

## Fall Fling at Dragoon Mountain Ranch in Arizona

You missed a great time if you were too busy to come...welcome to America the land of the busy! We did have a super time and we hope that all of you will



David Robinson aboard Josefina  
Photo by Maureen Kirk-Detberner

gather with us at Burro Mountain next September 17, 18 & 19 for the 2010 Annual meeting. Becky Chandos will be the host for this meeting and can be contacted at [Rebecca\\_chandos@powerc.net](mailto:Rebecca_chandos@powerc.net).

Just to let you know a few of the things that we did during the Fling. Friday was when most arrived and we worked out the kinks in the obstacle course with the help of many horses. Of course Jerry and Heidi Collings led the way by making their green broke hors-



Marjorie Dixon leading Xavier  
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es do everything forwards and backwards...no kidding. Steve Dobrott wasn't far behind...riding with one rein in a halter and Dave Robinson with Josefina tried the

same tricks and came out pretty well. The rest of us started by walking our horses first then made the jump to the saddle. All and all the horses did great and the riders had fun. Friday night we were treated to a great pot luck with neighbors joining and a remarkable talk by Jerry Brewer. Jerry, a herpetologist, gave us an extensive explanation about the snakes in our area and what they can and cannot do to us and our pets. Oops, Jerry and Marjorie have been giving out bad information for nearly 15 years. Saturday was



our big trail ride over the mountains to a place called Slavin Wash. The temperature was perfect and about 50 riders from other groups met us on the trail. Later we visited the mares and babies in the pasture and ended the afternoon with a sunset hike to Old Billy Munger's grave circa. 1886. (Continued on page 8)

## PASSINGS

**Damita Manuela** Our sympathy is extended to Dianna Rea of Leander, Texas, who lost her “dear little Damita Manuela” (P-83) in September of 2008. The red roan mare was a daughter of Sun, one of the foundation SBBA stallions. She had



been a member of her family for 26 years. Dianna said, “I always called her my little horse with the “big attitude”. Damita Manuela is missed by all her “family”.

**Padre:** What is there to say about a stallion who cannot decide between a carrot and a mare...not



just any mare but one of his favorite? And will allow you to stand beside him while he makes up his mind. Generosity, graciousness, giving heart,

patience, and exemplary leadership qualities and parenting skills were his hallmark. His herd management skills and vigilance were remarkable, to be admired and an instinctive gift to him and those in his charge. His power and grace exemplified the Spanish horse’s movement.

Padre’s kindness was to me his most notable quality. I will always be grateful to Marjorie and Jerry for their benevolent (warm-heartedness) to give him the life he knew and understood so well in his golden years.

P-Man, Wherever your journey takes you we will be there in thought and love, thank you for sharing your life and for those wonderful individuals you left in your likeness, reminding us of your greatness and continuation of valuable genetic history. (Note: Padre WC-2, was also a Wilbur-Cruce Foundation horse.) *By Robin Collins*



**Chief Francisco:** CISCO...there are no words I can find to say all that you have brought to my life and to the lives of all you touched. I am powerless to even try to give you the tribute you deserve. I can only hope to try to aspire to your greatness and give my heart and soul to those you left to us in your likeness. To those you shared your benevolence, unending spirit and wisdom with we will always be grateful for you helping us find the best in ourselves. as you were always at your best. You are missed more than words could ever express... via con Dios (Note: Francisco was a Wilbur-Cruce Foundation Stallion, WC-1) *By Robin Collins*



## ARIZONA STATE HORSE PROJECT BY MARJORIE DIXON

The Arizona State Horse Project is an organization formed to try to have the Colonial Spanish Horse named the Arizona State Horse by 2011. The goal is to have these magnificent horses designated as the official state horse in time for the state centennial celebration in 2012. The Colonial Spanish Horse has been a part of Arizona history since 1540 when Francisco Coronado crossed Arizona on horseback. From 1687 to 1704 Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, "The Padre on Horseback", built 22 missions. All of the missions were in Northern Mexico and Arizona, the most famous being San Xavier del Bac south of Tucson, AZ. Father Kino credited much of his success to the stamina of the Colonial Spanish Horse. Today in Arizona the progeny

of the Colonial Spanish Horse lives on in the Cerbat horses, the Native American horses and the Wilbur-Cruce horses.

The project was conceived by Jerry Dixon to honor the ancestry of the Colonial Spanish Horses. A committee was formed by Maureen Kirk-Detberner, who has been working diligently to get the dorses designated. Other committe members include Silke Schneider, Richard Felger, Marjorie and Jerry Dixon, Deni Mitchell and Becky Chandos. State Representatives Nancy Young Wright and Patricia Fleming agreed to help. Ms. Fleming, District 25, and her staff will write the bill. The plan is to send this bill to the Arizona State Legislature in early 2010. Please keep updated on our progress by going to our website [www.arizona-horseproject.com](http://www.arizona-horseproject.com).

### THANK YOU

#### *Larry Griffin and Doug Perrault*



Photo by W E "Buzz" Busse



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Thank you for spending the summer working with our horses. You will find some lovable horses here because of these two great horse lovers.

Dragoon Mountain Spanish Barbs  
Jerry and Marjorie Dixon

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

#### *John Mayer & Pam Kaminski*

On their purchase of

#### *Gavilan de Mogollon*



We wish you many happy trails together and welcome you both to the Spanish Barb Family and the SBBA.

Dripping Springs Ranch  
Heidi and Jerry Collings



## STRATEGIC BREEDING CONFERENCE BY DEBORAH WOLFE

**All Member Event:** The SBBA will hold its first Strategic Breeding Conference, to be held February 12-14, 2010, at Jerry and Marjorie Dixon's ranch near Benson, Arizona.

Purpose of the Conference: Our goal is to develop a Strategic Breeding Plan and Strategy to perpetuate the defining characteristics and unique bloodlines of the Spanish Barbs that remain.

**Our Urgent Need:** The future of our magnificent and critically endangered horses is in our hands. We must identify what bloodlines are at risk of disappearing forever. We need to create a plan to ensure that these bloodlines endure to create a viable future for our individual Spanish Barbs, and to sustain the breed as a whole. We need you in order to succeed in this effort.

**Our Mission:** a) Developing a Long-Term Spanish Barb Breeding Strategy; b) Maintaining Genetic Diversity; and, c) Successfully Implementing A Voluntary Managed Breeding Program

**Step #1:** Register Your Horses! We cannot assess what we bloodlines we have available without your registration data. If your registrations have been getting dusty on the shelf – now is the time to complete and to submit them in time to be included in the planning stages of the conference.

**Volunteer:** Even if you cannot attend we need researchers to do advance work so that our conference will be highly productive. It takes many ideas and hands to create a successful conference. Please send (email or US mail) your thoughts, concerns, and ideas concerning management of the Spanish Barb for the future. Don't be shy, instead call or email Heidi Collings (below) if you want to help make our first strategy meeting a great success.

**Note:** A key text to read is: "Managing Breeds for a Secure Future," by Phil Sponenberg and Don Bixby, available for purchase at the ALBC web site: [www.albcusa.org/store/](http://www.albcusa.org/store/)

store-conservation.php. It would be very helpful for all participants to read this book prior to the conference.

**WHEN:** February 12-14, 2010 (Plan to arrive Friday afternoon or evening)

**WHERE:** Marjorie & Jerry Dixon's Ranch, Dragoon Mountain Spanish Barbs, near Benson, Arizona

**COST:** As the Dixon Ranch is a long way from restaurants, meals for the entire event will be provided at a cost of \$35 per participant. This covers Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

**CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS:** Contact Heidi Collings, for details about our working agenda and the needed advance preparation for the meeting. Plans are active and continue to develop. It is not too late to become actively involved in the outcome of this important conference.

