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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Maurine Henderson

Happy New Year to Everyone!

By way of introduction, my name is Maureen Henderson, and I am your new President.

First of all, I would like to thank our outgoing Board members for their services over the past year, and for each of them, for many years. They are our Past President, Denise Howell, Secretary, Nancy Steuck, Board Members Bob Sydnor and Janis Rau. I would like to welcome our new Officers, Vice-President Pat Gibbs and Secretary, Lisa Horning and new board members, Liz Daffner, Judie Lew and Betty Pfiefer. I am excited that some of our members have stepped forward to continue making our organization one that we and our community can be proud of.

As your President, I am hoping to continue the good work this organization has done since it was first formed in 1984. Of Course, the main focus for LBHA has been trails within the Loomis Basin. This is the area in which LBHA has been most active. In today's world, we need to be more diligent than ever in protecting what we have fought for in the past. During the building boom it was important that we stayed informed about new developments, making sure that equestrian easements were placed within their boundaries so that riders would continue to have access to the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. Sterling Point and the Lomida Trail are two prime examples of what we fought for. Today, with development having slowed, we have a newer threat to losing our trails. This is due to the introduction of the sport of mountain biking. Due to cutbacks in funding, there is even more demand for existing trail use and we no longer have the luxury of having "equestrian" trails. Now, and in the future, all trails constructed will be "multi-use" trails. The mountain bike clubs are working with the State and County Parks to assist with maintaining trails. We, as equestrians, are going to have to step up to the plate and also offer to have work days with the governing agencies to maintain our trails. It is my goal this year to see if we can't make that happen. As a group we can have a loud voice about our trails, especially if we are united and show that we can work with the mountain bike groups. So, looking forward to a great 2015.

Please come to our monthly meeting and share your ideas of what you would like to see our Club do. Our new board members have some very good ideas for promoting our organization and would like to have your input. See you at the meeting! (I will be on a pre-planned vacation for our January meeting, however, our Vice-President, Pat Gibbs will preside at this meeting.)

Maureen Henderson

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TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

We are done with our workdays for the year. The trails out at the ranch are in good shape, so go out and enjoy. I would like to remind everyone to please pickup after your horse in the parking area. This means hauling the manure home and not forking it to the side of the parking area. And especially do NOT rake out your trailer. And please remind your friends of this that use Traylor Ranch.

Thank you to those who volunteer to help maintain Traylor Ranch. The Ranch is the beautiful accessible place it is due to your efforts. Watch here for notice of our first workday, normally planned for the 4th Saturday of March.

Please members, if your see any issues during this stormy time of year at our Traylor Ranch, call me or send me an email. If it is an emergency, of course, call 911.

Dave Faoro

TRNR Committee Chairman,
dave_ibha@faoro.us



Youth is when you are allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you are forced to. ~Bill Vaughn



Minutes Loomis Basin Horseman's Association

December 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Denise Howell.

The members introduced themselves and stated what horse related activities they were interested in.

Nominations began for the 2015 LBHA Board of Directors:

President: Maureen Henderson

Vice President: Pat Gibbs

Donna Kelly, Treasurer

Secretary: Lisa Horning

Board of Directors:

Liz Daffner

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Dave Faoro

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Committee Heads:

Traylor Ranch: Dave Faoro

Publicity: Liz Daffner

County Liaison: Debbie Murphy, Pat Gibbs

Arena: Denise Howell, Kathy Dombrowski

Horse Show: Janis Rau, Lisa Horning

Membership/Sponsorship: Kathy Dombrowski

Trails: Bob Sydnor

All nominations were seconded and a vote was taken. Members voted unanimous to appoint the members to the positions.

A brief discussion was had regarding ideas for future membership activities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Nancy Steuck

Secretary

Happy New Year

MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership. The list of those that need to renew for can be found on our website. Click on the "Large" membership button on the Main LBHA page to see the paid up members and the need to renew list. Please renew, we need YOU!

Please Renew
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.

AD FEES For LBHA Members

(Non-Members add \$10 to below fees)

NEWSLETTER ADS Deadline is the 25th of the month

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Business Card Ad/year: \$40/year includes card on Website

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Have Clippers, Will Travel

a safety review for riders performing routine trail maintenance

by Robert H. Sydnor, *AERC Trail Master*
January 2015 LBHA Newsletter

Equestrians need about ten-feet of vertical clearance in forested terrain for safety purposes. Besides wearing a helmet, protective eyewear, and ducking under low-hanging tree branches, it is suggested that riders carry clippers and a small 8-inch folding tree-saw in their pommel horn-bags while riding local trails near their stables.

