## Trail Times



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#### Official Publication of the Gold Country Trails Council

GCTC is an organization committed to develop, maintain and advocate for safe integrated trails for equestrians and other non-motorized users.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a fantastic turnout of the Lone Grave workday on the zig zag trail. The new trail section is a wonderful addition. I've both hiked and ridden the trail – it looks fantastic.

The next workday will be at Skillman on Wednesday, May 23. There is likely to be more campground cleanup than usual. The cleanup from the logging operation to make the campground more accessible wasn't completed before winter, so it is underway now. Since there isn't a camp host at Skillman, we're negotiating with the Forest Service to allow members to stay at Skillman for free if they act as a camp host. Having a camp host in place, especially on weekends, will really help keep the campground organized.

We're signing a Forest Service agreement with the Yuba district of Tahoe National Forest. This agreement formalizes the list of trails we maintain. The Forest Service already has an agreement with every other organization that maintains trails in the Yuba district. It also gives us more freedom to use equipment on our trail workdays.

Our Adopt a Trail program is critical. You are the people who let us know if anything is amiss on a trail, and allows us to get early warning of erosion and other issues. This allows us to more effectively schedule trail work days, and prioritize the work to be done. It will be even more critical since we're formalizing the maintenance agreement with the Forest Service.

We've started the trail patrol! Currently we have 22 members signed up, and certainly have room for a few more. Our first checkout clinic is Saturday, May 5. The trail patrol will give far

more visibility to the work we're doing to maintain and develop trails. It gives us the opportunity to do peer to peer education and give riders and hikers information about the trails. Lea Zivic found and ordered us some very cool vests with screen printing saying we're from GCTC and are Forest Service volunteers.

Helen Harvey, President

MAY					
May 8:	General Meeting - 7 p.m.				
May 9:	Cronan Ranch DAY RIDE				
May 19:	Penn Valley parade (nonGCTC event)				
May 23:	Skillman Horse Camp WORK DAY				
<u>JUNE</u>					
June 2:	GCTC Annual Poker Ride Fundraiser				
June 12:	Board meeting - 7 p.m.				
June 15-18:	Wild Wild West endurance ride				
	(non-GCTC event)				
June 29 - July	1: Little Lasier Meadow Camp/				
	Work/Ride				

#### Letter from the New Editor

I have some GIANT shoes to fill in following Lynn Mangel as your editor for the last 8 years! She has graciously provided me with oodles and oodles of files, and sat down to show me the ropes—along with encouragement and inspiration. Many others have also sent messages of encouragement. I thank you all for your vote of confidence.

As Lynn mentioned in her last newsletter, this was her way of contributing to the organization. This is also why I have taken it on. I live down in the valley, in Marysville, and often find it difficult to drive up the hill for activities and meetings. But, I so value the camaraderie and information GCTC provides, and most of all, what the organization stands for and provides to the equestrian community. This is my way of giving back.

**Happy Trails Everyone!** 

Pamela Warmack

GCTC GENERAL MEETING
(Everyone's Invited!)
TUESDAY, MAY 8 @ 7 p.m.
Nevada County Horsemen Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells, Grass Valley, CA

Speaker: Brent McDermott, MD, is board-certified in Emergency Medicine, with 30 years of experience. He is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Mercy Medical Center Mount Shasta and Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. Dr. McDermott will discuss what to do, and not do, if you are injured; how to make a decision about whether you need an ER visit; as well as the most common, acute injuries of equestrians. He welcomes questions from us all.





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Minutes of the GCTC Board Meetings and the current 2018 GCTC Events Calendar can be accessed on the GCTC Website www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org

Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!









The Gold Country Trail Council would like to recognize the following individuals for their generous donations:

- Duke Klement
- Patricia Ruud

GCTC members are not always able to participate in workdays or other activities but want to contribute to the support of the important work that the Gold Country Trail Council does throughout the year.

We appreciate their donations and support.



