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President's Message

Terri Jo Ortega

I grew up with quarter horses but after I retired my horse, Shasta, about 6 years ago, I purchased a mule. Since people know that I always owned horses, I often get asked "which do you like better a horse or a mule?" and "what is different about riding a mule?"

Now I am not an expert since I have only owned two mules in the past six years. But I often share my opinions anyway based on my experiences so far.

It was about 18 months before I felt that my mule actually trusted me and I was accepted as the leader. Mules by nature are all about self-preservation, so it takes them a bit longer

to feel safe. I learned that you can't rush that process. It takes patience to earn the trust of a mule. Horses seem to be a bit more trusting and more easily "won over" by things like food rewards.

I did a lot of round pen ground work and my horse certainly got the concept of the lesson quicker but had to be reminded often. My mule took longer to get the lesson and I moved slower too, but once she got it there was no need to repeat it. Her retention is astounding.

Often times when I would trailer my horses to a new place to ride it would take some time for them to adjust to the new surroundings. Sometimes I felt like I only had about half of my

horse. When I take my mule somewhere new she is out of the trailer and ready to get down to business without skipping a beat. She seems to fit into any group right away and doesn't expend energy fretting over new surroundings or new equines.

So for me, there is no definitive answer to either question. I like both horses and mules and they each offer their own rewards and challenges.

I have had some great horses and I currently have a very nice mule. If you have an equine partner that you enjoy, appreciate her (or him) for who they are and keep working to earn their trust each and every day.

Hope to see you on the trail. ~TJ

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UPCOMING LPTR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Chamberlin Ranch Ride, May 5, 2018.** Ride out at 10:00am. RSVP to Barbara Hinman 682-9966.
- ◆ **LPTR Board Meeting, May 7, 2018,** 6PM, 365 Arboleda Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.
- ◆ **Newsletter Submission Deadline, May 15, 2018.** Send newsletter submissions to girlinsilver@gmail.com.
- ◆ **LPTR General Meeting, May 17, 2018,** Meet n' greet & refreshments at 6:30PM. Meeting starts at 7PM. Santa Barbara Humane Society. Guest speaker will be horse trainer and handler, Bruce Griffin.
- ◆ **Rancho Oso Campout, June 1, 2018 to June 3, 2018.** RSVP to Barbara Hinman 682-9966.
- ◆ **Old Santa Ynez Day Parade, June 9, 2018** at 11AM. Arrive early with horse and tack cleaned. LPTR parade outfit required. RSVP by June 4th to Barbara Wolf at 455-4113 or sbremington@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Summerland, CA beach ride, July 2018.** Details TBA.
- ◆ **Santa Barbara 4th of July Parade, July 4, 2018,** at 1PM. Arrive early with clean horse and tack. LPTR outfits required and horses decorated for 4th of July. RSVP by June 22nd to Barbara Wolf at 455-4113 or sbremington@gmail.com.
- ◆ **LPTR Tack & Tog Sale/LPTR General Meeting, July 19, 2018,** 6PM to 9PM, SB Humane Society. Contact Barbara Wolf at 455-4113 or sbremington@gmail.com to secure a seller's space.
- ◆ **Old Spanish Days Fiesta Parade, Aug. 3, 2018** at 12 Noon. Pre-approved fiesta attire and pre-registration for the parade is required. The LPTR parade group will meet in advance of this parade to work on outfits and decorations. RSVP by 6/30 to Parade Chair Barbara Wolf at 455-4113 or sbremington@gmail.com.



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LPTR General Meeting ~ Schedule & Information ~

LPTR General Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday of every odd-numbered month** at the SB Humane Society Educational center on Overpass Road. Refreshments are provided. Meet & greet begins at 6:30PM. General meeting begins at 7:00PM

To minimize disruptions during speaker presentations and to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the membership, please do not bring dogs or other animals to the meetings. Thank you.

LPTR Tack & Tog Sale ~ July 19, 2018 ~

The LPTR Tack & Tog Sale will be held during the LPTR General Meeting at the SB Humane Society on **July 19, 2018, from 6PM to 9PM.**

Admission is free for buyers.

A sellers table is \$20. Mark your calendars and watch this newsletter for more detailed information as summer approaches. Please contact Barbara Wolf at 455-4113 or sbremington@gmail.com to purchase a table or to ask questions.

Next LPTR Group Rides: Please RSVP

Chamberlin Ranch Ride, SYV. May 5, 2018. Ride out at 10am. Lead by Shayna Rockwell. Rating scale of difficulty is 2+ or 3. Bring a lunch and chair for social time. RSVP to Barbara Hinman 682-9966.

Rancho Oso Campout, SYV. June 1 - June 3, 2018. Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. Campout at Rancho Oso in Santa Ynez, CA. RSVP now for a fun filled weekend! There are corrals for horses. Bring your own hay. Bring your own rig or rent a cabin or covered wagon. Rancho Oso has two swimming pools, a Jacuzzi

and country store with treats! Bring your own meals or eat at the lodge. Friday night spaghetti dinner. Saturday night chicken or tri tip. Saturday night wine tasting at the adult lodge! Breakfast to order on weekends. Contact LPTR Ride Chair, Barbara Hinman, for more information or to RSVP.