We need more equestrians to be pro-active in regards to trail maintenance and trimming overhead branches. All of us need to perform our fair share of routine maintenance on horse trails. There are no government agencies with experienced and highly-paid trail-maintenance crews that are working in a timely manner to repair, maintain, and upgrade the horse trails that we ride on.

Equestrians need to perform minor trimming on routine rides, and that includes newly-grown overhead branches that could hit riders in the eyes and face. This is a basic safety concern.

Most local hardware stores carry the folding tree saws. You can also search on-line for Corona tree saws. Rig these with brass snap-hooks that hang from D-rings on your cante and saddle horn.

It is recommended that equestrians on routine rides near their own stables carry with them a horn-bag on their saddle with clippers and a small 8-inch folding tree-saw (shown at right).

If larger tree branches are anticipated, an 18-inch curved tree-saw can easily be carried in a leather scabbard. The leather scabbards for the longer tree saws can be obtained from the *arborist* catalog of Weaver Leather (not the equestrian catalog)

<http://www.weaverleather.com/flipbooks/2014/arborist/index.html>



Generally, our horses do not like pausing for trail maintenance while *out-bound* on a trail-ride. Therefore, it is recommended to perform this maintenance work on the *inbound* ride from your stables, after your horse is already fatigued from a long ride and less energetic. Begin with the small overhead branches that are small-sized and suitable for hand-held clippers.

While standing in the stirrups to reach for the overhead branch, check up-and-down the horse trail to ascertain that there are no interruptions or predicaments (from mountain bikers or other horses).

Remember to be the "horse whisperer," and use a *calming voice* while trimming a small branch. Grip the tree branch with your left hand, and cut with your right hand. Then, side-cast the branch far away from the horse trail.

Your energetic horse will soon relax, and cogently realize that he is not going to emotively "die" if a minor branch falls across his withers. *Build trust* ---that the rider in the saddle knows what s/he is doing, and that there is *nothing to fear*. Use a *calming voice* while trimming overhead branches from the saddle; that means no emotive behavior from the rider.

If there is a perceived safety problem, then dismount, then tie-off your horse, trim the branches, and remount. Your horse will notice that he needs to fit into "the new program:" (called trail maintenance). *Praise your horse*, give him a carrot (from your hornbag); then pat his neck when he does the right thing without flinching at a falling tree branch. Horses *want* praise and will quickly learn about trail maintenance. This is *a whole new realm* for them.

If the tree branch or fallen tree is a complicated predicament, then promptly report it to the local agency that owns and maintains the trail system. (For LBHA, these agencies include Auburn State Recreation Area, Placer County Parks, and Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.) Use GPS-tagged photographs or cell-phone photographs. Plot the location on a trail map or reference the nearest milepost.

Always provide the approximate diameter of the tree branch. Yes, it is pertinent if the low-hanging branch is 2-inch diameter or 12-inch diameter. It may be advisable (in the case of advanced predicaments) for a ground-based professional trail-crew to return with a long-handled tree-saw, pole-saw, or chainsaw. The right tool?.....yes, it hugely matters.

Be prudent but bold enough to solve the safety problem of small-diameter overhead tree branches. Do not blithely assume that "someone else" is going to take care of the trail safety predicament. Riders can accomplish much while riding along frequently used trails.

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." — President Theodore Roosevelt





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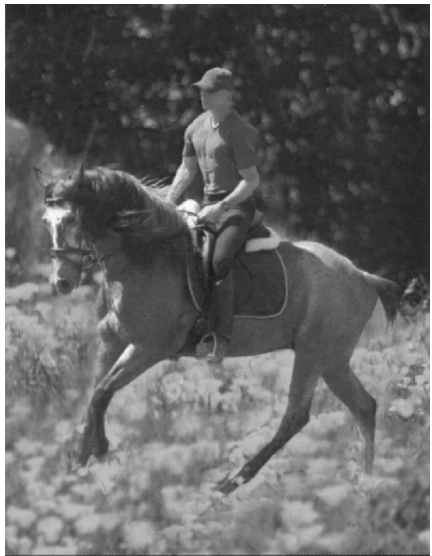
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The Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association, founded in 1984, is a non-profit informational and awareness organization dedicated to the Arena at the Loomis Basin Community Park, Loomis Basin Trails, Traylor Ranch, and the preservation of the Rural Lifestyle

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2. I also EXPRESSLY WAIVE any rights I may have under California Civil Code §1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

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Exp 12/15

Next Meeting.

January 21. Round Table Pizza Parlor. Eat at 6:30, Meet at 7:00 Go over plans for the coming year and meeting ideas! Please bring your meeting requests!

February 18 Round Table Pizza Parlor. Eat at 6:30, Meet at 7:00 To be determined.

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