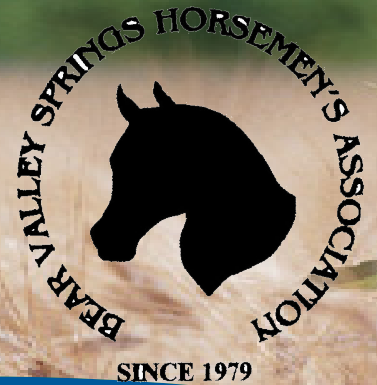


Bear Valley Springs
Horsemen's Association
Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2018

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018

7:00pm Business Meeting

Place: Equestrian Center Lounge

News & Articles

Deadline, September 25th

Send news & articles to

Pam Miller at

pambvsprings@gmail.com

or call at 661-203-5725

Peggy Bergman Smith President

President's Message

A few dates of planned events have been changed. Our Turkey Trail Trial is November 17th - a ways away but don't forget to enter! Our Play Day Challenge has been moved to October 27th and we have made some changes to how this event will be run. For the first time it is open to all ages, all riding styles. We're also going to have a Halloween costume contest - with prizes - for your horse, rider or both! Included will be barrels, poles, keyhole and a mystery event. We will have two practice times in October. Teams of four will be drawn the day of the challenge. We need some young blood to help out us senior riders. Pony Club, and Buckaroo play day kids - we need you! And don't forget your costumes! We will have a Tri-tip BBQ at the campground after the Play Day Challenge. Bring a side dish or dessert and join us.

Our Progressive Dinner Ride is Saturday, September 29th. It was moved so not to conflict with the Sensory Clinic put on by the Buckaroos. I highly recommend this clinic. I was in it two years ago. It was educational and a lot of fun.

Fall is definitely in the air. Cooler days and nights, but living here as long as I have, I'm sure our hot weather hasn't given up quite yet. So get your ponies out and ride before either hotter weather or winter gets here.

Don't forget our September 18th meeting which will provide an opportunity to sign up for our Progressive Dinner Ride. The Progressive Dinner Ride is limited to 20 riders and one guest per rider. \$10 per rider and guest. Hope to see you at every event!

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 29th** Progressive Dinner
 - Oct. 27th** Play Day Challenge
 - Nov. 17th** 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.

- Sept. 18** General business meeting
- Oct. 16** Nominating committee for officer positions appointed.
- Nov. 20** Annual Election of officers.
- Dec. 15** Christmas Party at the OTCC – 2019 officers installed.

Yay Trail Crew!

A word of praise for our Trail Crew. They have done an outstanding job for us. As you may also know, they are working short-handed and the intense heat and dry conditions have kept them from doing some of their normal jobs. Let's all be patient and grateful for this beautiful valley and the spectacular trails we enjoy.

We wish Bob Tebbe, a trail crew member, a speedy recovery from his accident.



Ride Report:

Friends Rides

We had two Friend Rides in August, and because of the hot temperatures we started earlier than usual. Several folks got up early and met at the Equestrian Center parking lot, we decided where to go and who would lead. One ride was out Oak Canyon and around the meadow coming back on Oat Slope and up Wild Canyon, the second was out the Church Trail to the Foothill Trail. These rides are very casual, easy and friendly, they are an opportunity for folks who may not be familiar with the trails or who have horses that haven't ridden in groups to get comfortable. As always there was a lot of chatter and laughter going on down the line.

I am hoping, weather permitting, to organize Friend Rides every month for the rest of the year. If anyone else would like to organize a ride just give folks a little notice via email or social media and I am sure people will show up. I will be there if I can.

September Ride

Our official Horsemen ride for September, is a Progressive Dinner Ride, on Saturday the 29th. The ride is limited to 20 riders and a non-riding guest, the cost is \$10 per person, there will be 3 stops: appetizers, dinner and dessert. We will ride out of the Equestrian Center promptly at 3 PM. The route is an easy loop around the valley, details will be announced at ride time. RSVP's are required and money must be received by Saturday, September 22nd in order to plan for food. Contact is Peggy Bergman-Smith, 661-331-4995 or respond and pay at the Horsemen meeting, Tuesday September 18th. Watch for a ride flyer with details and announcements in your email.

General Meeting Minutes August 21, 2018

7:00 pm start time

A. Call to Order (7:15 pm) Flag Salute

B. The August meeting was a salad potluck; however, due to the Association meeting (at the same time) regarding the decision on the Bike Club's Master Plan, we only had six members present.

C. Approvals: Agenda and Minutes were approved. Kathy Underwood was not present, so no Financial Report was given.

D. Reports: Joan Howard not present. Bob Howard did stop by after the association meeting to update us on the decision the board made of the Master Plan for bike paths. It was a unanimous decision against the plan.

E. New Business: Peggy handed out new equestrian trail maps. All the trails have been reclassified with a numbering system, 1 through 5, with a 5 rating as being the most difficult. Class 1 trails were broken down into 1a (bridle paths and trails in open meadows, wide with few obstacles and excellent visibility) and Class 1b (trails in a road right-of-way, shared with bicycles and foot traffic.) The trail descriptions on the new map are very detailed and the map is clear and large, 11" x 17". If in need of this new map, contact Peggy or the Equestrian Center.

