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President's Message.....

Greetings everyone,

Hope this finds you, your families and animals all doing well as we enter August already. Students return to school this week and I am amazed at how fast the summer break went.

A huge THANK YOU to members Susan and Howard Wedertz of Encore Ranch for hosting our summer membership social. Weather was hot and humid however with E-Z ups and a wonderful breeze, a great time was had by all. See photos and more details later on.

We need your help. Our ability to continue preserving the trails in our valley is dependent on your support of RCHA. Emails have gone out to all members advising of their status in membership. Thank you to all the renewing members! I will be asking our Treasurer Laura Walker to send a second email out later this week to those we have not seen renew. Keeping the equestrian lifestyle and trails in Temecula should be valuable to all of you. We took a one year break on requesting dues because of the pandemic but we once again are asking for your continued support.

We have rides coming up in the next few months and will be looking at other clinics, social and educational opportunities to offer to all of our members. A big welcome to new members both individuals and businesses who joined at our July social.

In this newsletter please watch for the TVRL updates and particularly we are still in need of step-over ideas from everyone that will enable safe passage for horses while keeping motorized vehicles out.

Glenn Leisure has taken on the Vail Lake Resort trail opening as a personal mission over the past 1 1/2 years and what a fantastic job he is doing with it. Trails have been cleared, marked and a group ride introductory was completed in June. Melanie Huelson has joined Glenn now in this mission and the two of them have cleared more trails that I had an opportunity to help put hoof prints into. Please see the write up for more details. Glenn and Melanie we can't thank you enough for gaining access to wonderful riding again in this hidden treasure of our Valley. You are very much appreciated.

Stay cool and safe everyone,

RCHA President, Sherry Turner

~ MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL RECAP ~



The RCHA Social took place on July 24th at the beautiful Encore Ranch. Howard and Susan Wedertz welcomed us to their beautiful equestrian estate and even had a colt there for entertainment.

See one of many members, Yvonne enjoying getting to know **JB Firewall** 🐎

This was a wonderful gathering of long term and new members, neighboring ranchers and business members. Once again preserving the equestrian lifestyle and trails in the Valley is important and getting to socialize and share our successes and concerns is vital. We also are very blessed with superb cooks and bakers in our club and we all enjoyed the delicious food along with lovely refreshments.

Thanks to all the board members who helped plan, set-up and tear down for this event.

Thanks to all who attended and brought amazing treats to share. If you weren't able to make this social event we sure hope you can make the next one!







RCHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

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. We will resend the emails next week for members still owing.

We have several payment options for non-business members. You can renew for 1 year or save money by renewing for other plans offered below.

Membership Types:

- **Individual** 1 Year \$30 _____ 3 Year \$80 _____ 5 Year \$125 _____
- **Family** 1 Year \$50 _____ 3 Year \$135 _____
- **Business** 1 Year \$120 _____

(Business membership includes up to 4 employees and having your business advertised)

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.



Cowboy Jubilee on the Santa Rosa Plateau

Benefit event for the Santa Rosa Plateau Nature Education Foundation

- The Cow Boy Jubilee will be held at Campo Caballo at Rancho De La Jolla, Tenaja Valley
- Santa Rosa Plateau, Murrieta on August 21, 2021 from 5:00 – 10:00 pm.
- Tickets are \$135/person and can be purchased by going to www.srpnef.org.
- Tickets are limited so please purchase them early.

It's time to break loose, bring out your dancing boots, bangles, a BBQ appetite and mosey on down to the Santa Rosa Plateau Cowboy Jubilee being held at a 20-acre horse ranch estate in Tenaja Valley on the Santa Rosa Plateau in Murrieta.



Complete with cowboys, a Garth Brooks tribute live concert, classic cars, and a Texas BBQ, join us at 5pm on August 21, 2021. The BBQ will be provided by Calhoun's Family Texas BBQ. The Jubilee is a "cowboy celebration towards recovery" event benefiting the Santa Rosa Plateau Nature Education Foundation as it begins to resume its youth nature education programs in our community. The concert performance is by "The Ultimate Garth Guy Tribute Show", starring Dean Simmons. The show is part of the "Legends In Concert" Las Vegas show. Limited tickets are available. Deadline to purchase is August 19. Tickets at www.srpnef.org.

