

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



## APRIL 2017

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**Vacant**

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### Next Meeting

Tuesday, 18th 7:00pm

Speaker: Rosemary Evans

"Thunderpaws" She will speak on Leadership with Dogs and in Life.

### News & Articles Deadline, April 21st

Send news & articles to Pam Miller at [pambvsprings@gmail.com](mailto:pambvsprings@gmail.com) or call at 203-5725.

**Joan Howard, President**

## President's Message

Now that the days are warming and temperatures more pleasant most of us are riding and getting reacquainted with our beautiful trails and all the reasons we moved here. The horses are, however, still hairy in their winter coats and the slightest bit of exercise generates a foamy sweat. The accumulated dirt, sweat and slobber can put our tack through a lot of abuse.

Most of us have invested a significant amount of money in our tack and with a little care and attention it will last a life time.

Some gear is easy to keep clean; halters, lead ropes, blankets and bits are mostly wash and wear. Leather saddles, bridles and breast collars require more effort. The occasional thorough cleaning is a good start to increasing the longevity of your tack. When you do commit the time to a thorough cleaning you will need to unbuckle every buckle and get into every crease, fold and surface of your tack. Be sure to clean the parts of your tack that are under pressure during use or where sweat and saliva may collect. Start by wiping any excess dirt from the surface of the leather, then with a damp, not wet, sponge, cloth, or soft brush work soap into the leather. Before the leather is fully dry condition it with a leather conditioner or leather oil to keep it supple and prevent it from drying and cracking. Caution: overuse of conditioner and oil can attract dirt and weaken stitching causing it to become flimsy and unsafe. A thorough cleaning is also a good time to check your tack for problems

Daily care will save you time and effort when you do attempt a major cleaning. After you ride and remove the horse's bridle wipe off the bit with a clean cloth, and if the horse has worked up a sweat, wipe any part of the tack that has made contact with the horse's body, usually girths and cinches. Removing sweat, foam and mud after every use prevents the salt and mud from pulling precious moisture out of the leather

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## President's Message, continued...

Leather is skin and just like our own skin it is effected by humid and arid conditions. We have an arid environment and thus our tack tends to dry out and become brittle and cracked. In humid environments the problem for leather tack is mold and mildew. Leather tack can also be attractive to rodents when food sources are scarce so try to secure your tack storage from these unwanted visitors.

There is a wealth of information about cleaning and conditioning leather on the internet and many products are available in catalogs, as well as, a few local stores.

I look forward to seeing many of you out on the trails.



## Monthly Trail Ride

**April Ride** – Judy Walsh will lead a desert ride. Watch your email for the ride date and details of the ride or call Judy at 661-821-1615.

**May Ride** – Gabby Roth will lead a ride on Sheep Trail. Watch your email for ride date and details of the ride.

**June Ride** – Will be a pancake breakfast ride to Water Canyon. Volunteers are needed to assist with breakfast.

### Ride Leaders Wanted –

We need ride leaders for the remaining months of 2017. Call Joan to let her know you would like to lead a ride.

Kim Cohagan, for Peggy Bergman-Smith, Secretary

## General Meeting Minutes of March 21

### Call to order

### Flag Salute

### Approvals:

1. Agenda – approved by Bob, 2nd Kim
2. Minutes - February 21, 2017 meeting – approved by Bob, 2nd Romelle
3. Financial report – approved by Bob, 2nd Kim

### Reports:

**1. EAC** - Mike Kemp provided the EAC report. The Equestrian Center budget is 5k ahead. There are plans in the works for the trap hay wall to be replaced with a solid wall. Weed whacking personnel will be added to help control the weeds this year. Work will be done on Church Trail to correct the drainage problem. Church Trail homeowner fence encroachment – Feb 28 was the date by which all fences were to be moved. Once all homeowners comply, the Church Trail will be wider. The mare motel is being repaired. Currently there are only 4 stalls available. Get your reservations in early. A roof for the round pen is being researched by Randi. They are looking for donations to cover the cost of material and the labor for installation. As long as the weather allows, work on restoring the Oak Canyon trail will begin in early April. Watch your email for community work party volunteers. Hopefully the trail will be open at the end of May.

**2. Secretary** - Peggy Bergman-Smith No report. Absent from the meeting.

**3. Treasurer** - Kim Cohagan At the January Board meeting, it was approved to move funds from the checking account to the savings account.

