Hawaii Quarter Horse Association (HQHA) hawaiiquarterhorse.org. Connie Bender 371-4803, Linda Hunt 889-0751

Hawaii Quarter Horse Youth Association (HQHYA), Laura Rose Youth Advisor 885-7194 rosed012@hawaii.rr.com

Paniolo Preservation Society www.paniolopreservation.org

United States Polo Association, Mauna Kea Polo Club Delegate, Paula Beamer 960-5098

Waiki`i Barrel Racing Association (WBRA) Lori Bergin 885-1658

Horse Truths

If we need rain, schedule a show.

When someone asks you if you like his horse, always say yes.

If you think you left the water on, you did. If you think you closed the gate, you didn't.

I can never warm up to someone who won't walk down to the barn with me.

I'd rather have a horse with a perfect mind than a perfect head.

If you're waiting to buy the perfect horse, you never will.

No matter how badly behaved you are, your horse will probably give you a second chance.



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O`ahu**Results: June 7 Performance Horse Series,
Town & Country Stables, Waimanalo**

Class 1 Ranch Cutting, All Ages: 1) Mr Don Lozado, rider Lilia Kapuniaia, owner Duke Kapuniaia, 71; 2) Lady Smoker, rider/owner Kerry Schuman, 68.5; 3) Kaibars Schir Thang, rider/owner Heather Gibson, 66.

Class 2 Ranch Cutting, Non-Pro: 1) Mr. Don Lozado, rider Lilia Kapuniaia, owner Duke Kapuniaia, 70; 2) Lady Smoker, rider/owner Kerry Schuman, 68.5; 3) Kaibars Schir Thang, rider/owner Heather Gibson, 68; 4) Como de Colonel, rider/owner Steve Dollar, 66; 5) Twinkles GoldDust, rider/owner Cathy Gilbert, 60.

Class 3 Ranch Cutting, Limited Non-Pro: 2) Merry, rider/owner Bettie Cox, 60; 1) Lady Smoker, rider Mahealani Schuman, owner Kerry Schuman, 67.

Class 4 Ranch Cutting, Youth: 1) Kaibars Portia, rider Sturgis Gray, owner Katy Gibson, 70; 2) Stylish Commander, rider Courtney Wemple, owner Katy Gibson, 60.

Class 7 Open/ Non-Pro Reining: 1) Kaibars Schir Thang, rider/owner Heather Gibson, 71; 2) Como de Colonel, rider/owner Steve Dollar, 68.5; 3) Lenas Sugar Jasper, rider/owner Richard Kadooka, 68; 4) Twinkles

GoldDust, rider/owner Cathy Gilbert, 0.

Class 9 Limited Non-Pro/Youth Reining: 1) Stylish Commander, rider Courtney Wemple, owner Katy Gibson, 67; 2) Kaibars Portia, rider Sturgis Gray, owner Katy Gibson, 65; 3) Merry, rider/owner Bettie Cox, 0.

Class 11 Non-Pro Limited Bridle Horse: 1) Como de Colonel, rider/owner Steve Dollar, rein work 69, cow work 69, total 138; 2) Twinkles GoldDust, rider/owner Cathy Gilbert, rein work 68, cow work 65, total 133.

Class 12 Limited Non-Pro: 1) Lady Smoker, rider Mahealani Schuman; owner Kerry Schuman, rein work 64.5, cow work 70, total 134.5; 2) Merry, rider/owner Bettie Cox, rein work 0, cow work 68, total 68.

Class 13 Youth Limited Bridle Horse: 1) Kaibars Portia, rider Sturgis Gray, owner Katy Gibson, rein work 65, cow work 68, total 133; 2) Stylish Commander, rider Courtney Wemple, owner Katy Gibson, rein work 68, cow work 62, total 130.

Class 14 Easy Cowhorse Two Step: 1) Merry, rider/owner Bettie Cox, rein work 65, cow work 66, total 131; Scratched: Benitos Chance. 🐾



Left, Heather Gibson on Kaibars Shir Thang; right, Cathy Gilbert and Steve Dollar relax between classes. Mike Johnson photos.

Ten Secrets: #1

with horses help humans to develop these essential life skills and wonderful attributes: compassion and kindness to others, skillful and accurate communication techniques, self-awareness and enhanced awareness of our surroundings, connectedness to nature and the world

around us, consistency in thought and action, becoming less judgmental and, therefore, less stressed, improved and more positive attitudes towards ourselves and others.

