

# Trail Times



## Official Publication of the Gold Country Trails Council

A non-profit incorporated association formed in 1981 to develop, maintain and protect non-motorized recreational trails in the Sierra Foothills area for public use and enjoyment.

### President's Message

Hello Everyone,

As 2014 begins winding down, GCTC members have been busier than ever, having fun working on trails, riding, and providing volunteer support for our varied activities.

September 20th, our first-ever Sensory Schooling Event, co-sponsored with Nevada County Horsemen, started with riders desensitizing their horses in an arena filled with an abundance of creative obstacles, paused for a tasty tri tip lunch, and ended with a competition over a natural obstacle course in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the chance to work with their horses in a relaxed, low-key atmosphere, and many asked us to repeat the event in 2015. Kudos to all our wonderful volunteers, judges, and especially to Jaede Miloslavich, who was the mastermind behind this event.

United Trails Day on October 12th proved to be a resounding success with a turnout of almost 40 GCTC volunteers. Working together on trail projects gave us a chance to get to know other trail users, and the wonderful lunch that followed allowed everyone to socialize. All, thanks to our volunteers and our United Trails Day leader, Irv Mazur, had a great time.

Next, our Lone Grave Ride and BBQ on October 18th proved to be a combination of lovely weather, beautiful trails, a delicious potluck banquet, and plenty of socializing. Chef Willie Brusin's tri tip BBQ sandwiches were a big hit. This event was originally the brainchild of Sue Brusin as a way to thank you for all your volunteer efforts, and over the years it's proved to be a favorite with our members. Many thanks to Sue and Willie and the many other volunteers whose efforts made this a success.

The Skillman workday on October 22nd was well attended by a large and energetic group of members admirably led by Melissa Ribley. Our many hands made short work of spreading and tamping gravel in the horse corrals. Then we enjoyed a visit with new

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Program will include election of 2015 board members, followed by a special program revisiting GCTC's early history. Members will have the opportunity to vote on candidates nominated for 2015.

Special guests will include past presidents and US Forest Service representatives.



Happy Thanksgiving

## GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL 2014 CALENDAR

Date	Event
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
November 11	General Meeting/Thanksgiving Feast 7 p.m. Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
December 9	Board Meeting - 3 p.m. Nevada County Horsemen Clubhouse, GV



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Forest Service employee, Cecilia Reed, while we socialized over a hearty lunch prepared by Cathy Blake and cooked by Donna Furlow.

Our November 11th Thanksgiving Feast program is our last major 2014 event, and it'll be a doozie. As always, we'll have roast turkey with all the fixings, along with a buffet of potluck side dishes and desserts. Our program will include election of 2015 board members, followed by a special program revisiting GCTC's early history.

Special guests will include past presidents and US Forest Service representatives. There'll be a raffle for a brush cutter that will make short work of those pesky jobs on your property. We need lots of "domestic goddesses" (and gods) to pull off this memorable evening, so please be prepared to say "yes" when you're asked to help out.

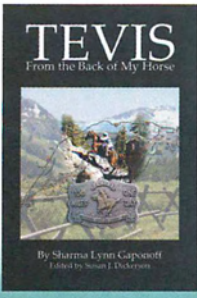
Then on to preparing for 2015! The GCTC board will meet in December to plan our 2015-event calendar. If you have ideas for events you'd like to see on the 2015 calendar, contact any board member.

Karen Schwartz

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## DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR GCTC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

### Jack Brook Horse Campout

It was early October as we headed off to Jack Brook Horse Camp! While not a GCTC sanctioned club ride, all who attended were members. Some of us met in Penryn to caravan in the hope of not getting lost in the big city traffic. In a little under 5 hours we were there!! We got settled and some went out for the first ride. Little B hadn't been out for months and the long trailer ride really wore her out, so we hung around camp and she rested up.



The weather was perfect, if not a little warmer than expected. Everyone chose one trail or another on Tuesday and all reported great riding. We had a lovely potluck supper Tuesday night and to no one's surprise it was a feast. What wonderful cooks we have in this group.



Each day offered more beautiful weather and with a variety of trails, no one was bored. With the moisture in the air and ground the trails were not dusty at all. In the evening we would gather informally at one of the two camps we had reserved and share stories of our day around a blazing campfire. Surprisingly, our small groups often rode the same trails, yet never saw each other! Thursday night some fog rolled in and cooled things down; that extended into Friday and helped our horses from overheating.

