



# LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2014

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### GENERAL MEETINGS

LPTR meets on the third Thursday of every odd-numbered month at the Santa Barbara Humane Society's Education Center on Overpass Road (enter at the rear, around the curve from the main entrance). If you'd like to join us for the potluck at 6:30 p.m., bring something to share, place setting and drink for yourself. The meeting at 7:00 p.m. and guests always welcome.

## Annual Meeting & Potluck Election of Officers Presentation of 2014 Grant Awards

### SLATE OF OFFICERS

Here is the slate of officers for the Los Padres Trail Riders Board of Directors for the year 2015, to be voted on at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

President: Anita Klinger  
Vice President: Pam Webber  
Secretary: Karen Wheeler  
Treasurer: Barbara Underwood  
Directors at Large:

Otis Calef  
Lou Dartanner (Newsletter)  
Barbara Hinman (Rides)  
Maureen Peatross (Membership)  
Barbara Wolf (Parades)

If you are a member of LPTR and are unable to attend the November meeting, you can vote by proxy. Appoint someone to vote for you at the meeting by writing a letter naming the person who is to vote for you. Be sure to sign and date the letter. The person you appoint will present this letter to the Election Judge at the meeting, who will issue a ballot to your proxy.

Additional nominations for office will be accepted after the President reads the slate.

We will be awarding \$3,335 in grant money to five local equine- or trail-related non-profit organizations who applied for the 2014 grants. Representatives of these organizations should be present to receive their checks. See page 2 for details.

**TACK & TOG SALE**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**  
**See Registration Form/Flyer enclosed.**

## **LPTR GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS**

The Board received five applications from organizations seeking grants for the 2014 Grant Program. It reviewed all the applications at their October meeting and made a final decision at its November meeting.

In alphabetical order, the grants will be awarded to the following organizations for the projects they listed on their applications.

**Los Padres Forest Association, Inc.** The \$750 grant will go toward building a re-route around the North Cold Spring Slide. "This trail is one of the oldest and most frequently used trails...It starts in Montecito and climbs up the Santa Ynez Mountains to East Camino Cielo, continuing north through Forbush Flat and terminating at Mono Campground. The vast majority of the trail is in good shape and safe for all users, but there is one particularly nasty slide along the northern half that is currently impassable for equines and dangerous for all else. LPFA had site visits and discussions with trail experts to plan the best course of action to open this trail."

**Midland School Corporation.** Their \$600 grant will be used toward building EQ-Wine Covers in each of two pastures that are used by their horses. The school's herd currently has 8 horses ranging from 11 to 31 years old. All are rescues and Midland uses them in their program, both for riding and for studying herd dynamics, proper care and handling, etc. The shelters will allow the animals to be protected from the elements.

**Montecito Trails Foundation.** Their \$600 grant will be used for maintenance of the McMenemy Trail. This trail connects to the San Ysidro, Hot Springs, and Girard Trails. Three years ago, the MTF made improvements to this trail to bring it up to horse worthy standards. Because of its single tract, rocky condition and bike traffic, additional maintenance is required to keep it horse worthy.

**Santa Barbara County Trails Council.** The Council will receive a \$750 grant to be used for two projects. \$500 will be used to procure roofing material to cover an outdoor work and storage space at their tool and

equipment facility. The Council and Los Padres Forest Assn. jointly maintain the building. One side is an outside area for mowers, large machines, and repair work. The County has allowed them to locate this facility on its property. This grant will allow both groups to safely maintain their equipment and supplies to work on local trails.

The \$250 grant will be used for trail maintenance at Gaviota State Park with emphasis on improving existing trails for equestrian use and opening the Yucca Trail that is currently overgrown and unusable. The grant will be used to support volunteer crews.

**Santa Barbara Humane Society** for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Their \$835 grant will be used to purchase an Arizona rigging pod and leg. This works as an artificial high directional used in a technical rescue system. The Society currently owns the Arizona Vortex. This purchase will increase their versatility and options in setting up a high-angle rescue of large animals. A few months ago, the Society participated in a rescue of a horse that fell 200 feet off Camino Cielo, so this item will increase their capabilities.

Remember, profits from the annual Tack & Tog Sale are used to fund the Grant Program. From 1999 through 2014, the Los Padres Trail Riders has donated \$29,825 to local equestrian- and trail-related non-profit organizations. That is something we can all be proud of and the past and present Boards of Directors thank all of you who have participated in our fund-raising events, particularly the Tack & Tog Sale, over the years to make this a successful program.

