

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 we head into September and the cooler fall months ahead, you may wonder how summer flew by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday that we were planning for the Ice Cream Social, the Royal Gorge Day Ride, and the Skillman Work Day in July, not to mention the Loney Meadow Campout and Work Day in August. Be sure to read the stories by our Leaders about these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our September membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 8th. Our September program will focus on the East County-West County Trails meetings organized by Nevada County Supervisor Richard Anderson.

It's time to renew your GCTC membership, which is truly a bargain, and you can do that at the September meeting or by visiting our website. Where else can you (and your family) be involved in so many fun activities, all for \$25?

There's still some time left to do more trail work. In October we'll have two fun events to enjoy. On Saturday the 10th we'll be joining other trail groups for the United Trails Work Day. Irv Mazur will be our Leader and will provide all the details at our September meeting. And we have our final Skillman Work Day scheduled for October 21st, to be led by Melissa Ribley. Our last Day Ride will be the Lone Grave Ride/BBQ on October 24th. This is always a popular occasion, and we need a volunteer to lead it this year. Could that be you? If you think you might be interested, contact me for the details.

And it's not too early to start planning for our Thanksgiving Feast on November 10th where we elect our new officers and celebrate our recent accomplishments, not to mention enjoying a delectable meal together.

Our volunteers and Leaders are what make Gold Country Council such a success. Whether you volunteer to work on trails, or cook, or bring food, or

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Royal Gorge Ride

It was a beautiful day with perfect weather to ride up at Royal Gorge. Flowers were still in bloom. Once we reached the top you are able to see the ski lift at the far west corner of Sugar Bowl ski resort, as we looked toward the east. The 360° views are special. Toward the south down below is the Royal Gorge and the American River canyon. I believe you can see the terrain where the Tevis Cup ride goes also. Such beautiful country we have here. To the north you can see Castle Peak. To the west I believe you can see Nevada County.... somewhere. The 7 of us had a great ride and we enjoyed our lunch in a small meadow. When we reached the big meadow along Lake Van Norden we saw lots of water fowl.

Submitted by, Suzanne Vaccaro



Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!



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Tervis 2015!!!

Natalie Drost and her 12 year old Arabian/saddlebred gelding Rio navigating Cougar Rock. "We had a successful completion of the ride and had the ride of our lives!"

If you know of a GCTC member that needs a little sunshine in their life, contact GCTC's new Sunshine Person, Lara Dodd, at 530-673-4390 or mamadodd@yahoo.com with the information and she will be happy to send a cheery note or card to light up their day.



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Gold Country Trails Council - 2015 Calendar**SEPTEMBER**

- September 2-6 East Bay Hills Trail Benefit Ride
(non GCTC event)
- September 8 General Meeting - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- Sept. 24-27 Draft Horse Classic Fair
(non GCTC event)
- September 26? Skillman Closes

OCTOBER

- October 10 United Trails Day/Workday
Omega/Upper Pioneer
Leader: Irv Mazur
- October 13 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- October 21 Skillman Workday
Leader: Melissa Ribley
- October 24 Lone Grave Ride/BBQ
Leader: TBA
- October 31 Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)
Leader: TBA

NOVEMBER

- November 10 General Mtg./Thanksgiving Feast - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley

DECEMBER

- December 8 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

serve on a committee or board position, or donate, or lead a Day Ride, Campout, or Work Day, or manage the website or the newsletter, or help in some other way - it's all good. You are a vital part of Gold Country Trails Council, and your support makes possible the great work we do. We couldn't do it without you.

Thanks so much!

Happy Trails

Karen

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IT IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your commitment to keeping our wonderful area trails open for our enjoyment! Your support and/or participation are both needed to continue the purpose of Gold Country Trails Council: "to develop, maintain, and protect non-motorized recreation trails in the sierra foothills area for public use and enjoyment." While accomplishing that task, members also enjoy fun trail rides, interesting informed speakers, social gatherings, a great newsletter, trail information, delicious lunches at trail work days, and wonderful opportunities to camp and ride, all in the company of dedicated, fun loving, hard working, like minded people.

Membership fee for an individual/families is \$25.

If you joined GCTC in 2015 on or after May 16, (the date of this years GCTC Poker Ride) your membership extends through September of 2016. You do not need to renew your membership at this time.

Send your 2015 application in today! Don't miss any of the fun! Just fill out the **Renewal Form on Page 12** and return it with your **check for \$25** to GCTC, P.O. Box 753, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924. You also need to sign and return the **Release From All Liability Form on Page 13**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Johnson at 530-477-8501 or mjshasta@aol.com.