In camp we had many deer and Blue Jays during the day and lots of brazen little raccoons in the evenings. The kitchen door was accidentally left open one night while we ate dinner and some rolls and croutons became dinner for the raccoons!!



Saturday morning came too soon and it was already time to leave. Val, Judy and Bob had left earlier in the week and Karen and Harry were on the road by 9:30. Mary, Worth, Cindy and I were a little more laid back and didn't leave until later.



We chose to come home via I-580 to I-5 and found it an easy ride, but for the Lundin's trailer tire blow out. Fortunately we were still in a caravan, although small. Cindy called me to let me know and I turned off at the next exit. Worth changed their tire and we were off again. We were all so glad we had gone this route; we could have been in the middle of the Benecia Bridge!!

We all made it home before dark and after caring for our horses; phone calls were made to make sure all arrived home safely. Memories were made and a good time was had by all. [Sigh]

**Submitted by, Teri Personeni**

### Lone Grave BBQ Ride

The trail was exceedingly well marked by Sue Brusin. She chose a really nice route that wound in and out of the roads and forest for about 2 1/2 hours. The weather was picture perfect if not a bit chilly first thing in the morning. Willie prepared some wonderful tri-tips and club members brought a large array of chips, salads and scrumptious desserts. I always have said this club has some of the best cooks around. All were so happy and relaxed and enjoyed our lunch and lively conversation and we got a couple of new members and some renewals too.

Many hands make light work and the whole place was cleaned up and vacant by 2:30!! Pretty good for an 8:30 start!!

Submitted by, Teri Personeni



### THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Thanks to everyone involved, especially our volunteers, the Lone Grave Ride/BBQ was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. The lovely cool and sunny weather we ordered was delivered on time, the trails marked by Sue Brusin and friends were beautiful, and the very sociable company of our members made the day truly memorable.

Speaking of memorable, the tri tip sandwiches provided by Chef Willie Brusin and the potluck appetizers, salads, and desserts provided by our members made for a real banquet in the woods.

And don't forget volunteers Ginny Dix, Barbara Hobbs, Lori Moniz, Teri Personeni, and Susie Rousch who made made set-up and clean-up a breeze.

Great job, everyone!

Submitted by, Karen Schwartz



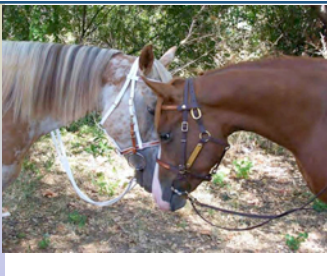
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### Skillman Workday

Twenty-nine dedicated GCTC members turned out for the Skillman Workday on October 22. The corrals at Skillman are now in much better shape and will be much more comfortable for our horses with the DG that club members laid down. The weather cooperated and provided us with a beautiful, crisp fall day. We all enjoyed a tasty lunch cooked by GCTC member Cathy Blake and served by Donna Furlow, and were able to visit with our new Forest Service representative, Cecilia.

Following are the club members who attended and contributed their time to improve our beautiful Skillman Campground:

- Ray Bryars
- Vicki Testa
- Laura Duncan
- Irv Mazur
- Barry Vaccaro
- Gail Anderson
- Jeff Foltz
- Jim Plakos
- Gail Plakos
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- Cherri Crain
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### Bear Yuba Land Trust EquiTreks ride September 10 Sundance Ranch in Nevada City

Lynn Mangel & I attended a Bear Yuba Land Trust EquiTreks ride on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Sundance Ranch in Nevada City. What's so cool about these types of rides you ask? Well, BYLT design EquiTrek rides for those interested in access to sites rarely available to the public for riding use. This is a unique opportunity to learn about local land projects, view beautiful landscapes, and enjoy the freshness of nature, from the comfort of your own saddle.



As we were tacking up we discovered other GCTC members there as well... Tacy Hahn an accomplished horsewoman to say the least (tell you about her in a bit) was our host & guide for the day. Aboard her beautiful Mustang she led 14 riders on an accessible portion of the beautiful 140 acre ranchland. We rode on dirt roads & trail with many loops & switch backs with rolling hills, oaks, manzanita, and willows.



Tacy shared her passion for restoring Sundance Ranch land, removing invasives, important honey bees, and undoing the damage from legacy gold mining.



Ok... now a bit about Tacy. She & her daughter with their two horses & a mule made the journey from Nevada City to Darby Montana. Oh, and that is only a 1,000 mile ride...

