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Abstract: The San Francisco Horsemen's Association (SFHA) was formed in 1940 as a nonprofit organization to foster an interest in horses and horsemanship and to share its member's passion for horses and trails with the Bay Area community. The group publishes a monthly newsletter entitled Tales, and is still active as of 2019.

Physical Location: The collection is stored onsite.

Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.

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Provenance
Donated by the San Francisco Horsemen's Association October 30, 2012.

Related Materials
Researchers are encouraged to see also the Online Archive of California for the San Francisco News-Call Bulletin Newspaper Photograph Archive at Bancroft.

Conservation Note
During processing, parts of collection were foldered and housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Some metal staples remain. In the case of loose photos in scrapbooks the photos were placed in acid-free folders and left with the scrapbook. Photos were removed from photo book 1944-1958 and housed in acid free folders.

Administrative History
The San Francisco Horsemen's Association (SFHA) was formed in 1940 as a nonprofit organization to foster an interest in horses and horsemanship and to share its member's passion for horses and trails with the San Francisco Bay Area community. SFHA is a versatile club providing a busy event calendar of organized rides, educational programs and community events. Monthly dinner meetings provide a social forum to exchange ideas, discuss equestrian issues, and plan activities. The club's monthly newsletter, Tales, communicates to members about upcoming events and important information concerning the horse community. SFHA is a member of the California State Horsemen's Association, Region VI. Children, families, non-members, dogs and ponies are welcome at all events.

SFHA's experiences have included the maintenance and building of old and new bridle paths throughout San Francisco and the Bay Area; the establishment of better care and respect for the horse; the bringing together of all classes of horse people for better understanding within their ranks; the sponsoring of functions such as organized Rides, Barbecues, Rodeos, Horse Shows, Dances, etc., all to create goodwill and to bring the horseman and his activities closer to the general public.

The SFHA was formed by Mrs. Billie Winckelman, along with a group of prominent San Francisco horsemen. The first general meeting was held April 1940 at City Hall, where By-Laws were presented for approval, and the SFHA was formally organized and started. John Ratto (1940) was elected the first President, followed by Homer Thyle (1942), Ray Stone (1943), and William Strauss (1944). In 1943 the first Rodeo was held at Shellville. As of 2019 SFHA is still an active association.
### Scope and Contents
The collection contains by-laws, event information, clippings, brochures, photographs and scrapbooks. Tales, a monthly newsletter produced and published by SFHA, is a broken run. Scrapbooks contain photographs, flyers, clippings, and ribbons.

### Arrangement

### Subjects and Indexing Terms
Horses  
Horses -- History  
Horse Shows -- California -- San Francisco  
Clubs -- California -- San Francisco  
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### Series 1 Papers
- Box 1, folder 1: Brochures 1949-2007  
- Box 1, folder 2: Clippings 2005  
- Box 1, folder 3: Event Signage Circa 2010  
- Box 1, folder 4: Posse Gymkhana Circa 2000  
- Box 1, folder 5-7: San Francisco Horsemen's Association Club Functions 2003-2007

### Series 2 Publications
- Box 1, folder 8: Crossed Spurs 1965  
- Box 1, folder 9-14: Tales 1947-2007

### Series 3 Photos
- Box 2, folder 1-2: Horse Show and Parade, Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach 1944  
- Box 2, folder 3: Convention - California State Horsemen's Assoc., Fairmont Hotel, Red Room 1944  
- Box 2, folder 4: Christmas Party 1944  
- Box 2, folder 5: Horse Show Circa 1944  
- Box 2, folder 6: Horsemen's Follies 1945  
- Box 2, folder 7-8: Horse Show, Outstanding Show of the Year in California 1945  
- Box 2, folder 9: Presentation of Sterling Silver Set to Billie Winkelman, Presented by Judge Louis Goodman Retiring Secretary Circa 1945  
- Box 2, folder 10-11: Sixth Annual Horse Show, Golden Gate Park 1946  
- Box 2, folder 12: SFHA Cow Palace 1947  
- Box 2, folder 13: Installation Dinner 1950  
- Box 2, folder 14: Grand National Livestock Exposition Circa 1950  
- Box 2, folder 15: Members and Horses 1952-1953  
- Box 2, folder 16: Horse Show, Events, Members and Horses 1944-1950  
- Box 2, folder 17: First Trail Ride, San Francisco to Sharps Park Circa 1950  
- Box 2, folder 18: Horse Shows, Events, Dinners, Members, Horse Circa 1950  
- Box 2, folder 19-20: SFHA Horse Show, Bercut Field 1956-1958

- Box 3, folder 1: San Francisco Horsemen's Association, St. Patrick's Day, Horseback Riding 1997-circa 2010  
- Box 3, folder 2: Group Portrait 1982, 2005  
- Box 3, folder 3: Posse Horse Show, Capt. Alan Thompson Circa 1985  
- Box 3, folder 4: SFHA Club Functions 1989  
- Box 5, folder 1: Grand National Livestock Exposition, Installation Dinner 1951
### Series 4 Scrapbooks

**Scope and Contents**

Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, brochures and photos.

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