### Harmony In Motion



Helen Harvey
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#### A FUN & VERY PRODUCTIVE DAY



One of the great successes of the GCTC (Gold Country Trail Council) has been the dedication of a cadre of its most motivated members. This group of people regularly steps up to the plate to do what needs to be done. Whether it is working the annual Poker Ride (which is a major source of income for the club), donating work time and goods to our annual tack sale (another great club fund raiser), or working on the trails throughout the beautiful mountains. On these "work days," members perform much needed maintenance work on the non-motorized, multi-use trails to assist the Tahoe National Forest personnel in keeping them safe and accessible to all hikers, horses, and bicyclists.

On April 14th, thirty dedicated GCTC members showed up for the club work day. They did badly needed repairs and modifications to the "Zig Zag" in the Rock Creek area, to ensure the continued safety and enjoyment of ALL users. All of the planned work was successfully completed by the crew that showed up. The work day completed, the hardworking volunteers retired to the Lone Grave Equestrian staging area for a well-earned, club supplied lunch served by Debbie Molloy, Gail Plakos, and Barbara Hobbs. The lunch consisted of a delicious hand crafted green salad (with Olives, sun dried tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, artichoke hearts, red onion, avocados, and kidney beans), fresh deli sandwiches, cookies, chips, and candy.

A heartfelt thanks to all who made it a fun and productive day.

Photos & Article by Bernie Molloy, GCTC Executive Board Member













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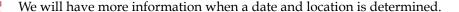
Bernie Molloy

Debbie Molloy

Gail Plakos

#### In the Fall: A "DAY WITH DUKE"

The board has discussed having a day when Duke's Trailer Works could come out and conduct a clinic about trailers and campers. At this time, everyone's schedules are really getting busy, so we have opted to postpone this clinic until Fall. We will have several trailers of different styles, and include living quarters and cab-over campers. Duke will teach us about safety concerns and operational issues.



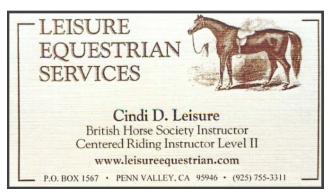




#### LEAVE ONLY HOOF PRINTS













Help make this year's Poker Ride the biggest ever! 1st of all, join us! Then share the joy! Print out several flyers, take them with you and post up at any business with a bulletin board.

Feed Stores Tack Stores Drug Stores
Government offices Boarding stables Training barns

Click on this link for entry form and flyer: <a href="http://www.goldcountrytrailscouncil.org/2018-entry-">http://www.goldcountrytrailscouncil.org/2018-entry-</a>



Ride approximately 8 miles of easy to moderate well-marked trails.

Check in starts at 8:30 am Ride out begins at 10:00 am LIMITED Skillman Horse Camping! First come, first served!!

Get your online entry in NOW!



# GREAT PRIZES! Huge Raffle!! Amazing Food! LIVE music!! OVERNIGHT camping in the famous SKILLMAN HORSE CAMP!!

Pre-entry by May 21 only \$30 includes BBQ, one poker hand, extra raffle ticket! (\$35 at ride)

**Low Price** only \$15 for Juniors. Non-riders are only \$10 for BBQ with 2 raffle tickets

#### FOR ONLINE ENTRY FORMS:

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#### THE GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL ANNUAL POKER RIDE

benefits the building and maintenance of local trails, staging and parking areas, Skillman and Little Lasier Meadow horse camps and equestrian trail advocacy.

Event by NFS Special Use Permit; US. Dept. of Agriculture. Please feed weed and seed free hay. The Forest Service prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

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You can also help make the Poker Ride fantastic by asking your favorite businesses if they would be willing to support our organization's endeavors with items and/or monetary donations; and you can always make a donation yourself!

Just print out the forms below to provide them a record of their tax deductible donation.



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- Encouraging the use and development of equestrian trails locally, statewide, and nationally,
- Promoting the protection of the scenic and recreational resources of the Sierra Foothills area for public use and enjoyment,
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