~ Save the Date ~

~ Eagle Rock Ride, Warner Springs ~ Saturday, September 25th ~



Preliminary information: Staging at Barrel Springs Trailhead, Ride-out at 10:00 am, Approx. 2 hour ride and bring a lunch. Gil & Kerrie to organize a pre-ride, so stay tuned for more information and directions!

Vail Lake Resort Update

From Glenn Leisure and Melanie Huelson

As you all can see, we've been busy! There are now three loop trails you can take from the pickle ball court with more in the works. The first loop we completed was The Vail Lake Trail which is not outlined on this map. We introduced this loop on our group ride back in June. Following is a drawing of what is currently being worked on and trail markings need to be installed yet.

For the most part the trails are flat with a few rolling hills on the Three-point trail. The below map is NOT to scale (smile), but we wanted to give you a peek at what we've accomplished. Each number on the map corresponds to the photos below:

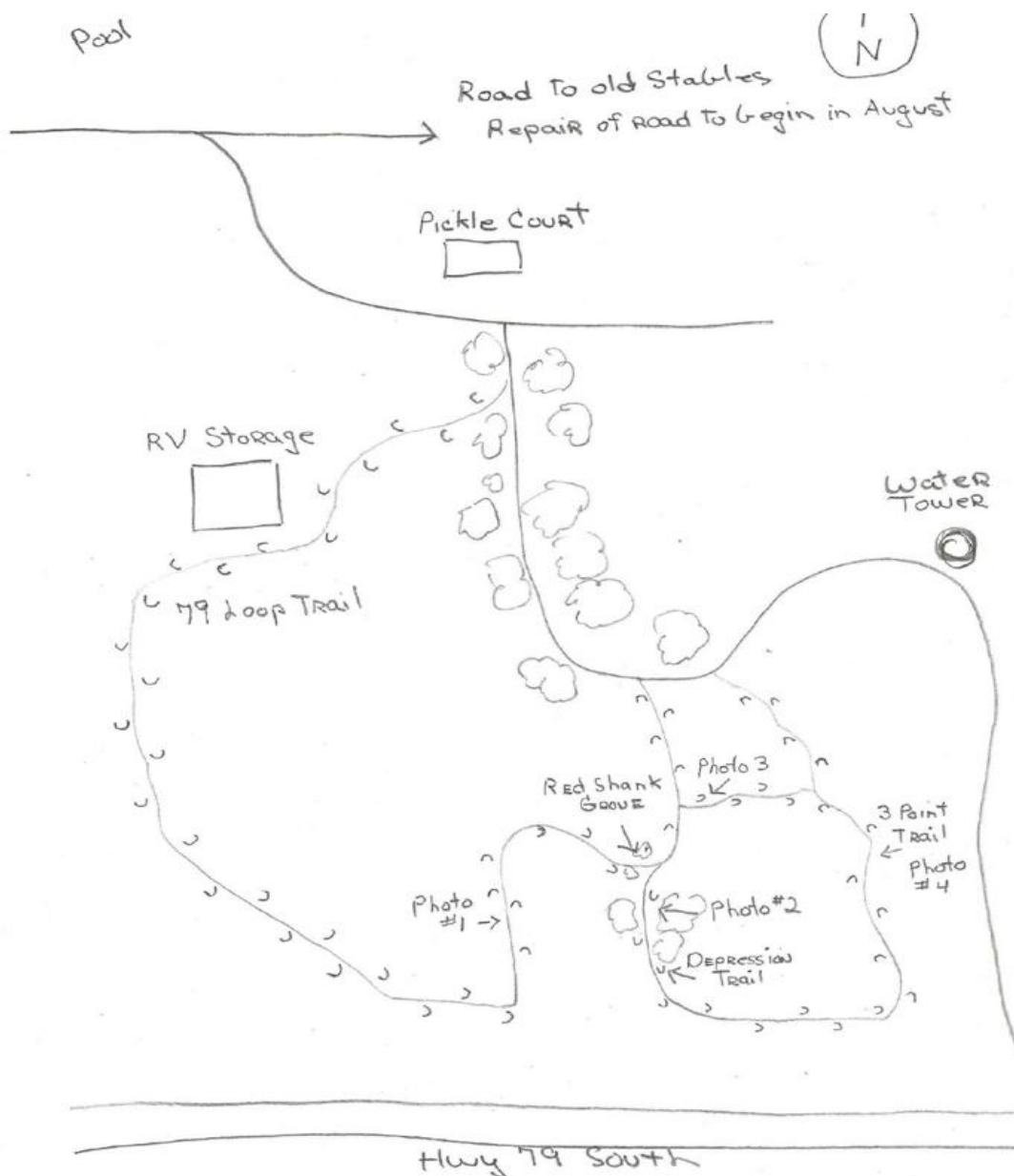


Photo 1

Riders heading north from Hwy 79 South on the '79 Loop Trail'. Riders have views of Palomar Mountain and the hills north of the lake are easy on the eyes.



Photo 2

We are now just South of the Red Shank Grove and are heading up toward the 'Depression Trail'. It's hard to see in the photo, but the ground here is covered with native California wild roses in bloom. From here we crossed under beautiful old oaks before going up the short hill to Hwy 79 South.

Photo 3

Flash's ears point the way up from the Red Shank grove heading up towards 3-point trail with the water tower clearly seen to the left of us.



Photo 4

The reason we call this trail '3 Point'.

TVRL Corner



