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### **President's Message.....**

Happy March everyone,

As we head into spring in another week we are always reminded of new beginnings. RCHA will be beginning a new chapter of leadership starting in April. I have served my term as President, and we are launching a different style of management. Going forward we will have an Executive Team approach where responsibilities are spread out over several categories so that we will have the ability to put focus on specific areas such as Trails, Rides, Events, Community Outreach, Membership etc... Many more details will be forthcoming as well as introductions to the new Team and Committee's that will be serving you going forward.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your President and to the fantastic board that has supported me through this time. I am really very excited about the momentum we have going with trails right now and see the future of RCHA offering you all so many more opportunities going forward. We had hoped to launch this change with our April 2<sup>nd</sup> ride and club meeting at Vail Lake Resort. Due to the EHV-1 virus we will be postponing this event until May. More details will be forthcoming on that.

I look forward to riding with many and seeing everyone at the May meeting. If you should require any assistance in the meantime, please continue to contact me.

Sherry Turner

RCHA President

# TRAIL OPENING CELEBRATION

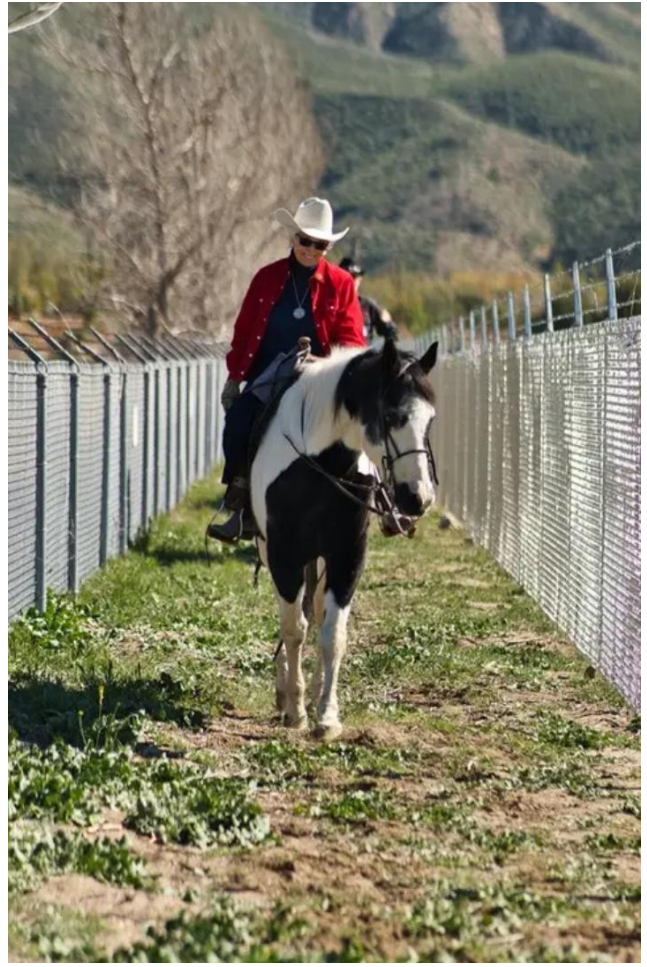
What a fantastic turnout we had for the connector trail opening celebration on Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>. After several years of task force meetings with board members from RCHA and TVRL along with Rancho Water employees, an agreement was able to be negotiated between TVRL and Rancho Water.

Thanks to previous donations to TVRL and especially the main financing for this project coming from Dan and Beverly Stephenson we were able to get this project done. Thank you, Ken Leach, for coordinating the final push to get the trail clearing and fencing completed. We were very grateful that Dan Stephenson and Pat Ommert were able to be the first to officially ride through and open this trail. There are many, many thanks for others involved that were expressed at the trail opening.

If you weren't able to be there, here are some links to on-line articles on the Temecula Patch <https://patch.com/california/temecula/equestrian-trail-opens-temecula-valley-wine-country> and Horseman's News <https://horsemansnews.com/new-horse-trail-opens-in-temecula-wine-country/> There were also several articles in the Valley Newspaper print addition. Thanks to many who submitted photos, here are a few photos from the event.







# TVRL Corner



## **Trail Opening Ceremony was a Great Event!**

Thank you to all of you who assembled at the new trailhead to help inaugurate the use of this critical segment between Valle de Los Caballos and Oak Mountain Rd. And, special thanks to Rancho Water District for leasing the trail to TVRL.

More segments to open soon. County support has been ramping up, in tune with support from our local community by way of donations. More good news is on the horizon!

