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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Denise Howell

Howdy Pardners,

Merry Christmas to all! What a wonderful year this has been. Celebrating the holidays with family and friends is a blessing in itself. At Thanksgiving we give thanks and at Christmas we should also give thanks. We've had wonderful weather, the economy is a little better and only more positive things to come.

We wish you all a magical Christmas and the spirit of giving of yourself. Warm coats, canned foods, one man's cast offs are another man's necessities. Let's not forget those less fortunate than us.

AND NOW, a quote:

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." ~Burton Hillis

We hope you all are fortunate enough to appreciate your family and friends this holiday season.



Whoa Whoa Whoa! Merry Christmas!

*Denise Howell  
& Beethoven*

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### TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

On September 28 we completed what will be our last workday of the year. Only a few trails needed mowing and there was limited amounts of blackberry growth. There were some trails requiring gopher hole filling. We handled some tree trimming during the week and neighbor Dale Sloss did some berry pruning also.

A big welcome to Vicki Miles, a new member and she brought along her grandson Markel. Thank you for the help. It is very much appreciated.

The other team members this month included Clelia Jocoy, Jennifer Wright, Mary Westfall, Maureen Henderson, and Dave Faoro.

Next week Linda and Jerry Potter will be putting some final touches on the Del Mar side.

With such mild weather, this is a great time to be using TRNR. Come on out and enjoy!

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have contributed this year to helping keep Traylor Ranch the special place that it is.

If at anytime you are using Traylor Ranch and you see something which needs to be addressed, please reach out to me.

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. ~Norman Vincent Peale



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**Minutes**

Loomis Basin Horseman's Association Minutes Nov. 20, 2013  
Round Table Pizza Loomis, CA

The meeting was called to order by President Denise Howell at 7:00 PM

Denise thanked all those who helped out at the October Horse Show. She stated that there had been several offers from people to judge next year's Western show.

Linda Potter gave a presentation of various trail sites that her group, Elegant Ears, along with Back Country Horsemen had been working on. She stated that at Caples Creek they were working on establishing 15 horse camping sites. The sites had been graded and the Forest Service will add boundary rocks. In addition Tells Creek and Sayles Canyon trail Head were graded and road bed was put in place. Linda stated that a total of \$18,000 was needed to complete the projects. Currently they have \$8,000. Betty Pfifer made a motion for LBHA to give her group \$1,000 to assist in completing the projects. Kathy Dombrowski seconded it and the motion was carried.

Bob Sydnor gave a trails report. He stated that much of the work at Hidden Falls was completed, however there has been reported a problem with horseback riders going off the trails and causing some damage with erosion.

Donna Kelly presented a treasurers report. After expenses the horse shows combined made \$2,255.43.

Denise called for nominations for the 2014 LBHA Board. The nominations are as follows:

President: Denise Howell  
Vice President: Maureen Henderson  
Treasurer: Donna Kelly  
Secretary: Nancy Steuck

Board of Directors  
Dave Faoro (Traylor Ranch)  
Bob Sydnor  
Janis Rau  
Debbie Murphy  
Kathy Dombrowski

Committee Chairs (open)  
Publicity  
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The Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM



Debbie Murphy



Dave Faoro



Donna Kelly



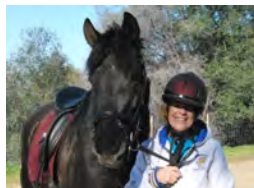
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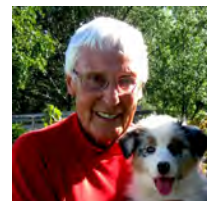
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Nancy Steuck



Kathy Dombrowski



Denise Howell

## MEMBERSHIP

There are many of you that have DEC 12 expiration dates for your membership and a few that had memberships that expired JUN 13. Would love for all to renew so they can keep the club strong. The list of those that need to renew for can be found at: <http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/PaidUpMembers.pdf>

Please Renew  
Today!

This link is found on the main LBHA Page throughout the year. So if you are not sure, check out the list. As of Dec 3ed we have 97 families, singles and businesses paid up. If you are not getting e-mails from LBHA, we may not have the correct e-mail or you are blocking LBHA. The Newsletter goes on line the first week of each month, so if you do not get a notice, just check the webpage and then get the correct e-mail to LBHA.

