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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Denise Howell

Howdi Everyone!

It sure is pouring down rain now! There may be a few more dogs and cats in my pasture...you know...raining cats and dogs? Never mind. To all you die hard trail riders, please be careful. The trails are slippery.

Our March meeting is going to be fantastic. Dr. Fielding is having us to the new clinic to talk about equine arthritis and most of us have or have had or will have an older horse with joint problems. This should be informative. Try not to miss it. Langdon always does a good job.

I'm starting to see more activity at the arena and lots more horse trailers going down the road. Show season is upon us. Give your smile away at the arena and you may make a new riding friend. There is plenty of room. Be sure to check the arena schedule before going out there just in case there is an event scheduled.

If you're thinking about being on the Board of LBHA next year, now is the time to start coming to the meetings and meeting the people. We're a fun group and this is a good way to give back to the community.

A few people have asked me where they can find out about new or new to them trails. My answer is "in our Newsletter." Bob Sydnor picks a trail every month and does a detailed report including from where to park to where to water your horse or take a lunch break. All our Newsletters are archived and you can find them on our website so if you're bored with the same trails, let Bob give you some new ideas.

Keep doing your rain dance.

Tally Whoa

*Denise Howell
& Beethoven*



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~Robert Brault,



TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

Our first workday of 2014 is on March 22. As a reminder our Traylor Ranch work days are the 4th Saturday of the month.

Just a couple of weeks ago everything was brown and not growing. My how a couple of storms has changed things. The grass is growing like crazy.

I expect we'll be needing to mow and fill holes in the trails. We could use a couple of teams with wheel barrows and shovels to fill the rodent holes.

We also could use two or three people with weed wackers.

Watch your email for any updates the week before in case there are any specific requests.

If anyone has any questions on TRNR, please don't hesitate to drop me a note.

Dave Faoro

TRNR Committee Chairman
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Minutes

Loomis Basin Horseman's Association Minutes February 19, 2014
Round Table Pizza Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Maureen Henderson at 7:00PM

Attending members introduced themselves.

Linda Potter handed out coupons for free ranch calls from Loomis Basin Equine Vet Clinic and Debbie Murphy announced that LBEVC also conducts vaccine clinics on Sundays from 9-11 AM

Donna Kelly read a thank you note from Elegant Ears for the generous donation made by LBHA.

Kathy Dombrowski gave an update on the hay delivery and purchase requested by LBHA members. The grower will have 3 way grain, alfalfa and possibly grassy alfalfa by late spring. At that time LBHA can arrange for the purchase by members and schedule a delivery time.

Kathy also spoke about the Placer County Parks Division program "Leave Only Hoof Prints." The manure pick up at staging areas, TRNR, Sterling pointe, Hidden Falls, etc, manure pick up and take it home, is MANDATORY. At the arena it is suggested. Also trailers should not be cleaned out at the arena.

Debbie Murphy gave a report on the Auburn Bike Pump track. She stated that the Auburn Parks Department is still working on the reroute proposal for the Pioneer Express Trail.

Bob Sydnor presented a trail report. He said that a wooden bridge will be built over the waterfall area on the Tevis trail. In addition, author Linda Tellington will be giving a lecture March 27, 2014 at the Auburn Fair Ground as a fund raiser for the Tevis Trail.

Guest speaker Kathy Roberts gave a presentation on disaster planning for your horses and livestock. She stressed planning ahead and gave many valuable suggestions.

- Research your community and know the geography and resources available; Local animal control, FEMA, Sheriff Department, Ag Extension Office.

- Make a plan on where to take your animals in case of a disaster ie. Local Fair grounds, neighbors other ranchers.

- Mark and identify your animals

- Know who is in charge

- Plan to take the things you will need, feed, halters, medications

- Make emergency phone numbers available in your barn and a list of animals on your property. (an orange flag is a universal symbol of live animals left on property)

Be aware of what are the natural and man made disasters in your area ie. Fire, flooding, chemical spills, propane explosions.

She also stressed working with your horses before a disaster. Practice loading them in various trailers and having other people load them.

Lastly she stressed being proactive and creating a defensible space around your barn and property.

