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Howdy All,

Spring is here, and with it comes horse show season! I attended my first show of the year last weekend. The weather was beautiful if not a little on the warm side, the turnout was great and best of all, my young horse took it all in stride. With the loudspeakers, flapping tents and golf carts, I was able to get my horse, Beethoven shown in 2 trail classes and 2 rail classes all 3 days which makes for a very tired partner.

Last year at this time I put out a little request to our membership for ideas for articles for our newsletter with no response. I show Quarter Horses and am the President of LBHA, but that's about where my horse universe stops.

If you show/ride/train in another discipline and would like an opportunity to write a short article for our newsletter about something I've never touched on, please send your submission to deanisehowell@sbcglobal.net I'll choose a submission every month and include it in our newsletter. Feel free to write about your discipline, a special horse in your life, a current event or hot topic, a fictional story or poem or something I've not even thought of! Please submit anything of interest to YOU by the 25th of each month.

I want to give a shout out thank you to all the 4H kids that got together under the direction of Sammi Macon and put in 47 man hours grooming our arena and painting our jump standards and poles. THANK YOU THANK YOU!

The trails are open and beautiful, but the snakes are OUT so be careful. Wear your helmet and have FUN!

Tally Whoa,

Denise Howell & Beethoven



Email to LBHA has been changed! LBHA@garlic.com

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The child who won't lift a finger in the house is the same child who cycles madly off in the pouring rain to spend all morning mucking out a stable. ~Samantha Armstrong



TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

On April 27 we completed our second workday of the year. Upon arrival we were greeted with grass that had grown knee high since our last work day a month ago. A lot of mowing was ahead of us but it was all completed.

The team this month consisted of Clelia

The team this month consisted of Clelia Jocoy, Dale Sloss, Wes Babcock, Jennifer Wright, Linda Potter, Jerry Potter, Mary Westfall and Dave Faoro. The blackberries are starting to grow. We could use help with either power sheers or hand sheers for next month's workday.

The trails are in good shape. The park is looking awesome. Come on out and enjoy.

Our next work day as usual is the fourth saturday of the month, which is Saturday May 25 from 8-12am. Please mark your calendar now. Note that this is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

We will need help again on the weedwackers and well as berry pruning.

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

Dave Faoro
TRNR Committee Chariman

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Minutes

Correction in the February Minutes: "Kathie Perry, president of the Western States Trails, gave a report on the state of the Tevis Trail. Her association has been active in advancing a Senate Bill that would designate the trail as a "National Historic Trail." In addition, she addressed the problems that many of the previous equestrian trails are now being designated as "multi use" trails. She stated that all the trails in State Parks are now multi use. She encouraged letter writing by members to address these issues."

To read: "Kathie Perry, president of the Western States Trails, gave a report on the state of the Tevis Trail. Her association has been active in advancing a Senate Bill that would designate the trail as a "National Historic Trail." In addition, she addressed the problems that any new equestrian trails will be designated as "multi use" trails. Previous trails will remain the same. She stated that all the trails in State Parks are now multi use. She encouraged letter writing by members to address these issues.

April 17, 2013

LBHA Meeting minutes

Minutes taken by Dave Faoro

Meeting opened at 7:07pm by VP Maureen Henderson as Denise was unable to attend.

Treasury Report:

Donna Kelly had no treasury report. She'll provide information for the newsletter.

Horse Expo:

June 6 is setup. Expo is 7,8,9.

Maureen is taking signups. A number of members picked times and dates to work. There are more openings. Contact Maureen.

Horse Show:

Janice Rau volunteered to manage the volunteer list for the horse show.

There was discussion on what worked and did not work from last year's show. One recommendation was to move jumper class from 2'3" to 2'6". There was a voice vote and all were in favor.

Some open items needing help:

Need an English Judge- Maureen volunteered to help look for judge.

Need a Trail Judge. (we've since gotten a trail judge)

Looking for Sponsors.

Traylor Ranch Report

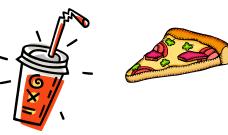
Dave Faoro noted next workday is Saturday April 27. The grass is growing well and we need weedwacker help.

Trail Report

Bob Sydnor updated us all that the 50 mile American River Ride was cancelled this year.

Bob provided an interesting power point presentation on Tevis trail work on the large flat screen Television. It worked nicely.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.



Please Renew Today!