F. Continuing Business: November 17th is a new date for the Turkey Trail Trial. A flyer for this event will be included in the next newsletter. The Play Day Challenge was changed to October 27th. The Play Day Challenge is open to all ages and is all about having fun. There will be 4 events: Barrels, Poles, Key-hole and the 4th is a Mystery Event. Teams of 4 will be drawn and prizes awarded. You can walk your horse through the obstacles, trot or canter. Following the event, there will be a Tri-tip BBQ, provided by our club. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and your choice of beverage. There will also be a Halloween costume contest. A prize will be given for the best/most inventive/hilarious costume for your horse. You don't have to participate in the Play Day Challenge to enter the costume contest. Come dressed up for Halloween yourself!

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date August 31, 2018

2017 Ending Balance	\$7,181.60	2018
Income/Expense in 2017		
Ending Balance		(\$1,615.00)
2017 bill paid in 2018		<u>(\$111.28)</u>
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	\$330.00
Trail Trial Entries	\$70.00
Vest and Sweatshirt Income	\$650.99

Christmas Dinner 2018 - Deposit	(\$100.00)
Insurance	(\$180.00)
Meeting - Food, Drinks & Supplies	(\$273.12)
Membership Directory	(\$487.41)
Mule Show Donation	(\$200.00)
Newsletters	(\$711.28)
Office/Bank Supplies	(\$25.52)
Open House expense	(\$168.54)
PO Box Expense	(\$135.00)
Prizes for Horsemens Events	(\$156.26)
Projector	(\$503.95)
Rides - Food, Drinks & Supplies	(\$172.51)
Tables for Equestrian Center	(\$186.59)
Vests and Sweatshirts Expense	(\$710.05)
Total General Income/Expenses	<u>\$520.76</u>

Checking Account Balance Aug. 31, '18 **\$5,976.08**

Bank Balance in Checking	\$5,976.08
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Balance in Checking Account	<u>\$5,976.08</u>

Total Savings Account	\$17,539.56
Total Checking Account	\$5,976.08
Total Funds	<u>\$23,515.64</u>

Meeting Minutes, continued...

The Progressive Dinner Ride is scheduled for September 29th, leaving from the Equestrian Center at 3:00. There will be 3 stops, one for appetizers, then dinner and dessert. Nice, easy, fun ride. Please RSVP with Peggy Smith (661-331-4995) by September 22nd if you plan on attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 18th.

Letter from Moshi

By Jane Savoie

Jane@JaneSavoie.com



You get more of whatever you think about. It's true! Anything you give your attention to, increases. That includes the bad stuff. This rule doesn't have an opinion about "good" or "bad." It just is.

You humans live in a "fix it" culture. You are trained to search for what's wrong. That's fine, if you're looking for a stone in my hoof or a burr embedded in my saddle pad. But when you focus on what's amiss with everything and everyone around you you can really mess up your life.

The best example of this rule causing trouble is in relationships. It doesn't matter if it is the relationship with your mate, your boss, your best friend, or your horse. If you spend more time looking for what's wrong with that person/horse or the relationship you have together than you do looking for and appreciating what's right, you will become out of sync with that person/horse until you will feel compelled to fight with them, or leave them. It's a rule. It will happen!

Riding is all about being in sync. As a horse, I feel Jan's body move to accommodate my movement, and my body moves to accommodate hers. She leads the dance, but we are in sync with each other. Because she rewards me when we are in sync, I want

to follow her lead even more. It feels good. Her attention to the "good" I do, makes me want to do more "good."

So, my advice is, concentrate on what you want more of. Ignore what you don't want more of. Don't give what you don't want any energy. This is such a simple rule, but one that, if applied all the time, will change your life.

What do you like best about your horse? Think about that as you ride today. I promise, you'll have a great ride.

Love, Moshi



New Date!
Bear Valley Horsemen's Association's
18th ANNUAL PLAY DAY
CHALLENGE

Saturday, October 27th - 1:00 at the main arena
Open to all Bear Valley sanctioned equestrian club members

Another year, another chance to show up, show off and just entertain the rest of us
Barrels, poles, keyhole & a ☐Mystery Event☐
Teams of four will be drawn at the event

New this year: ALL ages welcome!
This is a fun event ☐ all gaits welcome:
Walk, trot, lope & go for it!

 **Halloween Costume Contest!**
Dress up your horse and yourself
Prizes for best costumes!

Tri-tip bar-b-que at the campground after event
Bring a side dish or dessert and your beverage of choice

For more information, call Peggy 661-331-4995



BVSHA Annual Turkey Trail Trial



Saturday, November 17th 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

Experienced Riders of All Ages Welcome

Limited to Thirty Entrants

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

Volunteer as a Worker (Includes a Complimentary Lunch)

For Questions or More information Contact:

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Susan Mustaffa 661-538-0995 (svin@hughes.net)

Kathy Underwood 661-821-0122 (under.ka@att.net)

Romelle Kemp 661-917-2034 (romellekemp@att.net)



Name _____ email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

\$35 Entry Fee Includes Barbecue Lunch for Each Participant

\$10 Tie-Up Fee Per Horse for Non-Bear Valley Residents

Make Checks Payable to BVSHA / No Entries Accepted Without Payment

Mail to: BVSHA, 785 Tucker Rd., Suite G, PMB 255, Tehachapi, CA 93561