These are only a few of the positive benefits of conscious and appropriate interaction with horses. 🐾

Business Directory

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*Hawai`i Island***Parker Ranch July 4 Rodeo Will Honor 1908 Event Participants**

When Parker Ranch celebrates its 46th Annual Independence Day Rodeo and Horse Races on Friday, July 4, 2008 at the Parker Ranch Rodeo Arena in Waimea special tribute will be paid to three cowboys who traveled far from their island homes to compete in the 1908 Cheyenne, Wyoming Frontier Days.

John Palmer Parker's great grandson Ikua Purdy, born at Parker Ranch in 1873, made history that day. In 56-seconds flat, he won the world roping championship. Fellow cowboys Archie Ka'aua and Jack Low also did well, placing 3rd and 6th respectively; all on borrowed horses. It was cowboy Eben Low, brother to Jack, who convinced the three to make the trip.

"It is entirely appropriate that we honor Ikua, Archie and Jack at this year's rodeo," explained Ranch President and CEO Chris J. Kanazawa. "These humble cowboys opened eyes across the nation 100 years ago when their skills were successfully put to the test among the best of their peers in Cheyenne. They put Hawaii's paniolo on the map and did so Hawaiian-style, with humility and dignity."

On July 4, representatives from the Paniolo Preservation Society will stand in during the Grand Entry Parade when Purdy, Low and Ka'aua are recognized. Sam Ka'aua, grandson of Archie Ka'aua; Geoy Purdy, great great grand nephew of Ikua Purdy; and Robbie Hind, great grand nephew of Jack and Eben Low, will ride in the entry parade.

The Paniolo Preservation Society is organizing events throughout 2008, which has been declared, "The Year of the Paniolo." In August, the Paniolo Preservation Society will hold the "Great Waiomina Centennial Celebration," which recalls the achievements of Purdy and commemorates his triumph, and those of Ka'aua and

Low, at the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo. Trail rides, a stew cook-off, a concert featuring Hawaii musicians, the pageantry of Old Hawaii on Horseback and the Parker Ranch Round Up Club Labor Day Weekend rodeo will all be part of the two-week celebration.

Parker Ranch cowboys will be joined by other Big Island paniolo for three hours of action-packed rodeo excitement. Spectators will enjoy thrilling horse races, ribbon mugging, and dally team roping along with festive food, keiki (children) activities, and shopping for Parker Ranch logo items at the Parker Ranch Store booth.

New events slated for this year's rodeo include Ribbon Mugging. Children 15 and under will be joined by a parent that is an employee of one of the participating ranches. One must rope the steer that the mugger then holds while the roper takes a ribbon off the animal's tail. The junior/senior team (roper and mugger) then run to the finish line.

Also new to the rodeo line-up this year will be "Battle-of-the-Boooools." Calves (and contestants) of large size are encouraged to participate in this team event, which benefits winner's designated charity. Each team pays a \$100 entry, designates their non-profit organization and it is winner-take-all.

Rodeo tickets are \$5 per person in advance from the Parker Ranch Store in the Parker Ranch Center or \$6 at the gate on July 4. Children 10 and under are free. For more information, call 808-885-5669 or visit www.parkerranch.com.

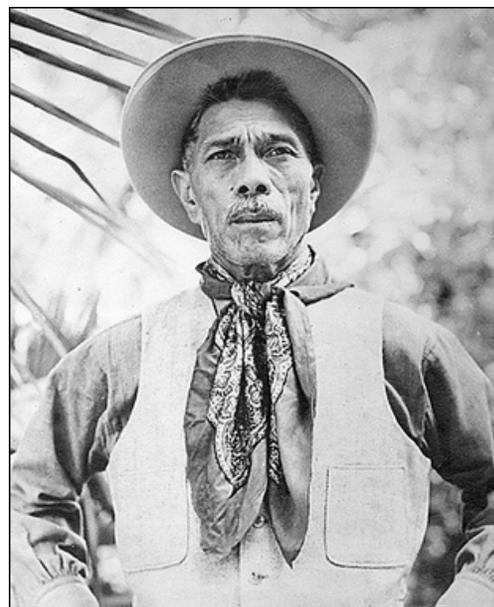
Parker Ranch, founded in 1847, celebrated 160 years of Paniolo heritage in 2007 and surrounds the town of Waimea spanning approximately 150,000 acres between the Kohala Mountains and Mauna Kea. 



At left, a group of Parker Ranch paniolo from the early twentieth century.

At right, Ikua Purdy.

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Del's Offers 10% Discount for 4-H Members

All Del's Feed & Farm Supply stores, including the stores in Hilo (Big Island), Kahului (Maui) and Puhi (Kauai), give a 10% discount on feed and supplies for 4-H members actively involved in livestock program, including horse projects.

