

Bonita Valley Horsemen Newsletter

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Building Trails Today For Tomorrow

Presidents Corner:

This last year has been a challenge due to the fact that we not only had to replace our president, we had to replace the secretary too. The club continued to make progress with various projects such as a successful trail trials event, hot dog rides, the bridge dedication and continued work on our multi-use trails. I want to thank the dedicated people who helped see it through.

It is my hope that the new board will carry on with worthwhile projects and events, and that other club members will step up to the plate and become involved in this very worthwhile club.

Congratulations to Mark and the new 2009 Board. I wish them every success and look forward to working with them in the New Year.

Andrea

November General Elections Meeting was held at the Bonita/Sunnyside Fire Station. The slate for 2009 board members, as it appeared in the Oct. newsletter, was elected by the members present.

Trails Report: Mark went over the map of trails in Bonita showing us which trails & pathways have been accepted by the S D County Board of Supervisors and which trails & pathways he is hoping will be accepted at the next County trails meeting. What is the difference between a pathway and a trail? A pathway is not a designated trail, not necessarily dirt, it may be paved and it goes along side a road. Ride at your own discretion.

We will post the next S D County Supervisors meeting date on the web.

Treasurer's report: Barb paid the annual insurance (liability) bill.

Misc. Info:

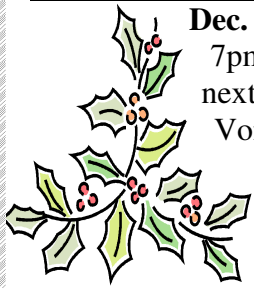
The Halloween Fun Ride and Contest was fun. We did not have many people turn out, but thanks to those that did come. The costumes were really cute and imaginative. Thanks to Renee of S D County Parks for being the judge. Great job! See pics below.

If you are riding the West end of the valley, and you want to go thru Sweetwater Farms to get from one point to another, be aware that the gate that was normally locked is now open. Go thru the farm at a walk. Please read and adhere to the posted rules. Two rules that stick out in my mind are these: Do not pony a horse thru because the ponied horse could cause a problem in her yard should it get loose. And the gate is locked at dusk. It is very nice of Sweetwater Farms to allow other equestrians to pass thru. It is a privilege, not a right. Thank you Roberta!

A request from Historian: Sandy Gonzales is asking you to send her pictures of interest for the historian's books. Call her at: 421-9483

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Up Coming Events:



Dec. 6, 2008: Annual Christmas Party!
7pm at the Bonita Community Room
next to the Library (across from
Vons). Pot Luck, bring your favorite
dish or munchies. All drinks
provided.

Daley Ranch Ride December 14th at 9:30am
staging area Honey Springs Road.

Feb. 21, 2009: Trail Trials weekend at Summit
Park. Watch the news letter for more info!

Jan. 8, 2009 board meeting 7p.m. at the Bonita
Museum across from Von's Shopping Center on
Bonita Rd. Come and meet your new board. Give
some input on activities for this next year. Get
involved and see how you can help out.
There will **not** be a meeting in December!

Barn News: Nobody's talkin'.

Sunshine: Sandy Shaffer went in to Pomerado
Hosp. last week with a twisted gut. Bette sent her a
card from BVH. She is home now. Give her a call,
or send a card, it will be appreciated.

For Sale: Bonita Highlands, 3648 Filly Lane, horse
property. Great house and property! Call Danny or
Barbara Diaz for information. 619-470-2776.

For Sale/Lease: Wonderful, calm, non-spooky,
bomb-proof older white 15.2 hand Arab gelding, no
vices & sound. He has been owned and ridden by a
teenage gal who is no longer interested in riding.
Great with beginner riders, kids, and fun for the
more seasoned rider. Currently in riding shape for
the trails for a couple of hours. Ideally, we are
looking for someone to keep him at his home at
Lucky 7 in Bonita. Various options can be worked
out. For more info please call Andrea 619-559-
5591.

Vets Corner: Tax info from a local vet. Gov. A.
Schwarzenegger wants to raise millions of dollars
by adding a tax on veterinary services. This will
directly affect your bill as you pay for vet services.
On Nov. 8, 2008 Schwarzenegger called for an
increase in the Ca. state sales tax to address the

multi-billion dollar deficit in the budget, and
proposed a sales tax on all vet service. Horse, cat,
dog, lizard, everything!

This was part of a larger combination of program
cuts and revenue increases to balance the state
budget. This could add approx. 9% to our vet bills.
I don't know about you, but I have a tough time
making board, ferrier services etc. as it is.
Ultimately our animals will pay the price of neglect
because our politicians can't balance the state
budget.

Here is what you can do to help: Write, fax, e-mail
the Governor and elected officials. Make it personal
and be brief. Ask the Governor to remove the
proposed sales tax on veterinary services in the
"Governor's Budget. Special Session 2008-09"
pertaining to veterinary services. Send copies of
your letter to key members of the legislature (see
attached list) as well as your local representatives
and ask them to oppose the sales tax proposal as
stated above. If you want additional help, more info
and contacts go to: www.cvma.net
Please spread the word to all your friends that have
pets and block this tax!!

2008 Board Members: All are area code 619

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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 |
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| 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 |



First Place Winners

Happy Thanks Giving!!!

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The vote is planned for the end of this month
November. So please get your letters, faxes etc. in
to as many as possible as soon as possible!