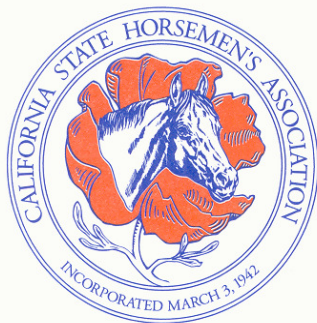


Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.

P.O. Box 6232

Moreno Valley, CA 92554



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8, 2008 (Tuesday) – Trailseekers Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. and General Membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Moreno Valley Equestrian Park in the Trailseekers trailer. Program: We take such good care of our horses, dogs, and other critters that we tend to forget about our own skin and body. Joe Wackerly will discuss the pure, safe, and beneficial line of Arbonne of products. Restore the moisture back into your skin with all natural and botanical anti-aging Swiss formulated products. Arbonne offers over 350 consumable products including weight loss and vitamins. Come and hear about the amazing results of using Arbonne products. Jo says her arms, neck and face no longer look like her saddle! We will also be planning our February Sweetheart Poker Ride, the 2008 CSHA horse show series, and more!

January 19 (Saturday) – Barrel Racing Clinic with champion **Holly Ricotta, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at **Moreno Valley Equestrian Center**, main arena. Limited space, so RSVP early. Only \$150 to learn from a pro all day! See note later in newsletter. Please call **Margie** for more information and to sign up (**951-242-5600**).

January 26 (Saturday) – Showmanship and Trail Clinic, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **Moreno Valley Equestrian Center**, main arena. Learn from the pros – judges **Fral Lelli** and **Joe Lyneis** – what a judge is *really* looking for and get ready for the show season! Only \$25 for essentially two clinics – such a deal! Space is limited, so please sign up by January 19th. Call **Barbara (951-242-8323)** to RSVP.

February 12 (Tuesday) – Trailseekers Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. and General Membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Moreno Valley Equestrian Park in the Trailseekers trailer. Program: TBA. Finalize plans for the Sweetheart Poker Ride, tell tales from Equine Affaire, get ready 2008 CSHA horse show series, and more!

February 17 (Sunday) – Sweetheart Poker Ride at MVEC. Sign-ups start at 8:30 a.m., ride out at 10. This is a major fund-raising event. Please start collecting gifts for prizes at the event. We will have donation receipt forms to give merchants or others who donate prizes available at the January meeting. We need help at the event and before – please contact **Jan Beyers (951-485-8445** or jlbeyers@aol.com) to volunteer!

March 15, 22, 29 (Saturday evenings) – Cow sorting clinic with trainer **Richard White** at MVEC. Introduce your horse to cow work! Cost is \$50 per session to cover instructors and cows. This is a great opportunity to learn from a pro and see if your horse has cow sense. Cow work is also good for a horse and rider's confidence. Call **Barbara (951-242-8323)** for more information or see flyer. We can have 15-20 people per session – why not try it?

April 13 (Sunday) – CSHA-sanctioned Horse Show at Moreno Valley Equestrian Center. This is the first show in our four-show series. We need your help! The show series raises funds for park improvements, and it's a great way to start showing your horse if you don't already do so. Earn points to attend the CSHA Show of Champions in October! See flyer and mark your calendar! Call **Barbara (951-242-8323)** to volunteer.

Kudos and Congratulations

KUDOS to **Sue Gilchrist** for hosting the annual Trailseekers holiday party. The house was beautiful, the food delicious, and the gift exchange spirited. A splendid time was had by all!



HELP WANTED!

The Sweetheart Poker Ride is one of our major fundraisers. But to get people to buy poker hands, we need to have lots of good prizes. Many merchants are willing to donate something for a good cause and a tax deduction. Can YOU find donations worth at least \$20 from merchants you regularly patronize?

Just take a supply of our flyer and the donation receipt form - both conveniently included in this newsletter - to restaurants or shops you visit. Ask the owner or manager if he or she would be willing to donate for a good cause - the continued development of Moreno Valley Equestrian Park and Nature Center, a regional resource. Bring any donations to the January or February Trailseekers meetings, or just call Jan for pick up (951-485-8445). Thank you in advance!

NOTE: Mailed newsletters may be missing some flyers (too many pages for 41 cent stamp). See them all in the online version (www.trailseekersmv.org)!

