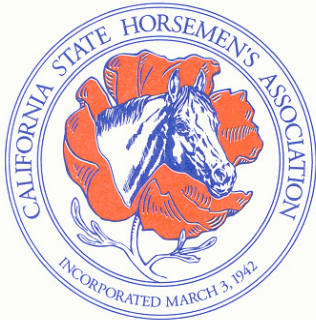


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 9 (Tuesday) – Trailseekers combination Board meeting and General Membership at 6:30 p.m. at the trailer.**

**February 4 -7 Equine Affaire Clinics,** demonstrations and plenty of opportunity to buy cool horse stuff. At the Pomona Fairgrounds. For more information go to <http://www.equineaffaire.com/california/index.html>.

**February 14 (Sunday) Trailseekers Sweetheart Poker Ride** Sign ups begin at 9a.m. Ride out at 10 a.m. Volunteers are still needed. For more information contact Barbara McCarthy-Kimbell at 951.243.8323

**February 21 (Sunday) CSHA Trail Trial Clinic** hosted by CSHA Region 11. (flyer attached)

**February 26-28 Chris Cox Horsemanship Clinic.** George Ingalls Equestrian Center, Norco. For more information 888-81-HORSE or visit [www.chris-cox.com](http://www.chris-cox.com)

**March 7 (Sunday) CSHA Region XI Open Horse Show Series #1** Moreno Valley Equestrian Center. For more information contact Barbara @ (951)242-8323 or @ [bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com](mailto:bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com)

**March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday & Sunday) San Bernardino Valley Riders 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trail Trial and Poker Ride** Bloomington. Flyer attached. For

more information call Monica Davis (909)877-0013 or (951) 217-0168



### **.Sweetheart Ride Set for Valentine's Day**

Arranges are underway for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Poker Ride. Gail Pena has graciously offered to lead the ride and Sue Gilchrist will be riding drag. Deanna Rasmussen will be there to set up in the morning; however more volunteers are needed to help with sign-ups and marking poker hands. Most jobs won't interfere with your ability to ride, so contact Barbara Kimbell at [bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com](mailto:bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com) to volunteer to help.

Prizes for the poker hands are also needed. Please bring your donation to the Trailseekers meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> or on the day of the ride. Your culinary expertise is also required to bake a tasty treat to share after lunch. The flyer for the ride is attached. Please be sure to tell your friends, and post it at any tack/feed stores you may visit.

Sign ups begin at 9 a.m. and the ride leaves at 10 a.m. Hands will be \$5 each and lunch will be available for an additional \$5. See you at the ride!

## State Park Update



A new year is upon us and, once again it is time for Arnold Swartzenegger's annual attempt to balance the state budget on the backs of the state park system. In his proposed budget, the Governor proposed to eliminate state funding for parks and replace it with uncertain funding from an oil drilling project that has not been approved. The Tranquillon Ridge project in Santa Barbara County was killed last year by the State Lands Commission and failed to pass out of the state legislature last year. Due to ecological concerns it is unlikely to pass again this year leaving the State Park allocation in the next budget at \$0.

The Governor is attempting to blackmail the legislature into passing an unpopular and environmentally dangerous proposal that will benefit the California oil industry while endangering the California coastline. The Governor continues to oppose an "extraction" tax on oil companies similar to the taxes paid in other oil producing states including Alaska.

"The hypocrisy of the Governor cannot be overstated," said Susan Jordan who directs the California Coastal Protection Network. "He would rather reverse forty years of bi-partisan California state policy against offshore oil drilling to push through a pet project over 100 statewide groups have joined to oppose rather than require oil companies extracting oil from our state's sea beds pay a severance tax -- their fair share to taxpayers for doing business in California. We are the only oil producing state in America that does not tax extraction of gas and oil on lands owned by the state. This would bring in more than 1.5 billion dollars annually to the state's General Fund," she emphasized.

Our State Park system is a pawn in the Governor's game and now is the time to take action. The "California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010," a statewide ballot measure to create a stable, reliable and adequate source of funding to protect state parks, conserve wildlife and increase public access to these valuable natural resources is currently in the process of gathering signatures. The measure would create a Trust Fund for parks and wildlife conservation with funding from an \$18 annual State Park access

surcharge on most California vehicles. Larger commercial vehicles, mobile homes, and permanent trailers (e.g. horse trailers) would be exempt.

***All vehicles subject to the surcharge would receive free, year round admission to all state parks.***

Californians would no longer have to pay day use fees at any state park – fees that can be as much as \$125 for an annual pass or \$10 -\$15 per day. A family with 3 vehicles would save \$71 per year over buying and annual pass. And **all** the parks could stay open, all week long.

Trailseekers Kim Nelson and Margie Brietkreuz are collecting signatures for this initiative. If you like to help, contact Kim at (951) 924-2576 or Margie (951) 242-5600 for information on the next signature gathering location. Or go to [www.caparks.org](http://www.caparks.org) to volunteer. Contact your local State Senator and Assembly member to express your support for the Park system and tell them not to let either the coastline or the Parks become victims of the California budget process.

To learn more about the initiative, the organizers and supporters of the initiative visit [www.yesforstateparks.com](http://www.yesforstateparks.com).