### March Performance Horses

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## Christmas Dessert Recipes

### Cracker Cookies

Place soda crackers on foil on cookie sheet  
1 cube butter  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar firmly packed

Bring to a boil and add  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped nuts

Spoon over crackers.  
Bake at 325 for 8 to 10 minutes

### Hello Dollies

1 stick margarine  
1 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1 pkg semi sweet choc chips (small)  
1 pkg butterscotch chips  
1 cup coconut  
1 chop chopped pecans  
1 can 14pz sweetened condensed milk  
9 x 9 or 9 x 13 pan

Melt butter in pan, spread cracker crumbs over butter.  
Layer: coconut choc chips and butterscotch chips, nuts, pour milk over all  
Bake 350 for 25 to 30 min. Cool before cutting.



### No Bake Peanut Butter Bars

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup smooth peanut butter  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  cup honey  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  cup sugar  
3 cups Post Honey Bunches of Oats cereal  
1 cup peanuts  
4 squares Baker's semi sweet choc melted (or choc chips)

Microwave peanut butter, honey and sugar in large bowls 2 to 3 minutes or until sugar is melted and mixture is smooth, stirring each minute. Pour over cereal and peanuts in large bowl. Mix to coat well. Press into greased foil lined 13 x 9 pan. Spread melted chocolate evenly over cereal mixture. Let stand or refrigerate until chocolate is firm.



### Patty's Secret Pistachio Dessert

2 cups milk  
2 boxes small Pistachio pudding. Blend.

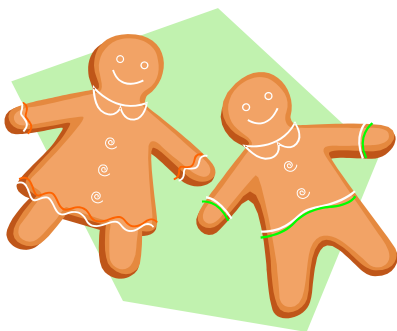
Blend in 4 cups Vanilla Ice cream (pineapple is good too)

Bottom:

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tubes Ritz Crackers.

Melt 1 cube butter in bottom of glass pan and spread cracker crumbs. Chill. Pour the mix in. Top with Cool Whip, Marachino cherries and nuts (optional)

Chill



# The Golden Eagle Loop Trail

Hidden Falls Regional Park, Placer County

by Robert H. Sydnor, *A.E.R.C. Trail Master*

December 2013 Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

## Introduction

The Golden Eagle Loop Trail is located in the southwestern sector of Hidden Falls Regional Park in Placer County. This single-track 1.7-mile looping trail is rated "easy" in gradient, and is interconnected with the Pheasant Trail (on the East side), and the Warbler Trail & Black Rail Trail (on the West side), as shown on the trail map. The general access is: unload your horse at the main trailhead parking lot, then proceed north on Legacy Way to the bottom of Deadman Creek, follow the Whisky Diggins Canal for a few hundred yards, then onto the South Legacy Way, and proceed westward to the looping connector trails.

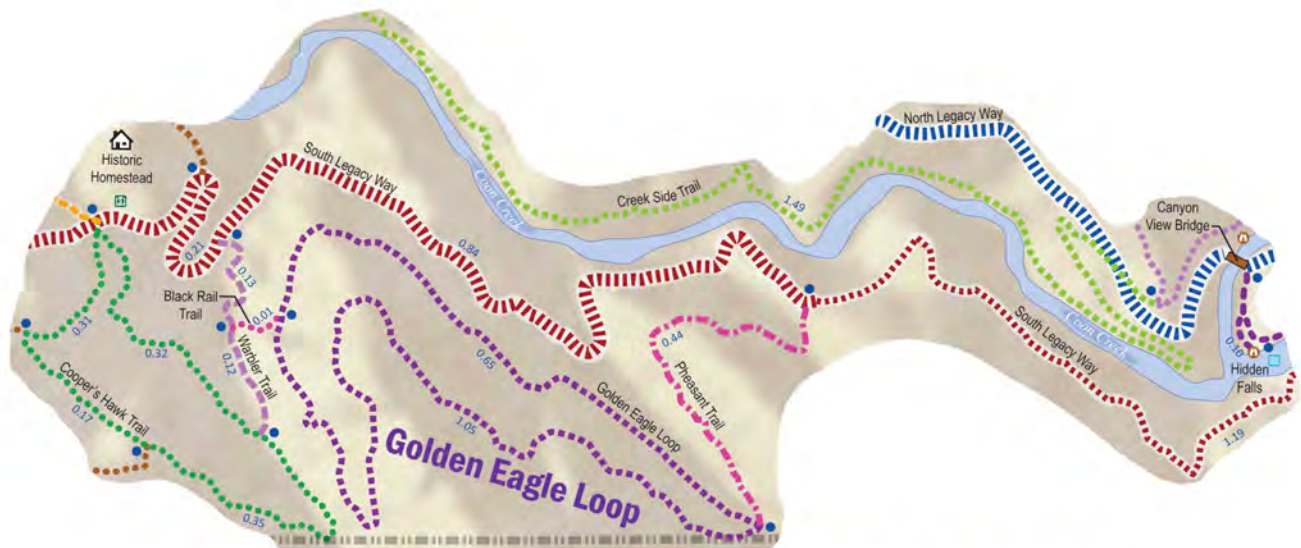
There are two resting benches (installed by an Eagle Scout as a volunteer project) along the Golden Eagle Loop Trail at vista points.