Early Morning Rides



Early morning ride starts at Lone Grave are one of the best ways to beat the summer heat. GCTC members Sue Brusin and Ginny Dix know this very well. They are regular riders on the trail keeping an eye out for potential problems so that the rest of us can enjoy a safe ride.

Out on the trail we meet some very interesting riders. Mule man John (79) and Larry (75) came up from Browns Valley to beat the heat. They like the Lone Grave trail system for conditioning before they head up to Alturas area for Modoc Tribe ride.

Submitted by, Laura Duncan



OUR NEW WEBSITE!

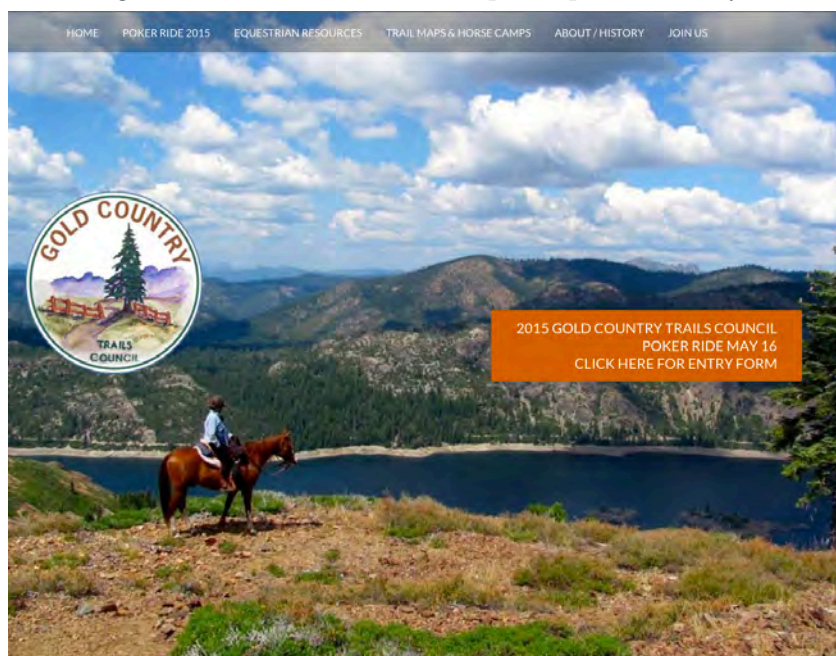
Gold Country Trails Council recently introduced a brand new webpage design. If you haven't seen it yet, please visit: www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org

The Board wanted for our members to have:

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| 1. A new clean design | 6. Plenty of trail and horse camp information |
| 2. Simple navigation | 7. Our history and accomplishments |
| 3. A current calendar that can be easily updated | 8. GCTC in the News |
| 4. A page for our archived Newsletters and Minutes | 9. The ability for current members to renew and new members to join via PalPal |
| 5. Tablet and iPhone compatibility | |

We got it all! The designer was Punk Rock Web Design www.PunkRockWebDesign.com, and Jaede Miloslavich is the webmaster in charge of keeping everything updated. She works at the direction of the Board.

If you have any ideas for changes or additions to the website, please present what you would like to your Board.



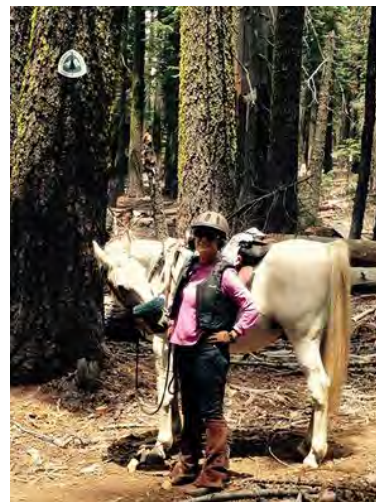
Little Grass Valley Reservoir

In July fellow GCTC member Gigi Lawton and a few family members and friends went up to LGVR for 4 days. We had never horse camped there before and we were not quite sure what to expect. We were very pleasantly surprised by the lovely horse campground located right next to the lake. They have picnic tables, fire pits; tie posts and lantern stands in each campsite and the campsites are nice and large! We fit 3 tents, 2 horses with a portable electric corral and 6 people into our site!



