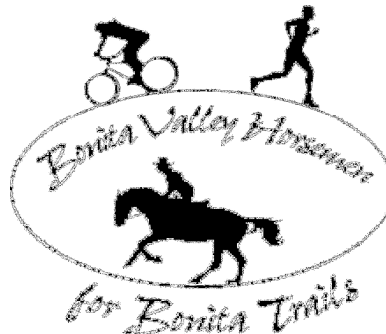


# **Bonita Valley Horsemen Newsletter**

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## **Mar. 14 Board & General Meeting:**

Well gang, I'm back writing the letter if only for a short time. Our President Dean and Secretary Kathy Ziegler are moving to Tennessee, the Nashville area. This was their swan song meeting. In appreciation of all their hard work we, BVH, presented them with a gift certificate to Buon Giorno Ristorante in Bonita. They will be missed and we wish them good luck in their new adventures!

Stepping up to the Presidents job is our more than capable Vice President Andrea Goyette. Our new secretary is Sandy Schaffer. She has been secretary to various organizations and brings all that experience to BVH.

Mark Kukuchek, who has been doing a wonderful job with trails maintenance, is stepping into the Trail Advocacy roll that Dean vacated.

**Special thanks** to Capt. Denise Gove, SD Humane Society & SPCA, Lt. Laura Ward, County of San Diego Dept of Animal Services and Jackie Cruz, San Diego Sheriff Dept. for an informative talk: Pet Disaster Preparedness. We not only have fires, we have mud slides and earth quakes etc. No it doesn't happen every day, but we need to be ready when

it does! Oh, you didn't come to the meeting? You missed out on a cool free raffle, 2 equine first aid kits and boxes full of fly masks.

## **Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

**Sunshine:** We are sending a card to John Carroll our bike rep as he is having neck surgery to remove a bone chip. Get well John, I need you back on the 'chow' line!

**Treasurers Rpt:** Barb is out of town helping her daughter plan a wedding somewhere on the East Coast. We will get a report next time!

## **Trails Maintenance and news:**

We were to have the dedication, ribbon cutting and opening of the new horse bridge this month, but the powers that be weren't ready. You will be notified as soon as possible for the re-scheduled opening ceremonies. However we did attend the Otay Valley Preserve ribbon cutting ceremony Monday Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Cheryl Cox, Supervisor Greg Cox and Mayor Jerry Sanders were on hand for the dedication. From BVH Mark Kukuchek, Sandy Gonzales and

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Cindy Haltermann attended and either walked or rode the trails. Nice, nice multi-use trails are in and ready to be ridden. We will ride the new trails on Friday and let you know the most advantageous area for staging as the actual horse staging area is not yet complete.

The San Diego Union has been giving us some great publicity. The last article was on Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> in the county section regarding the non-slip surface on the horse bridge. You can find it online. Look in the archives for the article if you haven't already seen it.

**New Business:** Webmaster Doug is recommending that we change our web provider. He can save us some money and get us more space too! We like that!! If you have a business/service you'd like to advertise or something for sale, let the secretary know so she can get it in the news letter. Get your ad in by the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month (right after the monthly meeting) for publication in the upcoming news letter. Hey, it's free.

**Up Coming Events:**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Board meeting at Andrea Goyette's house 3305 Kennelworth Lane, Bonita. Call 475-3500 for directions.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>: Penesquitos Ride**

Meet at the Sunnyside Saddle club Arena at 9am sharp to caravan. Saddle up and be ready to ride about 10:00. Ride for about 2 hrs. then have lunch after. Bring lunch for yourselves, and folding chairs. Water on site, so bring buckets and hay for horses.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> Western Gateway Hot Dog Ride**

Staging area is behind the Bonita Flower Lady, off of Bonita Rd. just East of Plaza Bonita Rd. Check in 9am to 9:45 and the ride starts at 10am. Ride for about 2 hours and come back for a Hot Dog lunch. Due to the rising costs we will have to charge \$7.00 per lunch. Ohhh, I know, but it is sooooo good!

**Wanted:**

Used 2 or 3 horse slant load w/walk-in dressing/tack room. Bumper pull. Good condition a must!

Call: Dorothy Stock 1-760-822-5007

Please leave msg. or e-mail:

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**New 2008 Board Members: all (619)**

President: Andrea Goyette	475-3500
Vice President: Open	
Secretary: Sandy Schaffer	unlisted
Treasurer: Barbara Amalfitano	656-7840
Membership: Cindy Haltermann	773-5600
Bike Rep: John Carroll	656-1784
Trails Rep: Mark Kukuchek	472-0836
Mailings: Nancy Craig	427-3487
Sunshine: Bette Souza	997-6108
Historian: Sandy Gonzales	421-9483
Trails Advocate: Mark Kukuchek	472-0836
Webmaster: Doug Cruger	454-1330



*And Happy Trails to Dean, Kathy and family!*

**P.S.** Mark, Sandy and I were joined by Carolyn Powers and Karen Bilbray to ride the new Otay Valley Preserve trails. Go 805 So. to Main. Go west on Main and left on Mace. Parallel park So. end of Mace. There is a horse gate at the So. end of Mace. Not a staging area, but ok to park for a couple of hours.