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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Denise Howell

Happy New Year one and All!

We've had a wonderful year and quite productive for our LBHA.

Thank you to all our Board Members and Officers and of course, you, who make it necessary and worthwhile for us to "rock on."

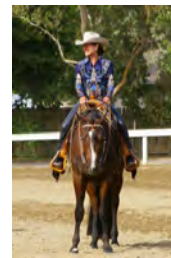
We had our elections at our December meeting and Officers were approved again for yet another year. We're still looking for our County Liaison and our Trail Maintenance committees. This could be your chance to have some input and strengthen our systems.

A special thank you to Debbie Murphy who volunteered to represent us at the Auburn Recreation Department meeting. At our November meeting we all agreed to have Debbie attend the meeting and speak on our behalf regarding the proposed Bike Pump Track and Skills Park at the Overlook which would have been a dangerous situation for riders approaching on their horses. Debbie gave a 3 minute presentation assuring the Department that we are not opposed to the park but are opposed to the location. We are happy to report that the Overlook location is no longer being considered. Please see Debbie's report in our January Newsletter.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Please ride safely and watch out for the other guy.

Tally Whoa!

*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.

Small children are convinced that ponies deserve to see the inside of the house. ~Maya Patel



Dave Faoro
 TRNR Committee Chariman
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Minutes

Loomis Basin Horseman's Association Minutes Dec. 19, 2013

Round Table Pizza Loomis, CA

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

The nominees were presented for the 2014 LBHA board. Judie Lew moved to approve the nominees and Jerry Potted seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion was passed to approve the 2014 board.

2014 Board Members

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Bob Sydnor

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Debbie Murphy

Kathy Dombrowski

Committee Chairs (open)

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Trail Maitenance

Debbie Murphy gave a presentation on the proposed Bike Pump Track to be built at the Auburn Dam Overlook. The proposal has the track to be built within feet of the currently existing Western States Equestrian Trail. There was a discussion regarding the safety issues that would arise to equestrians who use the trail and how the activity of bicycles could impact that use. In additional, a concern was voiced that with the bicycle area so close to the existing equestrian trails the bicycle activity would spill out onto these trails. Kathy Dombroski made a motion that LBHA support the development of this facility, but not at the proposed location. Linda Potter seconded the motion, and the motion was passed. There were several suggestions at to where the Bike Pump facility could be located that does not interfere with the equestrian use. Debbie Murphy will attend the Auburn Recreational District meeting on Thursday Dec. 20, 2013 to voice our concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM

Secretary

Nancy Steuck

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 on our website. Please renew, we need YOU!

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Today!

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.

Being an LBHA Member is a great way to give back to our community. We thank you in advance. Thank you.

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Proposed Pump and Skills Bike Park

A meeting held by Auburn Recreation District (ARD) was held in Auburn on December 19. Debbie Murphy, LBHA BOD member attended and spoke on behalf of LBHA.

Of importance to equestrians was the proposal to construct a bike pump track and skills park at the Overlook adjacent to the skate park. LBHA was against this proposal which was articulated at this meeting by Debbie Murphy.

After discussion, this site was subsequently abandoned as a proposed site.

The chosen site by ARD is located below the Canyon View Community Center off Maidu Drive to the East of China Bar. This site does not conflict with equestrian trails. The "ditch or canal trail" is not an official equestrian trail but a short cut that is marked "no horses". Another access to connecting trails is available to the East of that trail.

It was obvious ARD was committed to establishing this park for the bikes. The site chosen does not appear to impede equestrian use and can be supported by LBHA as presented by ARD. If changes to plans occur, LBHA will monitor the development.

Submitted by:
Debbie Murphy

The Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association's Board Members are pleased to let you all know that the LBHA was able to donate \$500 to Placer Land Trust to expand the Hidden Falls Trails another 20 miles in an already heavily accessed trail system. Placer Community Foundation matched donations made on-line by December 31st so that's another \$500 to the cause. Thank you to Veronica Blake for bringing this to our attention.

It is very important to our equestrian community that you renew your membership with LBHA before it expires. With your minimal membership fee we are able to help with our trail systems and other projects that affect our area in a positive way with regards to equestrians and our youth. The Board will be meeting early in January to put together a budget and included in that budget will be a scholarship fund. I encourage you to renew your membership and attend meetings to give your input on how these monies are spent.

If you aren't able to attend our meetings but have ideas for scholarship funds, trail maintenance or you know of related causes that could use our help, please email any of us on the Board or just email me at deanise-howell@sbcglobal.net. I will carry the information for you to the rest of the Board and see that all ideas are considered.

To see when your membership needs to be renewed, please go to:
<http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/PaidUpMembers.pdf> for a complete list of paid up members.

We appreciate your membership and look forward to the coming year of "paying it forward."

Your President, *Denise Howell*



The Pheasant Trail

Hidden Falls Regional Park, Placer County

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

January 2014

Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

Introduction

The Pheasant Trail is located in the southwestern sector of Hidden Falls Regional Park in Placer County. This single-track 0.44-mile connector trail is rated "easy" in gradient. It connects the South Legacy Way (the main access route) with Golden Eagle Loop, as shown on the trail map.