## Show Series News

### March 7, 2010

A new line-up of classes will make this year's show series even more fun" Two classes for sporthorse/hunter-in-hand (2 yrs and under show in halter, 3 yrs and old shown in English bridle). Get your running shoes on and start practicing the triangle. If you know of any youngsters that want to get a start in showing, we have a new lead line class for 8 yrs and younger. A handler must go out with the horse and child and the horse only walks in the class. It's a safe way to start your child/grandchild showing. And for those kids and grown-ups that like more excitement – three new jumping classes! The course will be the same and jump heights will be increased for each class. The age groups in the English and Western classes have been combined so expect a little more competition in each class. Year-end award categories will change also. They will be awarded at the club level, not by Region, as Region 14 is also having their own show series.

More volunteers are needed to help out at this show, especially with watering and dragging the arena the night before and to help in the morning with sign-ups, helping with gate, handing out ribbons, and setting up the jump and trail courses. Thanks to Manya Jiannino, Dana Roachat, and Marcia Narog for signing up to help. This show can only run smoothly with YOUR help!

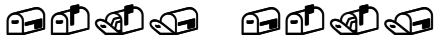
Please email Barbara Kimbell at [bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com](mailto:bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Trailseeker membership is not a requirement.

Thank you to Dana Rochat, Susan Cain and Sue Gilchrist for lending equipment for jumps and additional thanks to Susan Cain for designing the jump courses.

Barbara Kimbell

## Announcements

**Wanted:** Gently used Silk flowers, plants, etc. that can be used to decorate the jumps for the Show Series. Please bring them to the next Trailseeker meeting, drop them off at the trailer, or contact Barbara at [bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com](mailto:bmtrailseeker@yahoo.com) for pick up.



## Newsletter Contributions Requested

Please send contributions for the next issue by **December 25, 2009** to Kim Nelson, [nelson\\_lbk@msn.com](mailto:nelson_lbk@msn.com). We appreciate news of upcoming events, trip or trail reports, and notices of individual achievements. Please include full names of the people, clubs, horses, etc.

## Open Ranch Tour ReCap

The weather held up for the Open Ranch Tour and we received a light turnout of about 14 people and they came from Nuevo, San Jacinto, Hemet, and Redlands to see what type of horse property and ranches we have in Moreno Valley and San Timeteo Canyon. A big draw was to see Diane Dodd's Cowgirl Dressage Training Center, since she was recently showcased in a Press Enterprise article about training Traveler 8, the USC mascot. Many thanks to the ranches that prepped and opened their gates to the public that day – Eastside Ranch, Jeffries Heartland Stables, Horseshoe Ranch, Buffalo Meadows, and Circle P Ranch. And also to Laura Merrill for opening her house, a nice 4 bd, 2 bath home for rent, looking for 2 horses to call it home. A big thank you goes to Ingrid Le Masters, CSHA Region 11 President, and also equestrian property realtor, who set up her table at the MVEC with me and greeted people as they came in.

Barbara

## 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 the website at

[http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/Region\\_11/region11.htm](http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/Region_11/region11.htm) .

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**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.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**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**

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# 15th Annual Sweetheart Trail Ride

Take Your Sweetheart Out On the Trails

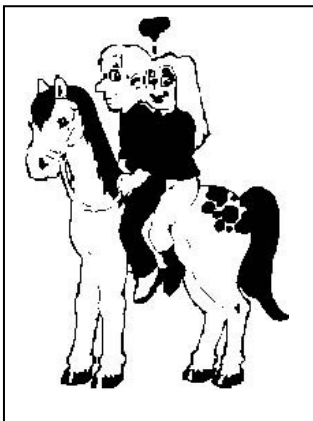
## February 14, 2010 (Sunday)

(No Rain Date)

### PRIZES, PRIZES AND MORE GREAT PRIZES!!!

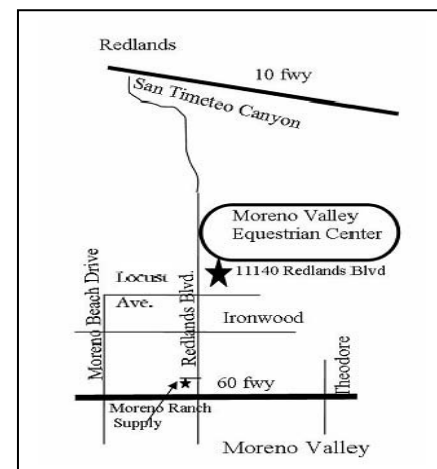
**Time: Sign Up Starts at 9:00 a.m.  
Ride Out at 10 a.m.**

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



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

Hands - \$5 Donation  
Lunch - \$5 Donation



Proceeds benefit the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center

For more info contact Barbara @ (951)242-8323 or visit [www.trailseekersmv.org](http://www.trailseekersmv.org)