After our ride Tacy prepared us a just-harvested, garden fresh lunch (from her own garden) out on the terrace of her wonderful home, yum... and you just thought she was a horsewoman extraordinaire... We were amazed.

Submitted by, Rose Massara

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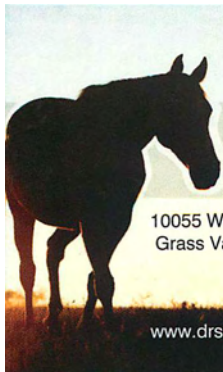
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**COMING SOON:**

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Have you ever wondered how you'd handle it if your rig broke down in a remote area while you were hauling your horses? Though I've been trailering my horses around Northern California for the past 40 years, I recently had two experiences that made me rethink this question.

Two years ago, while hauling to a high country ride near Twain Harte, I experienced a breakdown late in the day and had to camp alone in a deserted lot that night because no roadside assistance was available until the next morning. And I ended up with an exorbitantly expensive bill.

After hearing my story, some of my riding friends suggested I get USRider insurance, which I did.

Two years later, after attending the GCTC horse camping at Loney Meadow in August, I was very alarmed when my truck's dashboard lit up with a brake warning light while descending steep and winding Bowman Road. I was white knuckled at the thought I was losing my brakes and crept down the road in low gear until I could find a safe place to pull over,

When I called the number on my USRider card, a friendly, reassuring voice answered my call immediately. In little more than an hour, help arrived in the form of a super-size tow truck. To my surprise, the driver quickly attached my whole rig - truck with cab-over camper and trailer with my horse still inside - and asked where I would like to go. Soon my horse and trailer were safe at home, and my truck was delivered to a local dealer for service, all at no cost to me. (Eventually it was determined that the brake warning light was defective, and my truck brakes were not the problem. But there was no way to know that during that nerve racking decent.)

Many of our GCTC members haul their horses from one place to another frequently. Even if you are a stickler about truck and trailer maintenance, you can find yourself in sticky situations similar to or worse than mine. But help is available. At our January meeting, we'll inform you about an introductory program that will allow you to try USRider insurance for a reduced price. Don't miss it.

**Submitted by, Karen Schwartz**

### Cuneo Camping Trip

Earlier this year Lynn Mangel and I joined the WANAC group at Cuneo Creek Horse Camp in the Humboldt Forest. This was Lynn's first camping trip with her horse. We had great rides and wonderful food and met some really nice people. We invited a couple of the gals we met to come up to our area to trail ride. Dolores Tarantino, from Vacaville brought her quarter horse gelding "Jake" up the last week in October for a couple of days to ride with us.



We told Dolores all about the campgrounds and trails at Skillman and she is looking forward to coming back up in the Spring for a camping trip



Submitted by, Teri Personeni and Lynn Mangel

The first day we went to Spenceville and explored the trails around the oak studded meadows and ponds. While the grass is still a dry golden hue, new sprouts of bright green grass are beginning to show through. It was a perfect day with sunshine and a nice breeze.



Day two we met at the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead and rode on the damp and shaded trails to Harmony Market for lunch. While some sections of the trails were a little slippery, the fresh smell after the recent rain was delicious. Some of the leaves are beginning to change from brilliant green to soft amber, with a very few accent colors of red. It was a lovely ride and of course a wonderful lunch.

#### SUGGESTION

I thought it might be fun to spotlight a horse in each issue of the GCTC Newsletter next year. So let me know what you think. Send me a picture and a short bio or story you would like to share with us about your horse.

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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.

#### Gold Country Trail Council 2015 Membership

Following is the list of members who are current for 2015 membership. Thank you! If your name is not here I have either inadvertently missed it OR I have not received your membership renewal. There are eighty-three 2014 members who have not yet renewed. We Need YOU! Please send in your membership renewal as soon as you possibly can. Membership forms are available on the web site: [www.goldcountrytrailscouncil.org](http://www.goldcountrytrailscouncil.org) If you have questions please email or call me.

