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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Denise Howell

*Howdy Pardners!*

Happy 4th of July to all of our members.

Please be safe and keep your animals safe. This can be the most frightening time of the year for our companions.

We've got some changes in the works. We have decided not to have our monthly meetings during the summer. We understand how other things such as vacations, sports and even heat take priority over our meetings for many people. The meetings that we've had at the arena had very few attendees and were of little interest to members to ride in the worst heat of the day.

Our LBHA County, Trails Rep, Debbie Murphy will be participating in a Folsom State Rec Area focus group for equestrian interests. If any LBHA members have trail issues or comments pertaining to Folsom SRA, please email Debbie ([equuspassage@aol.com](mailto:equuspassage@aol.com)).

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Stay cool. Stay focused on the trail. Be considerate and WEAR YOUR HELMET!



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Email to LBHA has been changed!  
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*Denise Howell  
& Beethoven*



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### TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

Workday number three down for the year on Saturday May 26. This was the Saturday of Memorial Weekend and therefore it was a light turnout.

Clelia Jocoy and Dave Faoro on tractor mowing, Mary WestFall and Jennifer

Wright diligently came out to haul a wheelbarrow around filling gopher holes and trimming those crazy blackberry limbs which I could swear reach out and grab you as you go by. And thanks to Sue Stack for berry pruning.

I expect some additional volunteers who could not make it this weekend to come out over the next week.

We still have some areas to mow and weedwack, so don't be surprised if you go out this next week and find some trails needing some work.

The trails all seem to be in good shape, so get out and enjoy.

Our next work day as usual is the fourth Saturday of the month, which is Saturday June 28 from 8-12am.

This will be the time of the year when the berry vines grow like crazy and so we could use additional workers to prune them. If you have hedge clippers they work great.

Of course we'll also need a crew of weedwackers.

Please mark your calendar now.

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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*Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty. ~ Louis D Brandeis*



**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 Dec13 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.

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## Loomis Basin Horseman's Association Minutes June 18, 2014

Traylor Ranch

Nature Walk with no minutes officially taken.

## UC Davis Extension Beyond the Classroom

Mustangs . A Living Legacy June 7-10 7am to 3pm  
Bishop, CA

Mountain Horsemanship: Veterinary Care and Horsepacking in the Wilderness July 13—19 7am to 5:30pm  
Lone Pine, CA

[http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/beyond\\_the\\_classroom/?utm\\_campaign=Beyond\\_the\\_Classroom&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Ridemagazine&utm\\_content=134706\\_Email](http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/beyond_the_classroom/?utm_campaign=Beyond_the_Classroom&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Ridemagazine&utm_content=134706_Email)

## Newly Constructed ½-mile Horse Trail Connector for the Western States Trail

(southwest of Chicken Hawk Staging Area)

Tevis Milepost 64, between Michigan Bluff and Foresthill  
*American River Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest*

by Robert H. Sydnor, Tevis Ride Committee & AERC Trail Master  
July 2014

### Background:

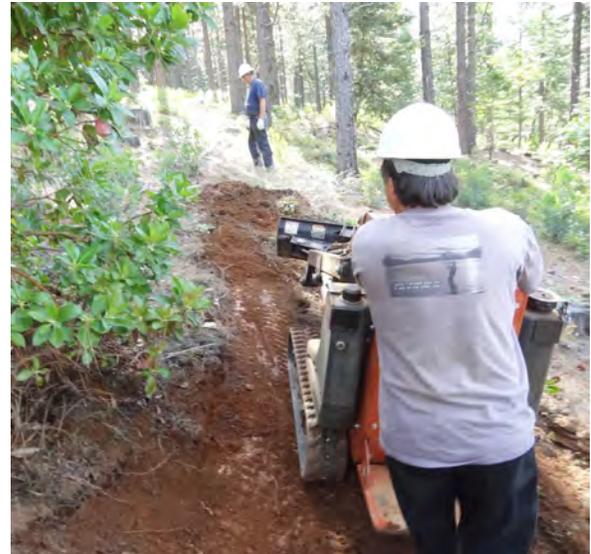
During the past several years, there has been considerable congestion at the Chicken Hawk Veterinarian Checkpoint during the annual Tevis Cup. Everyone has agreed that more lateral space is needed at Chicken Hawk. The creative solution was to prepare a new connector trail, about one-half mile long, so that horses and riders can smoothly flow in one direction through the staging area.



