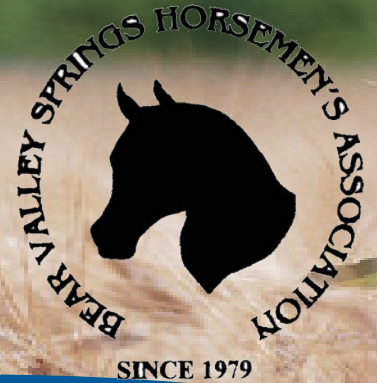


*Bear Valley Springs*  
**Horsemen's Association**  
**Newsletter**



## JULY 2018

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### Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

6:30pm Coffee & Dessert

7:00pm Speaker: Jon Hammond

Place: Equestrian Center Lounge

### News & Articles Deadline, July 15

Send news & articles to  
Pam Miller at  
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**Peggy Bergman Smith President**

## President's Message

Your First Vice President is now your President. Kim Cohagan has decided to step down, as she explained in her President's message of June.

We will miss Kim's hard work and dedication to leading our Horsemen's Association as President, as well as Treasurer in 2017. I hope I can do as good a job as Kim.

As I write this, we are down to a breezy 88 degrees, after a scorching 94 yesterday. Hard to get motivated to ride when the temps are in the 90's. I'm sure our horses aren't all that disappointed when we opt out on really hot days. If you do decide to brave the hot weather, pay special attention to your horse's hydration. Make sure they are drinking enough water and no electrolytes unless your horse has been drinking. Sorry – my endurance background is showing.

Our Arena Trail Challenge was cancelled due to lack of entries. Seems most folks don't want to be all by themselves in an arena doing obstacles.. Understandable, but we got a lot of good feedback on what our riders do want. We're hoping our future events like the Turkey Trail Trial, Playday Challenge, Progressive Dinner Ride are something our members will look forward to participating in. If you just don't want to ride, we can always use volunteers for events.

We have a lot of new members and I look forward to meeting some of you at our July 17th meeting. Jon Hammond will be our guest speaker. Jon is always interesting and will be doing a visual presentation about our oak trees.

Stay cool (and hydrated)!

## Ride Report: Wine Ride

Saturday morning, June 16th, at 10 am, ten riders met in the parking area of the Equestrian Center for the Horsemen's ride to Triassic Winery. The parking lot was full of trucks and trailers as other equestrian groups tacked-up to engage in their many activities on that beautiful morning. We rode out on the Church Trail to Brian Place, then to Wild Canyon Trail and down Oat Slope to the Kordes Connector Trail, out to San Juan and on to Cummings Valley Trail. That route is a good warm up for the Cummings Valley Trail, which is challenging in places, every horse and rider did well.

The timing of our ride coincided with sheep grazing in Cummings Valley, so part of the original route to Roost Road was not accessible. With the help of Tracy Donahue and Linda Gahagan, who arranged passage for us with their backdoor neighbors, we were able to get to the Winery using a road on private property just outside of BVS. Thank you Linda and Tracy.

The folks at Triassic Winery are terrific, welcoming and accommodating. They have provided tie rails and a large water trough for thirsty horses. I had ordered pizza from town which was delivered right on time and the winery made their comfy patio available to us and the ten husbands and friends who joined us at the winery.

It was another beautiful ride experience in BVS; good people, good horses, delicious pizza and fabulous wine in a gorgeous setting. We are so fortunate to call this home.



## July 17th is our next Horsemen's Meeting.

**6:30pm coffee and dessert.** Come and socialize with fellow members before our guest speaker. Jon Hammond, who is an engaging speaker, will talk about the "Iconic Oaks: the trees that define our landscape." You won't want to miss his presentation.

The business portion of our meeting will begin after the speaker.

Meeting Set-up Volunteers:

If you would like to assist with the set-up of tables and chairs arrive at 6:00pm. We really appreciate the help!

Guest Speaker  
Jon Hammond

Jon Hammond's topic: "Iconic Oaks: the trees that define our landscape."

# Calendar of Events

**Sept 9** - Play Day Challenge

**Oct 13** - Trail Trial

(Watch your email and future newsletters for event specific details.)

