

Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.

P. O. Box 6232

Moreno Valley, CA 92554



## Calendar of Events

**April 6 (Tuesday) Bingo Night presented by the Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team 6:30 p.m.** (See attached flyer) \$5 for 3 cards. Additional cards \$1 All proceeds support the team. This drill team provided a fabulous performance at the last Horse-n-Around



**April (Tuesday) - Trailseekers Membership meeting at 6:30.** at the MV Equestrian Center. *This meeting is going to be dedicated to generating ideas to expand the usage of the equestrian park. The best way to preserve the park is to ensure that there is a demand to use the park. Come to the meeting and bring your ideas.!!*

**April 10, 2010 (Saturday) Lake Cahuilla Equestrian Campground work day.** RSVP to Dan Nove at dnove@co.riverside.ca.us.

**April 17 (Saturday) E.T.I. Corral 50 Vaccination Clinic and Community Equine Swap Meet** Santa Rosa Equestrian Center 10 a.m.—3 p.m. See attached flyer

**April 18 (Sunday) MVEC. 12 p.m.. Volunteer Training Fun Show.** See pg. 2 Or contact Barbara Kimbell at (951) 242-8323

**April 25 (Sunday) Trailseekers Show Series # 2. MVEC.** Sign ups begin at 7:00 am. Show begins at 8:00 am. More info (951) 242-8323 or bmktrailseeker@yahoo.com.

**May 15 (Saturday) 3rd Annual Backcountry Horseman Packing Clinic featuring Lee Green.** For more information contact Roland Schmitz (951)833-6403 (flyer attached)

**June 5 (Saturday) Hoofing it for a Cure. Wildwood State Park, Yucaipa, CA—** Fight breast cancer equine-style. Start creating your team now. For more information email hoofinitforacure@gmail.com or call (951) 247-8567



**June 12-13 (Saturday & Sunday) Clinton Anderson's Walk About Tour. Southpoint Equestrian Center. Las Vegas, NV.** Discover the method and become a better horseman in just two days. For more info call 888-287-7432 or go to

### Congratulations!

To Mike and Sharon Scott on their new Arabian filly Maggie May!



**Thank you** Johnnie Hendrick and Sue Gilchrist for their work on the announcer/scorekeeper trailer and sound system. It looks and will sound much better



## Volunteer Training Fun Show Scheduled for Sunday, April 18 at 12 noon.

For those that would like to volunteer to help out in our open horse show series, we will be having a volunteer training show day to learn and practice the various positions needed and have fun with our own horses at the same time. With the two new classes, sporthorse-in-hand and the jumping classes, we'll learn the rules and set-up of these classes. Those with show expertise are also welcome to come and give us pointers/tips on how to help the show run more smoothly. It won't be a full day of doing all the classes, just a couple classes from each category to get the

feel, rules, set-up, and routine of the class. No entry fees, its free, no show clothes/tack. Just show up at 12 p.m. on Sunday at the arena in your casual wear with your hairy horse for some fun and training for your and your horse. Learn the roles of judge, ring steward, registration, gate monitor, ribbon presenter, and set-up of the in-hand, jump and trail courses, and grooming of the arena. We'll switch roles after each category, so you can also participate in a class with your horse. Come and have fun!

Barbara Kimbell



## Roy Rogers Rangers Set to Return to MVEC!

Following a short hiatus, the Roy Rogers Rangers Mounted Shooting Team have cleared another hurdle that has kept them from using the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center for their once a month practices and occasional events.



Previously, because of a citizen complaint regarding the noise produced by the RRR air pistols, the City had declined to allow the group to hold events at the equestrian park. However, upon investigation by a group of Trailseekers, citizens, and other interested parties, it was found that the city had never verified that the noise was excessive and was relying only

upon a personal statement and a petition that had been circulated to select houses around the equestrian center. Other houses, close to the center, were not contacted and never had their opinions considered. Nor were the opinions of the other users of MVEC.

When presented with this information, Park and Recreation Director Mike McCarty, arranged for Councilmember Robin Hastings to come to the park to actually see mounted shooting. RRR President and Trailseeker Secretary Cathy Hedrick provided the demonstration. After an additional demonstration for the entire council and extensive decibel testing, the Council unanimously agreed that the noise was not excessive and agreed to allow the club to resume using the center. All that remains is to change an outdated ordinance, made long before the idea of an equestrian center was conceived.

The City's current financial situation leaves many recreational programs dependant upon public use and payment of fees so it is important to encourage use of the equestrian and dog parks!