This year, the admission to the Tack & Tog Sale will be by donation, so please remember how your generosity will be used.

A Tack & Tog flyer is enclosed in with Newsletter.



## **2015 TACK & TOG SALE**

We will have flyers and post-card sized handouts on the 2015 Tack & Tog Sale at the November LPTR meeting. Please take some to give to your friends, post at your barn, etc. It is not too soon to be thinking about the Sale, as it is on February 28<sup>th</sup> this year.

It's also not too soon to start thinking about donations for silent auction, raffle, door prizes and tack for the Sale. We have included donation receipt with the Newsletter and will also have some available at the meeting. Tack can be taken to La Cumbre Feed for us to pick up.

The Board has decided to keep the size and layout and prices of the spaces the same as last year. Each space will be \$35 if you pre-register and \$40 at the door. Admission fee has been changed from \$5 to a donation. Please remember, your donation is used for the LPTR grant program to support local equine- and trail-related non-profit organizations, as described on page 2, so your generosity will be appreciated.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

At our November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, there will be a time for members, friends, and guests to share personal stories that will help us to get to know each other better. These "tales" can be about times on horseback, times off horseback, times at "the barn," times hiking and viewing our beautiful scenic area.....long or short, funny or serious, all are welcome. Last year, I really enjoyed our sharing time and hope many will attend, both as listeners and story tellers. I know of one tale (and I wish greatly that it would get told, but probably not) and I am sworn to secrecy about it, so I am still hopeful that there might be a change of mind...

Please also speak up on ideas for LPTR in all areas, especially regarding speakers you would be interested in hearing. Also regarding trail rides you would like. We are trying to establish on our schedule a spring ride at More Mesa and a fall ride in Hope Ranch that will be social as well as easy trail rides; we hope to get more participants. Also please let us know what other rides you would be interested in.

On a more serious note, we have our election and presentation of the LPTR Grant Awards for 2014, as well as sharing potluck specials and filling your appetite.

This is your club and LPTR appreciates your suggestions and participation.

## **LPTR Parades Barbara Wolf**

Making a hit with the crowd for the Los Olivos Day in the Country (a Halloween parade) representing LPTR were Lisa Walter and her horse Sabbath as a poodle and Lisa wore a poodle skirt; new member KimTaylor with her guy KC doing a good job looking like pirates; while Sherry Baker on Sam were Zorro and Zorro Jr.; Barbara Wolf with Remington were cowboy banditos down to the scarf covering their faces with only eyes showing.

Our next parade is the Solvang Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 6. This parade starts at 11:00 a.m. and we get ready in the Old Mission dirt lot, so give yourself enough time to get your horse ready. We decorate horses in Christmas attire and riders wear LPTR outfits and Santa hats. Great first-time parade also.

We hope to do the Carpinteria Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, which starts at 5:00 p.m. Same attire as Solvang Parade.

Be sure your horse and tack are clean for all parades to make a nice presentation of LPTR.

For more information on any parade event, call Barbara Wolf, 455-4113. Be sure to RSVP for all parades at least one week ahead of the parade date.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

This year, LPTR members will not be required to fill out the "long form" membership application. We will be going to a "short form" that should make renewals more convenient for you.

You will be receiving a index-card sized form that lists your name, address, phone numbers, email address, and emergency contact information. All you have to do is make sure any information that is incorrect is noted with the change. Then take the form and place it and your check in an envelope provided, put a stamp on it and mail it to us in the envelope provided.

All new members must complete the long form (as included in each Newsletter), so we have all information and your signature on file. Dues remain the same: \$25 for Adult Membership, \$35 for Family Membership, and \$300 for Life Membership. See the long form application for details on membership classes.

We hope you will like this new renewal procedure.

## PHOTO GALLERY

Los Olivos Day in the Country  
October 18, 2014  
Photos by Karen Wheeler



## FALL TRAIL RIDE

Hope Ranch  
October 18, 2014



Thanks to Jeanette and Pam Webber for leading the Fall Trail Ride in Hope Ranch. Joining the group were Judy Whiting, Judy Copanas, and Jane Burkemper. After the ride, the ladies met at Pam's home for lunch.

### LPTR PARADE OUTFIT LIST

- **BOOTS**
- **DARK BLUE JEANS**
- **DARK BLUE DENIM VEST**
- **WHITE LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT WITH CLUB PATCH ON LEFT SLEEVE**
- **RED BANDANA TIED AROUND NECK**
- **NEUTRAL COLORED FELT OR STRAW HAT OR HELMET**
- **RED, BLUE, OR WHITE FELT MATERIAL TO COVER SADDLE BLANKET**
- **SADDLE, BRIDLE (BRING A SPARE)**
- **FLOWERS OR DECORATIONS BASED ON EACH PARADE**

### LPTR MISSION STATEMENT

To advance recreational trails and trail use and to encourage horseback riding, trail riding, and other horse-related activities in Santa Barbara County.

