



# 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.

## SEPTEMBER LPTR MEETING

### SCOTT GRIEVE

Scott Grieve of Earl Warren Showgrounds, will be our guest speaker at our general meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Some of the topics we expect him to speak about are Earl Warren as a community asset, scheduling community events such as fairs and horse shows, how the organization assists Equine Evac in housing of evacuated animals (procedures for receiving evacuated animals, priorities, impacts on other activities at the facilities, etc.), promoting community events, and how it manages to be financially self-sustaining.

Please put this on your calendar and invite your friends. You do not need to come to the potluck, but you're certainly welcome to do so, and we welcome those from the general public. See box to the left for details on the meetings.

## LPTR POOL PARTY

A dozen LPTR members enjoyed a swim, relaxed around the pool, or just enjoyed the afternoon with friends at the Pool Party at Pam Webber's home on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided by the club while attendees brought side dishes to share.



## **PARADE NEWS**

Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair

We have two parades coming up that are qualifiers for the Fiesta 2017 parade. The first of these is the Los Olivos Parade is on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. This is a Halloween parade and we decorate our horses and ourselves for this parade. Then on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Solvang Christmas Parade, which starts at 10 a.m. We decorate our horses in Christmas attire and we wear our LPTR outfits with a Santa hat. These are great parades for giving you and your horse experience in this activity.

Please RSVP to Barbara Wolf at 445-4113 at least 10 days before the parade date.

May you have a great rest of the year! Ride safe, drive safe, and have a great time. Happy holidays to you all!

### **What Does It Take To Be A Therapy Horse?**

We all admire those wonderful Therapy Horses who so patiently inspire, strengthen, and motivate riders of all ages and capabilities. They have pleasant, easy-going, and quiet temperaments to allow maximum benefits of the experience. A description of the evaluation process is included in a Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center publication, summarized below.

At Hearts, the horses are usually between 8 and 18 years old, 14 to 16 hands high, with a gentle and easy-going temperament, low flight response, sound, and have good manners in grooming, standing, leading, and mounting.

A potential new horse is given a screening that includes mounting and dismounting from blocks, ramps or ground (near and off side), being ridden alone or with other horses, accepts loud or sudden noises, and responds to direct and neck reining, voice commands, and leg aids.

Once accepted, the horse is given a 90-day trial period that introduces him to all potential components of a therapeutic riding program.

In the first week of training the new horse is evaluated and trained in grooming, tacking, leading, standing in a mounting block, introduced to side walkers with able-bodied rider and leader, and stationary objects in the arena.

Each successive week, all of the previous lessons are reviewed and new ones added. Such as people walking up and down the mounting

block, being led with rider swinging arms and legs and making noises, passing toys to rider.

Week five adds dismounting from the right side. Then she is introduced to a wheel chair on the mounting block ramp and when the horse is accepting, be mounted from the near side then add a mount from the wheel chair. The following weeks the horse works with riders mounting and dismounting from wheelchairs and ramps.

Finally, the horse is put into all types of classes throughout the week with able bodied riders and practices with toys. If all is well, the horse is put in a variety of classes with all types of riders but with two side walkers at all times.

By the end of training, the horse will be in actual lessons at the walk, trot, canter; accept riders playing games while mounted (basketball, bean bag toss, obstacle course, etc.) and support unbalanced riders. The horse is now comfortable with a team of people around him or her, and having riders mount from ramps and wheelchairs.

For more information on this program, contact Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center, at 805 964-1519, or visit [www.heartsriding.org](http://www.heartsriding.org).

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

A big thank you to Pam Webber for providing us a place for the Pool Party and barbecue. The weather cooperated and it was warm enough to swim but slightly overcast so no one was baked by the sun. And thank you to the attendees for making the day a nice social event.

For anyone who is interested in saving the Laguna Blanca Trail, there is a fb page where one can get word of what is happening. Some of us rode that trail for decades and in recent years LPTR members have been invited to ride with HRRTA on their annual ride. At a recent meeting, only actual current HR residents were allowed into the room, even if they had previously lived there for decades. Thank you to all the horse enthusiasts who came for support; it was a surprise to many that only actual current residents were allowed into the room. But your presence outside the room helped to show that there is indeed much interest in keeping the trail open. Thank you for coming, all of you.

Celebrating Our 52nd Year!



