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ELECTION RESULTS

Meet the 2018 Board of Directors

Here are the officers for the Los Padres Trail Riders Board of Directors for 2018. The new Board was voted in at the Annual Meeting on November 16, 2017:

President: Terri Jo Ortega
Vice President: Ann Macy
Secretary: Karen Wheeler
Treasurer: Lou Dartanner

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*Per LPTR Bylaws, immediate Past President is automatically a Director at Large.

UPCOMING LPTR EVENTS

February 7, 2018, 6PM
LPTR Board Meeting, 365 Arboleda Road

February 9, 2018
Submission deadline for next LPTR Newsletter

February 24, 2018
LPTR Tack and Tog Sale, Earl Warren Showgrounds

March 15, 2018, 7PM
LPTR General Meeting, Santa Barbara Humane Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Terri Jo Ortega

I am looking forward to working with LPTR in 2018. As you look at the new Board, you will see some new names, as several members have stepped up to take on a lead role in LPTR. We had our first board meeting and there were some great ideas proposed and I am excited to begin working with everyone.

As President, I want to encourage more members to get involved and for us to be open to new suggestions. If you have a special skill that you think could be used to help LPTR, let us know about it.

I know many of us were involved with the recent fire in some way. We are fortunate to live in a community where we have organizations that specialize in the evacuation of animals. Many LPTR members donated countless hours hauling animals, housing animals and providing daily care at Earl Warren or other locations.



Earl Warren Showgrounds is such a gift for our area. Thank you to all of you that gave your time and money during this difficult time. All of our local organizations can use donations, so if you would like to do something to show your appreciation, please donate to Earl Warren, Equine Evac or the Santa Barbara Humane Society. These are just a few of the organizations that provide support for our animal during a disaster.

I look forward to seeing you on a ride or at one of our 2018 LPTR functions.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Terri Jo Ortega

I am happy to announce that we have a new newsletter editor, Meredith Klassen. Meredith is a new member, but not new to horses or Santa Barbara. She grew up here and spent her formative years in Pony Club. She has an amazing quarter horse named Indy. She is a talented artist and has an eye for design. I think she may have some exciting changes in store for how LPTR gets the word out about our club. She will be taking over with the February issue of the newsletter and I can't wait!

Thank you, Meredith, for stepping up and volunteering to take on this job for LPTR.

LPTR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Terri Jo Ortega

We had a lovely Holiday Celebration once again hosted by Pam Webber. It was well attended and there are some really great cooks in our LPTR club. Thank you to Athena Foley for preparing the turkey, Barbara Hinman for organizing the event and of course, Pam Webber for once again opening her home to us.

TACK AND TOG SALE

Terri Jo Ortega

Once again it is time for the **LPTR Tack and Tog Sale on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Earl Warren Showgrounds**. Come and support our club, as this is our big fundraiser for the year. The profits will fund our 2018 Grant Programs.

For this event to be successful, we need our members to help on the day of the sale. You can help for a few hours or stay all day. We need assistance at the LPTR tack table, guiding

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sellers to their spaces, greeting buyers as they enter, just to name a few of the jobs. Please let Barbara know if you are able to volunteer, she can be reached at 455-4113.

Prices remain the same, \$35 for sellers if prepaid by February 15th, \$40 after the deadline or at the door. \$2 for chair rentals. Admission is \$5.00. If any LPTR member brings a dessert to sell at the baked goods table, they will be admitted for free.

If you have tack in good condition that you would like to donate, you may be drop it off at La Cumbre Feed or call Barbara at 455-4113. If you have silent auction items you would like to donate, please contact Lou Dartanner at 967-4859.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Terri Jo Ortega

It is time to renew your LPTR membership. Thank you if you have already sent in your 2018 membership fees. If you have not yet renewed, please send it in soon. 2018 will be a good year of rides, speakers and events and we don't want you to miss any of them.

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.

WESTERN DRESSAGE

Meredith Klassen

Hello Los Padres Trail Riders! My name is Meredith Klassen and I am a new LPTR member and the new LPTR Newsletter Editor. I am excited to get to know everyone and to help out by drafting the monthly newsletter.

I thought I would launch my editor gig with this little story about Western dressage but first, I have to tell you just a little bit about me.

I started riding in the 1970's when I was about 10 years old. My mom hooked me up with the Santa Barbara Tecolote Pony Club so I could learn the basics. It turns out that Pony Club taught more than the basics! I learned heaps of information about riding, stable management, and horse care - but what I learned that **I loved the most** was dressage. The athleticism of dressage challenged me.

And the connection I felt between me and my horse just flew me to the moon. I practiced dressage and competed at every chance I could get for nearly 10 years before I quit horses to pursue, well, everything else.



Flash-forward 30 years. Today my kids are almost grown and it is my time to ride again - but this time just for pleasure and in a Western saddle! Riding after all these years is the best ever, but imagine my surprise when I learned that **someone invented WESTERN dressage** while my riding career was in a deep slumber?! I'm flying to the moon all over again. Here's a little information on my NEW favorite discipline for you.

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What is Western Dressage? The Western dressage discipline is a melding of classical dressage and Western horsemanship. It integrates the historically validated principles of dressage that include cadence, balance and carriage with the best of western horse tradition. It is a systematic and progressive system of training for the western horse and rider in traditional stock tack with the purpose of enjoying a safe, pleasurable, versatile, and useful working horse. The hallmarks of a Western dressage horse are usefulness, rideability, willingness, safety, lightness, calmness, and steadiness.

