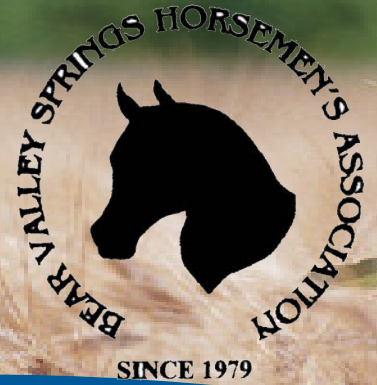


Bear Valley Springs  
*Horsemen's Association*  
*Newsletter*



## MAY 2018

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
7:00 Business Meeting  
Equestrian Center Lounge

## News & Articles Deadline, April 24th

Send news & articles to  
Pam Miller at  
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**Kim Cohagan, President**

## President's Message

Good riding weather and springtime have finally arrived! I hope everyone has been taking advantage of the beautiful weather and are out riding our 50+ miles of trails. Wildflower displays have been spotted up and down the mountain, but I understand the Cummings Valley Trail has a wonderful showing of wildflowers, along with some spectacular displays of California poppies along Oak Slope.

As many of you are aware, the BVS Association Board of Directors recently voted in favor of sanctioning a newly formed mountain bike club. Most experienced horsepersons know that horses and mountain bikes together on a trail system can be a dangerous mix, where horses and their riders are usually on the losing side of an equestrian/mountain bike surprise encounter. In Bear Valley Springs, we have an amenity rarely available anywhere nowadays, namely that of a trail system dedicated to equestrian and hiking use only. While the newly formed mountain bike club charter has promised to keep cycling activities totally separate from any equestrian trails, horse riders have already reported seeing bicycle tracks on several popular trails in the BVS trail system. If you encounter a bike on the trail call the Whiting Center for Park Security Officers (821-6641), Butch Bolterman, Equestrian Center Manager (821-3960), and call the police (821-3239). Report violators immediately, take pictures if possible, and note the location and time.

Per BVSCSD Code:

6-3-15: EQUESTRIAN TRAILS:

A. Prohibited Acts: It shall be unlawful for any person along or within the equestrian trails to do any of the following:

1. To operate a motorized vehicle or ride a bicycle.

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## President's Message...Continued from page 1...

As an equestrian community, we all need to be ever vigilant in protecting the use of the BVS trail system by equestrians and hikers only.

Part and parcel of that vigilance is by becoming actively involved in the Association and CSD management structure. There are seats coming open in December on both the Association and CSD Boards, and I am urgently asking our BVS Horsemen's Association members to consider running for these positions. Without equestrian viewpoints being actively represented in our governing bodies, we stand the risk of being marginalized and shut out of the very things that make our beautiful community so unique in all of California! Please, do investigate the opportunities to serve your community and get involved!

See you on the trails!



## Spotlight on new 2018 Members

### **Vivette & Donald Lund**

26100 Columbia Way  
Cell 909-518-2939

Vivette and Donald Lund moved here in December from Chino Hills. Both are retired, and have been married 45 years. Vivette started riding when she was 10 years old. Recently lost her beloved quarter horse "Rusty." She and her husband are in the process of preparing their property for a future horse. She and her husband are thrilled to live here and are very happy.

## **Welcome Vivette & Donald!**

## Italian Themed Potluck

Our next meeting on Tuesday, May 15, will feature an Italian Themed Potluck. Bring your favorite Italian dish to share. If you want something other than coffee or water to enjoy with your Italian dinner, bring your own beverage of choice.

The Potluck will begin at 6:30pm followed by our regular meeting at 7:00pm. The club will provide plates and utensils.

If you are bringing a dish, please arrive a little before 6:30pm to set it up. We hope to see you there!

### Meeting Set-up Volunteers:

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

## Guest Speaker

Jim Ingersoll is our guest speaker for the May meeting.

Jim's presentation will address hoof issues and how to handle them.

I'm sure we will all learn something from his presentation. Be sure not to miss it!

# Calendar of Events

- May 20** – Clinic for Arena Trail Challenge Instructors, Linda Bryant & Erika Underwood.
- June 3** – Equestrian Center Open House
- June 9** – Clinic for Arena Trail Challenge Instructor, Linda Bryant
- June 23** – Arena Trail Challenge Event
- 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.

- May 15**
- June 19**
- 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

## Sat. May 19th Wildflower Ride.

We will meet in the Equestrian Center parking area; be in the saddle and ready to ride out at 10AM.