Trailseekers Event Schedule

Mark your calendar now!

January 19: Barrel-racing clinic with Holly Ricotta
January 26: Showmanship and trail clinic at MVEC with judges Fral Lelli and Joe Lyneis
February 17: Sweetheart Poker Ride from MVEC
March 15, 22, 29: Introduction to cow sorting with trainer Richard White at MVEC
April 13: CSHA horse show at MVEC
May 18: CSHA horse show at MVEC
June 15: CSHA horse show at MVEC
July 4th: Moreno Valley Independence Day parade
July 13: CSHA horse show at MVEC
August: Make-up CSHA horse show if needed

More Upcoming Events

January 21–February 3 (Thursday – Sunday) – Equine Affaire, LA County Fairground, Pomona. Cost \$15/day plus whatever fairgrounds is charging for parking (\$8 last year). See clinicians in action, shop for everything equine under the sun, watch breed demos, and more! Check out the website to figure out your schedule: <http://www.equineaffaire.com/california/index.html>. Don't forget to enter the **raffle** while you are online – there are some great prizes this year. Come to the January meeting to find someone to carpool with! Look for bargains to buy as gifts for the February poker ride (you can deduct the cost of donations on your 2007 taxes if you choose).

Do you know of group trail rides and events? Please send in the information, and I will post it here!



Newsletter Contributions Requested

Please send contributions for the next issue by **January 31, 2008**. Please e-mail news, announcements and **digital photos** to the address you get this newsletter from OR to HitchingPost@trailseekersmv.org. I would like to get announcements, reports and pictures of trail rides, clinics, shows, and other events, and **I especially need items for the Kudos and Congratulations column!** You can mail contributions to Jan Beyers, 22399 Mountain View Road, Moreno Valley 92557.

California State Horsemen's Association Activities and Events

To find out what has been going on and what is coming up in **Region 11 of CSHA** (Riverside County), check out the website at <http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/region11.htm>. Check out Regions 7 (L.A. County) and 14 (San Bernardino County) as well (similar website addresses). A new year full of activities will be starting soon!



Holly Ricotta Barrel Racing Clinic Scheduled at MVEC

Champion barrel racer Holly Ricotta will offer her special barrel racing clinic to Trailseekers and others on January 19, 2008 at MVEC (see events list on first page). This clinic is not just about getting round turns quickly. Holly starts out by checking out each horse-and-rider team's tack and equipment, then goes over basic horsemanship skills necessary for successful riding and competition. You will be introduced to the barrels gradually, at a pace appropriate to you and your horse, based on your level of experience. The \$150 fee for the clinic includes lunch and a full day of individualized coaching. If you've always wanted to try barrels – and to improve your basic horsemanship at the same time – this clinic is just for you! Call Margie (951-242-5600) to reserve your spot.

Saddle Rack Systems Plus (one of our Horse'n'Around vendors) is offering a discount of 5% off all orders placed through March 31, 2008! Go to their website <http://saddleracksystemsplus.com> to see unique gift ideas, including Horseshoe Picture Frames and Clocks (get something for yourself and maybe donate one as a Poker Ride prize).

WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN
THE COUNTRY CARE PROGRAM

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Shop at the Country Supply website:
www.countrysupply.com

and they will donate a percentage of your purchases! Simply enter our Care Code when you complete your order.

Our Care Code: trailseekers



HORSEY HUMOR

THE 12 "MOST IMPORTANT" THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU OWN A HORSE....

- To induce labor in a mare? Take a nap.
- To cure equine constipation? Load them in a clean trailer.
- To cure equine insomnia? Take them in a halter class.
- To get a horse to stay very calm and laid back? Enter them in a liberty class.
- To get a horse to wash their own feet? Clean the water trough and fill it with fresh water.
- To get a mare to come in heat? Take her to a show.
- To get a mare in foal the first cover? Let the wrong stallion get out of his stall.
- To make sure that a mare has that beautiful, perfectly marked foal you always wanted? Sell her before she foals.
- To get a show horse to set up perfect and really stretch? Get him out late at night or anytime no one is a round to see him.
- To induce a cold snap in the weather? Clip a horse.
- To make it rain? Mow a field of hay.
- To make a small fortune in the horse business? Start with a large one.

