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***HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!***

**Updated meeting place location!** – We are still meeting at **Quarry Ponds Center** but on the other site of the shopping center from last year. This year the meetings will be held in the **Meeting Room**. Quarry Ponds is located at 5550 Douglas Boulevard (between Sierra College/Hazel Blvd and Barton Road) in Granite Bay, next door to Douglas Ranch Supply.

**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

- From 80, exit on Douglas Blvd. toward Folsom Lake. Quarry Ponds Center will be on your right ~1 mile past Sierra College Blvd.
- From 50, exit on Folsom Blvd., proceed through Folsom to Auburn/Folsom Road to Douglas and turn left. Located on left ~ 1/2 mile after Barton Road or take Hazel which turns into Sierra College Blvd. Turn right on Douglas. Located on right ~1 mile.
- The Meeting Room is to the right as you pull into the Quarry Ponds Shopping Center. For more directions: [www.quarryponds.com](http://www.quarryponds.com)

**Our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual FUZZY WUZZY Horse Show will be  
Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>,**

(rain date: Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>)

**We are looking for people to help make this day a success.**

We especially need people to help in the show office.

Please contact us if you can help out.

It is time to re-enroll in the **MLAHA High Point Program**. Last year's results will be in a future newsletter and on the website. Come on out and give these folks some competition. It is fun and any event counts, all levels of rider and any age. All you need is a club membership and a Registered Arabian (it does not even have to be yours). Entry forms are on the website.

See the website at [www.vfr.net/~mlaha/](http://www.vfr.net/~mlaha/)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY:**            20 - **MLAHA Board and General Meeting**  
6:30pm – Meeting Room at Quarry Ponds Center  
5550 Douglas Blvd.

**FEBRUARY:**            17 - **MLAHA Board and General Meeting**  
6:30pm – Meeting Room at Quarry Ponds Center  
5550 Douglas Blvd.  
22 - Annual Tack Swap-  
Loomis Basin Equestrian Center  
Contact: Shirley at [elts@garlic.com](mailto:elts@garlic.com), 652-6842

**MARCH:**                1 - SHA Tack Swap  
17 - **MLAHA Board and General Meeting**  
6:30pm – Meeting Room at Quarry Ponds Center  
5550 Douglas Blvd.  
27 – 29 - Golden Gate Arabian Show, Santa Rosa  
Contact: Nancy Goertzen, 559-625-2631

**APRIL:**                 5 – **MLAHA FUZZY WUZZY Schooling Show**  
Loomis Basin Arena . [mlaha@vfr.net](mailto:mlaha@vfr.net)  
9 –12 - AHANC 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Arabian Show, Rancho  
Murieta  
Contact: Jean Beck, 559-642-2072  
21 - **MLAHA Board and General Meeting**  
6:30pm – Meeting Room at Quarry Ponds Center  
5550 Douglas Blvd.  
26 – Rain Date: **MLAHA FUZZY WUZZY Horse  
Show**  
30 – May 3 - Red Bluff Arabian Show, Red Bluff  
Contact: Sharon Richards 916-645-2288

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## The Warmth of a Horse

When your day seems out of balance  
 and so many things go wrong ...  
 When people fight around you  
 and the clock drags on so long ...  
 When some folks act like children  
 and fill you with remorse ...  
 Go out into your pasture and wrap  
 your arms around your horse.

His gentle breath enfolds you as he  
 watches with those eyes ...  
 He may not have a PhD but he  
 is, oh so wise!  
 His head rests on your shoulder  
 you hug him good and tight ...  
 He puts your world in balance  
 and makes it seem all right.

Your tears will soon stop flowing,  
 the tension will be eased ...  
 The nonsense has been lifted.  
 You are quiet and at peace.  
 So when you need some balance  
 from the stresses in your day ...  
 The therapy you really need  
 is out there eating hay!

[Author unknown]

*Submitted by a reader.*

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## **Blanketing Tips to Safely Keep Your Horse Cozy**

If your horse is snuggling into a blanket this winter, make sure it fits him properly.

### **Here are some tips:**

- The blanket should be snug around the neck, with the spine of the blanket ending at the top of the tail.
- Surcingles should be adjusted so that you can barely get your hand sideways (about 4 inches) between the horse and the surcingle. Adjust leg straps the same way. You want them loose enough so the horse can walk and move comfortably, but not so loose that he could get a hoof caught.
- Crossing the leg straps at the center (between the horse's back legs) helps reduce the chance of a hoof getting caught. Always snap to the same side of the blanket as the strap originates.
- To measure for a new blanket, start at the center of his chest, along his side, ending in the middle of his tail. If the measurement you get is an odd number, 77 for example, round it up to the next number.

Source is AQHA website <http://americashorsedaily.com/horse-blanket-tips/>

Thank you!

*Shirley Koch*

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The wind of heaven is that which blows between  
a horse's ears.

-- Arabian proverb



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