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

### Mark your calendars:

Meetings are held at the Equestrian Center Lounge, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

**July 17**

**August 21**

**September 18**

**October 16** - Nominating committee for officer positions appointed.

**November 20** - Annual Election of officers.

**December 15** - Christmas Party at the Oaks Country Club - 2019 officers installed.

Sat. June 21st  
Water Canyon  
Loop Ride



**Joan Howard, 2nd Vice President**

## Ride Schedule

The following ride schedule for 2018 is a proposed schedule and subject to change, however, I will make every effort to keep to the schedule so you can make your plans to participate. Ride details will be announced at meetings prior to the ride, via email and newsletter, contact information for the ride leader will also be available.

### Coming Up:

## July 21st Ride: Water Canyon Loop Ride

The next Horsemen ride will be Saturday, July 21st, on the trails above Water Canyon. The plan is to trailer to Water Canyon Campground and ride the loop trails out of the campground, returning for a brown bag lunch at the trailers. We will meet in the Equestrian Center parking lot at 9 AM and pool our transportation to the campground, this will cut down on the number of rigs trying to park in the campground. Some hardy folks may choose to ride the whole way.

Mark your calendars and watch your email for more information as we get closer to the date.

**August 25th, Saturday** - Sycamore Canyon Trail.

**September 22nd, Saturday** - Progressive Dinner ride, Valley Floor Trail to 3 destinations.

**October, November & December** - TBA

## "Rides With Friends"

Join us on Tuesday, July 24th. Because of the heat we will ride out at 9 AM from the Eq. Center parking lot. This is an informal group ride and everyone is welcome. It is an excellent opportunity for new people to get familiar with the trails and meet other riders. We decide where we are riding and who will lead when we get there, and it's just for fun.

# Lessons on the Job

By Pam Miller

People and horses have something in common. Both believe the grass is always greener on the other side. I've noticed that when I bring in a wheelbarrow full of the same kind of hay that horses already have in their hay bin, they still want to push me to get to the "new" hay.

I see that tendency in myself. I may have a fine-running car but somehow I think a new one will make me happier. This feeling of never having quite enough, of thinking that something in the future will make me happy is a life long experience.

It's taken me all these years, but I finally have begun to suspect that the present is actually enough, that the present holds all the happiness I will ever have or need.

Now, how do I convince them that they won't be any happier with the new hay than they are with the old hay? Actually maybe I don't need to worry about them.

Could it be that horses, like the one in the picture, don't think like I do? Maybe they are in the present, with no thoughts, and for them it is just more grass, or hay, to enjoy. So, here could be a difference between people and horses.



Maybe horses can enjoy the present while seeing the lush new grass over there, whereas I, see it and my thoughts get in the way of just enjoying it. I begin thinking the new grass will make me happy. The next thought is, I NEED the grass to make me happy. So now, if I can't have the grass I am unhappy. It's clear that my

thoughts are what get in the way of just enjoying what I see or have in the present. Hum, nice lesson for me.

## Spotlight on new 2018 Members

### Welcome One and All!

#### New member Lynnette Rodman.

Lynnette moved here, three years ago in October, from Bakersfield with her husband Chris and son Ashton. She has five-year-old quarter horse named Romance and her husband and son share an Appy named Trigger. She previously competed in English in junior high and high school but just started riding again five years ago and mostly rides Western and just for pleasure.



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# Treasurer's Report

BVSHA Treasurer's Report  
Year to Date June 30, 2018

2017 Ending Balance	\$7,181.60
2018 Income/Expense in 2017 Ending Balance	(\$1,615.00)
2017 bill paid in 2018	(\$111.28)
2018 Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,455.32</u>

**General Income/Expenses**

Membership 2018	\$2,375.00
Ads 2018	\$1,100.00
Misc Income 2018	\$5.00
Open House income	\$270.00
Vest and Sweatshirt Income	\$650.00