### LOST

Brown Carhart jacket and a stainless steel water jug. Lost near the warm-up arena bleachers. If found call Margie at (951) 242- 5600

### Wanted

Free Filing cabinet or other lockable storage unit for the MVEC show trailer. If you have something contact Barbara @ (951) 242-8323

# Highland Fairview CEO Wants to Renege on Trails Agreement

Highland Fairview CEO Iddo Benzeevi, appeared at the MV Recreational Trails Board (RTB) on Wed, March 24 to request that the Board approve a request to modify the Conditions of Approval on the Sketchers warehouse project that would essentially eliminate a multi-use trail that would border the project. Benzeevi wants to pass the cost of the trail on to the taxpayers by requiring the City to buy the land and install the multi-use trail. Benzeevi also requested that the project be exempted from landscaping adjacent to the site and a reduction of other public improvements in the original plans.

The RTB voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council deny the request.

Benzeevi had previously requested a change in the Master Plan of Trails (MPT) on Jan. 23, 2008 to eliminate a multi use trail on Sinclair St. that would have provided a link to the northern sections of the trail system via a freeway bridge. Benzeevi also requested that the trail on Eucalyptus Ave. be moved from the south side to the north side of the street to provide a continuous trail from Redlands Blvd to Theodore St. At that meeting he expressed enthusiasm for the Trails system and pledged to support its continued development. He reaffirmed that pledge on July 23, 2008 when the RTB met to reconsider its original recommendation at the request of a member who was not present at the Jan. 23rd meeting. The RTB reaffirmed it's recommendation at that meeting and the City Council approved the project on February 10, 2008 with the requirement that the multi-use trail be dedicated and constructed by the developer as is the practice for all new development in Moreno Valley.

If granted, Highland Fairview would be the first developer to be relieved of the obligation to provide trails as provided by the General Plan of Trails. The project has already benefited from a reduction in developer's fees formerly charged to other large projects.

It is a common practice for the City of Moreno Valley and for most other cities to require General Plan improvements to be dedicated and constructed by the developer. Developers, who stand to make considerable profits from projects, are asked to contribute something to the community to ensure that Moreno Valley continues to be a pleasant place to live and work after the developer has reaped their profits. They are often required to construct

community parks, dedicate land for schools, build roadway meridians, or add other amenities that attract homebuyers and businesses.

Benzeevi's attempt to back out of the agreement that **HE** suggested threatens future projects as well as the completion of the entire multi-use trail system that is used every day by the citizens of the City. While he states that the 'economy' makes installing the trail a problem, economic conditions have actually improved since he made his original proposal and it was accepted by the RTB.

The City of Moreno Valley does not have the financial ability to purchase the property from Benzeevi, nor to install the trail. They do not stand to make a significant profit from the building and leasing of the warehouse as does the Highland Fairview Corporation. If Highland Fairview is not required to adhere to the conditions of approval the trail that would ultimately extend to Theodore St. will never become a reality.



***Benzeevi will be taking his request to the City Council. Now is the time to contact your council member and tell them that ALL developers need to complete their projects according to conditions of approval and that our current construction standards must be maintained. Tell them you want a comprehensive trails system that includes, bikeways, multi-use trails, and walkways that will improve the value of our property and the livability of our city. Plan to attend that meeting when announced, and show your support of our Multi-use trails system and consistent building standards.***



## Lucky Girl Update!

*On Friday, March 19, 2010 three horses and a automobile were involved in an accident. A gelding and month old foal were killed, but one, a mare, survived. She was found saddled and bridled, however all other information about who was riding or owns these horses is unknown. The surviving mare is in foster care with Jim and Beth Gorsline. Jim has kindly provided an update of her condition:*

For those of you who are wondering what happened to the mare that survived the car crash on Redlands Blvd. Friday, March 19th along with two other horses that were killed, here is an update to fill you all in.

Beth and I decided to inquire at the local Animal Shelter about her condition and the possibility of fostering her at our ranch until she healed. Monday, the 22nd of March we drove down to the shelter and before we knew, we had signed all the paper work and returned Tuesday morning with our trailer to pick her up. The Shelter agreed to cover all medical costs if we paid for feed. It was determined that she was the mother of the one-month old foal that was killed.

Her injuries consisted of numerous stitches in both of her front legs, two drains placed in fairly deep wounds in her chest and a full thickness avulsion to her rear leg that was almost to the bone. Fortunately no tendons or muscles were damaged. She also had numerous abrasions on various parts of her body. She initially appeared fairly sound and was eating and drinking without any difficulty.

The pen we put her in is adjacent to the open pen we keep our two other horses in. Immediately after placing her in the pen, she stretched her head over the fence and nestled it between our two horses and let out a big sigh of relief. She definitely needed to be around other horses.

The first week went relatively smooth and she appeared to be warming up to us. She did exhibit some symptoms of colic, but our Vet took care of that immediately. Her schedule consisted of one 30 CC shot of antibiotics daily and a syringe of Bute once a day orally. The wounds on her front legs had to be cleaned daily and the dressing on her rear leg was changed every other day after the avulsion was cleansed and dried. She tolerated this very well at first, but after about the third day, she started shying away from us when we approached as I feel she knew what was coming.

