



CHAMP NEWSLETTER

CHAMP Mission Statement -
Promote the welfare, recreational
use and enjoyment of horses,
mules, donkeys, and ponies in the
Village of Corrales

October-November 2011

Since Thanksgiving comes next month, this newsletter will be full of thanks! First, to Nancy Nelson for her tremendous work in putting together the September 24 Third Annual Horse Extravaganza as part of the Corrales Harvest Festival. Despite adding over 50 folding chairs and canopies next to the bleachers at the TopForm Arena, it was a standing-room-only crowd!! The event opened with an introduction of this year's honorees, Melanie Scholer and Carole Baker. From Merry Cole's equestrian vaulters to Corrales' own Hot Flash Riders, the crowd was treated to a delightful parade of equestrian breeds and disciplines that help highlight the often hidden equine treasures in our Village. Thanks to all of the participants and volunteers who contributed, including our local feed stores-- Village Mercantile, Dan's Boots & Saddles, and Horsemen's Feed -- providing lunch for those presenting the event. If you are looking for photos, google "youtube horse extravaganza nm" and you will have your choice of several postings of the event. Some of them are linked to the CHAMP website at <http://www.champnm.com/html/expo.html>

Our next thanks go out to Mike and Kathryn Sikorski for presenting the October 15 Trails Clinic. Designed to assist us in training our mounts to face ACTHA type obstacles, Mike and Kathryn gave us plenty of ideas as to how to work with our horses to desensitize them to the "scary objects" they may face on the trail. It was a great learning experience and loads of fun for all!

Our next big event is the November 20 Ninth Annual Christmas de Caballos Parade. It will start at the Wagner Corn Maze at 1 p.m. and run to the TopForm Arena where Santa will be available for carriage rides. This event is in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Drive and participants are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for an child under 16. For those of you who may not be riding in the Parade, we need volunteers to help with traffic control along the Parade route. If you are able to help, you can talk to Melanie Scholer at Dan's Boots & Saddles or email me at stevehenryesq@aol.com or call me on my cell phone- 250-4864.

Don't forget our next monthly meeting- Wednesday, November 2, at 7 pm at the Clubhouse at Pueblo Los Cerros. We need your involvement if we wish to continue with our sponsorship of the many events we now present. We have made significant strides in promoting our equestrian lifestyle here in Corrales, including becoming the self-proclaimed "Horse Capital of New Mexico." But in order to protect our rights, we need to continue to grow, expand our membership, and remain a viable and integral part of the beauty and charm of our Village!! To do that, we need your support!

As always, you can check out a list of upcoming events on our website at <http://www.champnm.com/html/events.html>. Two of our sponsors, Dan's Boots and Saddles and

Village Mercantile, recently have updated their sponsor pages with new holiday messages and offers. Please check out our sponsors regularly at <http://www.champnm.com/html/sponsors.html>

Enjoy the cooler days and ride safely! See you on the trail!

Steve Henry
President, CHAMP