There is no horse-water on this particular trail segment; the nearest horse-water is a faucet at the historic Spears Ranch homestead.

These trails are within Hidden Falls Regional Park:

< <http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/facility/parks/hiddenfalls> >

There are 27 trails totaling 30 miles within the 1,300 acres of Hidden Falls. Download the trail-map before you visit the park, and ride with the trail-map in your horn-bag or shirt pocket. There are *no* free maps distributed at the parking lot, although the maps are posted on many bulletin boards throughout this Placer County park.



## Trail Map of Golden Eagle Loop Hidden Falls Regional Park, Placer County

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**Beginning and Ending  
of the 1.7-mile loop**



**Golden Eagle Loop**

*At Left:* the trail junctions have excellent signs, although you will need a trail map to discern your location.  
*At Right:* typical view along the trail in the oak forest with blackberry vines along a drainage channel.



**Eagle Scout  
bench on the  
Golden Eagle  
Loop Trail**



**Eagle Scout bench  
on the  
Golden Eagle Loop Trail**

There are two Eagle Scout benches within the Golden Eagle Loop Trail. Both have vistas of Coon Creek to the north. Here you can eat your lunch, rest your horse, and admire the view. Bring your own drinking water.



**Golden Eagle Loop Trail**



**Intersection of the Golden Eagle Loop  
with the Pheasant Trail**

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**Geology:** The bedrock that underlies the trail-bed is the Copper Hill Volcanics, a formation of the Jurassic Period. Bedrock is generally not exposed along the Golden Eagle Trail, but rock fragments are visible in the reddish-brown soil of the trail-bed. This formation is vertically-foliated metavolcanic rock that is parallel in azimuth (about N30°W) to the Bear Mountains Fault Zone (about three kilometers northeast). The sheared metavolcanic bedrock is gray to blue-gray in color, and overlain by discontinuous reddish-brown silty soil with rock fragments. This soil appears as red dust in the summertime, and sticky red mud in the rainy season. There are no known mines or mineral resources within Hidden Falls, so do not perform any mineral prospecting here inside the park; these rocks are barren.

**Botany:** The metavolcanic bedrock supports a diverse forest composed of blue oaks, grey pines, manzanita, California buckeye, bay laurel, and a few majestic valley oaks. Because there were former cattle ranching operations at the Spears Ranch, there are some open meadows with grass for your horse.

**Construction History:** The Golden Eagle Trail was constructed in 2012 by Donald R. Hays, a licensed professional trail-builder from Tahoe City, California. The trail-bed was graded by Douglas Hulett using a Bobcat tractor. The trail system opened to the public on May 23, 2013. The historic 980-acre Spears Ranch was formerly a cattle ranch, so do *not* follow any cow-paths or deer-paths that do not appear to be of modern 2012 construction.



**Picnic Benches and Faucet at Spears Ranch historic homestead**



**Spears Ranch historic homestead**

Northwest of the Golden Eagle Loop Trail is the historic Spears Ranch homestead. The buildings are not open to the public. But horsemen will be glad to know that there is a porta-potty here, a non-potable water faucet (to cool your bandana on a hot summer day), with two picnic tables where you can eat lunch carried in your saddlebags. Bring your own drinking water.





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**DECEMBER LBHA MEETING DECEMBER 19** Christmas Party. Round Table Pizza, Horseshoe Bar Rd Loomis. Eat 6:30pm Meet 7:00pm

**JANUARY LBHA MEETING JANUARY 15** Round Table Pizza, Horseshoe Bar Rd Loomis. Eat 6:30pm Meet 7:00pm

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