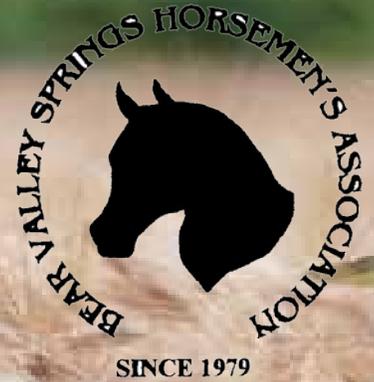


Bear Valley Springs
Horsemen's Association
Newsletter



JULY 2017

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Joan Howard, President

President's Message

Oak Canyon is open and rideable. It still needs some additional construction that will mitigate damage from heavy storm runoff in the future, but for now we can ride this very important connector trail. Also of note is, the hiking/riding trails have been worked on over the past several weeks by the trail crew, volunteers and equestrian center staff. The trails have been weed whacked, low hanging branches loped, water bars cleared, downed trees removed and culverts cleared or reset. Our trails are, in a word, spectacular. Thank you to all you people whose efforts have made this valley a trail riding paradise.

The Snake Guys, a snake guy and a snake gal, spoke to our members at the June meeting. Their presentation has been updated and revamped to include how you can make your property less appealing to snakes, what to do when you do have a snake and how you can help the Snake Guys/Gal when you call them. Most of us have heard the presentation in the past but it is always good to hear new information and be reminded of best practices. Thank you Mike Kemp and Debbie Swarens.

The Horsemen have some fun events coming up; the Pancake Breakfast Ride, Sunday, July 9th, we will ride out of the equestrian center at 9 AM to Water Canyon Campground where a delicious breakfast awaits us prepared by our always wonderful volunteers. In August, the Horse/Mule Show, August 4, 5 and 6, is always a grand event. There will be a trail course workday on Sunday July 30 starting at 9 am. Many hands will make for a short work day. Sunday, September 10th is the Playday and Saturday, November 4th, is the Trail Trial. So, be sure to watch your email for announcements of these and other activities you will want to know about.

Ride safe and see you on the trail,

Joan

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 Coffee & Dessert

7:00 Business Meeting

Equestrian Lounge

News & Articles Deadline, July 24th

Send news &
articles to Pam Miller at
pambvsprings@gmail.com
or call at 203-5725.

Monthly Trail Rides

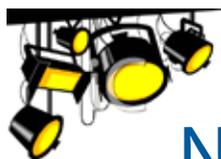
July Ride – Sunday, July 9th will be a pancake breakfast ride to Water Canyon. Meet at 9:00 A.M at the equestrian center. RSVP to Joan Howard, 661-821-1577.

Ride Leaders Wanted –

We need ride leaders for the remaining months of 2017. Call Joan Howard, 661-821-1577, to let her know you would like to lead a ride.

Trail Ride Report

The June Ribbon Cutting Ride, down the newly opened Canyon, was very nice. About 20 people showed to enjoy the ride and thank those who worked so hard to make it rideable again.



Spotlight on New Members

Membership Renewals not included in the directory:

Claudia Ames
410-963-0456
24550 Deertrail Dr.
airamescali@gmail.com

Sue and Vince Rondone
661-538-0995
26300 Oakflat Dr.
svin@hughes.net

Peggy Bergman-Smith, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes of June 20

Snake Guys started their presentation at 7:05, which was very interesting and informative as usual. They are catching lots of rattlesnakes this year and warned everyone to be especially careful.

Meeting called to order at 7:50. No agenda was sent out but a motion was made by Debby Swarens to approved the agenda, seconded by Bob Howard; all approved.

Minutes were printed in the last newsletter. A motion was made to approved the minutes by Sue Wonacott and seconded by Linda Bryant; all approved.

The financial statement was printed in last newsletter and motion to file was made by Judy Walsh, second by Bob Howard; all approved.

EAC Report

Mike Kemp and Kathy Carey gave the report. A discussion was held regarding the proposed covered 70-foot round pen for the equestrian center. The estimated cost would be \$85-90K. A vote was held with present members to report the BVSHA's response to the proposed pen. The vote was overwhelmingly "no" to the proposed round pen.

Introduction of new members Sue and Vince Rondone.

First Vice President Report

Debbie Humphreys reported that everything was ready for the August Mule and Horse Show. Some new classes have been added including Ranch Versatility. There will also be a mini donkey class for the first time. Linda Bryant will be designing the trail course for the show. The show committee reminded everyone that sponsorships are available for \$30.

2nd VP Report

Oak Canyon Trail Dedication and Grand Reopening Ride – Friday, 5:00 at the Equestrian Center. Ribbon cutting with champagne supplied by the club.

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Minutes continued...

Pancake Breakfast Ride

This ride is to be held Sunday, July 9th.
Ride out at 9:00 from the Equestrian Center.
RSVPs required.

Trail Crew Report

Oak Canyon Trail is done! Thanks to the trail crew and all the volunteers for the hard work. Right now all trails are rideable.

From the Floor

A request was made for a club donation to the Veteran's Memorial monument at Cub Lake. \$100 donation was suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Bergman-Smith
Secretary, BVSHA

Debbie Humphreys & Judy Walsh, Ist Vice Presidents

Ist Vice Presidents Report

The annual Mule/Horse Show, held at the Bear Valley Equestrian Center, will be August 4, 5, and 6, 2017. This show is sanctioned by the American Mule Association and brings many out-of-area participants, who compete for points in all the traditional classes, as well as Packing, Gymkhana, and Trail Course events. Horse class categories include English (Jumping and Flat classes), as well as Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, and Reining. There are also "fun" classes being added this year. For the first time, an Open Mini-Mule/Donkey class is also being offered.