Contributed by Barbara McCarthy-Kimbell

Training Tips We Can All Use

Seven Deadly Mistakes You Should Never Do With Your Horse – Committing Mistakes Ultimately Jeopardizes Your Safety

Deadly Mistake #1

Never let your horse eat from the lead line or your hand.

This mistake will soon cause your horse to not pay attention to you. If you let him eat while on the lead line, he'll want to eat "whenever" he's with you. It's a huge disrespect issue. You should never let your horse DISRESPECT you. If you allow it you are always in danger. The worst place it shows up is when you are riding him. This is especially dangerous when out on the trail.

Imagine yourself riding on the trail. Your horse lowers his head to take a bite of grass. Just then a rabbit jumps out in front of him. Spooked, the horse's head shoots up and he may buck or take off out of control. Had the horse not been allowed to eat while with you (while on the lead line, for instance), he wouldn't have lowered his head to eat. He was telling you "I don't care what you said, and I'm going to take care of me." Had he not been allowed to eat he would have not been as surprised at the rabbit and it would be far easier to control him.

Deadly Mistake #2

Out of control horse portions.

When we ride we use cues that are very specific to portions of the horse. If he ignores a cue to a portion, then that portion is out of control. If that portion is out of control, it typically means he doesn't know what to do or is being belligerent. When you cue your horse to do something, he should do it. If he doesn't then that's what you need to work on. Some people try a cue a few times and think the horse doesn't get it or won't do it. When you kick harder or get frustrated the problem is escalated. The horse needs time and patience to figure out what you want. Kicking them harder is like yelling at a deaf person. The way to get something from your horse is to apply pressure, and you need to know what you want from your horse. Keep the pressure on until you get what you want, and then release when you get the response you want. You must release at the exact moment you get the response as it will cue your horse that is what I wanted.

Deadly Mistake #3

Your horse doesn't know the right answer.

One of the most dangerous mistakes horse owner make is not teaching their horses the right answer. You have to speak in your horse's language. Their language is the release of pressure. The pressure release must be timed correctly or the situation gets worse. The pressure makes him move. The stopping of the pressure is when he can relax and he will think "Ahhh... when I do X you quit asking me to move." So, when your horse answers you, stop asking. It's that simple. It's not easy, but if you know what you want your horse to do

before you ask him, and he does it, then you will get your answer. The answer is what you are looking for. Until you get your answer, keep on the pressure. If you release the pressure but didn't get the answer you wanted, then you get the wrong answer. But the horse doesn't know it's the wrong answer, and he may in fact think it's the right answer because you released the pressure. The horse will wonder "what do I have to do to get you to leave me alone?" When you stop asking you are leaving him alone, and he'll think "Ahhh... that's what I gotta do to get her to leave me alone." When you get your answer, leave him alone long enough digest what just happened. Don't rush right into the next question. If you give when he gives he learns the answer. The lesson is to know the answer so your horse will know the answer.

Deadly Mistake #4

Not knowing you are worrying your horse.

If I started talking to you in a foreign language you did not speak, you would not understand me. I may look at you and wait for an answer. I did not know you did not understand me, so I repeat the question, and with no answer from you I may speak louder. This will miff you, but it will frighten your horse. When you ask a horse for something, their brain kicks in and they begin to "try" to figure out what you want. If you don't make it as obvious as possible and you keep asking, and you keep asking in an increasingly bad tone of voice and emotion, you will have a worried horse. A worried horse can be scared of you, and a scared horse won't learn as fast, and a scared horse won't be comfortable around you, and a scared horse is hard to bond with you. So, the answer is patience. Next make it obvious what you want. Next, understand the horse is desperately trying to figure out what you want him to do. This may take time, so give him time to understand you.

Deadly Mistake #5

Your horse doesn't have faith in you.