The second week she became very timid and shook when we approached her. We also noticed that she had difficulty urinating and couldn't completely raise her tail when she did. We suspected some possible damage to her back, but our Vet said it was too early to tell. These symptoms lasted for about four days.

Her stitches were eventually removed and the dressing on her rear leg was not being treated with Scarlett Oil to prevent Proud Flesh. After many tedious hours of comforting her and the help of Diane Dodd, she is now beginning to trust us and even has started coming to us when we approach her. Her wounds have all healed very well and she doesn't appear as sensitive in her hind quarters as she originally did. We now only have to change the rear leg dressing every 3 days. She tolerates this very well.

She is actually a very sweet horse and is adjusting very well considering a that she has been through. From the looks of her, somebody took very good care of her and kept her groomed. Her hooves could use some work.

As of now, nobody has come forward to claim her and that could be due to the fact that the owner will be responsible for all costs of repairing the vehicle that hit the three horses. My wife says we are just going to keep her until she has completely recovered, but as the days go by, I see her becoming more attached to this horse and I do believe eventually I will be the owner of three horses. We decided to name her Luck Girl after all she has been through.

There you have it, the latest up to the minute info on one very lucky horse!

Jim and Beth Gorsline

Editor's note: Jim and Beth have done a wonderful and selfless act by taking in this horse in her time of need. The world needs more people like them!

## Ride Report

### Los Compadres Trail Ride

#### Palm Springs, CA

#### March 4– 7, 2010

The Los Compadres Riding Club located in Palm Springs, CA held their 50th annual trail ride and dinner dance at their club house and stables on El Cielo Drive in Palm Springs. The facility is located on the giant .... River bottom that leads to the Palm Springs Indian Canyons and it is wonderful place to stage a ride... The club house having a full bar makes coming back a lot of fun too!

The first day a Bingo ride was held in which riders were able to purchase a bingo card. Numbers were placed along the trail and riders rode the trail attempting to fill up their cards. The riders who got the most numbers won the pot! Warning: the regular bingo practice of buying numerous cards require a really broke horse and a lot of manual dexterity!

Saturday, a ride into the Indian Canyons ... it was a perfect day, not too hot or too cold... lots of water in the oasis and the desert was so green it didn't look much like a desert!



Breakfast and a trail lunch are provided each day and in the evening there was a wonderful dinner provided by the club, live entertainment, and dancing. The highlight of the ride is always the nightly raffle where fabulous gifts entice riders to buy tickets and fill the jars for the prizes the covet.

Sunday left time for riders to sneak in one last ride to the Indian canyons or participate in an informal trail class on the club grounds. Trailseeker Margie Brietkreuz and her horse Dodge won second place and a Los Compadres T-Shirt. Margie and Fred also won a prize for the longest consecutive attendance at the rides. The exact number has been lost, but everyone agrees. They have been riding longer than any other guest.

The Los Compadres Trail Ride is held every year on the first weekend in March. Reserve that weekend next year and have a great time!

**NOTE: Been on any good rides lately? Tell us about them! Send your article to Kim at [nelson\\_lbk@msn.com](mailto:nelson_lbk@msn.com)**



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**TRAILSEEKERS OF MORENO VALLEY, INC.**  
**MARCH 9, 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S AND GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order 6:30pm
2. In attendance: Lee Barlow, Randee Roberts, Sue Gilchrist, Margie Breitreuz, Kim Nelson, Ron and Ann McCoy, Johnnie and Cathy Hendrick, Barbara McCarthy
3. Margie moved to accept the February minutes; Kim second. Passed
4. Treasurer's Report – Margie presented the report for review.
5. Old Business
  - 5.1 Eagle Scout Project – Tabled at this time
  - 5.2 March 7 Horse Show rained out, next show is April 25. The arena had been disked harrowed and leveled nicely for \$300.00.
  - 5.3 Thank you to Johnnie and Sue for the work done on the announcer and scorekeeping trailer. Johnnie turned in the receipts for trenching and supplies; and Johnnie will get a new step for the front entry.
  - 5.4 Barbara will call about getting a truck to adjust the direction of the speakers in time for the next horse show.
  - 5.5 The awning project is tabled until after the first show and/or the priority tasks involving the trailer and speaker adjustments are complete.
  - 5.6 T.H.E. is not interested in administering the scholarship as we had submitted it to them. Kim suggested that a scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 be awarded to T.H.E. to use at their discretion.
  - 5.7 Barbara will email Kim the approved version of the membership application.
  - 5.8 Margie will look into the kiosk repair by next meeting.
  - 5.9 Camping in Aug or Sept deferred since Barbara Kezar is not in attendance.
6. New Business
  - 6.1 The announcer booth will be included in the rental for the arena to attract people to book the arena; and we'll wait to see if there is a need for further operational guidelines for booth use.
  - 6.2 Barbara gave an overview of the member-only fun/practice show day and volunteer training to be held April 17. She noted benefits of cross training duties and a dry run practice of running the show. Barbara will advertise via email and newsletter.
  - 6.3 The member interest survey has not been developed as yet and Kim and Margie will be gathering more details from the membership
  - 6.4 Barbara will organize a workday to paint the arena railing, get approval as needed and get a sand blaster from the City.
  - 6.5 Cathy volunteered to chair an event project for 2011 at MVEC for Hispanic Heritage Month which is May/June.
  - 6.6 Barbara will check Rick's availability to teach a Trail Trial Clinic at MVEC in the summer as a fundraiser for CSHA Region 11.
  - 6.7 Cathy suggested that the Trailseekers develop and be accountable for a plan to recruit use and income producing bookings of MVEC. The plan should include goals, objectives, time line and benchmarks.