There is a trail that goes partially around the lake, we rode on it the first day there but did not go too far as we arrived later in the day. The trail follows the lake and has a few horse bridges that you cross over with nice footing and lots of shade. The next

day we took the Bald Mountain trail that goes up through the forest and to the top of the mountain. There were very pretty views of the lake up there and once again very good footing for the horses. The trail is approx. 5 miles or so? There is a connector trail that goes off of that trail and heads over to the PCT. We headed over to the PCT the next day and found that the trail needs some work. We did manage to get to the PCT but we did get off and lead our horses over some downed trees that we came across. Once you are on the PCT you can ride in either direction for miles! It is very beautiful up there and it was worth the mile or so of rough going to get there.



All in all we had a very pleasant stay enjoying the lake, family and friends and of course riding our horses. We decided we would go back. I don't believe that this horse camp gets much use. We were the only ones there for most of the 4 days with a few people coming up on Saturday and leaving on Sunday. It is easy to get to LGVR as you just follow Marysville road for miles until the end of that road. The road is in good shape but it is a ways out there. It would be a good place for someone with other family members that don't ride as the non-riders could fish and or boat and hike while the riders were out riding.

Submitted by, Lori Moniz



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GCTC Loney Meadow Workday/Campout August 15, 2015

What a great bunch of GCTC workers we had at Loney Meadow! Several of us went up on Thursday to get in a few days of riding before the workday. The first thing I noticed were the new trail signs put up by USFS. The Loney Meadow Loop has been defined and the Bowman Mountain Trail turnoffs from Loney Meadow as well as at the junction of the connector trail at the USFS road and the turn off from Rock Lake. There is also a new sign to Bullpen Lake; now to get a sign toward Lindsey Lake at the Rock Lake turnoff from the meadow and at the top indicating the turn toward Culbertson.



Unfortunately, the meat bees were out in force and Mary and Worth Lundin had to leave over concern for Worth's health and safety. They generously left about 50 gallons of water for our horses. It did so happen that on their way out they came upon Willie and Sue Brusin with their truck broken down. A former mechanic, Worth discovered a burnt fuse and recommended to Willie not to take a chance that there wasn't a short somewhere. The Lundins then followed the Brusins back to Nevada City to make sure they didn't get stranded again.



Meanwhile, the rest of us were checking out the trails that needed work.

Saturday was the planned workday and we started out bright and early.

Willie and Sue drove up for the day in their car and he directed the teams:

Lesla Osterholm, Fred Waymire and Deliah Springer [who drove up for the day] rode horses up the Bowman Mt trail and removed many small trees, which were growing in the middle of the trail from Loney Meadow to beyond the Loney Dairy. They also cut back much of the overhanging buck brush [whitethorn] and pine boughs from the trail, too. As they got closer to the back of Bowman Mountain the overhanging brush was too thick to cut with only loppers. The USFS will send a crew up to remove that.



Willie and Ray Bryars [a new member and hiker], who had both driven up for the day, asked Suzanne Vaccaro and her trusty mount Suntana to pack the chain saw, as there were quite a few trees down and Willie was without his horse.



They cut four trees out which were completely blocking the trail. The brush/hedge trimmer was invaluable for cutting back smaller brush and soft weeds.



The rest of the work crew: Karen Schwartz, Mary Johnson [day worker], Karen and Harry Wyeth, Sue Brusin, Stephanie Hensley [another new hiker member and day worker] and yours truly, Teri Personeni hiked

LONEY WORKDAY

up the Bullpen trail and re-routed part of the very rocky section to make an easier, safer and more navigable trail. This involved using digging bars to pry out the large rocks and mattocks and mcleods to dig and smooth the trail. We also created several water breaks to prevent erosion and trimmed back branches and bushes with our loppers.



Once the work was completed we hiked back to the camp and enjoyed each other's company while we ate our lunches. It is a toss up as to who ate more, the people or the bees! Several of the team left right after lunch and the rest of us either rested or took short horseback rides to try out the newly cleared trails.

We decided to hold our Saturday night potluck dinner as late as we could in an effort to avoid the bees. Even at 7 p.m. they were out in large numbers. Their presence didn't deter our hardy members from enjoying a delightful dinner. Without assigning specific dishes to bring we had a very balanced meal.



Even though they went home, Sue Brusin left a wonderful green salad with cauliflower, Karen Schwartz brought lasagna [she has an oven in her camper!!], Karen Wyeth brought her homemade, vegetarian beans with corn, Suzanne brought potato salad, Lesa and Fred prepared teriyaki chicken meatballs with pineapple and I brought a pie. Pretty darned good fare, but no surprise as our club is known for presenting great meals.