Have you ever been in a situation where you have been startled or scared to death by a feeling, sound, person, etc.? Would you like it if someone shoved you towards what ever it was that had you so upset? If they hit you, yelled at you, and they were emotional themselves and maybe even acted afraid themselves? Now what if they remained calm, talked softly to you, and took you to what frightened you and showed you there was nothing to be frightened about? In other words, they took charge of the situation. Your horse gets scared of things you know he shouldn't be afraid of. Why? Because his fear is innate. He can't help it. He's just got prey instinct in the brain. Although we know the fear is not real in our minds, it is to the horse. That is reality for him. The problem with the horse is you have a thousand ponds of raw emotion that could be very dangerous while you're on his back. So, there are things you have to do to instill faith from you to your horse. Then you and he can tackle the so-called spooky objects. Your horse has to learn to have faith in you. If you are stressed, your horse will be too. One of the tricks is focusing on what you want to accomplish instead of focusing on him

spooking or you getting spooked from his spooking. It gets the horse to think "Oh... mom (or dad) isn't worried about that so I won't be. Let's go back to work." Lastly, since the horse is trying to figure it out, stay consistent in how you ask it. If you ask it in a different way, he's got to "re-figure" it out. If you ever wondered why consistency is so important... there's a good reason.

Deadly Mistake #6

Not using leading to teach your horse valuable lessons.

Leading your horse is a valuable tool to teach him things that keep you safe. One of the most valuable things you can teach your horse while leading him is to Whoa. As you ask for the "whoa" you are going to tug on the lead rope. The tug may be slight or it may be a hard tug. As you are walking along, say "Whoa." Most likely the horse will simply keep walking as if nothing was said. This doesn't mean he's trying to be the boss and not do what you want. He simply doesn't know what "whoa" means. This is normal. Just keep repeating the tugging on the lead rope and tell him "whoa" until he understands what you mean. When he stops, let him stand there a minute to take it in. Let him think about what just happened. You may need some reinforcement such as tapping him on the chest. Just keep at it and before long he'll learn that when you say "whoa:" he is suppose to stop. Some warnings: You may have a horse that just doesn't get it right off, or maybe you aren't doing it just right. If this happens, keep your cool and don't lose your temper. If you do lose your temper, your horse will remember it, and when that happens you will have taught him fear. The premise is that your horse should stop when you ask, not because he is fearful.

Deadly Mistake #7

Making it easy for your horse to do the wrong thing.

If this secret is used right, it could put a lot of trainers out of business. When you are at work at your job or at home, do you "choose" to do the work the hard way? Dumb question. There may be an easier way to something, and you just don't know it yet. Humans, dogs, cats, and of course horses will do something in an easier way if they know and understand it exists. That is the horse training principle. Make the wrong thing difficult and the right thing easy. How can you use it? Say your horse won't let you halter him. So you get him in a round pen and approach. If he takes off, just smile and say "ALL RIGHT, time to practice!" Now it is the time to make the wrong thing difficult. Have him go around a time or two, then make him turn and go the other way. Make it as plain as you can that to be petted is far easier (and safer) than running around getting tired. The trick is to create an obvious contrast of easy versus difficult.

These are 7 deadly mistakes I hope you will think through and avoid.

Submitted by Charlie Smout, from Andy Curry

San Bernardino National Forest Plans to Close Big Pine Equestrian Group Campground

As reported recently in the Riverside Press-Enterprise (http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_forest31.3296d40.html#), our local national forests have been conducting recreation site reviews in response to decreasing budgets and increasing, as well as changing, user demand. Among the changes proposed as a result of the San Bernardino National Forest's review is the closure of Big Pine Equestrian Group Campground.

Located in the San Bernardino Mountains between the Lake Arrowhead area and Big Bear, the campground was available by reservation only, so many of us may never have visited it (or even heard of it). Apparently the area where it is located has become very popular with OHV (off-highway vehicle) enthusiasts, decreasing its value for equestrian use in the estimation of national forest staff. Demand for day-use staging areas for OHV enthusiasts has sky-rocketed in the last few years, so the nearby non-horse campground is proposed to be converted to an OHV staging area along with closing the horse camp.

While the loss of ANY equestrian camping opportunity is lamentable, this particular proposed closure points out a trend that we, as equestrians, need to keep aware of – namely, the increased use of public lands for motor vehicle recreation, especially OHVs, and a trend away from camping and more toward day uses, according to the P-E article. National forests may be adjusting their facilities to meet these demands.