## **Congratulations to RCHA Leadership!**

TVRL congratulates outgoing RCHA President, Sherry Turner, on the remarkable accomplishments the club has made with her leadership. Sherry has played a leadership role for over 17 years, first as “shadow Treasurer” supporting local legend Shirley Allen, then as full-fledged Treasurer, and for the last several years as President. We all thank her for her leadership. And we congratulate the new Executive Team! RCHA seems to have exciting momentum at the moment, and we look forward to the new Executive Team’s impact too! Onward!

## **A “Living Map”**

By popular demand, TVRL is working on an easier to use trails map, working with Riverside County Planning to create a digital map that will incorporate changes as they happen. Once again we thank local RCHA members Kerrie Tuley, Phyllis Sickles, Terri Conners, Lance Gregory, Glenn Leisure and others for riding various segments and analyzing their condition so that we can prioritize major and minor work, plus create a more accurate map.

## **Another Plea to “Use ‘em or Lose ‘em”**

Please help preserve key trails by getting out on them! Two important ones this month are: Keyways/Renzoni Trail from Pauba Road to the picnic area at Robert Renzoni Vineyards. We have 5 hitching rails at that gorgeous picnic area, AND WE DO NOT WANT THEM TO TURN INTO A PARKING LOT. Please schedule rides with your buddies and picnic up there. And, let the staff know you’re doing it, so they recognize how much we care about that route.

Also, please ride from Anza Rd to Calle Contento along the back side of Carter Estates. The rental company is on that corner, but we need to show the winery that individual horse owners need that back trail for connectivity, to ride all the way from Wilson Creek to the wineries on Calle Contento.

## **Happy Trails!**

## **TVRL Officers and Directors**

Gil Pankonin (President), Lance Gregory (Vice-President), Margaret Rich (Treasurer), Kerri Graham (Secretary), Lorraine Harrington, Mark Matson, and Dan Stephenson



At the trail opening celebration we also presented the following  
"Friends of RCHA award" for 2021 to Rancho Water



*thanks*



**Rancho California  
Water District**

*For enabling access to Vail Lake Resort  
and helping preserve equestrian trails in*

*Valle de Los Caballos*

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2021**

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

## Recommended Caution for California Equine Events

March 3, 2022

Dear Equine Event Coordinators and Participants:

Equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM) has been detected in multiple horses in several counties in California. If not controlled, it can have significant consequences to the horse industry, infecting thousands of horses due to the extensive mixing of horses at statewide, national, and international horse events.

Equine herpesvirus causes respiratory disease, abortion, neonatal death, and the neurological disease known as EHM. It spreads in aerosolized secretions, by direct contact, and by contact with surfaces containing infected secretions. Shedding of the virus generally occurs for 7-10 days.

**To reduce disease spread, the California State Veterinarian recommends that all hunter/jumper events (the most affected group) be postponed for the next 28 days, all equine events be postponed for the next 14 days, and all non-essential horse movements postponed for at least 14 days.**