July Ride. Summerland Trail and Beach Ride. Details TBA.

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LPTR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

What is your name?

Ann Macy

When did you first become a member of LPTR and why?

I became a member three years ago because I wanted to go on more rides, go to more places and meet more horsey people.

Do you ride a horse, mule, other, or both? Who are you riding currently?

I ride a buckskin Rocky Mountain horse named Lucky Buck.

Where are your favorite places to ride?

That's a hard question. I have en-

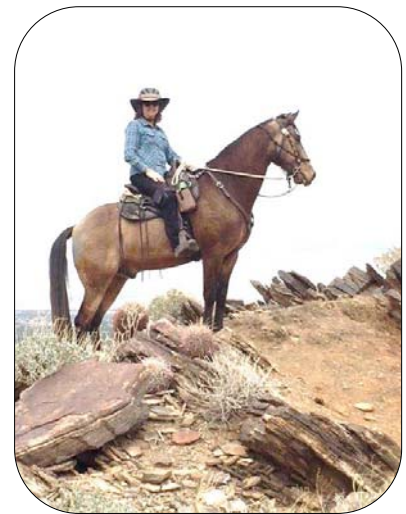
joyed all my rides. I'm the happiest in the saddle with friends on the trail. Life just doesn't get better anywhere else.

Besides LPTR, what animal activities, clubs, or volunteer groups are you involved in?

I'm a member of the West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club and a volunteer for the Santa Barbara Equine Assistance and Evacuation Team.

If you could describe what you have learned from your equine experiences in one sentence, what would it be?

I think the most important thing I've learned is that you never stop



Ann Macy & "Bucky"

learning. It seems to me that on every ride you learn more about your horse and yourself.

Would you like to be featured in the LPTR Member Spotlight? Send a note to the newsletter editor .

May 17th Guest Speaker ~ Bruce Griffin



Bruce Griffin is a horse trainer based in Los Alamos, CA. He offers horse training, clinics, lessons and sales.

Bruce Griffin grew up in Sacramento. At age 14, he became interested in training bird dogs. The local dog trainers rode Tennessee

walking horses. Bruce had no riding teacher and no horse, but he "just got on and rode" anyway. A natural gift began to surface. The first of many horses he owned was a quarter horse named Andy. "I couldn't afford expensive horses so I just bought a horse I could afford and worked with him."

Bruce came to Santa Barbara in 1987 to help market a line of equine vitamin supplements and decided to stay. Bruce was given a book by Pat Parelli. Pat Parelli and Buck Brannaman

were well known trainers who had been taught by Ray Hunt. When Bruce was 49 years old, he attended his first Ray Hunt clinic and eventually went to Texas to learn from Ray. Bruce says "the most important priority is safety for the horse. If you make it safe for the horse, you make it safe for yourself." Bruce's Ride Safe clinics welcome any style of riding and tack, and any type of horse.

Please come to the **May 17, 2018 LPTR General Meeting** to meet Bruce Griffin and learn more about his horse training techniques.

LPTR PARADES: Please RSVP

By Barbara Wolf

Join your fellow LPTR members in a parade this year!

Check out the parade schedule in the "Upcoming LPTR Events & Activities" in this newsletter and then contact the LPTR Parade Chair, Barbara Wolf, at (805) 455-4113 or sbremington@gmail.com with questions or to **RSVP for parade participation.**



LPTR PARADE OUTFIT

- * 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)
- * DECORATIONS BASED ON EACH PARADE THEME
- * CLEAN TACK AND WASH AND GROOM YOUR HORSE

Live Oak Ride Reports

By Pat Fish

April 4, 2018 Live Oak Ride: On a day of cloud cover and bright spring growth, 2 mule riding and 5 horse riding members of the Los Padres Trail Riders rode out from the Live Oak Camp to do a loop through the pastures above Lake Cachuma.



We ended up doing 6.61 miles in 2 hours and 41 minutes on the trail. No one fell off and a good time was had by all. We were even able to affect a rescue of some forlorn stranded wildlife, a good deed.

The riders were: Barbara Hinman, Pat Fish, Nancy & Terry Moore, Shayna Rockwell, Ann Macy and Annie Topete.

April 14, 2018 Live Oak Ride: On a typical bright and sunny day, 6 horse and 1 mule and their owner members of the Los Padres Trailer Riders and the Horse & Mule Meetup of the 805 set out to take a leisurely stroll from Live Oak Camp out to a Cachuma Lake overlook.

We rode as far as the picnic table that used to be a nice place to stop and rest and look out over the lake but there is no longer water visible from this point now.

La Purisma Mission Ride Report

By Pam Kelly

On March 24, 2018, a group of eight Los Padres Trail Riders hit the trail at the La Purisma Mission. It was a beautiful Saturday after some much-needed rain. The ground was wet but the mission grounds are mainly sand so that is why the La Purisma location was chosen.