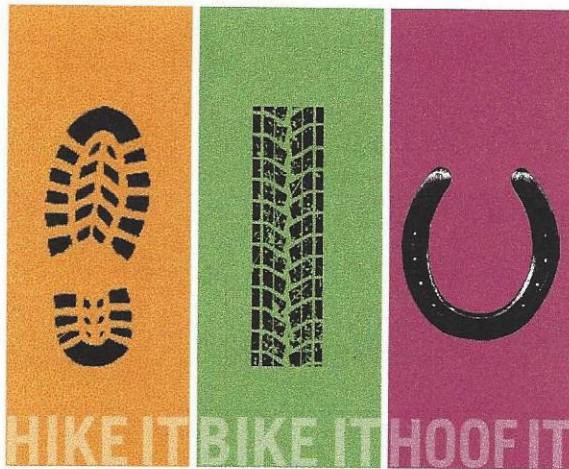
Montecito Trails Foundation

cordially invites you to the

# FALL BBQ Saturday, Sept 17

At the home of Hal & Mary Coffin  
**The Montecito Valley Ranch**  
Sheffield and Ortega Hill Road

**Hike it. Bike-it.  
or Hoof-it on our Trails**



**8:30am: Long Ride ♦ 9:00am: Short Ride & Hikes**

**Noon to 1:30: BBQ Served** (Drinks included, vegetarian available) & **Family Hike**

**1:00 to 3:00: Music & Silent Auction**

**To Hoof-it**

RSVP Bobbi King:  
(805) 698-3493  
(Must call to ride)

**Members – Early Registration (Payment received by Sept 14)**

Adults: \$50.00 ♦ Children (12 & under) Free

**Members – Paying at the Event**

Adults: \$60.00

**Non-Members**

Adults: \$70.00

**To Hike-it**

RSVP Jane Murray  
(805) 680-5292

**To Bike-it**

RSVP Stan Cowell  
(805) 969-2464

**Don't Have A Horse?**

Horse rentals available  
Call Los Padres Outfitters  
(805) 331-5961

For more information please call 969-3514 or 680-5292

[www.MontecitoTrailsFoundation.org](http://www.MontecitoTrailsFoundation.org)

*Please detach and return with payment in the enclosed envelope*

**YES, I would like to attend the Fall 2016 Fundraiser and would like to purchase:**

- \_\_\_ Member Ticket(s) @ Advanced Ticket Price of \$50.00 each
- \_\_\_ Children (12 and under) Ticket(s) FREE
- \_\_\_ Non-Member Ticket(s) @ \$70.00 each
- \_\_\_ I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Ride and Event
- \_\_\_ Hike and Event
- \_\_\_ Bike and Event
- \_\_\_ BBQ Event Only

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enclose this amount)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: **Montecito Trails Foundation**, P.O. Box 5481, Santa Barbara, CA 93150-5481. Thank you for your support.

**LPTR Parades  
Barbara Wolf**

The next parade is the Fiesta Parade on August 5<sup>th</sup> (which has special requirements for entrants). Then the Los Olivos Day on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, then the Solvang Christmas parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. See details on page 2.

Call Barbara at 455-4113 if you would like to enter or want more information on any of these parades.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

We are still searching for someone to take over as Editor of the Newsletter. It's not a lot of work but is a vital part of our outreach program to keep LPTR members informed of our activities. If you can help, please contact Lou Dartanner at [boomerlou56@verizon.net](mailto:boomerlou56@verizon.net) or call 967- 4859 evenings for more information.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.

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### **LPTR COMING EVENTS**

**Sept. 15:** LPTR General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Educational Center  
**Scott Grieve, CEO of Earl Warren Showgrounds**  
**Oct. 5:** LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd (change from Monday to Wednesday)  
**Oct. 10:** Deadline for the October issue of the LPTR Newsletter  
**Oct 15:** Los Olivos Days parade (Contact Barbara Wolf, 455-4113)  
**Nov. 2:** LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd  
**Nov. 7:** Deadline for the November issue of the LPTR Newsletter  
**Nov. 17:** LPTR Annual Meeting & Elections, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Educational Center  
**Dec 3:** Solvang Christmas parade (Contact Barbara Wolf, 455-4113)

**2017: February 25: Tack & Tog Sale**

### **COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS**

Aug. 20: \*Santa Ynez Valley Riders, Porter Ranch Campout, must be SYVR member  
Aug. 22: \*Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding Center's Cowboy Ball  
Sept. 17-18: Santa Barbara County Riding Club Fall Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Sept. 17: \*Santa Ynez Valley Riders, Montana de Oro, must be SYVR member  
Sept. 17: Montecito Trails Foundation Fall BBQ & Hike-it, Bike-it, or Hoof-it. (See page 5)  
Oct. 13: Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center's Pegasus Luncheon, Four Seasons Resort  
Oct. 15: \*Santa Ynez Valley Riders, Los Flores Ranch, must be SYVR member  
Oct. 29-30: Santa Barbara County Riding Club Show & Medal Finals, Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Nov. 5-6: Working Equitation III, A&A Equestrian, 805-734-7323  
Nov. 19: \*Santa Ynez Valley Riders, Rancho Arbolado, must be SYVR member  
Dec. 17: \*Santa Ynez Valley Riders, Rancho dos Alamos; Kick on, must be SYVR member

\*More information at: <http://santaynezvalleyriders.org/home>, follow their Facebook page, or email [info@santaynezvalleyriders.org](mailto:info@santaynezvalleyriders.org),

If you would like your equine-related activity listed here, contact the Newsletter Editor at [boomerlou56@verizon.net](mailto:boomerlou56@verizon.net).