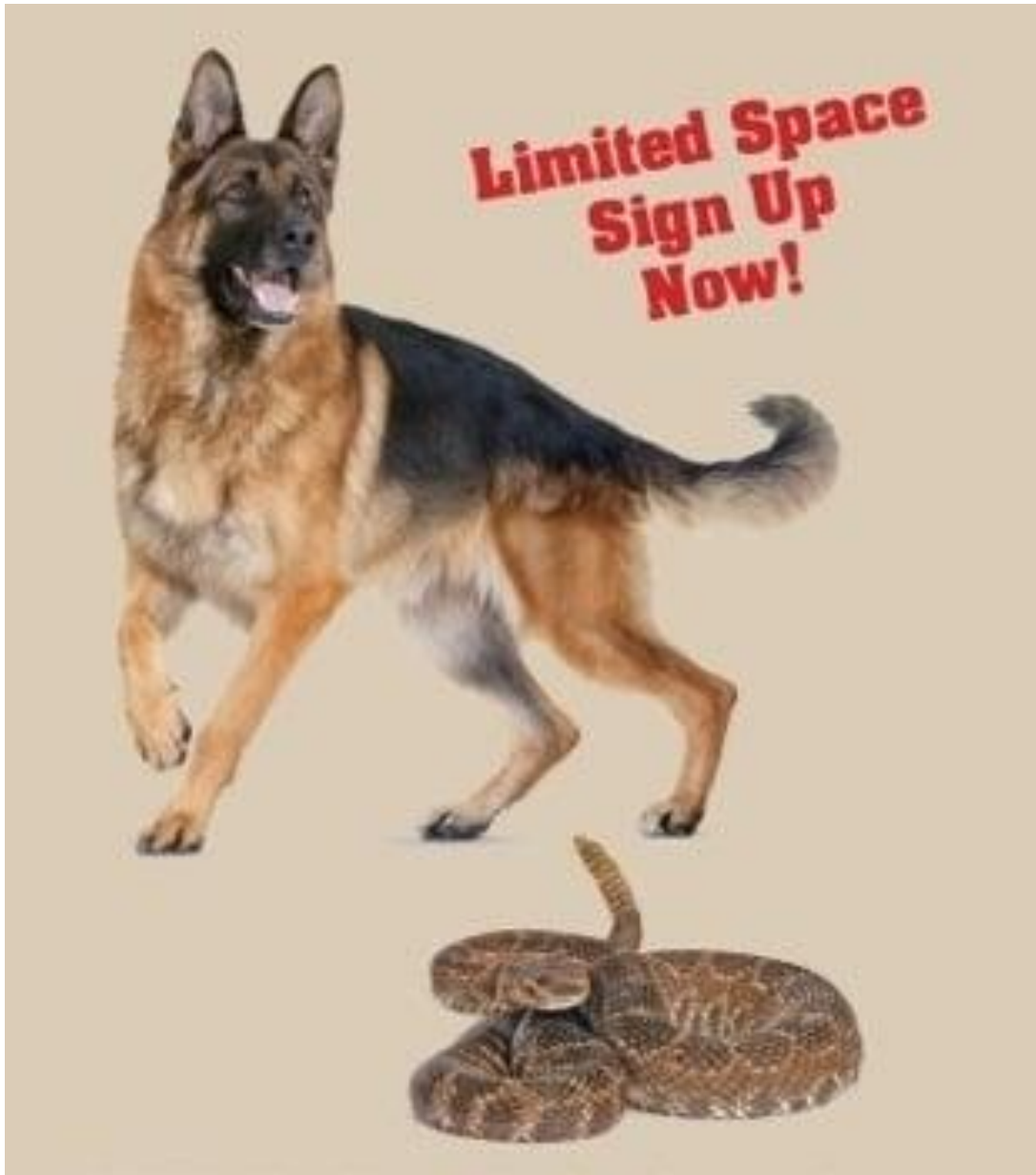
Horse owners must immediately isolate any horses exhibiting neurologic signs and consult their veterinarian; EHM has mandatory State reporting requirements. Owners must practice good biosecurity when they move horses in emergency situations or for veterinary care; avoid other horses and don't share tack/equipment that hasn't been properly cleaned and disinfected, including farrier and veterinary equipment.

For more information visit [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/equine\\_herpes\\_virus.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus.html).

*This recommendation considers an event when horses from different home premises are brought together at a single location and include, but are not limited to: competitions of any discipline (in state or out of state), rodeos, educational riding clinics, and any travel of horses to an outside facility for lessons or casual/social gathering, etc. Sanctioned horse racing tracks are **exempt** from this recommendation.*

Sincerely,





**April 2 & 3 RATTLESNAKE AVOIDANCE CLINIC FOR DOGS & VACCINES** on the Santa Rosa Plateau in Murrieta, CA Sponsored by the **Santa Rosa Plateau Riding Club**

LINK for FLYER - [http://www.srprc.com/resources/Rattlesnake\\_Clinic\\_Dogs.22.pdf](http://www.srprc.com/resources/Rattlesnake_Clinic_Dogs.22.pdf)

Go to the website at [www.SRPRC.com](http://www.SRPRC.com) and click on the Shop button to pay for the training and/or the vaccine for each dog. Once you have paid, watch your e-mail for a link to the Calendar. Sign up your dog on the day and time that works for you based on what is available. Each time slot is for the training of one dog.

The vaccine will be done by **Dr. Moston, DVM** on **Saturday April 2nd** between **9am and 3pm** only, and no appointment time is needed, however it must be paid for in advance. The training time slots fill up fast during the time the vet is there, so sign up early if you want to coordinate them. Each dog has individual appt. If you have any questions you can e-mail Melody at [mvanaken@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mvanaken@sbcglobal.net)

## 2022 DAVE STAMEY CONCERT

2019 Chester A.  
Reynolds Award  
National Cowboy Hall  
Of Fame and Museum

2016 Hall of Fame Award  
Western Music Association

2012 Album of the Year  
(for Twelve Mile Road)

2016 Album of the Year  
(for Western Stories)



2016 Song of the Year  
(For Land Where  
Cedars Grow)

7X Male Entertainer  
Of the Year

7X Male Performer  
Of the Year

6X Songwriter  
Of the Year

Please join us for twelve years with Dave at the Double J Ranch

Saturday, June 11, 2022 – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Double J Ranch, 38830 Berenda Rd., Temecula, CA 92591

Please join us for an afternoon of entertainment and fun with Dave Stamey. Eric Gorsuch will do pre-show entertainment and intro. of Dave. Tickets will be \$20 each if pre-purchased, \$25 if purchased at the event. To get pre-purchased tickets, make check payable to Judy Fluegge or Double J Ranch and send to the above address by June 8, 2022. For additional information, call Judy at 951-852-9390.

