

Warm days here, so let the games begin!

WHILE MOST CHEER

May's blooming flowers as a show of warmer, sunnier summer days, to avid horse show enthusiasts, it symbolizes the start of an intensive show season.

No matter what the riding discipline, competitive events ramp up a notch, providing many shows in which to qualify for end-of-season finals.

For example, the radiant duo of **Ady Cosby** and Lacey spent last weekend racing at a patterned speed horse show in Wenatchee where they got excellent in all seven events, including the fastest times against more than 90 competitors in flag race, Cal stake and key race.

Also last weekend, youths in Peninsula Junior Rodeo attended the Roy Junior Rodeo where Jefferson County's **Anne Meek** won the high-point award and All-Around Cowgirl award in her division.

Region youths who placed were:

■ **Buckaroos** — Dummy roping: second, **Leslie Davies**; third, **Amelia Herman**. Stake race: second, **Amelia Herman**; third, **Leslie Davies**. Goat tying: first, **Amelia Herman**; third, **Leslie Davies**.

■ **Peewees** — Barrels: first, **Madison Ballou**; fourth, **Colton Barnett**; fifth, **Jai-Lynn Taylor**. Dummy roping: second, **Jai-Lynn Taylor**; sixth, **Sierra Ballou**.

■ **Junior Girls** — Barrels: first, **Emily Vanausdale**; fifth, **Anne Meek**. Break away roping: second, **Anne Meek**. Steer daubing: first, **Anne Meek**; third, **Emily Vanausdale**. Goat tying: third, **Anne Meek**.

■ **Junior Boys** — Goat tying: second, **Wyatt Billings**.

■ **Senior boys** — Calf roping: second, **Conner Ackley**. Chute dogging: third, **Conner Ackley**. Team roping: third, **Conner Ackley** and **Wyatt Billings**.

Sidelined

Backcountry Horsemen's Peninsula and Buckhorn Range chapters rode trails on the Miller

PENINSULA HORSEPLAY

Karen Griffiths



Peninsula last Saturday.

Member

Marc Reinertson sent photos of the group hanging out after the ride for a barbecue and yakety-yak.

I admit to being a bit envious I

wasn't there.

I had thoughts of joining them on the ride, but Friday, while making the second to last cut on a new floor with my cousin, my fingers got bit by the fast-moving blade of a table saw. I spent the afternoon under the compassionate, kind and efficient care of a trauma team at the Olympic Medical Center's emergency room — for which I thank them kindly.

Seems I mangled three of my fingers; now the stitched-up fingers look like Frankenstein's monster.

I'll be undergoing out-patient surgery with a hand specialist this week to reattach tendons. I'm told within the next few months I'll make a full, albeit painful, recovery.

Word of my injury seemed to spread like wildfire, and I want to thank folks for their kind words and thoughts.

Fecal count snag

Backcountry Horsemen member **Sally Coates** asked me to share her comment regarding fecal counts:

"On Wed., May 12, Karen printed a nice article about my doing fecal examines for local horse owners. By 1 p.m. that day, a small animal vet from Port Angeles had called Pilchuck Veterinarian Hospital, who then called the WA veterinarian board of governors, who called my large animal vet, who called me to tell



KATHY KRATZER

Agnew's blonde bombshells, Ady Crosby and Lacey, turn and burn around a barrel to log the fastest time of the day in a patterned speed horse flag race in Wenatchee. Watch them and others run this weekend in a Patterned Speed Horse Association game show at Quarter Moon Ranch in Carlsborg.

me that what I am doing to help the horse world, is against the law. My suggestion to offer the service free made no difference. I am allowed to do the test on my own horses, of course. If you have further questions or comments about this, please give me a call. Sally Coates 360-457-1626."

Events

■ Today at 6 p.m. Arabian Club meeting at Julia Lim's house in Port Ludlow (166 Bywater Way). If attending dinner, RSVP by phoning 360-301-4366.

■ Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m.: Patterned Speed Horse Association gaming show at Quarter Moon Ranch on West Runion Road in Carlsborg. Phone Waynora Martin at 360-683-6902.

■ June 5-6, 9 a.m.: Washington State Horsemen Performance Show at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. This show has two

judges and high point on both days, along with English horse high point and western high point. Prizes for first and second for all classes. Contact Glenda Meek at sgmeek@msn.com or 360-385-0195.

■ June 7, 14, 21 and 28; July 5, 12, 19 and 26; and Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Horse Lover Club for Kids in Chimacum. Phone Paula Stingle 360-710-5812.

■ June 12, 9 a.m.: Open Schooling Horse Show with both performance and gaming at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Hosted by Wild Angels 4-H Club and Jefferson County 4-H Horse Project, high point will be awarded for each division. Early bird pricing is \$4 per class for performance classes and \$3 per class for western games for show forms postmarked by June 7, with an additional dollar per class afterward. Show forms are available at most feed and tack Stores and at Washington State

University Jefferson County Extension in Port Hadlock. For more information and for show forms, phone Marian Gilliland at 360-301-5433 or 360-385-6313.

■ Backcountry Horsemen Peninsula Chapter meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m., at Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles; phone Betsy Wyatt 360-457-3102.

■ Cow sorting at 6 p.m. Saturdays at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack, 1091 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock. Contact Bethel Moore at 360-301-1547 or e-mail bambam@olympen.com.

Karen Griffiths' column, Peninsula Horseplay, appears every other Wednesday.

If you have a horse event, clinic or seminar you would like listed, please e-mail Griffiths at horse.play.kbg@olympus.net at least two weeks in advance. You can also write Griffiths at PDN, P.O. Box 1330, Port Angeles, WA 98362.