To qualify for the discount, you must present your current 4-H membership card each time you make a purchase. Remember to bring your card with you! 🐾

Tips for Keeping Horse Costs under Control

1. Inspect your tack frequently, and take very good care of all your equipment.
2. If you travel to shows or events, share travel expenses by "trailer-pooling."
3. Remember that horse manure can be a valuable resource for gardens and fields. Manage it well!
4. Manage pastures properly by using rotational grazing, spreading manure and controlling weeds.
5. Consider simplifying hoof care and decide if your horses can go barefoot. Then keep up with the trimming to make sure their feet stay balanced and healthy.
6. Consider share-board or share-leasing a horse to spread the expenses (and the fun!).
7. If you own a Quarter Horse and show regularly, remember to enroll your horse in the Incentive Fund. Earning points will earn you dollars. 🐾

Pricewatch: Hay

What's driving up the price of hay right now? Several factors:

- Drought conditions in many hay-producing states, especially California, Texas and the southeast
- Floods in the midwest
- Sky-high fuel prices that affect fertilizer costs as well as delivery costs
- Higher demand for corn-based ethanol, which means some farmers have switched from growing hay to growing corn.

A look at 2008 hay prices so far:

In Illinois, hay prices are ranging between \$120 and \$130 per ton, but many suppliers are adding fuel-related surcharges of \$2 or more per mile, to each delivered load.

In Iowa, where hay is selling for between \$200 and \$250 per ton, trucking charges are even higher—between \$3 and \$4 per mile.

In Texas, lack of rain and urban competition for rural water sources have pushed the price of alfalfa above \$200 per ton in the field. Shipping costs add another 10% or more. By the time the hay gets to the consumer, it can cost as much as \$512 a ton--the going price for top-quality alfalfa in Weatherford, Texas.

Here in Hawai'i, alfalfa hay is topping \$600 a ton, with hundred-pound bales going for \$30-\$34 each. (Alfalfa hay cubes are somewhat lower in price, despite the processing costs, because there's less waste and weight loss during handling, and less spoilage during storage.)

Hay farmers have to pass costs on to consumers, and prices aren't going down anytime soon. Smart hay buyers compare prices by calculating the cost of hay by weight, and buy in bulk whenever possible.

Perhaps the best investment horse owners can make is to find a secure, dry place to store a large amount of hay, grain and hay cubes. Then buy in bulk whenever possible, and keep your feed supply dry, clean and protected from rodents. (Sources: Hay USA, University of Iowa Extension Service, USDA, thehorse.com.) 🐾

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Cowboy Magic® Launches Innovative Program to Support Rodeo Queen Pageants

The COWBOY MAGIC® company has developed a program to benefit local and national rodeo queen pageant programs. Launched in April, the COWGIRL MAGIC® Rodeo Queen Pageant Fundraising Program enables pageants to raise much-needed funds for their operational expenses and scholarship programs by providing free products for fundraising. Each qualified participating pageant receives 100 tubes of COWGIRL MAGIC® Pink Lady Lotion at no charge, which pageant contestants and organizers can offer in exchange for a suggested \$10 donation. The program enables the pageants to raise \$1,000 without any initial investment.

The Rodeo Queen Pageant Fundraising Program has received an immediate, positive response from pageant organizers, with 19 pageants across the country signing up within the first 45 days.

COWGIRL MAGIC® Pink Lady Lotion was created and packaged exclusively for rodeo queen pageant fund raising. "To date, more than 2,000 tubes of Pink Lady Lotion representing a potential of \$20,000 have been donated to help raise operational and scholarship funds," says COWBOY MAGIC® Founder and CEO Jim Cummings.

Cummings came up with the idea for the Rodeo Queen Pageant Fundraising Program after his company sponsored 2007 Miss URA Rodeo Queen Lacy Glover. "I became aware of the expenses associated with operating a rodeo queen pageant and their need to raise funds," says Cummings. "This

is a charitable way COWBOY MAGIC® can give back to the horse community by creating a fundraising solution to satisfy a rodeo pageant's need for additional operational and scholarship funds."

"Young women who compete in rodeo queen pageants benefit in a number of ways," says Lisa Boeding, pageant director and coordinator for the Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant. "They learn social skills and they work toward achieving personal goals they have set for themselves. They also learn what true sportsmanship is all about."

According to Cummings, the primary benefit of the Fundraising Program is more scholarship funds for the rodeo queen and her court. "Offering substantial educational scholarships will heighten the awareness of the general public, resulting in an increase in interest of young horsewomen in participating in the rodeo queen process," says Cummings.