Happy August, everyone. Can you believe it?? TVRL has been busy over the summer. Here are some updates.

Current Projects

- TVRL has joined RCHA in addressing the issue of accessibility to the Vail Lake viewpoint above Glen Oak Hills. We jointly met with a Riverside County Ranger and a Naturalist (who works on the Conservation Area issues up there) to come up with designs for entryways for horses that will prevent motorized vehicles. We had them come to a Director's arena where we tested several options with 3 horses of different sizes and temperaments. It was a useful education for all, and all took away "to do" lists to explore better options than the 3 step stepovers that had recently been installed.
- TVRL has requested bids from fence suppliers so that we can get the trail opened on Rancho Water land to connect the Valle de Los Caballos (VDC) to Oak Mountain road for Vail access from the De Portola side.
- Pot Hole H**l on Pauba Road between Calle Contento and Butterfield Stage – the surveying has been completed on the street redesign and the Project Leader for the trails portion has been in contact with us just this week to show us the trails plan. Work is not likely to be done until next year but is progressing.
- A few landowners in VDC approached us for background on an easement that another landowner had blocked. California Edison has now opened it, and those landowners continue to work to make sure it stays open.

That's it for this month! Take care, everyone.

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~ Business Member Spotlight ~



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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.

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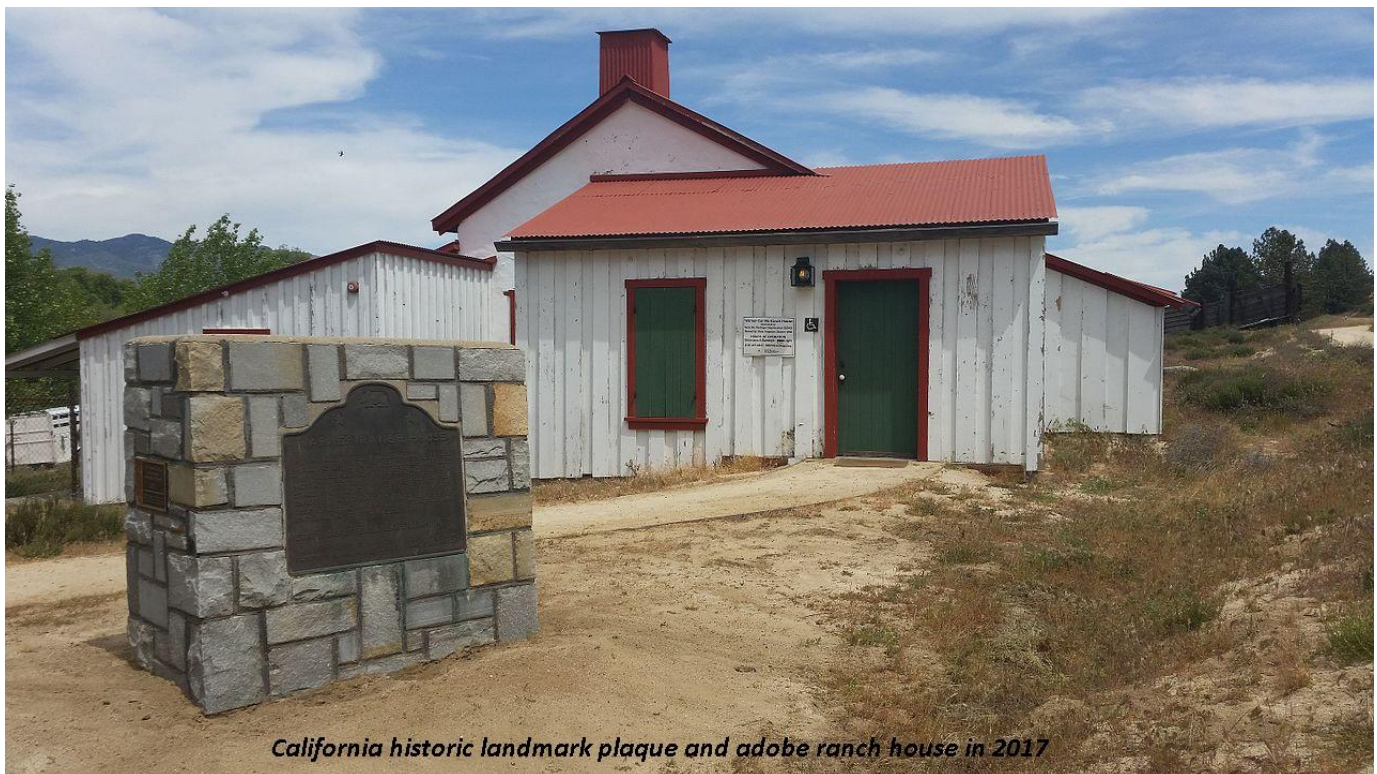
Warner Springs.....

