



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

“HOOF CHANGES AND WHAT THEY MEAN”

Dr. David Jensen, DVM, and Farrier Pete Healy

Equine veterinarian Dr. David Jensen and farrier Mr. Pete Healy spoke to about two dozen members and guests at our October meeting about their program of measurement and evaluation designed to document abnormal hoof mechanics and to create a baseline of information to build on to repair them.

Dr. Jensen emphasized that you must be accurate in measurements in order to solve hoof problems. He said you must identify abnormal hoof confirmation by taking data, making a visual exam from all sides, and get on the ground and watch the horse in motion. Be sure to evaluate the entire foot, including the heels, sole, and toe. The four elements of a balanced foot: heel to toe, depth of foot, up and down, and inside to outside.

Mr. Healy showed us the instruments he uses to measure the hoof so he can determine exactly what he needs to do to get the horse back in balance. The goniometer to measure the angle and range of motion; the T-square to measure medial and lateral balance; the 2-sided ruler to measure the position of P3 (coffin bone); and calipers to measure the digital cushion depth and center of rotation.

Mr. Healy showed us how use our hands to find the P3 and therefore the center of rotation (the distance front and back should be equal) and to use the T-square to make sure the sides of the hoof are even and the heel is at the top of the frog. Also, a visual inspection should show that the hoof wall will be steeper on the inside compared to the outside. A bull-nose (bulging) shape of the hoof shows a negative angle that needs correcting and a scaly line below the coronet band could mean poor circulation.

TACK & TOG SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2015

2015 LPTR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We will be voting on the 2015 LPTR Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting on November 20th. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Karen Wheeler at 452-9240 or Barbara Wolf, 455-4113, who are serving on the Nominating Committee.

LPTR GRANT PROGRAM

The Board received five applications from organizations seeking grants for the 2015 Grant Program. The Board set aside \$3,500 for this purpose.

At the October meeting, the Board reviewed all the applications and will make a final decision at its November meeting. The grant awardees will be announced and checks presented at the LPTR Annual Meeting on November 20th. We had some very worthwhile projects brought to our attention and we think the membership will be pleased with the awards.

Remember, profits from the annual Tack & Tog Sale are used to fund the Grant Program. Since 1999, the Los Padres Trail Riders has donated \$26,290 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 over the years to make this a successful program.

HISTORY COLUMN

If anyone feels like writing up a past LPTR experience or event for the History Column, we would love to have it! Send it to Lou at boomerlou56@verizon.net or Anita at anita@lptr.org.

Many members have expressed how much they've enjoyed reading the past stories, but we need your input.

Also, if you have an article you find interesting that you would like to share with the group, please send it in or the reference where to find it.

2015 TACK & TOG SALE

We will have flyers and post-card sized hand-outs giving the preliminary information 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 28th this year.

It's 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 and store.

The Board has decided to keep the size and layout of the spaces the same as last year. Also, each space will be \$35 if you pre-register and \$40 at the door – same as last year. Flyers with reservation forms will be out soon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like to hear from you regarding your ideas for speakers in 2015. What are your interests and who would you suggest? Please send us a list of your suggestions so we can contact possible speakers early. Everyone has a busy and complicated schedule.

Don't forget our fall ride in Hope Ranch is Saturday, October 18. From Hollister Road, turn on to Puente towards More Mesa. Cross bike trail uphill. Left on Via Cayente when you come to the road closed sign on Vieja Drive. Or meet on horseback end of Vieja Drive near More Mesa. Arrive at 9:30, ride out at 10. Bring a lunch to have at trailers. Ride will be about two hours up and down hills. RSVP Jeanette Webber, 683-3028.

Tack & Tog is February 28, 2015. Now is a good time to be sorting your horse belongings and thinking of what you might want to sell at Tack & Tog.

This is your Club, and LPTR appreciates your suggestions and participation.

LPTR Parades

We are doing the Los Olivos Days Parade, Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. We decorate our horses and ourselves. This is not a good first time parade. We did not ride in the Los Alamos Parade, as there were not RSVPs.

Solvang Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. We decorate horses in Christmas attire and riders wear LPTR outfits and Santa hats. Great first-time parade also.

Carpinteria Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3:00 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.

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. 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.

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.sbcpd.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.

REPURPOSE YOUR FLYSHEET

Protect a Blanket: Put the flysheet over a heavier blanket or a lightweight sheet to keep the fabric clean

Preserve a Show Coat: Some flysheets offer SPR protection to prevent bleaching and sun damage

Guard a Wound: A flysheet keeps insects from feeding on a wound and can protect the injury during healing.

Cool Travel: The air circulation a flysheet allows will help keep a horse cool on the road during summer travel.

[From the June 2013 issue of HorseandRider]



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):

**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.

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) \$300.00 Lifetime Membership

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
If you have questions, call Maureen Peatross, 692-0724

**LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS
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.

LPTR COMING EVENTS

October 18: Fall Trail Ride in Hope Ranch (easy ride). Details to come.

October 18: Los Olivos Days Parade (See page 3)

November 3: Board Meeting, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd., 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Elections & Awarding of Grants

December 6: Solvang Christmas Parade (See page 3)

December 14: Carpinteria Christmas Parade (See page 3)

February 28: 2015 Tack & Tog Sale

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS

October 17-19: Los Amigos Peruvian Paso Championship Show, Earl Warren

October 25-26: SBCRC Fall Show & Medal Finals, Earl Warren

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