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**Greg Kimler and his Trail Machine**

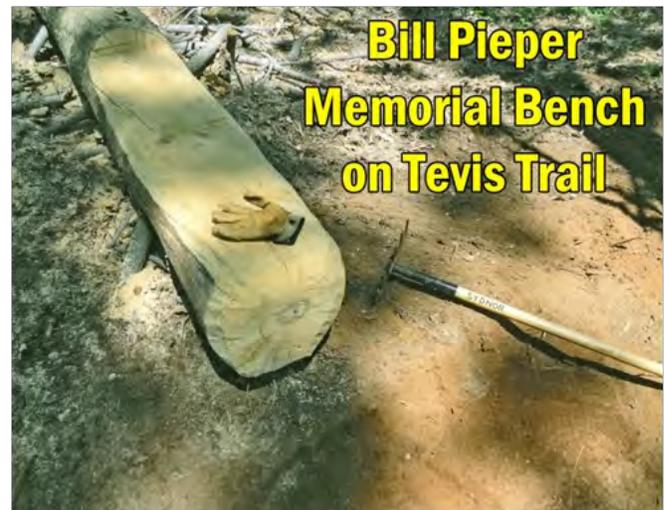


Greg Kimler guides the route of the trail machine that is expertly piloted by Mike Shackelford, a retired Boeing 747 pilot, and AERC horseman.

The Ditch Witch Model SK-650 trail machine is owned by Greg Kimler of Echo Valley Ranch. This highly efficient trail machine is only 36-inches wide, and is powered by a 20-hp diesel engine. The hydraulic blade is controlled by levers and knobs at the rear of the machine where the operator stands on a small platform. The trail machine is estimated to be 20:1 more efficient in machine-time versus manual chopping.



*At left:* Safety helmets and gloves were used with a variety of tools: a Husqvarna long-bar hedge trimmer to remove blackberry vines and brush; a Pulaski axe to chop out roots; a MacLeod hoe to remove pine needles and create rolling grade-dips; and long-reach loppers to cut roots and brush.



**Bill Pieper Memorial Bench on Tevis Trail**

*At right:* A remounting block in honor of WSTF past-President Bill Pieper was created from a fallen log. The nose was rounded-off, then the top was beveled to create a level platform and remove loose bark, then a MacLeod hoe created safe footing in mineral soil for the horse's hooves.

Greg Kimler is a U.S. Forest Service Class-C Faller (the highest sawyer classification) who pioneered the new Tevis Trail route with a long-bar chainsaw to cut fallen logs and brush-out vegetation. Greg was then followed by Michael Shackelford on an SK-650 Trail Machine to cut the new trail-bed down to mineral earth and remove large quantities of organic duff (pine needles, twigs, leaves, branches) that forms the forest soil. Geologist Robert Sydnor then followed-up with a Pulaski axe (to chop-out roots and stumps), a MacLeod hoe (to create rolling grade-dips, out-sloped for proper drainage), and a steel rake (to groom the surface of the new horse trail).



**McLeod Rake is used to uncover buried trip-roots**



**10-foot long trip-root chopped-out with a Pulaski axe**



Greg Kimler, Mike Shackelford, and Robert Sydnor are credentialed as AERC Trail Masters of the American Endurance Ride Conference. The trail work was performed under written permit from the U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, American River Ranger District in Foresthill. The trail work lasted for six days in May 2014.

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On the last day of trail work, a ten-foot Husqvarna pole-saw was used to cut overhanging tree limbs so that equestrians are not hit in the face.

AERC Trail Masters presciently remembered Julie Suhr's book-title: "Ten Feet Tall Still."

We could reach about twelve to thirteen feet high, and thus planned for future growth of limbs.



We then laid brush and small logs along the outside turns of the new trail so that horses are visually guided. Side-drainage swales are thereby concealed, and the horse's eyes focus on the proper trail route. In future years, grass will grow along the outside edge of the trail and the limbs will rot away.

After all trail-work was completed, the half-mile trail was carefully photographed (about every forty feet) using a GPS-tagged camera for scientific purposes, and also for future trail maintenance scheduling.

Equestrians can view the album of 143 sequential photographs of the completed horse trail at this GoogleEarth hyperlink:

<http://www.panoramio.com/user/1521778/tags/Western%20States%20Trail%20southwest%20of%20Chicken%20Hawk>



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## Q and A Ask the Vet



### Q.

This year, I've switched my mare to overnight turnout so she can get a break from the sun (and bugs). She's in a stall with a fan during the heat of the day. She's handled this new schedule well so far, but I am curious whether it could disrupt her normal sleeping pattern. Horses being prey animals, I've heard they don't lay down unless they feel comfortable and unthreatened. Is it possible she will come to feel safe enough and lay down to sleep outside? Will she adapt to being a "night-shift" horse, or should I be concerned about her getting enough rest?

### A.



The patterns of sleep in horses are not fixed to day or night schedules. Most horses easily and quickly adapt to environmental and management changes in terms of their sleep functions. However, some do not. So potentially the turnout changes could lead to a problem. If there is an adaptive problem, then it takes two to four weeks to manifest. You've been on the new program all year, so if you haven't seen any differences in your mare then she has likely adapted well to the new change in management. That's a good thing.

[Joseph J. Bertone, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS](#)

**(Note: This is not an LBHA sponsored event)**

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Exp 8/1/14

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Exp 1/1/15

### Next Meeting.

There will be no Membership meetings in July or August. The Horseshow Committee will be meeting and we are in need of volunteers and planners. Please contact LBHA for meeting time and location.

Exp 4/1/15

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