.....was founded in 1830 when an American-born Mexican citizen called Juan Jose Warner (born John Trumball Warner) left Connecticut and headed to California, passing through this valley.

From 1849-1851, Warner operated part of the ranch to serve travelers on the Gila River Emigrant Trail (part of the Southern Emigrant Trail) He opened the only trading post between New Mexico and Los Angeles on a wagon road developed after the Mexican-American War.



When thousands of emigrants began flowing to California, Warner's Ranch was a stop on the San Antonio-San Diego Mail Line in 1857 and the Butterfield Overland Mail stagecoach line between 1858 and 1860. It was linked to San Diego by the San Diego-Fort Yuma mail route via the road through Santa Isabel to San Diego. Travelers rested here along their journey, after the trip through the desert.



RCHA GEAR

RCHA logo-wear, including two versions of the 50th Anniversary art is available for sale at:
http://www.uridelikeygirl.com/store/c38/RCHA_50th_Anniversary%21.html

This awesome clothing is designed by our own board member, Anne York. There are lots of items to choose from, Ladies Tees and Tanks, Long and Short Sleeve Tees, Baseball Shirts, Hoodies & Caps, so check it out!



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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!

"Favorite Ride Guides" are available!

We have a limited supply of pocket size **Ride Guides** of some of our favorite trails in the Valle de los Caballos.

They will be for sale for **\$5** each at all our events & rides.

Or contact Kerrie Tuley at kerrie.tuley@yahoo.com to get a copy for yourself.

Thank you to Ken Leach and Lance Gregory for making this project possible!



RCHA Business Memberships



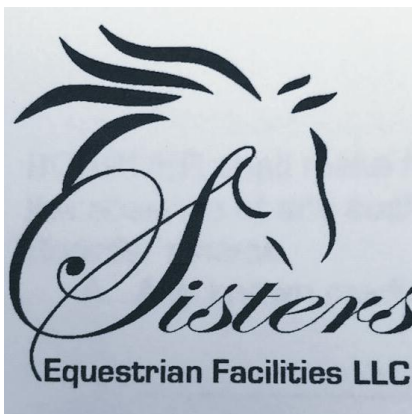
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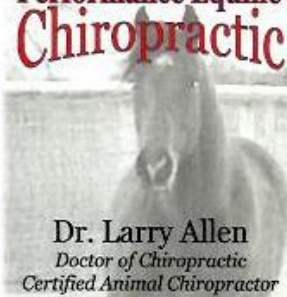
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Nov 20 – TBD

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