In recent years, pageants have found it increasingly more difficult to raise funding through sponsorships due to the stiff competition for sponsorship dollars from other facets of the rodeo industry, particularly the rodeo cowboys themselves. This program provides a fundraising opportunity developed exclusively for the pageants.

For more information about the Rodeo Queen Pageant Fundraising Program visit the COWBOY MAGIC® website at www.cowboymagic.com. or call 1-800-755-6844. 

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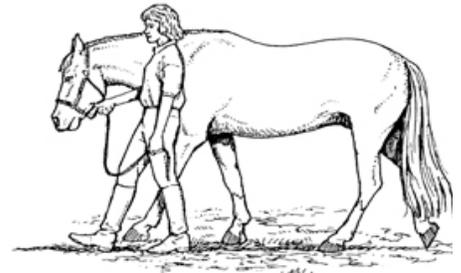
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 - 6 Marc Rea (Parelli) Saddle-fitting Workshop. Contact Tricia Rohlfling at HIRohlfling@aol.com
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 - 20 HNBHA Barrel Race, Rockin H Ranch
- August**
 - 24 HNBHA Barrel Race, Rockin H Ranch
- September**
 - 6 MHSA Ke'e Road Stables Hunter Show, Makawao
 - 7 MHSA Ke'e Road Stables Jumper Show, Makawao
 - 7 Fall Outdoor Polo Opening Day, Maui Polo Club, Manduke Baldwin Arena, Makawao
 - 13 HSIDS/USDF Young Rider Team Championships & Schooling Show, Haku Baldwin Center, Makawao
 - 13-14 URP Team Roping at Piiholo Ranch, Rope Maui
 - 14 HSIDS Dressage Show, Haku Baldwin Center, Makawao
 - 15-16 HSIDS Dressage Clinic with Tom Poulin
 - 20-21 Rope Maui Classic, Piiholo Ranch
 - 21 HNBHA Barrel Race, Rockin H Ranch
- October**
 - 19 HNBHA Barrel Race, Rockin H Ranch
- November**
 - 8 MHSA Hunter Show & Equitation Finals
 - 16 HNBHA Barrel Race, Rockin H Ranch
 - 28-30 USTRC Team Roping. Piiholo Ranch, Rope Maui



Contact information for clubs and associations on Maui:

Hawai`i National Barrel Horse Association (HNBHA) Sharon Freitas 250-0177
 Hawai`i State Dressage Society (HSIDS) hsdsmail.org
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New: Cowboy Magic® Medicated Thrush Killer

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Our test horses live in wet pasture in the Waiakea Uka section of Hilo. (Hilo's pretty damp, but Waiakea Uka is *really* wet.) Applied according to directions, it absolutely cleared up signs of thrush within a week. Highly recommended!



Cowboy Magic® Rainrot Shampoo

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Cowboy Magic® Rainrot Shampoo works to heal both kinds of skin infection. Follow the directions and use it every few days and yes, it works, even on our older light-skinned mare who seems to develop rainrot whenever a cloud passes overhead. Great stuff. 🐾

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- July** 12 Performance Horse Series, Town & Country Stables, Waimanalo. Cutting, reining and limited bridle cowhorse classes. Beginners to advanced riders are welcomed. Contact Heather Gibson cowhorsechick@hawaiiintel.net
 12 HHSA Hunter Show, location TBA
 19 HHSA Western Show, Circle C Ranch, Waimanalo
 19 HWRA Jackpot Rodeo, Gunstock Ranch, Barbers Point
- August** 9 HWRA Jackpot Rodeo, Diamond J Ranch, Waianae
 9-10 ASDS Dressage Shows V & VI, Hilltop Equestrian Center, Waimanalo
 23 Performance Horse Series, Town & Country Stables, Waimanalo. Cutting, reining and limited bridle cowhorse classes. Beginners to advanced riders are welcomed. Contact Heather Gibson cowhorsechick@hawaiiintel.net
- September** 6 HWRA Statewide All-Girls Rodeo, Kualoa Ranch, Ka`a`awa. Contact: Lu Faborito 349-1479
 6-7 ASDS Dressage Shows VII & VIII, Hilltop Equestrian Center, Waimanalo
 13 HHSA Western Show, Malu Olu
- October** 18-19 HHSA Fall Classic Hunter/Jumper Show, Waimanalo Contact: 637-8088
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Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association (HWRA) www.rodeoohu.com Lu Faborito 696-5055

Kauai Events Calendar 2008

- August** 10 KAGRA Rodeo, CJM Stables

Contact information for clubs and associations on Kauai:

Kauai All-Girls Rodeo Association (KAGRA) www.kauaiallgirlsrodeo.com

Kauai

Equiloha Farm Natural Hoofcare Clinic

The Mother's Day clinic was hosted by Equiloha Farm in Kilauea and presented by Charles Willis, professional hooftrimmer and member of the Association for the Advancement of Natural Horse Care Practices (PT-AANHCP) from Portland Oregon.

