



MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS NEWSLETTER November 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October has been a busy month for the club. We pulled off a very successful Obstacle Practice with the joint cooperation of the Mariposa Sheriff Posse. This event was made successful by the happy riders who took good advantage of the variety of obstacles to challenge themselves and their horses. The "NO JUDGE" atmosphere made it easy to just work on getting the technique down to be successful. Our raffle once again offered a good variety of items to enter to win. Our Rodeo Royalty picked the tickets, and many squeals of happiness were heard by all. Thank you to all those who helped make this an event to remember. The Halloween Ride at the Long Ranch had to be cancelled due to the lack of help. This is a strong reminder to all our members that you are needed to help put on events. The need for extra hands to help set up, pick up food, collect donations, etc. is needed to make the events run smoothly and profitably. We all have busy lives, but it is unrealistic to expect a few to consistently put on events without assistance. Please help us to make this club grow and offer more to its membership. We are coming to the end of our fiscal year and new board members are needed. I have been your President for two years and it is time for me to step down. We need you to help fill the openings on the board to keep your club strong. Please look to your email coming out regarding the elections and consider serving for a year.

AND DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY & LUNCH & LEARN WITH DR. JAY MERO DVM AT 11:00 AM ON DECEMBER 3rd AT THE FISH & GAME HALL, 5056 DARRAH ROAD, MARIPOSA. PLEASE RSVP Jamie 209-628-6615 or Jessica – 209-201-8421. THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS.



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Life is a Trail

**“It’s in the getting there not the being there that’s important.
The destination ignites the spark that fuels the fire of adventure.
It’s the journey, the trail, the quest, the quest for something more
It’s the trail that leads to ourselves.”**

Wendy Brown from her book Mountain Majesty

I would like to express my thanks to the Mariposa Mountain Riders and the Mariposa Posse for the fun obstacle practice event at Camp Creek Ranch. It was the first time my husband Kevin or I had participated in this kind of thing and we were pleasantly surprised how well our horses took to the obstacles. I can see how this type of training can transfer over onto the trail, such as putting on a raincoat from the back of your horse. All of the obstacles help with de-spooking your horse, which is an asset out on the trail.





Although I always welcome the winter weather, I'm hoping that this winter will cause a little less damage to our trails at the higher elevations. I would like to have more members-only rides in the New Year. All you have to do is show up with a saddle bag lunch and be ready to ride out at the designated time. Members can invite one guest, one time. If their guest enjoys the ride and wants to ride with us again they will have join the club.

Mark you calendars for Saint Patrick's Day March 17, 2024. We had to cancel last year due to rain. But I was able to reserve Footman Park in Raymond for next year, and we will be riding down road 607 through green rolling hills in the cattle country. There is also a Trail Trials sponsored by the California State Horsemen Association to be held on July 13 & 14, 2024 out of Goat Meadow in Fish Camp, and they have requested our help. So let's step up and give our partners a hand.

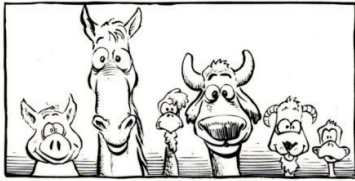
And lastly, I got the OK from the Mariposa County Fairgrounds to have parade practice there. Walkers and riders are welcome, so please contact me if you are interested in parades. We would like to have an entry, at least by the Labor Day Parade.

**Stay tuned, the best is yet to come!
Wendy Brown**



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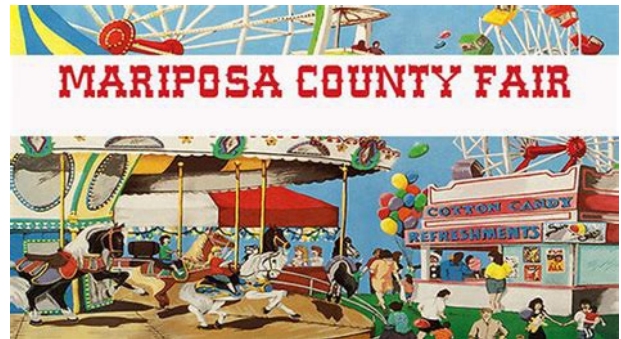


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