There are several other equestrian campgrounds still on the SBNF – Ribbonwood in the Santa Rosa Mountains, Wildhorse family camp and HeartBar group camp in the Barton Flats area of the San Bernardino Mountains, and Green Spot group camp (near Big Bear, no running water). There is one campground with equestrian spaces on the Cleveland National Forest – Boulder Oaks campground in the Pine Valley area (Descanso Ranger District). There are a couple of family and group campgrounds on the Angeles NF that allow horse camping also (online info is rather old...). All of the local national forests rely heavily on volunteers to help maintain their facilities, since the government hasn't allocated enough money to keep up with maintenance needs for years.

On the topic of horse campgrounds, the head of the California Parks Department spoke at the CSHA convention in November. She said funding is now available to build up to 3 new family equestrian campgrounds at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and construction will begin as soon as environmental analysis work is completed. None of them will be at the location of the old Los Caballos camp, however – the archaeological concerns prevent rebuilding at that site.



TRAILSEEKERS OF MORENO VALLEY, INC.
January 26, 2008 (Saturday)

Trail/Showmanship Clinic

Location: Moreno Valley Equestrian Center

**Learn from the Pro's with
 Judge Frai Lelli & Judge Joe Lyneis
 10 am to 3 pm**



Learn from the judges as to what a Judge is *really* looking for!



Frai Lelli, ABRA, AMHA, ETI Judge

Learn Showmanship techniques on how to best present yourself in a class!

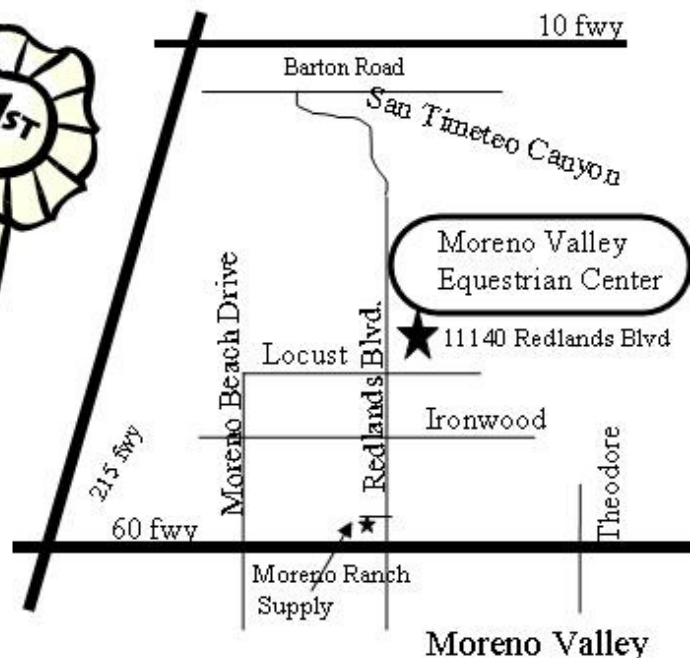
Joe Lyneis, carded Equestrian Horse Show Judge (NFQHA, ETI, Open, POA, Buckskin)
 Learn trail tips, placement, approach, and more!

**Get ready for the show season!
 Learn the techniques
 To bring home the blue!**

*What a deal! Never again offered at this low price:
 \$25 And it includes lunch!*



Contact for more info:
 Barbara (951) 242-8323
 RSVP by 1/19/08 necessary to register
 See website: www.trailseekersmv.org



The Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.

Sweetheart Poker Ride



Take Your Sweetheart Out On the Trails

February 17, 2008 (Sunday)

**Time: 8:30 a.m. – Sign-ups start
10 a.m. – Ride Out**

Location: Moreno Valley Equestrian Park
(corner of Redlands Blvd. & Locust Ave., Moreno Valley)

PRIZES, PRIZES AND MORE GREAT PRIZES!!!