LBHA will post Kathy's outline on the website for future reference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Secretary

Nancy Steuck

MEMBERSHIP

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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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Equestrian Trails at Deer Creek Hills Sacramento Valley Conservancy

near Rancho Murieta, eastern Sacramento County

by Robert H. Sydnor, *Geologist –Docent, Sacramento Valley Conservancy*
March 2014

Introduction

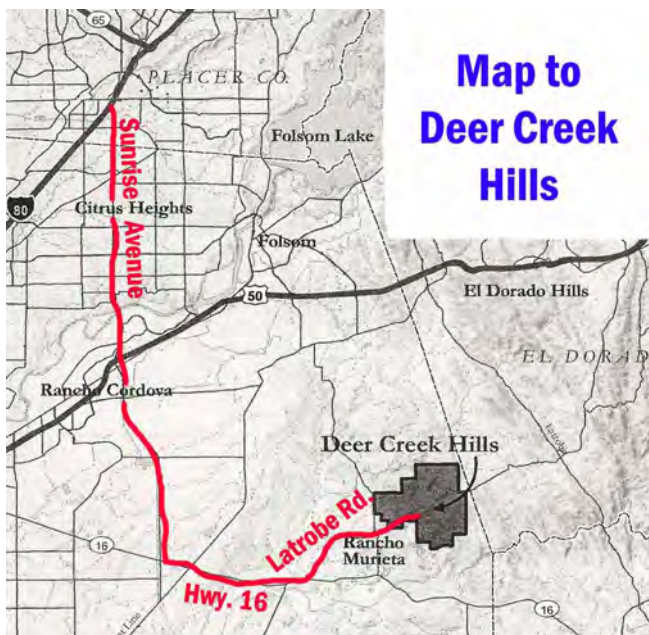
Deer Creek Hills is an open-space preserve of 4,062 acres operated by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. This large open-space was established in 1990. Deer Creek Hills is located about 3 miles north of Rancho Murieta in eastern Sacramento County.

The best route for heavy horse trailers is south along Sunrise Boulevard, east on the Jackson Highway (=State Route 16), then turn northeast onto Latrobe Road to Stonehouse Road. Latrobe Road then turns in to a poor-quality dirt road; proceed east about 1.5 miles to the Corral which serves as the equestrian assembly area. Bring your own horse water.

For the past two decades, the Sacramento Valley Conservancy has operated a combination of docent-led scientific hikes (botany, geology, birding, history, wildflowers), equestrian rides, a cowboy breakfast, self-led hikes at slow pace, mountain biking, Scout camping, and bat-night observations combined with astronomy night (in conjunction with amateur astronomers with large telescopes). Most of the trail activities are on the weekends from January through May, with fewer events in the heat of the summer.

Equestrian rides are typically on the **fourth Sunday** of the month, limited to 30 horses, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The daily fee is \$10 or you can purchase a annual pass for \$50. All riders must register and sign a liability release form. The equestrian rides are led by an experienced Docent who is a veteran rider that knows the horse trails. This is a working cattle ranch, so horses will pass through cattle gates, then close them afterwards. There are dozens of miles of looping trails for horses, and most of these are old ranch roads along the ridges.

For a complete review of Deer Creek Hills and a current schedule of monthly activities, please visit the SVC website: www.SacramentoValleyConservancy.org





Cowboy Breakfast at the Corral
Deer Creek Hills, Sacramento Valley Conservancy



Dave Jones, Lead Docent for Equestrians
in historic cowboy gear from 1880's era

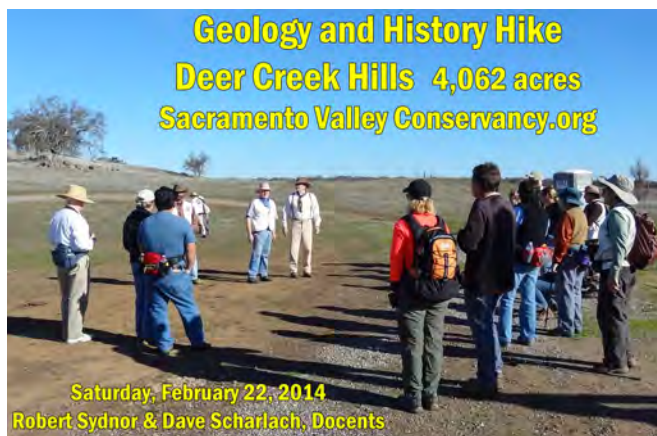


Old Ranch Roads
within blue-oak forest
at Deer Creek Hills,
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Equestrians returning with lunch supplies
in their saddlebags for others.