MEMBERSHIP

There are many of you that have DEC 12 expiration dates for your membership and a few that had memberships that expired JUN 12. Would love for all to renew so they can keep the club strong. The list of those that need to renew for Jun 12 and Dec 12 can be found at:

http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/NeedToRenew.pdf

This link is found on the main LBHA Page throughout the year. So if you are not sure, check out the list. There is also a list of those that did not renew in DEC 10. 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.



AD FEES For LBHA Members

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

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NOTE add \$10 to fee for Non-LBHA members





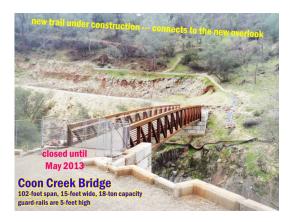
Hidden Falls Opening May 23, 2013

by Robert H. Sydnor, LBHA Trails Committee

The opening day for the new expansion of Hidden Falls Regional County Park is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013. This expansion will add the 961-acre Spears Ranch, and the total acreage will be nearly 1,200 acres. LBHA was deeply involved with testimony to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on this acquisition.

The trail system will expand from 7 miles to more than 30 miles of excellent trails. About 13 miles of entirely new trails have been constructed to modern trail specifications, and 10 miles of ranch roads have been upgraded.

The key for access to the northwest sector (=Spears Ranch) was the construction of two new bridges across Coon Creek, each over 100-feet in length.









Hidden Falls Regional County Park Superintendent Andrew Mills can be reached at 530-889-6808. For more information and updates, please visit the Placer County Park website at: http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/facility/parks/hiddenfalls

New Penryn Facilities for Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center

The target date to move medical equipment into the newly constructed Penryn facilities is Memorial Day weekend, May 25-26-27, 2013. It is best to reschedule routine veterinary visits during this particular time-frame.

The new facilities look fabulous from the outside. After they get settled-in, there will be an Open-House at a convenient date in the near future. For timely updates, visit the LBEMC website and subscribe to their newsletter. http://lbemc.com/



A Note from Bob

LBHA now has the ability to project a Powerpoint talk onto the digital screen that hangs on the wall of Round Table Pizza parlor. Our monthly speakers will be able to give talks that include photographs, text, and instructional video.

For the April 2013 LBHA monthly meeting, Robert Sydnor gave members a brief talk using fifty Powerpoint slides on trails and trail construction. A laptop was connected to the flat-screen monitor by use of a special 25-foot long HDMI cable. For example, an instructional video on "Saddle Fitting" by Dr. Kerry Ridgeway, DVM, was also shown.

LBHA members who have instructional videos on equitation or any other aspects of horse training are welcome to bring them in for group presentations during our monthly meetings. If you have been on a horse vacation or attended a regional horse show, we can now have the ability for a high-quality presentations.



Hidden Falls Regional Park Phase II

Grand Opening
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Reporting Trail Predicaments for LBHA Riders

by Robert H. Sydnor, AERC Trail Master & LBHA Board Member May 2013

A safe horse trail lends itself to an enjoyable experience for equestrians and horses alike. Trail predicaments need to be properly reported with photos, so that proper solutions can be made in a timely manner, based on priorities, budgets, and crew availability.

The four pillars of a successful ride on a mountain trail are: a conditioned and trained horse, a knowledgeable rider with the proper tack, a veterinarian and farrier (back at your stables), and the trail itself.

The broad concept of "the trail" includes: the geology of the trail-bed itself, proper cross-drainage (with rolling grade-dips), proper axial gradient (steepness), adequate width of the trail-bed, proper trail signage, and proper clearance of vegetation (lateral and overhead). Whenever possible, carry hand-clippers in your horn-bag, along with your first-aid kit and canteen.

A few riders seem to have memory only about the "worst" trail predicament they ever encountered, and the "most fabulous" trail that they successfully rode. This a colorful folklore is emotively reported in blogs on the Internet; but in reality, this does not have abiding value to actually fixing the problem on the trail itself.

Immediately after a trail predicament, try hard to remember to take photographs of the situation (looking both up and down the trail) because "a picture is worth a thousand words."

In the context of the severe drought of Spring 2013 and high temperatures, it is expected that there will be significant deadfall of trees across horse trails. In extreme heat, the tree urgently sends too much sap upward, creating a top-heavy tree that subsequently overturns at the stump.

Conjure-up images of a fallen tree across the trail, a landslide, a fallen boulder blocking the trail, a washed-out trail-bed, slick rock, dense brush, snaring blackberry vines, poison-oak, Scotch broom, and ceanothus (white-thorn). Forgot your camera? No problem; have temerity and be level-headed: take pertinent photographs with your iPhone camera of the trail-bed. If it is a fallen tree, try hard to estimate the diameter of the tree-trunk where it crosses the trail-bed. A 36-inch diameter tree is vastly more complicated than a 4-inch diameter branch.