**4. 1st VP** - Debbie Humphreys Mule Show dates are August 4, 5, 6. The Premium has been approved by the AMA. Most of the awards have been ordered

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## Secretary's Report, continued...

there are only a few that are before the committee for approval. A few new classes have been added this year (a packing class and 8 horse events). Debbie brought a motion to the floor for the BVSHA to purchase a package of 8 sets of jumps for \$2,550.00, which the BVSHA will own. The motion was 2nd by Linda. There was a call for a vote. The purchase of the jumps was approved.

**5. 2nd VP** – The first ride of the season was March 18, led by Joan Howard. 12 people had a good time on the ride. The ride ended at the Equestrian Center with a brown bag lunch. April Ride – Judy Walsh will lead a desert ride. Watch your email for the ride date and details of the ride. May Ride – Gabby Roth will lead a ride on Sheep Trail. Watch your email for ride date and details of the ride. June Ride – Will be a pancake breakfast ride to Water Canyon. Volunteers are needed to assist with breakfast. We need ride leaders for the remaining months of 2017.

**6. Trail Crew** – They are working diligently to get the trails accessible for riding.

### E. New Business:

1. The BVSA recognized our club status. This is a procedure that happens each year.

### F. Old Business:

1. Equestrian Center Open House, June 4th, noon to 4 PM

### G. Adjourn Next meeting Tuesday, April 18, 2017



Kim Cohagan, Treasurer

# Treasurer's Report

## Year to Date March 31, 2017

<b>Checking Account Balance 2016</b>	<b>\$16,697.62</b>
<b>2017 Income/Expense Received in 2016</b>	
Membership income	(\$1,000.00)
Ads	(\$165.00)
2017 PO Box (2017 expense in 2016)	\$130.00
<b>2017 Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$15,662.62</b>
<b>2017 Income/Expense</b>	
<b>General Income</b>	
Membership (Includes 2017 Received in 2016)	\$2,400.00
Ads (Includes 2017 Received in 2016)	\$825.00
Petty Cash deposited in checking	\$75.00
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	
AMA Application Fee	\$35.00
2017 Directory Printing	\$375.00
Holiday Dinner Deposit	\$100.00
Meeting supplies	\$85.86
Newsletters	\$471.64
PO Box Expense	\$130.00
BVSHA.com URL Fee	\$14.95
Shed and Teeter Totter repair	\$407.36
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,619.81</b>
<b>Net Income/Expense - General</b>	<b>\$1,680.19</b>
<b>Transfer to Savings Account</b>	<b>\$10,429.40</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance March 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$6,913.41</b>
<b>Bank Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$6,913.41</b>
<b>Outstanding Checks</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Balance in Checking Account</b>	<b>\$6,913.41</b>
<b>Total Savings Account</b>	<b>\$21,517.60</b>
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>\$6,913.41</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$28,431.01</b>





# Spotlight on Additions to Your Directory

**Marcia Harmon**  
4535 Barnard St.  
Unit B  
Simi Valley, CA 93063

**Chuck Green**  
23140 San Juan Dr.  
Tehachapi, CA 93561



## Please Join Us

The Horsemen's Association will be sponsoring a Trash Pickup Day on April 22, 2017 (Earth Day). We will pick up trash from our roads and trails.

Please meet at the Equestrian Center at 9:00, bring gloves, we have some grabbers, but if you have one, please bring it. Bags will be provided.

We will pick up trash for 2 1/2 - 3 hours and meet at the Mulligan Room afterwards for lunch.

## Protect Your Yard



If bobcats begin to appear in your neighborhood, you can take several precautions to discourage visits and protect pets:

Trim back excess vegetation that might otherwise provide cover.

Do not feed birds or other wildlife, which might attract bobcats.

Do not feed the bobcats.

Do not leave pet food or water outdoors.

Vaccinate your pets.

Keep pets indoors or in secure, protective cages or pens.

Consider a deterrent that generates electronic sounds that mimic the calls of bobcats' enemies, for instance, the hiss of a cougar.

Read more: <http://www.desertusa.com/animals/bobcat-control.html#ixzz4dP3Cr2dI>

## April Meeting Speaker

Our speaker for the club's general meeting on April 18th will be the well known owner of Thunder Paws Dog Training, Rosemary Evans. Before Rosemary moves from the Tehachapi area we will have the opportunity to hear her speak on what it means to be a leader of animals, as well as how those leadership qualities transfer to being a human leader. You won't want to miss this presentation!!

*When training your horse for competition, it must be immediately established, and in no uncertain terms, exactly who is in charge.*



## Play Day Pictures