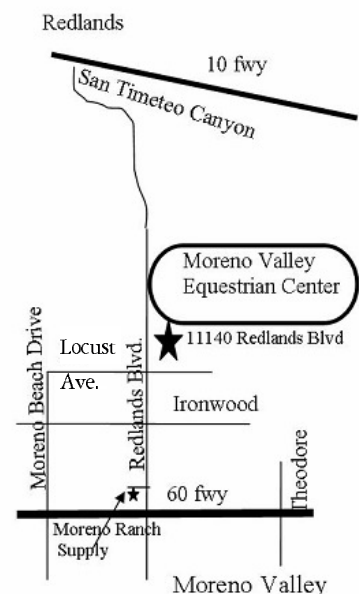
3-hour ride, moderate terrain
Please, no dogs or stallions

Hands - \$5 Donation
Lunch on Return - \$5 Donation

For more information contact:

(951) 485-8445 (Jan)

(951) 486-9594 (Charlie)



Proceeds benefit the Moreno Valley Equestrian Park and Nature Center

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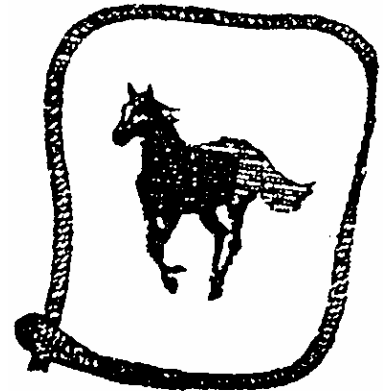
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The Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the building and maintenance of the Moreno Valley Equestrian Park and Nature Center. We thank you for your generous donation. Please keep this receipt for your records.

The Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.



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Trailseekers of Moreno Valley

Cow-Sorting Clinic

Saturday, March 15, 22, & 29, 2008

Starts at 5:00 pm, Lighted Arena

Location: Moreno Valley Equestrian Center

11140 Redlands Blvd

Trainer: Richard White

Cost: \$50



Beginners Welcome!

Intro to Cows:

walk among the herd,

learn to position your horse,

how to read the cow,

learn the techniques to move the cow

Playday

Practice teams

RSVP to register by March 8, 2008

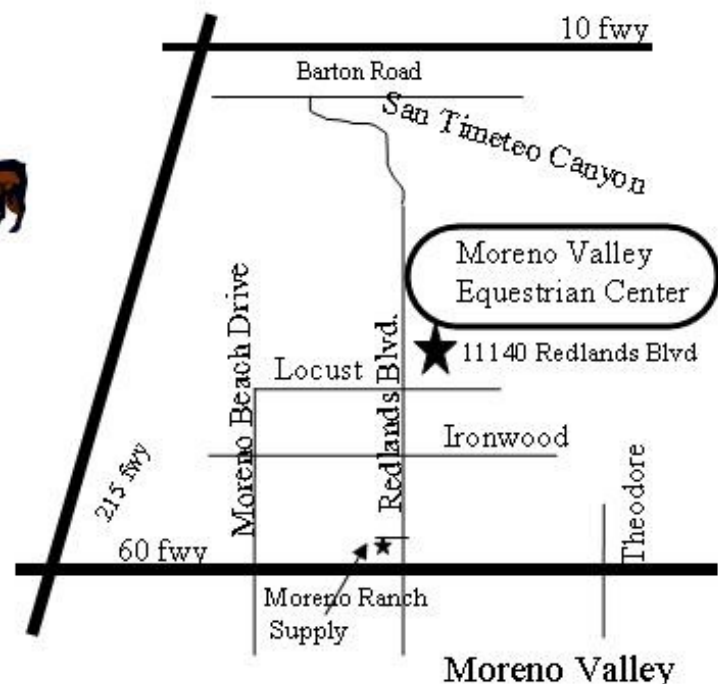


For more info:
Contact Barbara
951-242-8323

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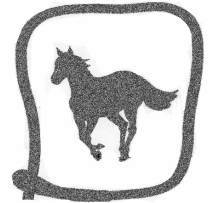
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Click on Upcoming Events





Trailseekers of Moreno Valley
CSHA Region XI Open Horse Show Series #1
Sunday, April 13, 2008
MORENO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK
SHOW STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.



Entry Booth opens at 8:00 a.m.

