

Bonita Valley Horsemen Newsletter

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Presidents Corner: Your board has been hard at work cooking up some fun ideas for rides and events. Don't miss our 1st annual Halloween contest and ride Nov 1st! Please come and support those members who are taking the time to dress up, even if you don't care to enter. It sure will be fun! Please see the Vets Corner in this letter regarding West Nile Virus. All homes in the Bonita area should receive a letter from the County. Please take precautions!

We have a new slate of very capable board members that have been nominated, elections next month.

Our Christmas Party is December 6th and we are looking forward to having it in a new location. Please see the info. in 'coming events' section. I look forward to seeing you all several times before the end of the year! Happy trails, Andrea

October Board Nominations Meeting was held at the Bonita/Sunnyside Fire Station. Many thanks to Capt. Isbell who kindly let us into the training room as someone, who shall remain nameless, forgot to pick up the key earlier in the day!

Treasurer's report: Barbara told us we have enough in the coffers to pay our annual bills, front the little fun ride on Nov. 1st and the Christmas party on Dec. 6th. See Up Coming Events section.

Chula Vista Mounted Patrol split the costs of the booth at the last BonitaFest. They are a good group to work with! Thank you CVMP!

Barbara also reported that the meetings for 2009 will be held at the Bonita Museum. The museum is charging \$10.00 per month for the meetings. The board decided it was well worth it to have a

consistent place to meet. We can have food and drink there too!

The issue of the 501c3 designation is not quite done yet. Even though the Feds turned us down the state may be more sympathetic to us. As I type, the application is being sent in. Many thanks to last years treasurer Chris for following up on this for us.

Trails Report: In Jan. 2009 you will see the trail along the northwest side of the Bonita Golf Course and east of Sunnyside Stock Farm being re-routed to accommodate the installation of the new horse bridge. We should have the choice of either using the bridge or ride through the river. We shall see! The little river along the northern and western boundaries of Bonita Golf Course has been cleaned out and the area of erosion by the Bonita Bridge has been fixed. Detour should be removed by the time you get this letter.

Update on Tieber Trail. Sweetwater Water Auth. is supposed to be reviewing the problem of the mud and provide a solution.....

Doug cleared out and cleaned up overgrown trails from the Western Gateway east to Morrison's. When you see Doug, thank him for the clean trails and all his hard work!

Misc. Info: Mark will talk to DJ Gove regarding the date and other preliminary ideas regarding the upcoming trail trials event in Feb. 2009.

The Horse Trader is interested in doing an article on the Bonita equestrian area. We may tie this in with the upcoming trail trial event and maybe get some input from local realtors.

A tentative events calendar for 2009 is in the works!

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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Board Member Nominations: The slate for 2009, as it appeared in the last news letter, was nominated by Andrea Goyette and seconded by Cindy Haltermann. All voted yes to accept the slate of nominees as it stands.



Up Coming Events:

Nov. 1, 2008:

Halloween Fun Ride at Sweetwater Regional Staging Area. Bring the kids and the adult kids too! Costume contest, Continental breakfast, a

fun ride, which Mark will lead. Winners of costume contest announced after the ride along with a 50/50 raffle. Prizes to 3rd place for kids and adults. RSVP: Barbara 619-656-7840. \$5.00 per entry. Check in time 8am to 9am.

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.

Welcome to our newest members: Tom and Arnette Reed, Kaysie Klein and Abby Kogler.

BARN NEWS: There was a robbery about 3 weeks ago at San Miguel Equestrian off of Jonel Way. Judy Tieber reported that the thieves knew what to look for and took expensive show saddles etc. Keep your gates, tack rooms, trailers all locked up! Watch for people 'casing the joint'.

Sunshine: Oh ouch! Your secretary Sandy Shaffer took a fall off her horse Sahara and fractured several ribs. She spent a few days and nights in the hospital, so we know it was bad. Bette sent flowers to help cheer her up and let her know we are thinking of her and praying for a fast recovery! If you know of a BVH member that needs a little care, let Bette know!

Vets Corner: It's time for your horses fall shots, including West Nile Virus booster. The following is a synopsis of a letter from the County of San Diego Dept. of Environmental Health Div.

To prevent WNV, you must prevent mosquito bites and mosquito breeding. These little pests can lay eggs in as little as ¼ inch of water. All standing water should be eliminated near or around your house or stable. Wear protective clothing & repellent. Do the same for your animals!

Vector Control Techs. Are surveying and treating mosquito breeding sites in our neighborhoods. If you know of sources of standing water including 'green' swimming pools, please call 858-694-2888. For more info: www.SDVector.com

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

WANTED: Single Person wanted for furnished guest house in Bonita, washer, dryer, refrigerator, cable TV heat and electric included for reduced rent of \$800.00 in exchange for occasional help with chores. Please call Barbara at (619) 656-7840.

The Next General Meeting: Nov. 6, 2008 Elections of new officers. 7PM at Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station corner of Bonita Rd. and Acacia St. Come and vote for the new board!

There will **not** be a meeting in December!

2008 Board Members: All are area code 619

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
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