

Bonita Valley Horsemen Newsletter

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Building Trails Today For Tomorrow

President's Corner:

Since taking over the President's role mid way this year, we have accomplished a lot in the way of membership increases, put on some good fun trail rides, and getting work done on the trails.

Thanks to all the members for working together as a team. It takes the work of many to get things done! I am proud of this year's board members and proud of the work they have accomplished. For those of you who have been long time members - thanks for your support! For the new members - thanks for joining us!

There are three of us who have been on the board longer than we care to admit. We have all worked long and hard for the ideals of Bonita Valley Horsemen. It's been a good ride! Due to family issues, retirement and other interests to explore Cindy Halterman, Bette Souza, and I are taking ourselves off the board and making room for new people and new energy to carry the banner forward. To that end I would like to endorse Mark Kukuchek who is most capable of leading the club forward. Mark has been very involved with BVH as trails advocate, San Diego County volunteer trail patrol at Summit Park, Sweetwater planning group and with supervisor Cox's office on trails.

We wish Mark and the new board good luck.

Andrea Goyette

The goal for 2009 for the Bonita Valley Horsemen can be stated in the simple phrase "Involvement".

Presented by Mark Kukuchek:

This upcoming year's programs and events will be dedicated to increasing the clubs membership not just in participation but also in the leadership of club events as well. The month of October is nomination month for the Bonita Valley Horsemen and given this next year's goal of more involvement the scope and depth of club leadership will be increased to implement this goal. The following members have been contacted and have indicated their acceptance when nominated to participate in club leadership for next year.

President and Trails Advocate-Mark Kukuchek
Vice President and Trail Care Coordinator- Doug Cruger
Secretary-Judy Fiedler
Treasurer-Sandy Shaffer
Events Coordinator Committee-Barbara Amalfitano
Membership Committee Chair-Diane Carter
Newsletter Editor-Jenny Sathrum
Historian-Sandy Gonzales
Sunshine Rep - Open
Bicycle Rep-John Carroll
Past President-Andrea Goyette

There is plenty of more involvement to go around so don't surprised when we contact you to participate. **By the way involvement is fun!**

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Trail Update by Mark:

We had a very good trails update on September 3rd at the library from Supervisor Greg Cox and the San Diego County Staff. The SR125 trail mitigations are all almost complete. If you missed the Mary Augustine Bridge opening you missed a great time as we had lots of participation and raised some money for trail projects, many thanks to all who participated. The bridge crossing the river at Sunnyside Stock farm is all that remains and word is that it has been prefabricated and will be installed after bird nesting season ends on Sept. 15. We will get a small loop trail up Quarry road, across the river at the Swap Meet and down the pipe easement and down the hill in front of the dam. The Quarry road part of the trail is open. The Large loop around Sweetwater Reservoir is getting closer and planning is in progress. The new bridge is in place on USFWS property for the large loop and was dedicated this last August. Ride down and see it; it's about one mile east of the Steele Bridge in Jamul. The Glen Abbey Trail is still in planning this trail will be built when the cemetery starts their expansion project, no firm time frame yet. This trail is currently open just be careful going up the cemetery road. There are plans to improve the main river bottom trails from Western gateway to Willow, more on this later. The muddy section of the Tieber trail will be repaired by county crews this month after bird season, more good news.

I will be working on updating the trail maps with new the information from the September 3rd meeting.

Long time club members Danny and Barbara Diaz are selling their home that includes 2 horse facilities in Bonita Highlands and are moving to Burbank where Danny is a photographer. Barbara is a retired school teacher.

The Diaz family will retire to the Golden Colorado area. We shared many enjoyable Thanksgivings at the Vern Whittaker horse camp in Borrego. Thanks for all the fun, companionship and rides. If you want information regarding the house, call Barbara or Danny at 619-470-2776.

Best of luck and you both will be missed!

Upcoming Events:

The State of Bonita by Greg Cox and Sweetwater Civic Association will be held September 23rd at 6:00pm. at the Bonita Library.

BVH and Chula Vista Mounted Police will share a booth and split the cost at Bonita Fest September 27th, 2008. The club needs volunteers to man the booth. Call Barbara Amalfitano 656-7840 if you would like to donate your time.

Daley Ranch Ride - Saturday October 18th. 10:00AM. Meet of off Honey Springs Rd. at Staging area. Please bring lunch.

Directions: Take Otay Lakes Road turn left on 94, then turn right on Honey Springs and the staging area is on the left side.



Halloween fun Ride & Costume Contest November 1st 2008 at 9:00AM. There will be *Adults and Kids Fun Prizes* for the best costumes. Location: Sweetwater Regional Staging Area (On Sweetwater Rd. across from Briarwood Rd., Bonita)

The BVH Christmas Party is going to be held at the Bonita Library in the community room Saturday December 6th at 7pm.

BVH Federal Tax Exempt Clarification:

BVH club is a Federal Tax Exempt under 501-c-4 which is a Social Welfare Organization.

To be a 501-c-3 which is a non profit organization with exclusive purpose must be a charitable, education, or a religious organization.

Vet Corner on Squamous Cell Carcinoma

In recent years the world ozone layer is disappearing and more skin cancers are occurring in the western states. Horses with white/light color coats are most likely to have this type of skin cancer. To help prevent this cancer is to use sun screen which can be expensive; the cheapest and most effective way is Zinc Oxide applied to the exposed pink areas on the skin.

WANTED:

For Rent Single Person wanted for furnished guest house, washer, dryer, refrigerator, cable TV, heat and electric included for reduce rent of \$800.00 in exchange for occasional help feeding animals. Please call Barbara at (619) 656-7840.

Election Nominations: Please mark your calendar to attend the October 16, 2008 general/board meeting being held at the Bonita Fire Station, 4900 Bonita Rd. on the corner of Acacia & Bonita Rd. at 7:00pm. in the training room.

Elections will be held November 6th, 2008 at the general/board meeting being held at the Bonita Fire Station, 4900 Bonita Rd. on the corner of Acacia & Bonita Rd. at 7:00pm. in the training room.

2008 Board Members: Area code 619 the following:

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| 1. President: Andrea Goyette | 475-3500 |
| 2. Vice President: Open | |
| 3. Secretary: Sandy Shaffer | 415-6038 |
| 4. Treasurer: Barbara Amalfitano | 656-7840 |
| 5. Membership: Cindy Haltermann | 773-5600 |
| 6. Bike Rep: John Carroll | 656-1784 |
| 7. Trails Rep: Mark Kukuchek | 472-0836 |
| 8. Mailings: Nancy Craig | 427-3487 |
| 9. Sunshine: Bette Souza | 997-6108 |
| 10. Historian: Sandy Gonzales | 421-9483 |
| 11. Trails Advocate: Mark Kukuchek | 472-0836 |
| 12. Webmaster: Doug Cruger | 931-2214 |

No BVH Club Thanks Giving in Borrego Spring.

Mary Augustine Bridge Dedication Photos by Sandy Gonzales