Judge – TBA

Awards to First Place, Ribbons 1st thru 5th

HALTER

1. Yearlings
2. Mares and Fillies
3. Geldings
4. Stallions
5. Stock Type (QH/Paint/Appy, etc)
6. Non-Stock Type (Arab/TB/Gaited, etc)
7. Color
8. Non-Color
9. Junior Horse (5 yrs & under) @
(Amateur & Youth handlers only)
10. Junior Horse (5 yrs & under) Open
11. Senior Horse (6 yrs & over) @
(Amateur & Youth handlers only)
12. Senior Horse (6 yrs & over) Open
13. Performance Halter Open#
#Must show in a performance class
14. Open Halter Open

GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE

15. Showmanship 17 & under
16. Showmanship 18 & over
17. Showmanship Open

---15 MINUTE BREAK---

ENGLISH

18. Walk/Trot Equitation 10 & under*
19. Walk/Trot Equitation Jr/Adult @*
20. Equitation 13 & under
21. Equitation 14-17
22. Equitation 18-34 @
23. Equitation 35 & Over@
24. Equitation Open
25. Walk/Trot Pleasure 10 & Under*
26. Walk/Trot Pleasure Jr/Adult @*
27. Pleasure 13 & under
28. Pleasure 14-17
29. Country Pleasure Open
30. Pleasure 18-34 @
31. Pleasure 35 & over@
32. Pleasure Open

----30 minute Lunch Break----

WESTERN

33. Walk/Jog Trail 10 & under*
34. Walk/Jog Trail Jr/Adult @*
35. Trail 17 & under
36. Trail 18 & over@
37. Trail Open
38. Walk/Jog Equitation 10 & under*
39. Walk/Jog Equitation Jr/Adult @*
40. Equitation 13 & under
41. Equitation 14-17
(Melissa Caitlin Brace Memorial Class)
42. Equitation 18-34 @
43. Equitation 35 & over@
44. Equitation Open
45. Walk/Jog Pleasure 10 & under*
46. Walk/Jog Pleasure Jr/Adult @*
47. Pleasure 13 & under
48. Pleasure 14 -17
49. Country Pleasure Open
50. Pleasure 18-34 @
51. Pleasure 35 & over@
52. Pleasure Open

-----Tractor Break-----

53. Reining 17 & Under
54. Reining 18 & Over@
55. Reining Open

* WALK/TROTTERS MAY NOT SHOW IN ANY OTHER PERFORMANCE CLASS

@Registered Amateurs/JRs only

(photocopies of any amateur card acceptable)



Directions to Moreno Valley Equestrian Center:

11140 Redlands Blvd, Moreno Valley 92555
 From 60 Fwy, exit on Redlands Blvd, go 1 1/2 miles north past Locust Avenue, arena is on the right.

Class Fee \$7.00 per class
 Drug Fee \$5.00 per horse
 Grounds Fee \$5.00 per horse (stabling not available)

CSHA REGION XI SHOW SERIES DATES:

Sunday, April 13, 2008 Sunday, June 15, 2008
 Sunday, May 18, 2008 Sunday, July 13, 2008
 Rain dates – TBA (if needed)

**INFO: Contact Barbara (951) 242-8323
 or website www.trailseekersmv.org**

This show is governed by CSHA West Coast Horse Show rules. The decision of the judge and show management is final. No one under 18 may show a stallion. Substitution of horse or rider and entry refunds are subject to show management approval. All dogs must be kept on leash. No gate entries, add-ons must be added two classes in advance. To keep the show on schedule, mgmt may impose a one-minute gate call.

Must register in advance and show in 3 of 4 shows to Qualify for Year-End Awards and for CSHA State Show of Champions - See complete rqmts in Program Rules.

Walk/Trot-Jog Jr/Adult classes are NOT SOC qualifiers.



APHA PAC APPROVAL pending

Over-All Daily Hi-Point Awards!

**TRAILSEEKERS OF MORENO VALLEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2007**

1. Call to order 6:15 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Present: Barbara K., Margie, Sue, Jan, Marcia; Barbara M=sick.
3. Correspondence & Announcements – none
4. Approval of Minutes – Sue G. moved to approve, Jan B 2nd. Passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: see handout
6. Old Business
 - a. CSHA update: 2008 show dates will be determined via e-mail
 - b. Horse N Around recap: Other than poor weather it was a big success.
We will present Moss Motors with plaque for their \$500 sponsorship.
 - c. Park Status
Horse Park-update: arena cover, sand, park meeting – Dec 21
Dog Park – update
7. New Business
 - a. Clinics Jan/Feb 2008: Barrel Racing-Holly Ricotta, Cow sorting Trail/Showmanship; Fral Lelli—
dates and costs will be determined later but are tentatively Jan 12, 19 or 26.
 - b. Nomination new VP – Marcia nominated Ann Beamesdorfer, Margie 2nd
 - c. Volunteer appreciation event Dinner had no interest.
 - d. Hand lotion 4 cowgirls – Jo Wackerly postpone for later meeting.
 - e. Holiday party: Dec 15th at Sue Gs. Call Sue for what you should bring
 - f. Program: Feed analyses – Anne Grell tonight! March = Dentist, P. Rue.
 - g. Sweetheart poker ride: Jan will be in charge, Marcia/Blossom =Trail boss
 - h. Other:
8. Adjournment 7:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Marcia Narog, President and acting Secretary