Sunday those who had stayed overnight ventured out on horseback to see the work done by all the crews. By late afternoon those who were not staying were

packed up and headed home. I think this is one of the few times we didn't get hit with thunderstorms before, during or after our stay. The moisture would have been nice, but we sure didn't need any lightning.

All in all it was a great trip with some good riding and lots of camaraderie.

Thank you to all who attended and pitched in. This was one of the most labor-intensive workdays I've ever been on. As a work crew of 13, we logged 68 work hours!! That's a lot of effort!!

Good work team!!

Submitted by, Teri Personeni

Skillman Workday

A small but hard working group showed up for the Skillman workday. We were able to trim the entire Dogwood trail, if you haven't ridden it lately, check it out. Then we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Bernie & Debbie Molloy. Many thanks to the following: Sue & Willie Brusin, Irv Mazur, Mary Johnson, Lori Codey, Charles Green, Cathy Scott, Deliah Springer, Tom Fletcher, Mary Abbott, & Bernie & Debbie Molloy.

Submitted by, Trail boss, Vicki Testa

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Robie Equestrian Park

I spent a very pleasant 2 nights and 3 days at Robie Equestrian Park (<http://www.robiefoundation.org/park.htm>) last weekend with fellow member Lori Moniz -Waddell. Lori called The Robie Foundation about camping and they agreed to keep the park open one last weekend for us. Since we were the only ones there we used the main area to set up our tent and electric pen. We used the only picnic table we saw in the park. There is a nice big meadow but horses and dogs are not allowed there. Near it is the covered Pavillion. We also had the use of nice, enclosed pit toilets and a water pump. Nearby was a large arena with boulders as its walls. We ended up riding on the Cena Lar loop trail in 2 different directions and in two different areas. Both were very nice - one through wooded areas and then out on the hill side with views of the Martis Valley and Northstar ski area. There is at least one other loop to a lake and of course the ride down to Squaw Valley and all the way to Auburn on the Tevis Trail. The Park is located about 9 miles off the summit of highway 267 out of Truckee. We also had cell service up there (nice to know since we were totally alone). I am hoping we can return to the park and spend more time exploring more of the trails.

Submitted by Gigi Lawton



Pacific Crest Trail



Summer is the best time for a ride on Pacific Crest Trail. Horses love the sweet meadow grass and spring water. Paradise Lake and White Rock Lake are beautiful destinations to escape the heat.

Submitted by, Laura Duncan

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 7 PM
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.
Grass Valley, CA

Attending:

President: Karen Schwartz
Secretary: Karen Wyeth
Treasurer: Teri Personeni

Board Members:
Vicki Testa

Forest Service Liaison: Willie Brusin
Membership Chair: Mary Johnson

Absent:

Vice President: Melissa Ribley
Fran Cole
Charles Green
Past President: Helen Harvey

Executive Session: Attending Board members unanimously supported Karen Schwartz to continue as President of GCTC.

Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes of the May, June, and July meetings: The minutes of May and June were approved at the July meeting. The minutes of the July general meeting were approved with a modification of the proceeds from the Poker Ride. The estimated income from the Poker Ride was approximately \$1,400.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Teri Personeni presented the proposed budget for 2016. The Board approved it, but there was a question whether it needs to be approved by the membership. The current balance is \$27,364.63. The balance at the July meeting was \$27,422.40.

There was discussion about who can do an audit of GCTC financial records and practices and what activities GCTC can have for their members. The cost for an outside audit is expensive, about \$6,000. Willie stated that as long as a person is an accountant, we could hire from within the membership or someone known by a member. Teri has a relative who is a retired accountant, who she will contact. An audit was done while Kathy Scott was treasurer. We could contact her for advice. Mary Johnson recommended that we consult with another non-profit the size of GCTC. Karen Schwartz will follow up. Karen Wyeth said that her husband, Harry, is a retired lawyer who may be willing to provide a reference to guidance on whether a non-profit can hold events that benefit the members. Teri will go to a Tax Seminar for non-profits offered by the State of California on Sept. 2.

Forest Service Report:

Bowman Mountain - Sue and Willie will be meeting with BONC and the Tahoe National Forest on Wed., Aug. 19 to review the work that BONC wants to do on the Bowman Mountain Trail. Willie reported that the Forest Service has blanket NEPA approval for trail maintenance.

Grouse Ridge - The Forest Service has replaced trail signs and added signs at trail intersections.