Bring a cooler of your favorite beverages. No alcohol will be sold so you must bring your own alcoholic beverages. Bring your folding chairs (hay bales will be set up for additional seating). Grub, soft drinks and water will be sold.

Directions: 15 Fwy to Temecula, NE on Rancho California Rd. towards Wine Country and Lake Skinner for approximately 6 miles to Anza Rd. Left on Anza Rd. for .5 mile to Berenda Rd. (first street past Lorimar Winery). Right on Berenda Rd. for .5 mile to Double J Ranch. Follow balloons and signage to event. Limited parking available on property and on back of property. Parking also available on Berenda Rd.



## *~ Business Member Spotlight ~*



### *The Charm of the Equestrian Lifestyle*

**Rocking T Ranch** features a riding school that offers **horseback riding lessons** for first time riders, riders returning to the sport, or riders wishing to prepare for a special event. **Rocking T Ranch** has recently relocated to Temecula, CA after over 40 years in Yorba Linda, CA.

**Rocking T Ranch** owners, Jim and Carol Tice, are able to offer the opportunity of **horseback riding lessons**, and the charm of the equestrian lifestyle in a quiet rural setting, to riders of all ages within minutes of the Promenade Temecula.

**Rocking T Ranch** also offers services such as equine transportation, field trips, scout merit badges, medical lay-up services and vacation stalls in addition to special needs for the horse and rider.

**31895 Nicolas Road, Temecula, CA 92591** <https://www.rocking-t-ranch.com/> 714-514-5606 or 714-329-0126



## **~ RCHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ~**

All business memberships are due annually as well as if you have a 1 year individual or family plan. You should have received an individual email advising of your status. If you have any questions regarding your membership contact Laura Walker at [lwalkertem@gmail.com](mailto:lwalkertem@gmail.com)

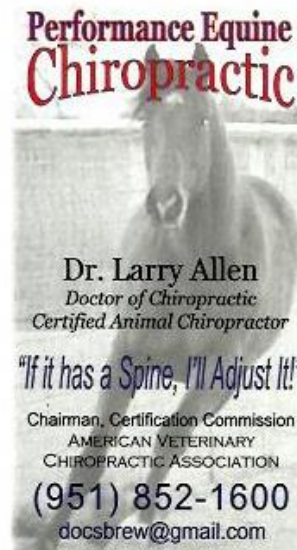
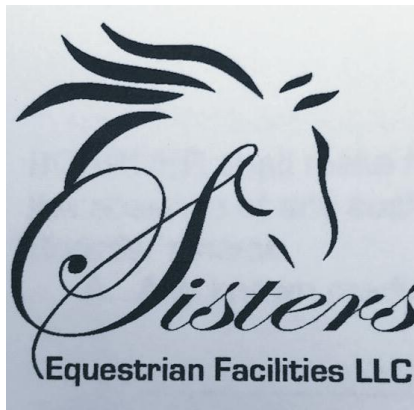
You can renew online at our website:

<http://www.rchatemecula.org/membership.html>

Or mail a check to: **RCHA, P O Box 1622, Temecula, CA 92593**

Please help us to continue the work of protecting our equestrian lifestyle and trails preserved in the Temecula area by renewing your membership.

# RCHA Business Memberships







**Apr 2,3** – SRPRC Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for dogs

**May** - Annual Ride/Meeting at Vail Lake Resort

**Jun 11** – Dave Stamey Concert

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Sherry Turner

**TREASURER:** Laura Walker

**SECRETARY:** Andrea Lennox

**WEBMASTER:** Stevie Some

**MEMBERSHIP:** Laura Walker & Stevie Some

**NEWSLETTER:** Stevie Some

**COUNTY TRAILS LIAISON:** Gil Pankonin & Glenn Leisure

**EVENT COORDINATORS:** Amber Gentry & Dennis Hibberts, Susan & Howard Wedertz, Valeri Sexton

**RIDE COORDINATORS:** (*Trails Issues Points of Contact*): Kerrie Tuley

**CLOTHING:** Kerrie Tuley & Anne York

**INSURANCE:** Cherri Bell

**JUNIOR RIDER PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Kerri Graham, Cherri Bell

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*Join the fun and keep up with RCHA. Also a good way to connect with other local trail riders and plan your own ride in the Valle de los Caballos!*