There are many simultaneous events on the weekends in both the blue-oak forest and open rangelands. These photographs provide a glimpse of many activities. Equestrian rides are led by S.V.C. Docent Dave Jones, an experienced cowboy who enjoys wearing authentic western clothes from the 1880's. Geology hikes are led by Robert Sydnor, a Fellow of the Geological Society of America. History hikes are led by David Scharlach. Evening bat-hikes are led by Dr. Winston Lancaster, a professor of biology at California State University, Sacramento. Botany hikes are led by David Popp, a retired biology teacher and member of the California Native Plant Society. Ornithology hikes are led by Dr. Lisa Couper, a professional Veterinarian. The three dozen S.V.C. Docents wear distinctive vests so that the public visitors can discern them.



Geology and History Hike
Deer Creek Hills 4,062 acres
Sacramento Valley Conservancy.org

Saturday, February 22, 2014
Robert Sydnor & Dave Scharlach, Docents



Bob Sydnor

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Exp 8/1/14

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Are Stabled Horses at Increased Risk for Developing Colic?

by: **Casie Bazay, BS, NBCAAM**

September 27 2011, Article # 18882

Every horse owner wants to avoid the dreaded "C" word, and although it sometimes is unavoidable, there are some steps owners can take to prevent colic. Housing horses in pastures rather than stalls, for example, could reduce the likelihood of a horse developing colic. According to the results of a recent study performed by a group of British researchers, there is a decrease in stall-kept horses' intestinal motility (or movement of digesta) as compared to pasture-kept horses, which could help explain the higher risk of colic seen with stabled animals.

The research team, led by Sarah Freeman, BVetMed, PhD, CertVA, Cert VR, CertES, Dipl. ECVS, MRCVS, associate professor of Veterinary Surgery at the University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, in Leicestershire, used ultrasonography to assess the frequency of large intestinal contractions (and thus, the amount of intestinal motility) in two groups of eight horses (no recent history of gastrointestinal disease) used for equitation training at the Defence Animal Centre in Melton Mowbray, UK.

The first group was stabled throughout the study period, which was comprised of two monitoring phases. They were fed hay and concentrate twice daily and had constant access to fresh water. Horses in this group were exercised lightly for 60-90 minutes daily. These horses remained in the same routine throughout both monitoring phases.

The second group was kept on pasture 24 hours a day with constant access to fresh water for the first part of the monitoring phase. They received no formal exercise or supplemental concentrates while at pasture. For the second monitoring phase, horses in this group were transferred to the stabled regime, identical to the first group. They were given a two-week acclimatization period between being turned out and stall kept.

Researchers used ultrasonography to examine two horses from each study group twice daily for two consecutive days during each monitoring period to evaluate the frequency of contractions within several parts of the large intestine.

Study results showed a measurable difference in large intestinal motility between the two groups of horses.

"The frequency of contractions of all intestinal regions collectively was significantly lower when horses were stabled compared to the pasture regime, but this effect was greatest in a region of the colon where impactions commonly occur," Freeman said in the study.

The team noted that there are several factors that differ between stable and pasture management, including feed type, feeding intervals, and activity levels.

"Any, or a combination, of these could contribute to the lower intestinal motility of stabled horses, and this will require further study," Freeman relayed. "But now that we know that stabled horses have reduced motility, we can look at measures to try and improve this and reduce their risk of colic."

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APRIL LBHA MEETING APRIL 16 Kathy Roberts Cow 101 prior to her Cow Clinic "How to Moove " Loomis Round Table Pizza 6:30 Eat/ 7:00 Meet

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