



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.

LPTR MEETING

Thursday, September 18th

Potluck at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara Humane Society Education Center

“HOOF CHANGES AND WHAT THEY MEAN”

Dr. David Jensen, DVM, and Farrier Pete Healy

Equine veterinarian Dr. David Jensen and farrier Mr. Pete Healey have been investigating matters of equine podiatry for many years. They have developed a program of measurement and evaluation that is designed to document abnormal hoof mechanics and to create a baseline of information to build on to repair these abnormal conformations.

Through their experience and measurement of many equine athletes and in conjunction with feedback from their clients, they have developed specific parameters which they feel are critical to understanding basic mechanical properties of the hoof. When these parameters are not ideal due to genetics, injury, degenerative disease or man-made causes, the horse's health and ability to perform as an athlete are compromised. Several recurring problems have been recognized.

This presentation will illustrate for the horse owner: how to recognize normal hoof parameters, how to recognize the most common abnormalities, and describe a step by step approach to be used by farriers and veterinarians to measure and then correct these abnormalities.

See box to the left for details on the meeting. Hope to see you there! And bring your questions for Dr. Jensen and Mr. Healey.

TACK & TOG SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2015

“CAMPING WITH HORSES”

LPTR Meeting, July 17th

About two dozen members and guests gathered to hear the stories of the Sage Hens: their origin and their adventures told by long-time members. Their early motto: “No trail untried!”

The ladies “roughed it,” sleeping under the stars and comforted by the sound of their horses nearby. Arising with the sun, they’d feed the animals, have breakfast, then head out for a new adventure, for several years in the Davy Brown, Hurricane Deck, and Sisquoc areas.

The members come from different walks of life, often with little in common but their love of the outdoors and being around horses where they can enjoy the scenery, nature, and companionship.

The meeting was formatted in a campfire motif, with the ladies taking turns relating the group’s adventures as if they ere sitting around the fire pit after an evening meal.

Membership is limited to 40 ladies to keep the group small and intimate and not get large and impersonal like the Rancheros.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Tack & Tog Sale should be on your calendar for 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. We are getting a head start on advertising this year and will make the event at Earl Warren Showgrounds bigger and better than ever. Tell your friends that it is September “Tack Organizing” time; February will be here quickly. We are also making plans for drop-off of the items you’d like to donate to LPTR.

We know everyone has a busy schedule and we are trying to plan and set dates for an “easy” spring ride at More Mesa and a fall ride in Hope Ranch so that people can mark their calendars way in advance. This year’s fall ride will be October 18th. I know things look dry right now with the drought; we

have been so used to things looking beautiful in the spring. Let’s hope we get some rain in the months to come.

Our Playday last June was fun and I am hoping to hear from others who would be on my “Playday Committee” (online for ideas, suggestions up for discussion, etc.), so please let me know if you would like to be involved, either verbally or by offering some hard work.

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

CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL

Planning Commission Hearing

By Otis Calef

County trail users have a very important opportunity to make their voices heard about where they want the California Coastal Trail to be located on the Gaviota Coast: along the mountain side of Highway 101 (offered by developers), or next to the ocean along the coastal bluffs. Hikers, equestrians and cyclists must band together and make it very clear to our decision-makers that we want the trail located as envisioned by the Coastal Act, within the sights, sounds, and aromas of the ocean.

On Tuesday, September 23, the County Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the Las Varas Ranch development and will decide whether the Coastal Trail becomes what would basically be a bicycle path along Highway 101 or, what Santa Barbara Trails Council advocates, a primitive wild land trail that would run 2.4 miles along the ocean bluffs and would provide beach access. This is a one-time chance to secure the world-class, ocean-front trail envisioned by California voters and the County’s Local Coastal Plan and you must make your voices heard.

Trails Council has made the task simple and fun. You can send a photo and copy or modify the message and a postcard will be sent for you to the Commissioners. Go to this link and follow the easy instructions:

[Https://sbtrails.org/send-a-selfie-postcard/](https://sbtrails.org/send-a-selfie-postcard/)

LPTR Parades

By Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair

Los Alamos Days, Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:00 a.m. (Low-key Western attire for this parade.)

Los Olivos Days, Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. Fun Halloween parade and we decorate our horses and selves. Not a good first time parade.

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.

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 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.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.

Montecito Trails Foundation Fall BBQ Saturday, Sept. 13

The Montecito Trails Foundation is celebrating its 50th year at the home of Hal and Mary Coffin, The Montecito Valley Ranch, at Sheffield and Ortega Hill Roads.

You can hike-it, bike-it, run-it, or hoof-it on the trails. The long ride & trail run starts at 8:30 a.m., short ride & hikes at 9 a.m. BBQ (drinks included) from 1 to 3 p.m.

Non-members cost is \$70.

For more information, call 969-3514 or www.MontecitoTrailsFoundation.org.

**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

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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

September 18: LPTR General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Classroom.

Dr. David Jensen, DVM, and Mr. Pete Healey, Farrier, "Hoof Changes and What They Mean"

September 28: Los Alamos Days Parade (See page 3)

October 3: Deadline for Grant Applications for 2014

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

October 13: Deadline for the October issue of the LPTR Newsletter

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

September 12-14: SB National Western Horse Show AQHA Reining & Pleasure, Earl Warren

September 13: Montecito Trails Foundation Fall BBQ, Montecito Valley Ranch (see page 3)

October 5: Championship Dressage Show, Modoc Riding Ring

October 12: Western & Ranch Sunday Horse Show, Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center (686-9217)

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.