



Trail Whispers

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Please Pardon Our Dust...

By Linda Eskin, Substitute Editor

This may be our shortest newsletter on record. I'm standing in for Nola, our regular editor, who is on a summer trip. I think I've found every possible way to run out of time this month, including truck repairs and e-mail trouble. So... Here goes the very short version:

The President's Message and Meeting Minutes, and most everything else, are on summer vacation, and will return next month.

This month's meeting will be at 7:00, Tuesday, June 24th, with a BBQ - potluck beforehand at 6:00, at Rosemary & Duane Bush's Frontier Town (see map on back), 619 443 2955.

There is a Cuyamaca Rancho State Park **Poker Ride** coming up on July 27th. According to Steve Randall, the camping usually sells out early, so get your reservations in ASAP. *Please see the attached flyer (a separate PDF file, for those who get the newsletter by e-mail) for more info.*

FHRC is having a **Tack & Bake Sale** at Miramar Stables on Saturday, July 26th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.. \$5.00 for FHRC Members to sell, \$10.00 for non members.

That's it for now! Get out and ride, help maintain or improve a trail, or participate in land-use planning to help maintain and expand equestrian access to trails.

Linda

(All complaints about this issue should be directed to me, dang it.)

PENASQUITOS CANYON RIDE May 2003

The day was a gorgeous with the temperature about 70f. By 10 AM there were 19 souls on their horses ready for a nice ride, which was exactly what Trail Boss Steve Randall lead us on.

We left the East trailhead of the Penasquitos Canyon Preserve and taking mostly the one-track trails, went to the Johnson/Taylor Adobe, where Steve told us some of the history of this old ranch house. Ranger Paul also spoke to us, telling us that horses were now welcome at the adobe; to tie up to the tie-rails and enjoy the old ranch site. When we were there was a 'Grange' function. With a bovine and an equine in adjoining pens, looked like the kids were having fun.

We continued up the north side of the canyon and crossed at Carson Crossing and returned, again mostly on the single-track trails. This park sees quite a bit of traffic on the weekends, however the single-track trails are not open to mountain bike traffic.

Upon returning to the trailhead and caring for our mounts we retired to the refreshment table for snacks (yum). Then began the poker game.

Steve dealt to four persons at a time and the winning hand was recorded. Then on to the next four. Each one that beat the last winner was recorded. At the end of the games Ardelle Smith of the San Diego Unit won the game and split the pot to the tune of \$63 (she donated back \$20, thanks Ardelle)! The other half of the pot bought the snack and soft drinks.

All had a good time! Nola



Trail Boss Steve Ranall at the Johnson/Taylor Adobe.

On the trail



Ranger Paul in front of the Ranch house



Ardelle is the winner!

BCHC - Caballeros del Sol Unit - Volunteer Work / Education Report

Participants:

Date(s)

Activity

Location

For Educational Events - Type of Audience

Notes (for newsletter or other reports):

Hours...

Hours spent working:

Travel time:

Vehicle mileage:

Power equipment hours:

Dollar value of materials:

Stock use...

How many riding animals?

How many pack animals?

Number of people doing...

Skilled labor*:

Trail work:

Education:

Public meeting:

**Skilled labor includes equipment operators (chain saw, tractor, etc.), packers, carpenters, etc.*

Mail completed form to:

Steve Randall,
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El Cajon, CA 92021

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CALENDAR 2003

BCHC sponsored activities are BOLD

Any BCHC activity may be attended by BCHC members from any unit, unless so noted. Call a board member for a contact phone number.

Other activities of interest are in italics (not sponsored by BCHC)

BCHC Caballeros del Sol Meetings:

Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month.,

General Meetings will be held quarterly with a special attraction, and Potluck or BBQ

Check the back of each newsletter for location and directions to the meetings.

Check the Calendar in the Newsletter. All are welcome.

May 31st

Penasquitos Membership drive and Poker ride. This will be our first insurance-free event, which means you can invite your guest to ride with us Trail Bosses: Steve and Mary Randall. Call to let them know how many are coming and if you can help!

June 24th

Meeting at Rosemary & Duane's

July 23rd

Meeting - Location TBA

August 23rd:

**Border Field Beach Ride
and BBQ.**

Hosts: Mike and Tauri Ellison.

We will be inviting the public and other units to join us to get away from the heat for a fun day at the beach

TRAIL TRIALS

Bonita Valley Horsemen is sponsoring a trail trial at Sweetwater Summit County Park on August 9.

Contact Ray or Diane at 619-470-3244
dimanfarm@cox.net

Oct 17 - 19, 2003

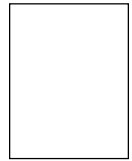
State Board Meeting

Santa Nella

March 11 - 14, 2004

Rendezvous - Santa Maria

Backcountry Horsemen of California
Caballeros del Sol Unit
P.O.Box 12311, El Cajon, CA 92022
(Return Address Requested)

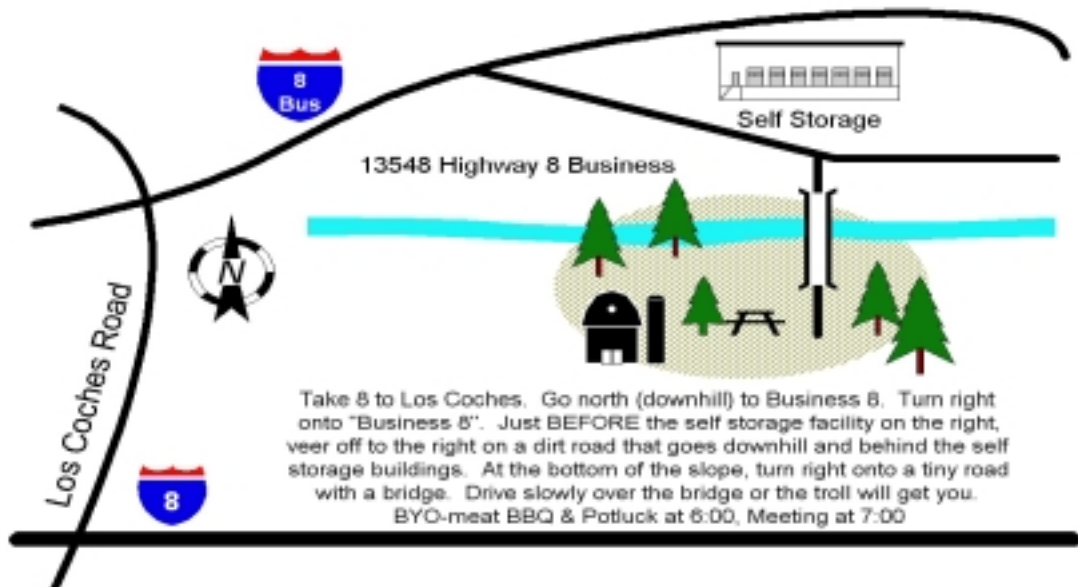


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