Bring your own lunch and a chair to sit a spell afterwards and visit with friends.

**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.

### **May 19th, Saturday** - Wildflower Ride.

The poppies are beginning to wake up, and so it is a good time to ride the Cummings Valley Trail which traditionally has had the most spectacular show of wildflowers. We will meet in the Equestrian Center parking area; be in the saddle and ready to ride out at 10am. Bring your own lunch and a chair to sit a spell afterwards and visit with friends.

**June 16th, Saturday** - Wine ride via Cummings Valley Trail.

**July 21st, Saturday** - High Country Loop trails.

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

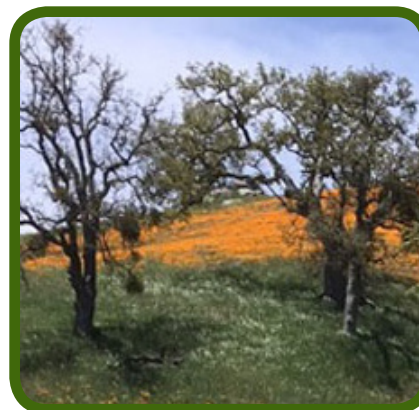
**September 22nd, Saturday** - Progressive Dinner ride, Valley Floor Trail to 3 destinations.

**October** - TBA

**November** - TBA

**December** - TBA

If anyone has comments or suggestions please contact me. [bvshoward@hotmail.com](mailto:bvshoward@hotmail.com)



**Wildflower Ride  
Saturday,  
May 19.**

## "Rides With Friends" Is Back!

These rides are informal, not club sponsored, and whoever wants to come and ride may do so. The trail we ride is decided at the time and anyone may lead the ride. Our first ride will be Thursday, May 10th, meet in the Eq. Center parking area at 10am ready to ride out.



## Ride Report: Poker Ride

Poker Ride Saturday, the 21st of April, was a beautiful Bear Valley Springs morning. Driving to the Equestrian Center with my truck and trailer I passed the ball field where kids were out on the field and parents lined the sides watching the game. The golf course was busy with players standing at the tees. The Equestrian Center was jumping with activity as several other clubs held clinics and events with their members and horses. It was the kind of day when you have to look around and think, 'this is truly a unique community and I am so fortunate to call it home'.



Eleven riders signed-up, paid \$10 and drew a first card for their poker hand; a few brave persons bought an extra poker hand for an additional \$10. We divided into two groups and rode out of the Equestrian Center towards the Foothill Trail.

Along the trail we met four volunteers at various stops to draw another card. The four stops were: Bob Howard at the Foothill trailhead, Kim Cohagan, the second stop at the top of Coyote Court, Vince Rondone near the Church Trail and again Bob Howard in the Equestrian Campground.



We returned to the Equestrian Center parking lot and our trailers for a brown bag lunch while Kathy Underwood, the resident poker expert, checked poker hands. I was winning for a short time with a pair of 7's, but Karie Brown, a new member, shellacked us all and turned in an ace high straight and collected the pot of \$160.

A good time was had by all, particularly Karie, and we all sat around afterwards visiting with our friends enjoying the beautiful day. The riders were Gaby Roth, Ingrid Lindquist, Irene Williams, Jim Ingersoll, Kathy Underwood, Susan Mustaffa, Tracey Donahue, Terry Zambrana (visiting friend of Tracey's) Karen Meyer, and of course the lucky winner, Karie Brown.

# Treasurer's Report

Year to Date April 30, 2018

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

**General Income/Expenses**

Membership 2018	\$2,300.00
Ads 2018	\$1,100.00
Misc Income 2018	\$5.00
Christmas Dinner 2018 - Deposit	(\$100.00)
Insurance	(\$180.00)
Meeting - Food, Drinks & Supplies	(\$186.68)
Membership Directory	(\$487.41)
Newsletters	(\$311.28)
Office/Bank Supplies	(\$25.52)
PO Box Expense	(\$135.00)
Projector	(\$503.95)
Rides - Food, Drinks & Supplies	(\$105.69)
Tables for Equestrian Center	(\$186.59)

**Total General Income/Expenses** **\$1,182.88**

**Checking Account Balance April 30, 2018** **\$6,638.20**

**Bank Balance in Checking** **\$6,818.20**  
**Outstanding Checks** **(\$180.00)**  
**Balance in Checking Account** **\$6,638.20**

**Total Savings Account** **\$17,535.19**  
**Total Checking Account** **\$6,638.20**  
**Total Funds** **\$24,173.39**



# Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

Note: 6:30pm start time for coffee and dessert

Meeting called to Order (7:00pm) by Kim Cohagan, President. She lead us in the flag salute.