**TRAILSEEKERS OF MORENO VALLEY, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2007**

1. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Laura, Ann, Ron, Sherril, Susan C., and others (?) in addition to Board
3. Announcements: Xmas party Dec. 15 at Sue Gs. Sign up for entrees.
4. VP nomination: Ann Beamsdorfer
5. Clinics & Sweetheart poker ride: Jan volunteered to be in charge this year.
6. Horse N' Around 2007 recap
7. Program—Horse feed analyses: Anne Grell was a wealth of information!
8. Other
9. Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Marcia Narog, President and acting Secretary

Are you getting this newsletter because you attended one of our events? Want to join the Trailseekers?
Are you a current member who needs to renew? Please use the form on the next page and bring it,
with your membership fee check, to the next meeting OR mail it to the address at the bottom of the form.

Dues are good for one full **membership year (July 1 through June 30)**. Dues include one newsletter
per address, member rates on special events, and priority for space in special events. Members not paid
up by 4 months after start of membership year will be dropped from our mailing list. **Guests receive 2
or 3 free newsletters, and then should join to continue service.**

CURRENT MEMBERS: Please submit a new copy of the form with your dues so we have
accurate contact information and a signed liability waiver on file!

**Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.
New/Renewal Membership Application**

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

Note: Members must be 18 years or older

Single Membership - \$20 per year (membership year is July 1- June 30)

Family Membership - \$35 per year (2 or more adults in same household)

Family Member's Name(s): _____

Optional Information

Number/breed of horses owned: _____

Equestrian Interests (ex. Trail riding, Camping, Showing, Breeding, etc.):

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that this Release of Liability agreement applies to ANY and ALL activities while participating as a member in the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc. I acknowledge that ANY and ALL activities may contain risk of injury and damage to me personally. Knowing these facts, I nevertheless, in consideration to your acceptance of this application, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, discharge, and hold harmless the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc, their officers, directors, agents, members, representatives, heirs, executors, and all other persons or organizations in any way connected with any and all membership activities during the term of my membership. I agree to abide by all applicable laws and regulations as well as instructions outlined by the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., officers, committee chairpersons, or activity coordinators. The Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., its officers, directors, agents, members, or representatives shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse, or property. I acknowledge that equine activities carry inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse, and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown during my participation in ANY and ALL events organized or sponsored by the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.

I hereby release the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., their directors, officers, agents, members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or property. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns.

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., their officers, directors, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs, and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Mail this form to: **Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., P.O. Box 6232, Moreno Valley, CA 92554**

Important Dates to Remember!

January 8 (Tuesday) – Board meeting at 6 pm and General Meeting at 7 pm in Trailseekers trailer at MVEC. Program: TBA. See you there!

January 19 (Saturday) – Barrel racing clinic with Holly Ricotta, MVEC. Cost \$150 for all day, including lunch.

January 26 (Saturday) – Trail and Showmanship Clinic at MVEC. Cost \$25 for all day, including lunch!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR HORSE'N'AROUND MAJOR SPONSOR:

Moss Brothers Auto Group, off Highway 60 at Moreno Beach in Moreno Valley



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SHOW SERIES SPONSORS:

National Realty Group, Moreno Valley

Victory Pass Equine Transport

Moreno Ranch Supply, Redlands Blvd at Hwy 60, MV

Jesse Jayo Horseshoeing, phone 951-283-5739, Banning

Miles Turner with Tower Realty

Cowgirl Dressage by Diane Dodd, on Locust Ave. across from MVEC

Kahoots, Van Buren Ave. in Riverside

Victory Pass Riders

Thrifty Horse, 760 North Main Street #101, Corona

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