Skillman Campground - Cory Richardson, Forest Service staff, reports that there is only one potable water faucet. He has fixed pipes three times at the trough. The gate to the camp is now permanently open because of a new Forest Service policy.

Cable Trail - Construction is waiting for identification of Spotted Owl nesting site and rerouting of the trail.

Mapping and Trail Signing - Paul Hart, Forest Service staff, will GPS the final Cable Trail alignment and will also do the Dogwood Trail.

United Trails Day - Paul and Willie looked at the trails north and south of Rt. 20 near the Omega Rest Area, which will be worked on for United Trails Day. The north trail will be multi-use and the south trail will be non-motorized. GCTC will buy "yield" signs. Paul wants signs at every intersection.

Rice's Crossing - Willie met with Shawn from the Bear Yuba Land Trust regarding the trail and staging design. The trail will be called the Yuba Rim Trail.

The chain saw has been tuned up.

Old Business:

Legal Compliance Issues - Karen Schwartz met with Fran Cole to review legal compliance. Fran recommended that we review by-laws and policies and procedures for consistency. The Board member portfolios should be uniform. Fran also stressed the need for indemnification of board members. She suggested forming a governance committee of two or more board members who would meet periodically. Mary suggested that the board might need enlarging. Teri added that we could involve more members and previous board members. We can recruit more board members at the Sept. General Meeting.

Membership - Mary Johnson reported that there are several new members from the Royal Gorge ride and the web site. There will be prospective members at the Loney Meadows campout. We have had guests at events in the past, but now we require them to be a member for any horse activity and workday. Willie reminded us that for trail workdays, we are volunteers of the Forest Service. Teri added that the insurance company people to be members. Extra insurance is necessary for any "public activity."

New Member Packets - Mary listed what is included in the new member packet: welcome letter, history of GCTC, by-laws, Leave No Trace, maps of Lone Grave and Skillman. There was general agreement that we should state that our membership is "over 200," which is accurate for the number of memberships, not differentiating individual and family memberships.

Mary has not always been getting the liability releases from on-line memberships. She can email prospective members with the liability form as an attachment if she doesn't receive them. Teri will clarify the insurance company's requirements. Mary hopes to have the new T-shirts for the Sept. meeting.

Updates of 2015 Calendar Events -

Little Lazier Camp/Work/Ride - Mary Johnson reported that it is becoming more popular with the campground full.

Ice Cream Social - Very good turnout for that.

Royal Gorge Ride - There were seven riders and everyone had a good time. Charles Green submitted his excellent photo to the Union, which was published.

Skillman Work Day - Vicki Testa reported that it was a small group, but they were able to complete the entire Dogwood Trail.

Loney Meadows Camp/Work/Ride - Teri said that Quick Response would not deliver the ports-potty. They will rent us a ports-potty on a trailer that we can take up ourselves. The charge is \$110. Last year it cost \$106. This year they wanted to charge us \$150 with no delivery. She was able to get the price reduced. Karen W. volunteered to bring it up. Twelve to fourteen people will be coming. There was discussion of our no alcohol policy at group events.

Sept. 8 General Membership Meeting - Teri reported that the past Horseman's Association Treasurer has left the area and the rent check for the hall has not been cashed. The July and Aug. payment should go to the new Treasurer.

United Trails Day, Oct. 10 - Irv Mazur is coordinating with Paul Hart.

Clinic with Jet Lowe, Nov. 5 & 6 - Karen Schwartz met with Jet Lowe. Jet is requesting that GCTC set up 4 or 5 stations with horses and riders on the trail to give mountain bikers practice-encountering horses. There could be a presentation at the GCTC Equestrian Staging Area at Lone Grave to teach bicyclers how to behave around horses.

New Business:

Ruth Dascombe follow-up - Karen Schwartz said that Ruth Dascombe's niece, Pat Stoker, contacted her to thank her for the article in the Union. Pat kept the photo albums that Ruth had done. Karen S. invited her to the Thanksgiving Feast and asked her to bring the albums. Karen suggested that someone from the Board or membership could be with Pat at the feast, so she feels welcome.