TRAILSEEKERS OF MORENO VALLEY, INCL

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2010**

1. Call to Order 6:30 PM
2. Roll Call: In attendance were Barbara McCarthy, Manya Jiannino, Margie Breitreuz, Jan Beyers, Kim Nelson, Cathy and Johnnie Hendrick, Josephine Jensen, Deanna Rasmussen, Sharon Scott
3. Approval of Minutes: Kim motion to approve; Deanna second. Passed
4. Treasurer's Report – Margie presented the Treasurer's report. It was reviewed and accepted.
5. Old Business:
  - 5.1. Open Ranch Tour fundraiser Jan. 17 – Barbara presented the program which has 8 ranches on it; projected income from fundraiser is \$200.00. Barbara and Ingrid will be at the MVEC to pass out programs.
  - 5.2. February 14 Sweetheart Ride – Barbara asked for volunteers for the various duties to support this function; Barbara passed out a sign-up sheet. She discussed that she has prize items to make gift baskets. Please bring a prize to the next meeting which has a \$20.00 value. Attendees took extra flyers to pass out to local business to promote the ride.
  - 5.3. Horse Show – Meeting attendees took flyers to pass out to advertise and promote the show series. Combining classes and age groups saved approximately \$800.00 in production costs. Barbara has placed appropriate advertising for the events. She discussed the addition of jumping and sportsman class; she has booked the arena. Yucaipa is having a show which conflicts with the Region level awards in our series – a solution will be discussed in the coming meetings to promote enticements to participate in our series. Volunteers are needed for various duties to support the shows; Josephine offered that her daughter, Robin, will help with the computer duties; Manya volunteered as ring steward and announcer. Barbara will be sending an email to the membership with more specifics on times, dates duties, etc. where volunteers are urgently needed to support these shows.
  - 5.4. CSHA Convention recap – Jan reported that the initiative to require additional regulations resulting in higher costs for judging qualifications was rejected; and that we have been asked by the CSHA to produce local fundraising activities whereby proceeds would be donated directly to CSHA to support the Organization. The group thanked Jan for attending the convention as a representative of the TS.
  - 5.5. Awnings for bleachers – We discussed a preliminary simple structure for the awning and Johnnie will look in awning material and costs before next meeting.
  - 5.6. Arena supplements – Barbara hasn't looked into cost and type of arena supplements. We discussed that the first move is to properly work the soil we have; Sean O'Connor can level the main arena; Jeff Ott bid \$400.00 to grade and level the arena. Manya volunteered to get additional bids and report at the next TS Board meeting.
  - 5.7. Loudspeaker improvements – We received an unreasonably high bid to do electrical work; Johnnie will pursue options and report before next meeting and has committed to getting the project completed before the show season.
  - 5.8. Home Depot \$2,500 Grant – Cathy prepared a grant and submitted the application to Home Depot requesting \$1,500 for trees, perennials and irrigation system equipment for the slopes near the two arenas; \$700.00 for material to erect frames and awnings to shade arena bleachers and \$300.00 for floor repair and paint for the scoring booth.
  - 5.9. Permanent Registration/Announcer's Booth – We discussed placement of the building to be between the bleachers and we will not take possession until after the installation of underground electrical work connected with the loudspeaker project (see 5.7).
  - 5.10. Membership form revision – Barbara presented the updated form and asked that we email her with any additional changes or corrections. Also email Barbara with suggestions for wording of an authorization to release emails to vendors for solicitation of equestrian related sponsorships for benefit of TS.
  - 5.11. Handicapped Lesson Scholarship Application for T.H.E. – Barbara showed us an application she prepared; the attendees felt that T.H.E. should have the onus to screen and select applicants due to the sensitive nature of the recipients; with the caveat that it is clear the TS have sponsored said monies. There was no decision on who would further pursue this process.
6. New Business
  - 6.1. CSHA Club Membership and Insurance Renewal – Barbara procured a check for \$140.00; the events covered are July 4<sup>th</sup> event; the 4 Horse Shows in the Series; Sweetheart Trail Ride; and Horse N' Around Day
  - 6.2. Equine Affaire Feb 4-7 – CSHA booth needs volunteers (contact [Ingrid@IngridHomes.com](mailto:Ingrid@IngridHomes.com) )
  - 6.3. Marcia Narog gave Barbara some paper work for \$100K grant it's too late to work on this, same grant has been part of the City plan and is out of the scope of the TS.
  - 6.4. Margie will adjust the kiosk door
7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

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*California State Horsemen's Association Region 11*

*Sunday, February 21, 2010*

*8:00 AM to 3:30 PM*

*Trail Trials are judged competitions designed to test the skills of a horse and rider over a trail course  
with obstacles natural to the region*

*This clinic is designed to prepare riders who would like instruction for their first Trail Trial and Novice  
/ Intermediate / Advance competitors looking to develop their skills*

*Clinic Overview*

- *Introduction to Trail Trials*
- *How obstacles are judged & the rules that apply*
- *How to improve your obstacle scores*
- *Improving your performance with your horse as a team*
- *Q & A session with a Senior Trail Trial Judge*

*Goals of this clinic*

- *Rider & horse become a more competitive team!*
- *Just get familiar with Trail Trials, come experience the fun*
- *Get riders ready for the CSHA Trail Trials to be held in Southern CA this year*

*Rider and Auditor spaces are available, Space is limited  
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