



LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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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 is at 7:00 p.m. and guests always welcome.

LPTR Meeting Thursday, May 18th BINGO Night

Yes, it will be something different for this May's LPTR meeting. In the recent past, our attendance has been quite low at our May meetings due to a number of other equine activities scheduled around this time. The Board of Directors felt it was a disservice to invite a guest speaker and have only a handful in the audience.

After a short discussion about what to do, the idea was tossed out to have a "social." After all, that's one of the things that is often mentioned about Tack & Tog: it's a chance to see and visit with folks we haven't seen since the last Sale. The board decided a "game night" would be fun, but what to play that everyone could participate in and it would not take all night to finish a game. Bingo! The idea came to them that BINGO was just the perfect game.

We purchased a modestly-priced game and some cards and we're going to give it a try to see how you like it. The cards will be \$1 each and the winner of each game will receive the cash in the "fishbowl," less 10% to LPTR to help pay for the hardware. We will have everything you need to play (except the cash!), including markers.

So pass the word along to your friends and invite them to come have a friendly and fun evening playing BINGO. And if you don't want to play, it's always exciting to watch the tension mount as the games get harder.

We've included a poster in the newsletter you can pass along to your friends.

The potluck is at 6:30 p.m. and the fun begins around 7. We will be at the same location: Santa Barbara Humane Society's Educational Center on Overpass Road. Bring your dollar bills.

**LOS PADRES GATE OPENING DAY:
May 1**

The following information was forwarded by Bryan Conant of the Los Padres Forest Association about the status of roads and trails in the forest.

Santa Barbara Ranger District:

- The news is not so good in the Santa Barbara Ranger District...
- The Romero Camuesa Rd, which connects East Camino Cielo with the Upper Santa Ynez Recreation area sustained major structural damage this winter and remains closed to all vehicles. A cribwall section of the road was severely undercut near the junction with the North Romero Trail and will require engineering before the road can be reopened. As a result, the Forest Service has installed a new gate at the junction of East Camino and Romero-Camuesa at Romero Saddle where the pavement turns to dirt. Divide Peak OHV remains open, so appropriate OHV vehicles (<50") can pass around the new gate and continue to access Divide Peak but there is no vehicle travel down to Juncal, Pendola, the Calientes, etc..... Staging for OHV is now at Romero Saddle. This is major news, we'll keep you posted as progress develops and timeframes established.
- First Crossing along Paradise Rd remains closed due to storm damage resulting from the Rey Fire. The Forest Service expects First Crossing to reopen in the next few weeks. Currently Upper Oso and the day use areas off River Road are closed.
- No news on when or if Buckhorn Rd / Camuesa will be reopened for OHV use. The Buckhorn was hit hard by the Rey Fire and with

most of the road resources going towards public access roads, it sounds like the Buckhorn will have to wait its turn. We'll keep you all posted on this as well.

- Happy Canyon has been cleared and is open for 2wd passenger car travel.

PARADE NEWS

Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair

Our first parade coming up is the Santa Ynez Day Parade on Sat June 10th. This parade starts at 11:00 AM. We are close to the crowd so it is not a good first time parade. We wear our LPTR outfits for this parade.

The next parade is the 4th of July parade in Santa Barbara. This parade starts at 1:00 PM and we get ready on Arrellaga St. We decorate our horse in 4th of July colors and we wear our LPTR outfits again. For this parade I am checking on having someone else to check the group in as I will be out of town.

Then our next parade is the Fiesta parade on Friday Aug 4th. This parade starts at 12:00 PM. It is VERY IMPORTANT to let me know now if you are thinking of doing the Fiesta parade. For this parade we wear Spanish outfits that need pre approval.

After the Fiesta Parade we have the Los Olivos Day Parade. This is a Halloween parade and we decorate our horses and ourselves for this very fun parade. It starts at 10:00 AM.

Our final parade for the year is the Solvang parade on Sat Dec 2nd and we decorate our horses in Xmas attire. We wear our LPTR outfits with a Santa hat. It is a fun parade also.

Hope you can join in the fun. Please RSVP to Barbara Wolf at least 8 days before any parade. I will have an update on 4th of July parade person to check in with.

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**

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. 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. 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.

The Santa Barbara Humane Society sponsors an Technical Animal Rescue and Emergency Response Team, which is made up of trained volunteers and professionals. They 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.sbhumanesociety.org. Emergency Animal Rescue Team Hotline number is 805 330 3330

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

Wildlife Care Network: 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.

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

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: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (circle one): NEW RENEWAL
\$25.00 Adult Membership (Individual 18 & over) \$35.00 Family Membership (Spouse and/or children)
\$20.00 Junior Membership (17 & under if joining alone)

If Family Membership, please list name(s) of children under 17 years of age:
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

We may contact our membership as a reminder of our and community events. Would you like to be contacted by (circle one):

PHONE E-MAIL NO CONTACT

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

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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.

LPTR COMING EVENTS

May 18: LPTR General Meeting, 6:30pm, potluck, 7:00pm BINGO NIGHT, Humane Society Educational Center

June 7: LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00PM, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Road

June 10: Deadline for the June issue of the LPTR Newsletter

July 20: LPTR General Meeting, 6:30pm potluck, Humane Society Educational Center

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS

May 20-21, 2017: Santa Barbara County Calif. Dressage Society Spring Dressage Show

If you would like your equine-related activity listed here, contact the Newsletter Editor at tjortega2@gmail.com.