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**Board Meeting - Oct. 14, 2014, 6PM**  
**Nevada County Horsemen's Inc. Clubhouse**  
**10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.**  
**Grass Valley, CA**

Board Members Present:

President: Karen Schwartz

Vice President: Melissa Ribley

Secretary: Karen Wyeth

Board Members: Vicki Testa, Fran Cole

Others Present:

Membership Chair: Mary Johnson

Past President: Helen Harvey

Forest Service Liaison: Willie Brusin

Sue Brusin

Call to Order - Karen Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting - minutes were approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report - Kathy submitted her written report but was unable to make the meeting. She will be resigning as Treasurer, but Teri Personeni has volunteered to be Treasurer. At the end of Sept. the bank balance was \$25,498.63, with net contributions of \$137.30. Income was \$775, from membership dues, the Sensitivity Clinic, and miscellaneous. Expenses were \$617.70, primarily from campground maintenance, Pioneer Trail Re-route, newsletter and refreshments. We should have the following costs not yet billed by the Forest Service: \$1,000-\$1,500 for the Pioneer Trail re-route; possible sharing of the \$2500 cost for the feasibility study for the Cable Trail re-route from Lone Grave to Rock Creek; \$1,000 for updating the web site.

Forest Service Report - reported by Willie Brusin

Keen Grant update: Jet Lowe of YBONC reports that the environmental assessment has not been completed. The main delay seems to be with the biology report.

United Trails Day update: There were 87 participants, 38 GCTC members. One mile of multi-use trail was completed. The work was reported on the front page of The Union newspaper. Breaking new trail was reported to be very difficult work.

Pioneer Trail relocation: The trail re-route is completed, signed, and people are using the trail. Photos were sent to Melissa for an article in a national endurance magazine.

Linda Lanzoni has volunteered to be the liaison with the new Forest Service staff for Skillman Camp. Cecilia Reed, a new staff person for the Forest Service will be at our work day Oct. 22, which will be dedicated to spreading DG in the corrals.

Willie recommended that GCTC Board members initiate contact with the Forest Service over the forthcoming Recreation Survey. Karen Wyeth and Karen Schwartz volunteered to participate. Willie will contact Joe Chavez to set a meeting date.

There is some concern over the adequacy of our liability release form. Fran Cole offered to review it. The National Forest Service provides some liability protection for volunteers.

Old Business - Karen Schwartz reported

Archives review: Karen is trying to organize the history of GCTC. She still needs to find a copy of the initial Articles of Incorporation. A review of archived financial records is needed. Mary Johnson filled in the Presidents from 2002 to 2008.

Meeting schedule: Due to time limitations in our contract with the Empire Grange, we need to set a timeline for our General Meetings so that we finish by 9:00. Board members felt that there was actually more flexibility in time. No one from the Grange has complained about us extending the time when necessary. There is a possibility to have our meetings at the Nevada County Horsemen's facility. Karen Schwartz will look into making that change.

Membership: Mary Johnson, Membership Chair, did not report any changes.

Website update: Board members liked the new Facebook page done by Merrill Kagan-Weston. Karen Wyeth pointed out that it doesn't come up with a Google search. The web site hasn't been done yet and the old one still exists. The old Facebook page also still exists and people seem to post there instead of on the new page. Karen Wyeth and Helen Harvey volunteered to review what needs to be done.

Phone tree update: The Board members feel that having a phone tree increases participation and it should be better organized. Melissa Ribley offered to contact Lynne Sullivan to help her expand the phone tree.

2014 Calendar Update: Sensory Schooling event was excellent, but did not have much participation by the Nevada County Horsemen. It was a lot of work and the Board should review whether to have it next year.

Skillman Work Day was rescheduled to Oct. 22.

The October Day Ride and BBQ will happen Oct. 18.

The Thanksgiving Feast will happen Nov. 11. Sue Brusin and Ginny Dix will give a short presentation on GCTC history. We will elect new Board members. Volunteers are needed to organize the food and cook turkeys.

#### New Business -

Location of meetings: The Nevada County Horsemen, Inc. have offered their facility for our General Meetings, as well as the Board meetings.

2015 Pioneer Trail Ride: Karen Schwartz would like to add a ride on the Pioneer Trail in 2015 to celebrate GCTC accomplishments.

Overland Emigrant Trail update: The Board of Supervisors has extended the closure of the trail easement for two more years during their August hearing.

GCTC No Alcohol policy review: The Board discussed the GCTC policy of not allowing alcohol at club events. Board members decided that we need to be very clear about the "no alcohol" policy. Fran Cole recommended that we adopt a Code of Conduct, so that there will be no confusion over what is expected at GCTC events. She has had previous experience with this in other organizations and volunteered to draft one for GCTC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary