



# The B.O.K. Briefing

July 2006

## Avodah L'Olam

On May 17, B.O.K. Ranch was presented with a check for \$1214.82 by Annie Schaffer. Presentation of this check was the culmination of a class project called Avodah L'Olam (Helping the World) at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto. As part of this project, Annie and her fellow students each chose a charitable organization and then through an individual letter-writing campaign, raised funds for their chosen organization. Annie had been volunteering at B.O.K. Ranch lessons and chose B.O.K. as the charity she wanted to raise funds for. B.O.K. Ranch's program director, Tish Callos, was on hand at the ceremony to accept the check from Annie. Additional donations came in after the ceremony, increasing the total raised by Annie to nearly \$1465! We are much honored to have been chosen and greatly appreciate all of the time and effort that Annie put into this project.

**Thank You Annie!**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trail Ride and Art Ramble - Saturday August 19

Join B.O.K. Ranch for a day of music, art and riding at the beautiful Runnymede Sculpture Farm in Woodside on Saturday August 19 from 10am – 4pm. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trail Ride, and new this year, we've expanded this event to include an Art Ramble so non-equestrians can also enjoy a self-guided tour of the 150 sculptures scattered over this 120-acre estate. Runnymede Sculpture Farm is only open to the public a couple of times a year to non-profit organizations like B.O.K. Ranch. This is a not to be missed event!

Equestrians provide their own horses and need to register in advance for a guided 2-hour trail ride on private trails that pass by these works of art. There will be a BBQ catered by Canyon Inn, pony rides for kids and horse-drawn wagon rides available for purchase. As in past years, we will be holding an opportunity drawing for 2 tickets on Southwest Airlines. Tickets are \$10 each and only 250 tickets will be sold!

Runnymede Farm has a long and colorful history. It has been owned for the past three generations by the Rosekrans family. In 1930, Jack Rosekrans and his wife Alma (granddaughter of sugar king Claus Spreckels) purchased the first 53 acres and named it after her father's champion stallion Runnymede. Alma was an accomplished equestrian and Runnymede became known as one of the best hunter-and-jumper stables in the country.

Jack and Alma's son John established the "sculpture" aspect of the farm in the mid-1980's, after a tour of the Storm King Sculpture Park in upstate New York. John and his wife Dodie then proceeded to acquire 150 sculptures on their many travels throughout the U.S. and Europe. The sculptures are all from living artists, many of whom personally selected the specific site on which their sculptures were installed.

General admission is \$30; children under 10 are free. You can either order your tickets online at [www.bokranch.com](http://www.bokranch.com) or purchase tickets at the door. Cost for equestrians is \$100 and includes t-shirt and prizes.

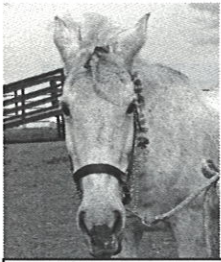
**SEE TRAIL RIDE AND ART RAMBLE FLYER INSIDE!**



*Annie Schaffer presenting a check to Tish Callos for the funds she raised as part of her school's Avodah L'Olam project.*

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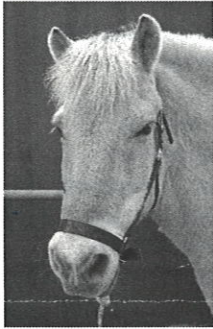


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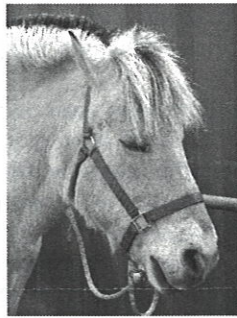
### We bid Farewell to:

Our 37 year old Shale, who was NARHA Region 11 Horse of the Year in 2002, was given a well deserved "retirement" party in March. Trooper that she is, Shale's official retirement needed to be delayed for several months while she filled in for some of the other horses who had suffered injuries or illnesses.

In addition, we have had to say goodbye to PJ and Zeke, both of whom have been with B.O.K. since it started 21 years ago. Shale and Zeke have moved to the home of Dan and Leslie Schoon (Ann Kulchin's daughter) in Paso Robles, CA. There they will enjoy grassy fields in the summer and cozy stalls in the winter.



P.J.



Zeke

PJ has made the biggest move, to Colorado, where he has been adopted by Jamie Morris his long-time sponsor of over 10 years. PJ can be found in the lap of luxury with a private stall and paddock in a heated barn so he won't have to be exposed to the snow (unless he chooses to!).

### **... and say Hello to:**

Shugs (who's real name is Sugar, but shortened to Shugs so as not to be confused with the Sugar we already have!) is a 20 year old, gray, Quarter Horse pony that B.O.K. purchased this past April from an equine animal rescue in Santa Rosa. Shugs is a great addition to our program; she is kind and gentle but has plenty of spunk and stamina to provide a lively ride!

Copper joined B.O.K. in February of this year. Copper is a 23 year old, gray, 1/2 Arabian 1/2 Quarter Horse. Copper is an extremely steady and well mannered horse. Copper is a great horse for those riders who need a confidence builder.