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**RSVP by February 9, 2010.**



## SBBA WEBSITE BY BECKY CHANDOS

Please email [Rebecca\\_chandos@powerc.net](mailto:Rebecca_chandos@powerc.net) any exciting pictures or ideas you have for the web site. Becky wants our site to promote the Spanish Barb horses and she

needs all of us to help her. To keep the site fresh and exciting we will all need to send pictures and announcements of events in which the horses participate. By the

way have you looked at the site lately...Becky has really worked hard to collect new pictures and get them on the site. Heidi Collings has worked with the site to allow us to complete transfers, foal reports and stallion reports on line (of course you do have to print them so you can sign the documents but is a lot easier now). Another thought, remember to let us know about any changes in your contact information.

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### DESPOOKING EXERCISES BY SILKE SCHNEIDER

#### Preparing for the Unexpected

I turned 50 in May. My knees are making strange creaking sounds, but I worry more about my horses spooking on the trails, especially since I often ride on my own out in the mountains of the Gila National Forest near Silver City, New Mexico.

Recently I encountered a few spooky “spooking” situations. Two weeks ago my horse SiSi and I had a black pitbull wearing a bright orange doggie backpack come over a hill totally unexpected and proceeded to chase my running horse, with me hanging on – barely. My usually quiet SiSi was running for her life towards a scary dropoff. When I finally got her to stop (maybe just seconds, it felt like hours), we faced the dog monster and I thanked SiSi for stopping. At this time three hikers with huge backpacks and attached pots and pans rattling, came chasing after the dog towards SiSi and me, trying to catch the dog. Oh, they also yelled at the dog while chasing it. SiSi did a nice 180 turn and ran again. I didn’t even have time to get off the horse, and usually I

am quick at that. She stopped again after a little while, I jumped off quickly and gave her a big hug, for I couldn’t stand up, I was shaking so much. The hikers, the dog, me, all standing there shaking and being grateful. SiSi decided to eat grass instead of worrying. I gave the hikers a treat to feed to SiSi and we all made peace. One of the hikers said “she is just a puppy,” referring to the black pitbull ... oh well. Earlier today Juanita and I headed out on the trails, ponying Lucy, our 2-year old filly. Juanita “has been there done that” and is excellent as a trail horse unless there are other horses around, then she’ll get competitive and jiggy, but she is always fine alone and rarely ever spooks. Not this time, she did a huge jump some time into our ride and I thought ‘oh no, not my Juanita spooking.’ Well, next I see a white butt sticking out from the nearby bushes, ... a naked man ...taking a snooze next to his pack. He looks up as Lucy is trying to raid his supplies, shakes his head and goes back to sleep.

How do you prepare a horse for dog-attacks and naked men on trails??? – I would love to see a “despooking clinic.” Any volunteers? Happy and safe trails!



## MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR BY HEIDI COLLINGS

Okay Membership, you have a new Registrar to “break in”. I hope you will be patient during my learning curve. I have a few things I would like to share with you and a few requests.

First, we have a new computer program that we are implementing to try to get all registrations, past & future, into a database. Thanks so much to Rebekah Segien, for her help this summer to get most of the records entered. Bekah was responsible for getting the first 300 registrations entered into the system. This new system will allow us to more easily retrieve information and statistics about the registry.

Another change is that four of the forms on the website are now available to complete online. You can type your information directly to a form on the computer and then print the completed form, needing only your signature. Forms available now are:

- Mare Foaling report
- Stallion Breeding report
- Transfer report
- Membership form

Early next year we plan to have the Registration Applications in the same format. It may be necessary to download a newer version of Adobe Acrobat in order to use this feature. A link to that download is

included on the Registration page of the website. Another project I am beginning is to type and mail out stickers with the new registration numbers for horses that were transferred from the Wilbur-Cruce division, to the General division. Please look for a packet with these stickers to come in the mail sometime soon. The stickers will need to be affixed to the Registration Certificates of each horse you own.

The final Registry project is to get the database accurate in regards to ownership, gelding status, and horses lost. If you have sold, castrated or lost horses in the last several years, and have not notified the Registry, please either write or email to inform me of any of these changes.