Christmas Dinner 2018 - Deposit	(\$100.00)
Insurance	(\$180.00)
Meeting - Food, Drinks & Supplies	(\$273.12)
Membership Directory	(\$487.41)
Newsletters	(\$311.28)
Office/Bank Supplies	(\$25.52)
Open House expense	(\$168.54)
PO Box Expense	(\$135.00)
Prizes for Horsemen's Events	(\$158.28)
Projector	(\$503.95)
Rides - Food, Drinks & Supplies	(\$172.51)
Tables for Equestrian Center	(\$188.58)
Vests and Sweatshirts Expense	(\$710.05)
Total General Income/Expenses	<u>\$990.76</u>

Checking Account Balance June 30, 2018	<u>\$6,446.88</u>
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Bank Balance in Checking	\$6,446.88
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Balance in Checking Account	<u>\$6,446.88</u>

Total Savings Account	\$17,539.56
Total Checking Account	\$6,446.88
Total Funds	<u>\$23,986.44</u>



# General Meeting Minutes May 15, 2018

Note: 7:00pm start time (Wine and Cheese night)

**A. Call to Order (7:00PM)**

**B. Guest Speaker:**

Mike and Romelle Kemp. Slide presentation "Out of Africa". The Kemp's presented an informational and lively presentation of a previous trips to numerous countries in Africa. A large group attended that evening.

**C. Approvals:**

Agenda and Financial Report – approved. Minutes, approved.

**D. Reports:**

**EAC:**

Joan provided an update on the recent EAC meeting and reported the Equestrian Center is doing well. A new mower was purchased and the upper and lower meadow was cleared. There are still areas that need to be weed- whacked, but there was no new information as to when this will occur. There is funding for two additional trail crew members. "Fire House" trail: Joan reported they are still working on getting this trail designated. The owner of the property where the trail is located has the property on the market and is not interested. The original arrangement regarding this trail was with the previous owner. Bob Howard reported a letter was sent to the Association. Joan also reported a new BVS Trail Map was created, using a "matrix" numbering system. Everyone was reminded about snakes on the trail; they like to lie under logs, trees, rocks and in the brush. Mike Kemp spoke briefly about the trails and requested volunteers to help weed-whack.

**1st Vice President:**

Peggy updated everyone on the Trail Challenge that was scheduled for June 23rd. She reported there were not enough sign-ups for it to be feasible and announced at the meeting the event was

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## Meeting Minutes, continued...

canceled. Lots of advertising was done on various media and social networks, and based on comments from various members at the meeting, some would prefer more clinics and not necessarily competitions. The wine ride was a success with pizza provided to everyone by the club.

### **E. Trail Trial**

Romelle Kemp announced the upcoming BVS Trail Trial, tentatively scheduled for October 13th, however that date may change due to scheduling conflicts. [It has been changed to November 17th.] The manner in which the riders will proceed will be different this time, with all riders starting at the same time with each group (maximum 3 riders) starting at a different obstacle. This will help avoid the

long wait time that occurred last year and will insure everyone finishing at around the same time. There is a \$35.00 entry fee which includes a barbecue lunch and prizes for the five top competitors. Volunteers are needed and will receive a complimentary lunch. Please contact Romelle or Mike Kemp at 661 917-2034 or 661-878-5032.

### **F. New Business:**

July Meeting Speaker will be Jon Hammond who will give a presentation titled, "Iconic Oaks: the trees that define our landscape."

Next meeting is July 17th. Dessert Peggy Bergman-Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

# **BVSHA Annual Turkey Trail Trial**



**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Equestrian Center**

**Poultry Prizes for the Top Five Competitors**

**All Competitors and Volunteers will be Eligible for a Drawing for Tractor Supply Gift Cards/\$75, \$50, \$25**

**Ride Out at 10:00 Sharp**

**10 Obstacles — Shotgun Start — All Riders Will Start and Finish at the Same Time with Each Group Starting at a Different Obstacle**

**Maximum of 3 Riders Per Group — Participants Can Choose Their Group or Go in an Assigned Group**

**Riders of All Ages Welcome**

**Deadline to Reserve Your Spot is Friday, November 9, 2018**

**Limited to Thirty Entrants**

**Volunteer as a Worker (Includes a Complimentary Lunch)**

