



MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS
NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

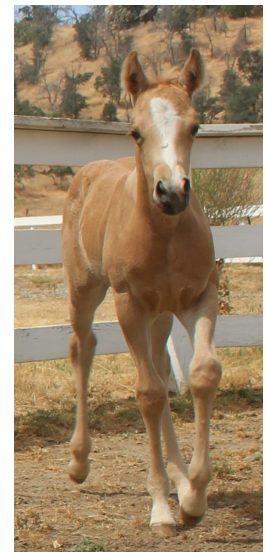
Wow, did our month of May give us a blend of weather and fun. One day we are sweltering in our boots thinking, "I hope this isn't a prelude to our summer!" then we have some of the most beautiful weather you could ask for. Fortunately, we have the **OBSTACLE CHALLENGE** on June 3rd, and the weather is promising us a beautiful day. If you have not signed up, do so quickly, as this is a good way to expose your horses to different obstacles. As an arena event, you can control the environment and focus on the specific obstacle. This is an excellent learning and teaching lesson. If you cannot ride, come and see all the goodies we dug out of our tack rooms. I am certain you will find some good treasures.

Our Scavenger Hunt was well enjoyed by all. As always, any chance you get to ride the Long Ranch is a special event. Our crews do a fantastic job of providing excellent food and entertainment. As you look down our scheduled events, you will see we have some upper elevation rides coming. These are a great way to beat the heat and see all the wonders of the big trees. At this time, everyone is trying to access information to find what trails are open to ride. I am certain our Trail Boss will make the ride enjoyable.

As always, we invite you to attend our board meetings. We are always open to suggestions and look forward to seeing all our members riding and enjoying our area with us. As they say, "See you on the trail!"

NEWS! Rebecca Justin got a surprise "Catch Filly" out of her mare Sally. I gave her Sally last summer and neither of us knew she was expecting. Lucky Gal got a pretty dark palomino filly with 4 socks and a huge blaze, strip & snip, friendly as can be and she is tickled. The filly's name is Buckshots Feather.

Carla Kelly



TRAIL BOSS REPORT



Quote of the Month

“Practice sharpens, but over schooling blunts the edge. If your horse isn’t doing right, the first place to look is yourself.” Joe Heim

Greetings from The Round TUIT Ranch. I hope everyone enjoyed Mother’s Day and the Memorial Day Weekend. And now we are moving toward the Summer Solstice, which means moving our rides up to higher elevations as the weather warms up. We plan to have some rides out of Goat Meadow this year, and a camp out is planned for the weekend of July 15th. This all depends on the conditions of the trails, and we are hoping for the best.

I wasn’t able to attend the Scavenger Hunt on the Long Ranch, but had a fantastic pre-ride through green meadows full of wildflowers with Gwen, Jessica, and Erin to flag the trail.



Here is Jamie's report on the ride;

"The Scavenger Hunt at the Long's Ranch on May 13th went well. We had quite a few people from out of the area. Folks came from Sanger, Merced, Coarsegold and Ahwahnee. It is so neat that people will travel from so far away to come to our rides! Everyone had a good time collecting the treasures along the trail from the scavenger list. After the ride, everyone enjoyed another great lunch prepared by our camp cook, Adrian Wolf. This time there was a taco bar. We are looking forward to the Obstacle Clinic at Camp Creek on June 3rd as well as many more upcoming rides this year. Hope to see everyone out there. Come have fun with us!"

Jamie Zoller

I also got some positive feed-back from the ride. Kim Owens and her friend Penny from Ahwahnee went on the ride and had a fantastic time. They gave big compliments to everyone who worked to put it on, and said the taco bar was delicious. I got an e-mail from her and they both want to join. So I sent them the applications.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Erin Andrews, who helped Jamie and Jessie work the Scavenger Hunt. They were sorely short handed, and it is difficult to put on an event without help. As members, we would appreciate you donating some time to your club so the events are successful and run smoothly. It is amazing how much easier things flow with a few extra hands. We are working on having some simple "MEMBER ONLY" rides that will take a few hours and a sack lunch to participate. At this time, we are working on finding trails available and dates that will work. Stay tuned as we get this show on the road. Our pre-rides are also open to members, and I announce these to our Board. So please contact me if you are interested in pre-riding with us and I will be sure to contact you as well.



I haven't received any "Lessons Learned" from our members yet, so I will kick it off with a lesson that I learned last year. As the weather warms up, we should all be checking over our horse trailers for safety before we start heading out again. Well, I thought I had it covered, but found out the hard way that I did not. My horse GW has always been easy to load and trailer. But, one day he flat refused to go in the trailer. It was like all four feet were glued to the ground and he absolutely would not budge. I was at a loss as to what to do, because I trust his judgment, and didn't want to punish him if he had a good reason for not loading up. Well, he did have a good reason. As I started checking the inside of my trailer I discovered that some wasps had cleverly built their nests inside. I figured that GW must have gotten stung the last time I trailered him. I felt terrible to have lost his trust in me. Of course I removed the danger and promised him that would never happen again. But, it required a retrain with the help from Beth Kellner. So, be sure to check the inside as well as the outside of your trailer, **LESSON LEARNED!**

If you have a lesson to share or want to join our pre-rides please call me at; 209-769-0301 or e-mail; wendybrown@sti.net. And don't forget our "SUNSHINE BOX" for anyone that needs it. This is what keeps us connected.

Wendy Brown

Our next meeting is June 17th, 6:30 PM at the Happy Burger in Mariposa.

Thank you Dr. Jay Mero