Email: [registrar@spanishbarb.com](mailto:registrar@spanishbarb.com)

Mailing Address:

SBBA Registrar  
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Thanking you in advance for your assistance and patience.

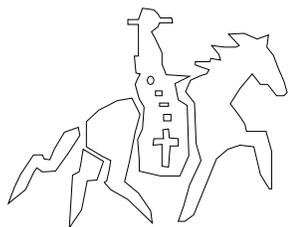
Sincerely,  
Heidi Collings

## SBBA BANNER

How would you like to have a banner to hang on your horse trailer when you take your Spanish Barbs out on the town? This 4' x 6' promotional banner is available to purchase for \$40.00 plus h/s, by contacting Silke Schneider.

[Sschne1068@aol.com](mailto:Sschne1068@aol.com).

Special thank you to Jane Dobrott for allowing the SBBA to use her graphic design.



**Spanish Barb Breeders Association**

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## SUMMER AT MULE CREEK BY REBEKAH SEGIEN

This summer I flew out to New Mexico and spent the month of August with my good friends, Heidi and Jerry Collings, on their ranch in Mule Creek. I was shipped

out August 1st to be Heidi's personal assistant. While I was there I had many adventures and got to do lots of cool things including: a lot of great rides, one being from stateline back to the ranch, I worked with cattle by rounding them up and helping to brand and vaccinate the calves, and had my own personal vehicle to drive (okay, so it was the feed truck, but that's okay). We even stayed out half the night trying to get a cow out of a bog. We tried to get her safe and on her feet.



Those were all great things, but let me share with you a few highlights from the trip that were my absolute favorite... This year Heidi had nine Spanish Barb babies born on

her ranch. She taught me how to halter break them. We got to work with them almost every day. It was so much fun!

I loved learning to work with them and how they all had their different personalities, which made it so much more fun. Another favorite time was definitely getting to ride Matador – "my stallion". He is an



AMAZING horse! I got to take him out on their horse playground and I rode him over the teeter-totter, stacks of logs and tires and

all sorts of obstacles. This was especially cool because he was newly started under saddle with probably less than 10 rides at that point in time. Then the best part was when Heidi decided to use me as a guinea pig and had me take him over the big jump. It was SO COOL! That horse is so powerful he clears it from a standstill. It was so much fun I had to do it twice.

Come to

**Dragoon Mountain Spanish Barbs  
where we have a lot to talk about!**



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On behalf of the SBBA,

**Thank you Bekah**

(Rebekah Segien)



For entering most of the registry records into the new Registry program.

(Continued from page 1) Jerry and Marjorie had to argue over cause of death... Jerry said consumption and Marjorie said consumption of too much whisky! The evening was spectacular we had a super potluck and fabulous entertainment by Cherie, Jeff, Steve, Jerry

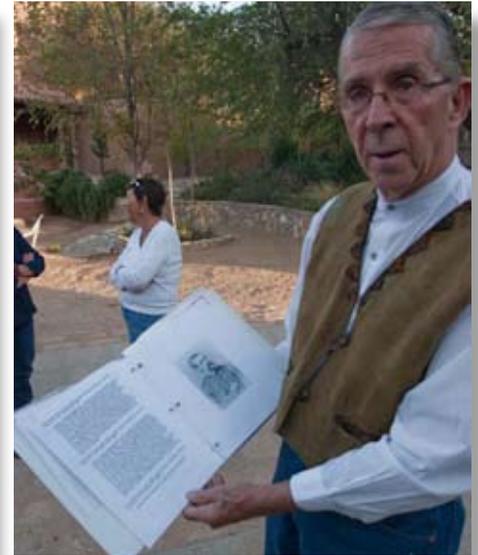
C. and Richard (a guest from Hillsborough). Everybody woke up wanting to do it all again however Becky, Deni and Marjorie who worked hard to put the event together said maybe next year. Cherie suggested we make it a week instead of a weekend.



Snake expert Jerry Brewer  
Photo by Maureen Kirk-Detberner



Steve Dobrott, pickin, not grinnin  
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Jerry Dixon sharing area history  
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