Since horse and mini-donkey classes do not compete against the mules, no one needs to worry about being an amateur. We would like to encourage some of our local riders to participate. All participants may enter as many or as few classes as they wish.

Ist Vice Presidents Report, con't

There is a halter class for mini donkeys, as well as many riding classes for donkeys. There are flat english and jumping classes for horses. New this year are western pleasure, western ranch riding, and reining classes for horses. Please support these horse classes so we may continue to add more. We would love to add mini horses to the mix if interest is shown in the future.

For additional information, please refer to the Bear Valley Horsemen's Association web site: bvsha.com and select Mule & Horse Show at the top.

BVSA's Trails

by **Bob Howard**

Due to the past two years of precipitation, and especially last year's 25 plus inches of rain, Bear Valley's equestrian/hiking trails certainly took a beating. There was erosion along trails, flooding causing the disappearance of culverts and plenty of moisture added to the soil. This plentitude of moisture while of great benefit to Bear Valley's groundwater supply was also more than enough to keep both grass, shrubs and scrub vegetation growing long into summer. Because of all these natural occurrences some of our trails were not in a very user-friendly condition. On top of all that one of the most used trails of all, the Equestrian Center's main thoroughfare, Oak Canyon trail, was washed out for the third or fourth time in the last two decades. In reality, this should not be too unexpected as the Oak Canyon stream carries the runoff from precipitation covering an area bounded by Oakflat Drive, El Rancho Drive, the canyon that parallels Jacranda Drive and from the ridge above Jacaranda. This drainage area contributes a very large volume of flow that increases as storm intensity increases. Because of the storms we have had these past two winters, flood runoff was sufficient to cause significant erosion in Oak Canyon and as a consequence destroy much of the Oak Canyon trail. Much of the loose sediment in and around the stream channel was removed thus exposing vast areas of the granite bedrock that underlies most of Bear Valley. With all this exposed bedrock equestrian activity – the passage of horses and riders up to the Equestrian Center or down the canyon to many of the valley's other trails became quite impossible.

BVSA's Trails, con't...

In late Winter and early Spring an inventory was made of the valley's 55 miles of trails to get a feel for what needed to be done. In a meeting between the BVSA General Manager, Equestrian Center Manager and the Trail Crew's coordinators a list was presented that outlined the possible priorities for trail work. That priority list became the basis for the work that needed to be done on our trails. Because of the absolute necessity to repair the Oak Canyon trail it was given the highest priority for attention. At this meeting it was determined that Oak Canyon trail would be the BVSA Trail Crew's main effort.

With the Trail Crew focused on Oak Canyon it was decided that a group of volunteers under supervision of one of the coordinators would take over the remaining 54 or so miles of trails. Those who volunteered willingly gave up hours of their time to take up the task of spring trail renovation (filling in gullies and ruts in trails), maintenance (cleaning the water bars that help direct water off the trails), along with lopping and shrub and tree trimming on the valley's remaining (mostly single-track) trails. Weed wacking and mowing of trails is still underway and is being done by Equestrian Center staff (thanks to Butch, Luis, Austin and Colby).

Every trail rider and hiker in the valley needs to be aware of who our volunteers are so that they can show their appreciation to: Kathy Underwood, John Casdorff, Kim Cohagen, Stan Teliczan, Joan Howard, Gabby Roth, Kathy Carey, Sherrie Grace, Peter Betts, Rona McKay, Joni Hensche, Ingrid Linquist, Romelle Kemp, Mike Kemp, Inger Petterson, John Arthur, and Craig Swarens. Singled out here for special mention are Bernie and Diane Lunsford who along with Glenn Stanford operating heavy equipment, moved 80 wheel barrow loads of sand down the canyon to cover up the rocks and make the trail ultimately rideable. To all of the above mentioned all I can say is THANK YOU!!

The spirit of volunteerism is what makes Bear Valley Springs such a terrific place to live.

Kim Cohagan, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date May 31, 2017

2017 Beginning Balance	\$15,662.62
General Income/Expenses	
Membership	\$2,450.00
Ads (Includes 2017 Received in 2016)	\$950.00
Petty Cash deposited in checking	\$75.00
BVSHA.com URL Fee & Hosting	(\$122.35)
2017 Directory Printing	(\$375.00)
Holiday Dinner Deposit	(\$100.00)
Meeting supplies	(\$85.86)
Misc. Office Supplies	(\$99.92)
Newsletters	(\$471.64)
Open House Fund	(\$50.00)
PO Box Expense	(\$130.00)
Shed and Teeter Totter repair	(\$407.36)
Total General Income/Expenses	\$1,632.87
Mule Show Income/Expenses	
Sponsorships	\$400.00
AMA Application Fee	(\$35.00)
Awards	(\$1,991.01)
Jumps	(\$2,698.00)
Sponsorship Mailing	(\$130.97)
Total Mule Show Income/Expenses	(\$4,454.98)
Transfers to/from Savings Account	(\$6,429.40)
Checking Account Balance May 31, 2017	\$6,411.11
Bank Balance in Checking	\$6,592.08
Outstanding Checks	(\$180.97)
Balance in Checking Account	\$6,411.11
Total Savings Account	\$17,517.60
Total Checking Account	\$6,411.11
Total Funds	\$23,928.71



No Smoking
on Trails