The general access is: unload your horse at the main trailhead parking lot, then proceed along 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 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. Trail maps are posted on many bulletin boards throughout this Placer County park.



**The Pheasant Trail (0.44-miles) connects South Legacy Way
(= the main access) with the Golden Eagle Loop Trail
Hidden Falls Regional Park, Placer County**



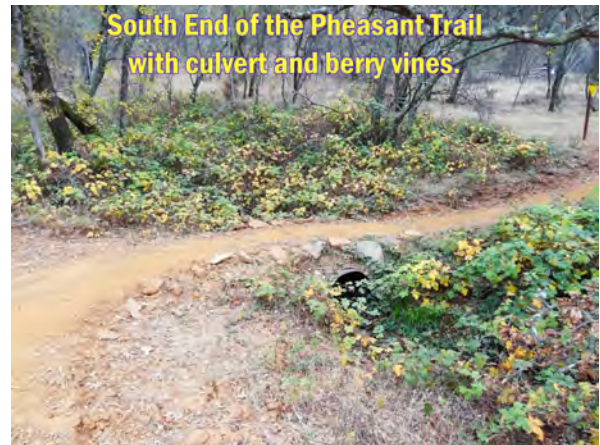
Signpost where South Legacy Way changes from a single-track trail to a gravel access road, with the juncture of the Pheasant Trail



Shaded Fuel Break (at left) along the Pheasant Trail, Hidden Falls Regional Park

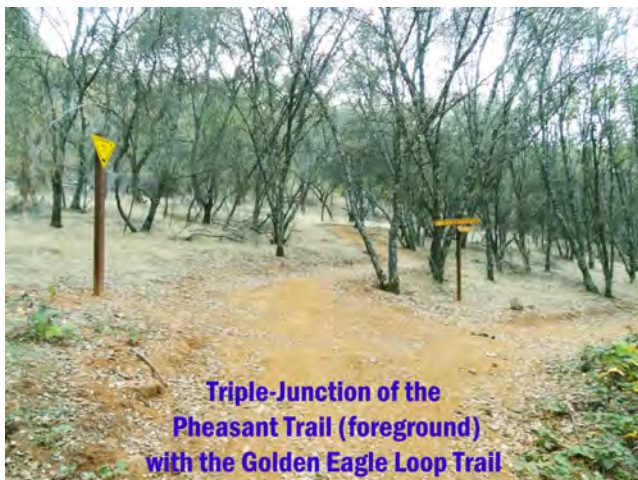


**Open Vistas in Grassy Meadow along the Pheasant Trail
Hidden Falls Regional Park**



South End of the Pheasant Trail with culvert and berry vines.

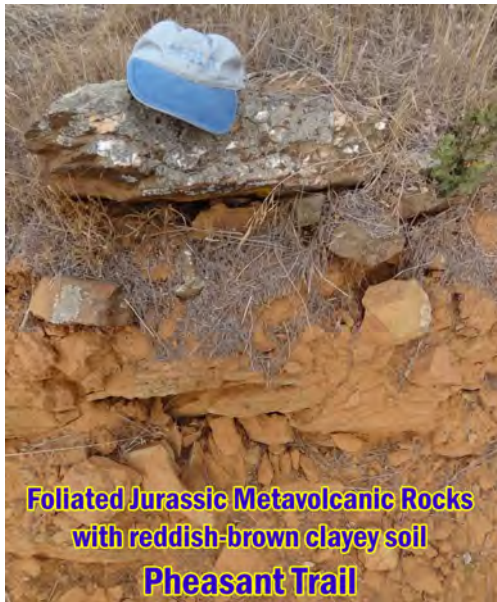
The open grassy vistas are meadows where cattle formerly grazed on the historic Spears Ranch. Flocks of wild turkeys like to hunt for bugs in these meadows.



Triple-Junction of the Pheasant Trail (foreground) with the Golden Eagle Loop Trail



Intersection of the Golden Eagle Loop with the Pheasant Trail



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 Pheasant Trail, but rock fragments are visible in the reddish-brown clayey 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 clayey soil with rock fragments. This soil appears as red dust in the summertime, and sticky red mud in the rainy season.

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. There is a very large open meadow on the Pheasant Trail because there were former cattle ranching operations at the Spears Ranch. Lots of wild turkeys are seen here in the meadow.

Construction History: The Pheasant 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.



Northwest of the Pheasant Trail is the historic Spears Ranch homestead along South Legacy Way. 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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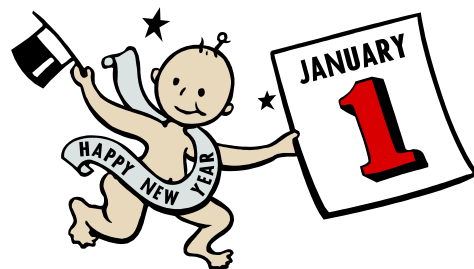
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