Just like traditional dressage, Western dressage is an art. Riders learn to be attentive and tactful and to use clear, effective, subtle aids coupled with a confident seat and light, responsive hands to communicate with their horse. A Western dressage partnership exhibits impulsion originating from deeply engaged hindquarters transmitted without resistance through a supple topline to a light, soft contact with the rider's hands. Horses move freely forward, laterally, and to the rear via a willingness to work off the hindquarters which enables the Western horse to be a useful working partner. Western dressage is a rigorous discipline for both horse and rider that helps to establish a harmonious horse and rider relationship.

What's Different from Traditional Dressage?

With the exception of tack and tog, not too much. Western dressage competitions consist of a basic test performed by horse and rider. At lower levels, competitors must perform a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope. Higher level tests include lateral work and flying lead changes. Competitors are scored on how well they perform each movement within the test, by means of a score from 0 (not performed) to 10 (excellent).

In a competition, Western dressage riders typically wear western shirts, jeans or show pants, and cowboy boots. Chaps are allowed but not always worn. Cowboy hats can be worn, but riders can choose to wear equestrian helmets. Horse tack typically consists of western saddles, western-style bridles, and saddle blankets. Either a curb or snaffle bit may be used. Any breed of horse, pony, or mule is allowed to compete. Gaited horses may compete using their intermediate gait instead of the trot. For more information about Western Dressage, including the Western Dressage Rules & Guidelines, check out the [Western Dressage Association of America](#) (WDAA) website. See you on the trail!



GENERAL MEETING DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LPTR meets at **7:00PM 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). Guests are always welcome. LPTR provides dessert and drinks.

SHARE this Newsletter with 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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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. 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 9-11 a.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. www.HeartsRiding.org.

Santa Barbara Equine Assistance and Evacuation Team. Helps 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.

The Santa Barbara Humane Society. Sponsors a Technical Animal Rescue and Emergency Response Team comprised of trained volunteers and professionals that respond to incidents requiring special equipment and techniques to rescue animals in emergency scenarios. They are also activated during natural disasters via the County Animal Services Hotline at 564-6862 to evacuate large animals. Call Tim Collins at 964-4777 ext. 18. Their new web site is www.sbhumaneociety.org. Emergency Animal Rescue Team Hotline number is (805) 330-3330.

Emergency Animal Hotline: (805) 681-4332. Channels calls to the right agency. It is active only during an emergency.

Wildlife Care Network: (805) 681-1080. Even though not an equine-related group, this is the number to call in an emergency involving small animals and birds in distress.

Would you like to see your non-profit equine-related organization listed here? Send the name, phone number, website and a brief description to the LPTR Newsletter Editor.

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
- PLEASE CLEAN TACK AND WASH AND GROOM YOUR HORSE



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LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN THE GENERAL RELEASE AT THE BOTTOM

The purpose of the Los Padres Trail Riders (LPTR) is to promote individual and family trail riding, to preserve and maintain County trails, to hold social events for the local horse community, and to present educational meetings and seminars, and to conduct fundraisers for local equine-related non-profits. You do not have to be a trail rider or even to be a horse owner to be a member of LPTR. **This form must be used for new members or those joining after an absence. It may also be used for renewals.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ Spouse (family membership) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number and Types/Breeds of Horses/Mules owned: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (circle one): NEW RENEWAL

\$25.00 Adult Membership (Individual 18 & over) \$20.00 Junior Membership (17 & under if joining alone)

\$35.00 Family Membership (Spouse and/or children) If Family Membership, please list name(s) of children under 17 years of age: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

How would you like to receive reminders of LPTR and community events: (circle one): PHONE E-MAIL NONE

GENERAL RELEASE

I, the undersigned member of Los Padres Trail Riders (the "Club"), acknowledges that horseback riding and related activities, including being a spectator at horse events, involves certain risks of injury to me personally, to my minor child(ren), damage to my personal property, and injury or death to my horse caused by my own negligence or the negligence of others. Knowing these facts, I nevertheless waive, release, and discharge the Club, its Board of Directors collectively and individually, officers, employees, and all individual members of the Club, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns from any kind or nature that might occur as a result of or arising from my participation, including as a spectator, as a member of the Club, including but not limited to, participation at a Club meeting, Club horse show, Club trail ride, Club equine demonstration lecture, or any other event sponsored or managed by the Club or a member thereof on behalf of the Club. This General Release is being given in consideration of the Club enrolling me and /or members of my family as a member of the Club. I further agree that I will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Board of Directors, both collectively and individually, its officers and employees and all individual members of the Club, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns from any and all claims, demands, causes of action or other proceedings brought by, or prosecuted for my benefit, alleging arising out of the negligence of the Club, its Board of Directors, collectively and individually, its officers and employees and all individual members of the Club. I expressly waive any benefits I may have under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code relating to the release of unknown claims. That section provides as follows: **CERTAIN CLAIMS NOT AFFECTED BY GENERAL RELEASE** – 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," are hereby expressly waived.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20 ____ at _____, California.

Signature on behalf of themselves and minor child(ren)

Signature of Spouse (if applicable)

Please make checks payable to LPTR and send to
LPTR Membership, PO Box 323, Santa Barbara, CA 93102