East-West County Trails Meeting, Aug. 2 - Willie Brusin told us that, in his opinion, the real need is for the County and the Forest Service to coordinate. The County map should include Forest Service trails, but they are not up to date. Karen Wyeth added that there were some good opportunities presented in the meeting. The County has two web sites that can be used to help promote trails: <http://www.gonevadacounty.com>, which presents events and lists of recreational resources with links to trails when available; www.mynevadacounty.com, the web site for the County government, has an interactive map showing the locations of trails (www.gis.nevcounty.net/myneighborhood, click on the hiking boot to get the map). The County is asking us to give them feedback about the accuracy of trails and information. We can list our events on the first one. The County will make their table at the County Fairs available for recreation groups to pass out brochures. The meeting also served to connect GCTC with the Bear Yuba Land Trust regarding the Pioneer Trail section along Lake Spaulding where a bridge is necessary to pass over the discharge from Fuller Lake to Lake Spaulding. BYLT offered to consider including that in its proposal for a grant to build trails in the Bear Valley area. Karen W. also said that the major focus for the meetings is to find a way for mountain bikes to go from Truckee to the Pioneer Trail through the Eagle Lakes OHV area or from Donner State Park through Cisco Grove. These routes may not be of great interest to equestrians, because of proximity to traffic and OHV use. Karen W. brought copies of the draft working maps. The Board discussed the formation of a trails committee. Karen W. volunteered to be on the committee. Vicki Testa offered to help review trails. Jamie Canon and Mary Byer are also knowledgeable about trails in that area. Volunteers will be sought at the Sept. General Meeting. Karen W. will not be able to attend that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary

Gold Country Trails Council Membership Form

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.

Date: _____ (Renewable annually in September)

Membership: ☐ Individual ☐ Family (all signatures needed on release form)
☐ Renewal ☐ New
☐ Equestrian ☐ Bicyclist ☐ Hiker/Pedestrian

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Stay informed, stay involved! Please check the communication option(s) that best meet your needs:

Announcements: ☐ Email ☐ Telephone reminder for club activities ☐ Do not phone

Newsletter: ☐ Email ☐ Postal mail

Gold Country Trails Council welcomes donations

If you are unable to participate in the workdays, please consider a donation towards your favorite project. (Include your check with membership form and fee).

To enable us to utilize your many skills and interests, we ask that you check those activities which you can assist the GCTC. Please add to the list under "other" if there is something we may have overlooked.

Advertising/Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Artwork/Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signs/Maps/GPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tool Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail Ride (lead/organize)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Webpage/Design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodworking/Welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workday Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workday (lead/organize)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you consider serving as an officer of the GCTC Board? Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you consider serving as a Board Member of the GCTC? Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you consider chairing a GCTC committee? Yes ☐ No ☐

Other (please describe): _____

To join, please complete and mail this form with membership fee of \$25.00, payable to:

Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 753, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924

(100% tax deductible as a charitable contribution)

(Please sign the release form below or on the reverse of this application for our files)

RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY

This is a binding legal document. Read it carefully before signing below.

I understand that the Gold Country Trails Council sponsors and organizes a variety of events, including, but not limited to, equestrian trail rides and overnight campouts, trail building and work days, tack sales, membership meetings, potluck dinners, and other social events. Gold Country Trails Council events are non-alcoholic.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for membership in the Council or permission to participate in these events, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Gold Country Trails Council, its officers, members, agents, employees, and representatives, from and against all claims, suits, actions, or liabilities (including any of the foregoing by way of indemnification or contribution), for personal injuries, property damage or loss, death, or for attorney fees, which are based on or arise out of my participation in such events. This release applies to all such claims, suits, actions, or liabilities, even though they may arise out of or be based on the negligence, lack of care, or other fault on the part of the persons listed above.

In signing this release I acknowledge that (a) equestrian events and activities involving horses involve risks which may result in serious personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death, (b) that trails and areas for equestrian events may consist of rough trails, steep or unstable terrain, water hazards, wild animals, and other natural or manmade obstacles and dangers, and that I may expect to encounter such areas in their natural condition without any preparation or safeguards designed for equestrian activities, and (c) that horses themselves may create dangers because of kicking, running away, throwing riders off, and other disruptive and uncontrollable behaviors.

I am sufficiently skilled in riding horses, and am sufficiently physically fit, to participate in the equestrian events listed above.

This release is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives.

DATED: _____, 20____ DATED: _____, 20 ____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF MINOR

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, address: _____, age(s): _____, have read, and having legal authority to do so, agree to all of the foregoing provisions of the **RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY** on behalf of such minor and myself. I authorize any supervisory personnel to consent on my behalf to any necessary emergency medical treatment for such minor by a properly licensed or qualified person, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless any persons giving such consent in accordance with the foregoing **RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY**.

DATED: _____, 20____ DATED: _____, 20 ____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

DATED: _____, 20____ DATED: _____, 20 ____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

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Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 8
7 p.m