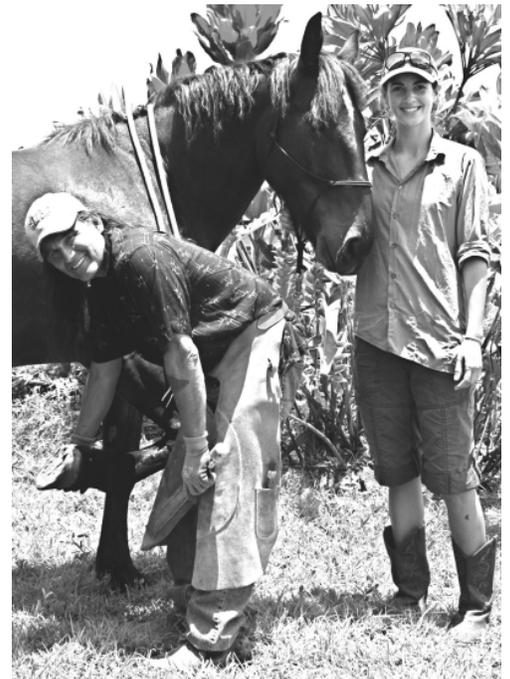
Chuck introduced the concept of performance barefootedness based on the wild hoof model. He talked about the mechanics of the hoof, the importance of a heel-first landing, what to look for in a good trim, the process of transitioning from shoes to bare feet, and the benefits of hoof boots and how best to use them.

Chuck explained how his natural hoofcare trim differs from a traditional horseshoer's "pasture trim." He demonstrated the trimming process, finishing with a smooth "mustang roll" and saying that this trim "has helped every horse I have worked on."

He also noted the importance of treating horses holistically, thinking about not only the type of hoof trim, but the horse's entire environment. Having room to roam, enough exercise, proper diet and nutrition, and the opportunity to socialize are very important for every horse to be happy, stay healthy and grow a good foot.

Everyone who attended the clinic left with valuable new information and samples of Kauai's own Equiloha Noni Cookies for Horses, a supplement disguised as a treat!

Additional information and resources on natural hoofcare is available at www.Runningbarehoofcare.com and www.AANHCP.net. Another good resource is the book *Paddock Paradise: A Guide to Natural Horse Boarding*. Equiloha Farm specializes in natural horse care; see their website at www.equiloha.com. 



Big Island**Father's Day Trail Ride with the Paniolo Preservation Society on Parker Ranch**

More than 50 riders joined the Paniolo Preservation Society's Father's Day trail ride on historic Parker Ranch. The four-hour ride was followed by live music, a bar-b-que, and impromptu hula dancing.

Mahalo to photographer Tevita Duituturaga for the pictures. That's his father, Pita Duituturaga from Fiji, posing as a paniolo with the impressive line-up of horses.

The Paniolo Preservation Society has a full schedule of events during this "Year of the Paniolo." See their website at paniolo-preservation.org for more information. 🐾



Product Review:
Troxel Legacy Gold Duratec™ Helmet

Riding in a tropical climate requires tolerance for dirt and sweat, so riders are constantly searching for great gear that fits well, is durable and well ventilated, and can be washed whenever the smelly perspiration, dirt and/or mold get to be a little too much. Classy style is often optional.

The Troxel Legacy Gold Helmet seems to meet all these demands. Many people like Troxel helmets because of the slim profile—you can wear a comfortable helmet that doesn't look like a salad bowl. The Legacy Gold has the added advantage of excellent ventilation and nice detail in the leather harness. The shell has a Duratec™ matte finish that resists scratches from tree branches and horse teeth. It's lightweight and

great as a schooling helmet, and easily converts to a show helmet with a velvet or nylon helmet cover.

The fit can be easily adjusted with Troxel's GPS III™ Mirco-Adjustable Fit System, a comfortable back-of-the-head adjustment strap that can be snugged up with one hand. Additional sizing can be adjusted with the internal padding, called the Flip-Fold™ Fit System. And there's a removable and washable headliner, very important for keeping the helmet clean and un-stinky.

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