After the 2 hour ride, the group enjoyed a relaxing lunch together underneath the beautiful oak trees at the mission.

Hope Ranch/More Mesa Ride Report

By Meredith Klassen

A large group of 19 riders mounted up on Saturday, April 28, 2018, for a sunny saunter along the lush trails of Santa Barbara's More Mesa and Hope Ranch. The group was mixed with seasoned LPTR riders and new members from as far away as Carpinteria and Camarillo. Afterwards the riders shared lunch together at the lovely Vieja Dr. home of LPTR member, Athena Foley.



Los Padres Trail Riders LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY Ride Rating Scale

Trail ride level of difficulty is based upon trail type, topography, steepness, soil type, and water encounters. A horse and rider's abilities and physical condition should also be considered. All rides are walking only.

RATING #1

Riding side by side, riding single file, flat terrain, Sand, ranch/dozer road, puddles.

RATING #2

Riding side by side, riding single file, rolling hills, sand, ranch/dozer road, ankle deep stream.

RATING #3

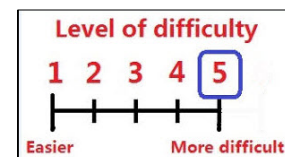
Riding single file, rolling hills, gradual climbing, deep sand, ranch/dozer road, ankle deep stream, rocks/gravel/shale, narrow ridge/canyon.

RATING #4

Riding single file, gradual climbing, mountainous, ankle deep stream, rocks/gravel/shale, narrow ridge/canyon, knee deep river.

RATING #5

Riding single file, mountainous, rocks/gravel/shale, narrow ridge/canyon, knee deep river.



EQUINE-RELATED CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Kid friendly pony or small horse to lease for the summer. Grandma is looking to teach grandkids, boy and girl, how to care for and ride a pony or horse. If you can help make this dream come true please contact Eileen Kovackvick at (805) 452-6488. Sponsored by LPTR member Nancy Moore. (4/1/2018)

FREE: Classified advertisements for LPTR members. Ads run for two consecutive months. To place, cancel or renew an ad, send an email request to the newsletter editor at girlsilver@gmail.com. Ads must be received by the 15th of the month to be published in the next newsletter. Please note that all ads are subject to board approval and editing.

Animal Non-Profits & Emergency Services

Revised 5/2018

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 for personal assistance. Equine Evac is activated through Santa Barbara County Animal Services during a disaster and works closely with Animal Services to evacuate and provide care for evacuated livestock.



Animal Emergency Services

SANTA BARBARA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM:

Works through the Santa Barbara County Animal Services during a disaster. See www.sbcphd.org/as.

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. Activated during natural disasters via the County Animal Services Hotline at (805) 681-4332 to evacuate large animals. Contact Tim Collins at (805) 964-4777 ext. 18. www.sbhumanesociety.org. Emergency Animal Rescue Team Hotline number is (805) 330-3330.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMERGENCY ANIMAL HOTLINE:

Santa Barbara County Animal Services is the lead agency for disaster response for Santa Barbara County. They coordinate all aspects of animal evacuations including rescue, sheltering, and shelter in place support. Animal Services is activated by the incident command. The Animal Services hotline is (805) 681-4332. This hotline is only active during an emergency.

HEARTS THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRAIN 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.

WILDLIFE CARE NETWORK:

(805) 681-1080. For emergencies involving small animals and birds in distress.



LPTR MISSION STATEMENT

1. To advance recreational trails and trail use and to encourage horseback riding, trail riding, and other horse-related activities in Santa Barbara County.
2. To foster good horsemanship and fellowship.
3. To promote mutual helpfulness between horse owners and property owners near trails and riding areas.
4. 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.
5. To provide educational events to the equestrian community.

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) \$35.00 Family Membership (Spouse and/or children)
\$20.00 Junior Membership (17 & under if joining alone) \$10.00 Individual Day Membership (one day only)

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 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 Los Padres Trail Riders and send to LPTR Membership, PO Box 61845, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.



Los Padres Trail Riders

2018 TACK & TOG SALE

www.lptr.org

Thursday, July 19, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara Humane Society

5399 Overpass Road, Santa Barbara, CA

Come and shop for horse tack, riding togs
and enjoy the bake sale too.

Admission is free

Sellers' Table: \$20.00

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund grants to local
equine and trail-related non-profit organizations

For more information contact
Barbara Wolf at (805) 455-4113



SELLERS RESERVATION FORM

Set up time is 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sale begins at 6:00 p.m. Please make checks payable to LPTR and mail to: LPTR, P.O. Box 61845, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. For more information contact Barbara Wolf at (805) 455-4113.

Name: _____
(Please print clearly)

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Eight foot sellers' tables @ \$20.00 per table

Number of tables _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Number of chairs (no charge) _____

Total fees due \$ _____

Signed: _____

LPTR USE ONLY

Received by: _____ Date: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Owes: _____

Assignment: Row/Space: _____