# VACCINATION CLINIC

Large & Small Animals

## *Community Equine Swap Meet*

**Sponsored by ETI Corral 50**

### **GAVILAN HILLS**

*Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M till 3:00 P.M.*

Santa Rosa Equestrian Center



### **EQUINE VACCINATIONS**

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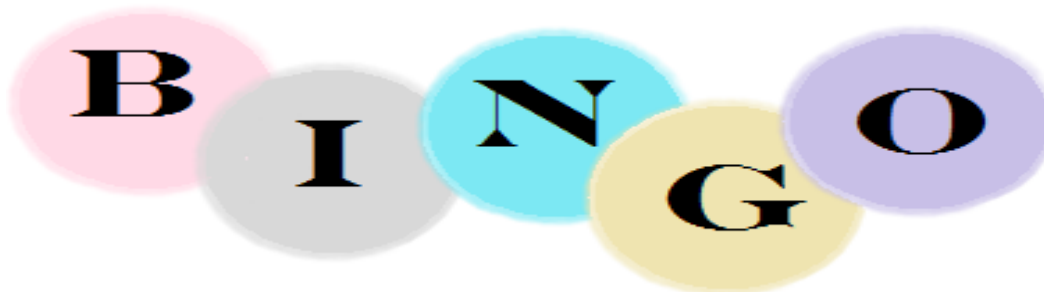
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*Directions:* Santa Rosa Equestrian Center, 23550 Rose Quartz, Gavilan Hills (Perris) Ca 92570

From 15: Cajalco exit east, right Gavilan Rd (becomes Santa Rosa Mine Rd), right Piedras, left El Nido, right Rose Quartz to arena

From 215: Cajalco exit west, right Gavilan Rd (becomes Santa Rosa Mine Rd), right Piedras, left El Nido, right Rose Quartz to arena

From 91: La Sierra exit south, left El Sobrante, left Cajalco, right Gavilan Rd (becomes Santa Rosa Mine Rd), right Piedras, left El Nido, and right on Rose Quartz to arena



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3<sup>rd</sup> annual Backcountry Horsemen Packing clinic

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LEE GREEN

On May 15, 2010, Backcountry Horsemen of California: Santa Ana River Unit will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Packing Clinic and Packing Trail Course as one of this year's group fundraisers. This special program is designed to educate the basic introduction of "packing" to the novice and intermediate "packer" as well. Participants will learn how to successfully pack equipment with an experienced packing mule or horse. They will receive solid techniques to help their horses eliminate fear and gain confidence while packing. The focus will be to educate "hands on methods" with iron mules, dummy mules and introducing packing equipment to the horse, all essential equipment will be provided. Men & Women will learn techniques to experience the serenity and beauty of high country wilderness in California.

This year's featured trainer is non other than Lee Green. Mr. Green is multiple Mule Days Farrier Champion and professional packer. Other notable instructors on hand will be Troy Patton and Chip Herzig.

The hosting facility will be Laramore Riding Arena; 11380 Little Dipper St, Mira Loma, CA 91752. The one day clinic will start @ 9:00am and fun to 5:00 pm. The clinic organizers are allowing pre-entry to reserve clinic participation, space is limited and auditors are welcome.

For more information on this clinic and the Backcountry Horsemen contact Thaddeus Chodakauskas, phone 951.312.0724 or Carol Chodakauskas, phone 951.733.2898 or visit [www.bchcsaru.org](http://www.bchcsaru.org). A copy of the entry form can be found at [www.bchcsaru.org](http://www.bchcsaru.org)

For more information on Lee Green visit [www.pacifichoofcare.org](http://www.pacifichoofcare.org)



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