To foster good horsemanship and fellowship.

To promote mutual helpfulness between horse owners and property owners near trails and riding areas.

To initiate, sponsor, promote, and carry out plans, policies, and activities that will tend to further the use, acquisition, preservation, development, and maintenance of riding and hiking trails, especially in the County of Santa Barbara.

To provide educational events to the equestrian community.

### EQUINE-RELATED NON-PROFITS NEWS

**Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center.** Equine-assisted therapy. Call 964-1519 for information on lessons, volunteering, or to make donations or visit their website at [www.heartsriding.org](http://www.heartsriding.org). Volunteers Orientation held monthly (see web site). Open house monthly; see web site for dates. The Tack Shack sells gently used tack and togs and is open Tuesdays 2 – 4 p.m. and Saturdays 12 – 4 p.m. [www.HeartsRiding.org](http://www.HeartsRiding.org).

**Santa Barbara Equine Assistance and Evacuation Team.** Help keep Equine Evac going! Members and volunteers greatly needed to keep EVAC going. For information, contact Equine EVAC at 892-4484. In emergency, Call 9-1-1 to activate.

**The Santa Barbara Emergency Response Team** works through the Santa Barbara County Animal Services during a disaster. See [www.sbcphd.org/as](http://www.sbcphd.org/as). **The Santa Barbara Humane Society** offers site assessments for disaster planning. Call Tim Collins at 964-4777 ext. 18.

**Emergency Animal Hotline: 681-4332** channels calls to the right agency. It is active only during an emergency.

If you would like your non-profit equine-related organization listed here, send information to the Newsletter Editor.

### March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting: John McDonald

“3 Mules” (as John McDonald refers to himself and the animals collectively) is a documentary about a man and his mules in suburban sprawl. He is in the process of creating the final presentation and will show film clips from his production at our March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The mules have traveled for nearly three decades through 16 states. Throughout their travels, the Mules have noticed an ever increasing urban sprawl. Open spaces where they once moved through freely, and sometimes spent the night in a secluded spot, were disappearing. More and more cars filled up the roadways and the expanding urban infrastructure seemed to serve one purpose: accommodate more automobiles. At the same time, space for other means of self-transportation, such as bicycling, horseback riding and simply walking, were shrinking. Those alternative means of self-travel have often been confined to designated recreational areas. Also, as the urban environment exploded, natural habitats have vanished, or been “preserved” in spaces a fraction of the size they once were. For more information, see <http://3mules.com/test/whats-this-all-about/>



## DONATION RECEIPT

*Los Padres Trail Riders  
PO Box 323  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0323*

Thank you for your donation to the Los Padres Trail Riders. Your contribution will be used to advance the goals of the LPTR.

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Profits generated by our annual Tack & Tog sale are earmarked for donations to local non-profit organizations that are involved in equine- and trail-related activities in Santa Barbara County through a grant program.

It should be noted that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. The LPTR is a non-profit corporation registered with the California Franchise Tax Board and is tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service. Our tax ID number is 77-0168403.

Donation Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Items Donated (value to be declared by donor):



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P.O. BOX 323  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93102**

Pass this Newsletter along to your "horsey" friends; invite them to a meeting or activity (must be a member to go on LPTR trail rides or ride in parades) or post the Newsletter at your barn.

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### **LPTR COMING EVENTS**

**November 20:** LPTR Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Classroom.

**Elections & Awarding of 2014 Grants**

**December 6:** Solvang Christmas Parade (See page 3)

**December 14:** Carpinteria Christmas Parade (See page 3)

**January 5:** LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd.

**January 9:** Deadline for the January issue of the LPTR Newsletter

**January 15:** LPTR General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Classroom

**February 2:** LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd

**February 9:** Deadline for the February issue of the LPTR Newsletter

**February 28: 2015 Tack & Tog Sale**

**March 2:** LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd.

**March 9:** Deadline for the March issue of the LPTR Newsletter

**March 19:** LPTR General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Classroom

**John McDonald, "Three Mules"** (See page 5)

**April 6:** LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd.

**April 13:** Deadline for the April issue of the LPTR Newsletter

### **COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS**

If you would like your equine-related activity listed here, contact the Newsletter Editor at boomerlou56@verizon.net.