**Guest Speaker:** Kathy Burns. Slide show presentation and accompanying narrative of Kathy's 2013 – 2014 13 month journey across America. She took two horses, one dog and one cat and her goal was to camp and ride in each state. Made it to 43 states and took over 6000 pictures.

**Approvals:**

1. Agenda and Financial Report – approved by Kathy Underwood and 2nd by members.
2. Minutes – (No meeting in March)

**Reports:**

1. EAC – Joan Howard reported the Mountain Bike Trail Club was voted in by the board as a recognized club in Bear Valley. The vote was 3 for the club and 2 against. Their mission statement and intent is to establish trails exclusively for mountain bikes. However, the consensus appears there will be potential problems in creating these new trails. Also discussed was the concern that these bicyclists are going to want to ride on the equestrian trails, which appears is already happening as evidenced by multiple bike tire tracks on Oak Slope, Church Trail and Wild Canyon. Joan also talked about the Emergency Rule Change, effective immediately regarding motorized vehicles (including bicycles) on the horseback riding trails. California state law prohibits motorized vehicles and bicycles on riding and hiking trails. A violation may result in a fine up to \$1000.00 for any single occurrence to any member, a member's family, guests, employees, invitees, licensees or tenants. There will be a 30 day public comment opportunity and a vote will take place in May, to make this a permanent rule. It was suggested anyone seen violating this rule, to take pictures, note the location and direction of travel and to call Matt at the Whiting Center. Joan advised to contact Butch for any trail repairs needed.



## Minutes Continued...

2. 1st VP – Peggy Bergman Smith – Discussed upcoming Open House (6-3-2018) and the Arena Trail Challenge (6-23-2018). For those participating in this event, there will be two practice dates, 5-26 and 6-9.

### New Business

1. The new membership directories were mailed out and distributed to all members.
2. Poker Ride was held on 4-21-2018. The day was perfect with 12 riders, with the winner taking home more than \$100.00. Chips, salsa and margaritas were available after the ride.
3. Bob Howard spoke to the members about the preservation of our equestrian trails and stressed “eternal vigilance” regarding their condition, those violating the no vehicles rule and to “get out and ride.” We also need to keep the awareness up of these issues and politely educate others about this rule. One new resident at the meeting was unaware of the no bicycles on trails and stated she has been telling her grandchildren it’s ok to ride their bicycles on the horse trails.
4. It was brought up that there were new homeowners to Bear Valley but many not joining the numerous horse clubs. The Association is planning on creating a pamphlet to hand out with information regarding the horse clubs.

### Continuing Business

1. Dessert signup for September meeting is MaryAnn Moore.

**Adjourn 8:30 pm. Next meeting, May 15th.**



## Upcoming Events

The Horsemen’s Association is putting on some fun events this spring and summer for all ages and riding abilities!

### **May 20th will be the first Trail Challenge Clinic.**

Come out from 10 - 12 to the Equestrian Center main arena to practice five obstacles that will be part of the Trail Challenge Competition in June. Linda Bryant and Erika Underwood will be there to help you with any challenges you and your horse might have.

### **June 3rd is the Equestrian Center Open House.**

This will be held on the patio of the Equestrian Center Lounge from 11am to 1pm. Come see what our many horse clubs have to offer. A free hotdog lunch will be provided. There also will be a used tack sale. If you have tack to sell and wish to purchase a 10’x10’ space, which includes a table, the cost is \$10.00. Sell your horsey stuff you are no longer using and make some extra cash.

### **June 9 will be the second Trail Challenge Clinic.**

10 - 12 at the Equestrian Center main arena. This practice will have four different obstacles that will be part of the Trail Challenge in June. There will be help available to you on any obstacles which you and your horse are having difficulty.

### **June 23 will be the First Horsemen’s Arena Trail Challenge.**

This will be an all-day event featuring 10 obstacles. It will be held in the Equestrian Center main arena. We will have two judges (5 obstacles each), prizes for first – third place.

The event is limited to 40 participants. \$40.00 entry fee (no refunds). Lunch is included in your entry. Come have a day of fun with your horse and horse friends. Watch your email for the event flyer.

**For information on any of these events or to reserve a table for the tack sale, call Peggy Bergman-Smith at 661-331-4995 or email [bvsrider04@yahoo.com](mailto:bvsrider04@yahoo.com) or contact any Board Member listed at the beginning of the newsletter.**