Heidi is a 16 year old Norwegian Fjord who came to B.O.K. all the way from North Dakota. Heidi was previously used as a brood mare on a Fjord breeding farm. Like our other Norwegian Fjord's, she does very well as a riding horse and her sturdy build allows us to use her for both teenagers and adults. Heidi also has great potential as our new vaulting horse as her broad back is ideal for gymnastics on horse back.

Finally, B.O.K. acquired Eddy, another Norwegian Fjord from a lady in Chico, CA who was moving away. Eddy is just 2 1/2 years old and is will be living at Dan and Leslie's house until he has completed his "training" and is ready to join the program. Eddy has a very different body type from the other B.O.K. Fjord's. Eddy is very slender and fine boned, and he will make an excellent carriage pony.

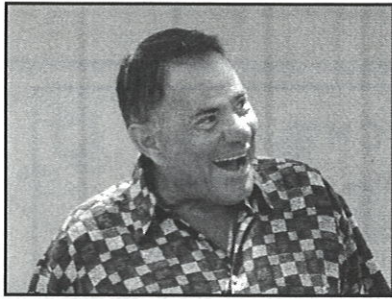


## Western Day 2006

Perfect weather, good music and fun times marked B.O.K. Ranch's 21<sup>st</sup> annual Western Day. B.O.K. students put on a rousing demonstration of "Herding the Cows" and Duck Count & Toss. Thanks to the B.O.K. instructors Tish Callos, Kelly Forman, Nicole Miller and Pat Campbell and all of the students for putting together a great show!

### **We would like to extend a Big B.O.K. Thank You to our Western Day Supporters:**

- Tim Harrison and Canyon Inn
- Sidesaddle & Co.
- Petoonya the Clown
- Redwood City Fire Department
- Andy and Nicky Riehl – Sheep and duck herding
- Chuck Loretta and Karey Krauter – Bay Team and Dog Agility for Fun
- Pat Brown – facepainting
- Jerry Mertens and NFL Alumni
- Amy and Katy Albera – Kid's Activities
- Laurel Burch – Invitation design
- Lynn Adams – T-Shirts
- Larry Bragato
- All of the B.O.K. parents and supporters who helped out on Western Day



## Remembering Larry



On January 6, 2006, B.O.K. Ranch lost a dear friend, Larry Kulchin to a sudden illness. Back in 1985, Larry, along with his wife Ann and their two daughters, Leslie and Dede, started B.O.K. Ranch in their backyard. Larry had a big and caring heart, continuous smile and possessed the most upbeat attitude. Larry was the official "scribe" of Western Day, and you would find him on his knees working on the posters right before the festivities started. Larry made everyone feel comfortable and welcome and was always there to help you out. You could talk to Larry about any subject (skiing and snow being his favorites!) and if he wasn't fully versed in it, he would connect you with someone else who did. He was always concerned about others and even near the end, was looking for a contact to give to one of the nurses who was caring for him.

**B.O.K. Ranch would like to express it's sincere thanks to the following individuals and companies who made donations in Larry's memory including:**

Lynn Adams, Allison Aiello, Robert and Roberta Beaver, Timothy and Lisa Brewer, Frances Bulanti, James and Jean Cardona, Phyllis Carlson, Leland David, Mark and Erica Grimstvedt, Carolyn and Edmund Hayes, Patricia Hillbun, Kay Hitch, Jennifer and Doug Hutten, David and Myke-Elise Judd, Carl and Ann Kistner, Eva Landmann, Burton and Beverly Lippman, John Malcolm, Michael and Silvia Martinelli, Judi and Don Pheil, Justin Rockwell, William and Anna Rous, Peter and Jeanne Sartorio, James and Judith Seiwald, Clarence and Edna Sewill, Royce and Carolee Van Bebber, Marisia Ybarra, Condon-Johnson and Associates, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church Women, Booth Creek Ski Holdings, Kathleen Kalab, Tim, Stephanie and Alicia Harrison, Julie and John Grandt, Elaine and John Dummer, Dan and Roseanne Trinidad, Ellen-Marie Roland, Edward and Mary Solomon, Susan Kjome, Lisa Hutar, Susan Fan, Susan and Larry Wayne, Sharon Blunk, Gloria and Sydney Kulchin.

Larry – you are sorely missed by all and will live forever in our hearts.

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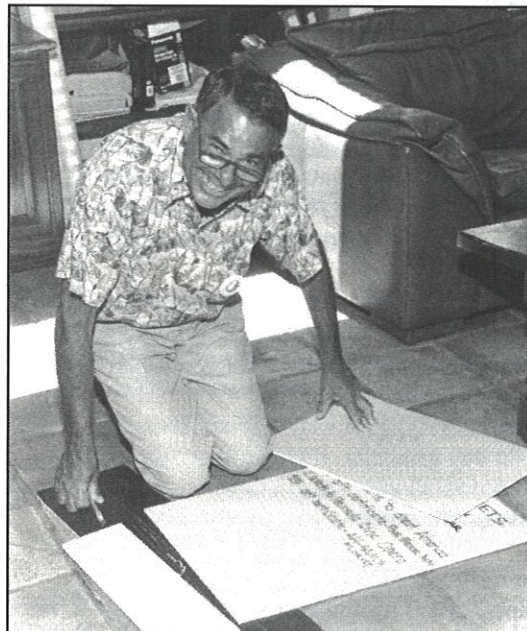
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Larry busily working on Western Day posters

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