Try to prioritize the suggested work by using triage: Is this situation urgent for public safety, or is this second-level priority for trail maintenance? What is the best access for foot crews? It is not necessarily the way that you rode in from a particular staging area.

Write-up your trail report and plot the location of the trail predicament on the trail map. If possible, use Milepost numbers or GPS coordinates.

Notify the Land Owner with your one-page written report (photos, mapped location, brief text) using the Trail Report form in the LBHA website. In most local situations for our LBHA members, the Land Owner is Folsom Lake State Recreation Area; Auburn State Recreation Area; the U.S. Forest Service (Foresthill Ranger Station for Tahoe National Forest, and Georgetown Ranger Station for Eldorado National Forest), U.S. Bureau of Land Management (for Cronan Ranch), and Placer County Park District (for Hidden Falls Regional Park). Our LBHA contact with these local agencies is Kathy Dombrowski.

Alternatively, a very good website for reporting trail predicaments is ParkWatch: http://www.parkwatchreport.org/

The point is that a reliable report with photographs is far more effective than a vague story or emotive telephone call that is not geographically fixed to a specific location along a trail. Work together for better safety on horse trails by reporting predicaments in a timely manner to the proper authorities. Volunteer to work occasionally on trail maintenance for the local government agencies. They have official volunteer forms for this worthy endeavor.



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5 Tips For Equine Hydration & Water Management

The dog days of summer have arrived. You've caught some rays, hit the pool, planned some summer getaways and had a few cookouts, but have you made a hydration plan for your horse? With temperatures on the rise, it's crucial that you monitor the water consumption of your horse to avoid dehydration and its associated complications.

Did you know the average 1,000 pound horse at rest drinks 8 to 10 gallons of water a day? Add in high temperature and humidity and a horse at work can drink twice as much in the summer. That's a lot of water! So how can you get your horse to drink more?

Keep Your Horse Hydrated

Clean & available water

Make sure your horse has easy access to water at all times. He shouldn't have to go searching to find a clean water source. Provide your horse with squeaky clean water. Tipped over, leaky, funky smelling water buckets aren't appealing to drink from. If you wouldn't want to drink the water chances are your horse wouldn't want it either. Develop a weekly water bucket and trough cleaning schedule.

Encourage drinking

Offer electrolytes and salt blocks to your horse to stimulate their thirst. Like humans, horses use sweating as a way to cool off during periods of warm weather and while exercising. When a horse sweats, not only is water lost, but important electrolytes like sodium, chloride and potassium are lost.

If too many electrolytes are lost serious problems like fatigue, muscle cramps and colic can occur. Electrolytes can be given to your horse in a variety of ways. You can add water and administer via dosing syringe, add the electrolytes to your horse's feed or add the electrolytes to their water. Each way works equally as well, just figure out what your horse prefers to ensure they are consuming the added electrolytes.

Soak it & mash it in feed

Get extra water into your horse through their food. Soak your hay flakes or cubes prior to feeding. One flake of wet hay can absorb 1-2 gallons of water. This can have a huge impact on your horse's water consumption. Adding water to your horse's feed or bran to create a mash is another excellent way to up their water intake.

Keep their water cool

You may have thought about getting insulated water buckets for your horse in the winter time to keep water from freezing, but did you know they can also help keep your horse's water cool in the summer? Horses prefer cool water in the heat. These insulators work like a koozie cup on a soda can and surround the bucket keeping cool water cool.

Spice it up

Have a picky drinker on the road? Flavor the water with Kool-Aid, peppermint oil, apple juice. The additional flavor will keep your horse interested in what otherwise could be strange water. Test this out prior to hitting the road to make sure you have a flavor combo your horse likes.

Horse Dehydration Test

Still not sure if your horse has drunk enough water? Use the pinch test as a quick and easy way to tell if your horse is hydrated. Pinch a bit of skin at the point of your horse's neck and release it. Count the seconds until the skin lies flat. If it flattens back in place in less than a second, no worries your horse is hydrated. If it takes more than three seconds to flatten your horse is dehydrated, use the tips above to get more water in him.

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Next Meeting.

MAY LBHA MEETING - MAY 15 - Round Table Pizza in Loomis. Eat at 6:30. Meet at 7:00. Back country horsemen president Mike Kohlbake.

JUNE LBHA MEETING - JUNE 19- Traylor Ranch. 6:30 pm. Traylor Ranch Nature Walk with tour guide Dave Faoro.

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