



Building Trails Today For Tomorrow

February 2008 Newsletter

Bonita's Rootin' Tootin' Chili Cook-off

We have decided to enter this fun filled Bonita event to be held by the new library on April 27th. We need to pull together a team of happy chili cooks & booth decorators so we can win one of the cash prizes ranging from \$100-500! This would be a fun way help us restock the treasury after the 2 round pen expenses of 2007. Please call Cindy Halterman at 619-928-3279 if you can participate in any capacity, large or small.

Equestrian Bridge Mats

We just received notice from Ginger Stewart that the laying of the non-slip surface on the bridge has been completed. She says that there are still a few 'bugs' with the surface, but it is safe to ride.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ginger for all her hard work getting this project accomplished. I know there are others outside of our club to be thanked, and they will be later. This is for Ginger, you did it and we can't thank you enough!!

Changing of the Guards, of sorts

You may or may not have heard that Dean & Kathy Ziegler are moving to Nashville in April. Because of the need to care for her parents & wanting a horse property if they moved, Nashville became a great way to do it all in affordable style. Because of this, we will be shuffling the board around & adding new members to some of the positions. Volunteers?

New Member:

Please welcome our newest member Doug Cruger, who is a fantastic man on the computer, as well as on his horse & camera. He will be taking over as Webmaster and possibly flowing into the Publicity role as well.

Doug will post ride pictures as well as keep the site updated with events & weekly/monthly group rides you will want to participate in. You can contact Doug with info for the BonitaTrails.org website at dcruger@gmail.com. Because there are some riders that prefer a faster pace on rides & others that prefer a slower one, we will offer you the option on group rides. Doug loves to lead a fast ride!

Disaster Preparedness at the March 14th general membership meeting

DJ Gove & a team of disaster prep. related officers will be presenting valuable information for all horse owners. There will be a free raffle for all attendees of a first aid kit and fly masks, and who can't use new fly masks! Come to the Bonita Museum across from Von's on Bonita Rd at 7:00 & learn important info to be prepared next time we have a mass evacuation due to disasters in the area.

Trail Trial Results

What a fantastic success our first combined effort Trail Trial was with Chula Vista Mounted Patrol! BVH will net around \$1400 when all is said & done.

We know, we know, there were some things to improve upon, like all big events that are dependant on the generosity of volunteers, right? We needed more folks to help with the registration onslaught of post entries, we will do the bridge obstacle differently in the future so there isn't such a bottleneck, & maybe do the course a little less spread out so the day isn't quite so long. And we will make sure the food is portioned out so everyone gets their fair share. If you have other suggestions we are always open to them & appreciate your understanding & participation.

We will also add a space on the registration form to find out how you heard about it so we spend our advertising cost effectively. Doug spent his own money to distribute our flyers as far out as Temecula & it did draw, as well as the ads in the horse rags bringing folks from Orange County.

Other topics touched on for further future discussion –

- Growing the membership thru joining forces with other horse/trails clubs
- Repair of bridge by Insko's

Big winner=)

Sandy Gonzales was the big winner of our 50/50 drawing at the close of the fun February mtg.

Calendar

You can always go on www.BonitaTrails.net or the latest newsletter to find updated information about rides & meeting locations.

Board & Committee Leaders –

President: Dean Ziegler	475-4111
Vice President: Andrea Goyette	475-3500
Secretary: Kathy Ziegler	475-0077
Treasurer: Barbara Amalfitano	656-7840
Membership: Cindy Haltermann	928-3279
Trails Rep: Mark Kukuchek	472-0836
Mailings: Nancy Craig	427-3487
Sunshine: Bette Souza	997-6108
Historian: Sandy Gonzales	421-9483
Trails Advocate: Dean Ziegler	475-4111
Webmaster: Doug Cruger	916-8892
Bike Rep: John Carroll	656-1784

Bonita Valley Horsemen
P.O Box 1011
Bonita, CA 91908