

# 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

It's hard to fathom that it's already 2019 and the middle of winter. 2018 went by so fast. I'm looking forward to another year as your president. We had a significant number of accomplishments in 2018. Of course, we had our fabulously successful poker ride, trail work days, camping and trail work weekends, and club rides. In addition, we set up the trail patrol and provided guided rides at Skillman and at Lone Grave as part of the celebration of trails. We also held a very successful tack sale at Loomis to raise money for the Pines to Mines trail. The work GCTC does to build trails and keep them cleared and available for everyone to use is so critical for this county – and everyone.

We've got a full calendar for 2019, with club rides, camping trips, and work days every month. We are continuing with the Loomis Basin tack sale, trail patrol, trail adopters, and guided rides at Skillman and Lone Grave. In addition, in February, we're adding a new member social for members who joined in 2018, and on June 22nd, a ride just for kids (with accompanying adults). We're also adding a work/camp weekend at Robie Park in August. The calendar for 2019 is included in this month's newsletter.

There are always interesting speakers at every meeting. If there are any topics you'd like to hear more about, or you have a particular person you'd like for a speaker, contact Helen McDermott.



Please, if you haven't renewed your membership send in your membership now. Cathy Chase has emailed everyone who hasn't renewed. Unfortunately, if you have not renewed, your name will be removed from the GCTC email list, and you'll miss out on all the great information Jaede shares, fun times, and wonderful camaraderie!

Happy 2019 to all of you!

**Helen Harvey, President**

### FIRST GENERAL GCTC MEETING OF THE YEAR!

*(Everyone's Invited!)*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th, 7 PM**

Nevada County Horsemen Clubhouse  
10600 Bubbling Wells, Grass Valley, CA

**REFRESHMENTS:** Super tasty, as always!

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Matt Scribner from  
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Matt will be talking about his BLM Burro training program; how he and Leigh receive, tame and train BLM Burros so they are ready for adoption.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/oncewildranch/about/>

Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!



- Suzanne Barry
- Constance Burkland
- Susan Cole
- Alejandra Dangler \*
- Kathy Davidson & Shana Stratton
- Andrea Duncan
- Hetty Dutra
- Dan Hagerty
- Linda Hartman \*
- Cindy Hunt
- Debbie Johnson
- Bonnie Kohleriter
- Chip & Jacqui Mattoon \*
- Laura Rice
- Vicki Rominger
- Gia Rodondi, Kevin Murphy,
- Madison & Mia Pocock
- Laura Simmons
- Susan Travers

*\*missed inclusion in November/December 2018 Newsletter – SORRY!*

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REAL ESTATE SERVICES

# Did you forget it was...



If your renewal was not received by December 31st, you may no longer be receiving GCTC member-only email notifications.

Contact Cathy Chase (530-205-0900 / chasehc@gmail.com) if you have questions about the status of your membership.

*Thank You*  
to the following  
for their generous donations  
*In 2018 – not acknowledged in  
previous newsletters:*

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### ASSESSING REMOTE TRAILS

Nevada County has an extensive number of trails within the Tahoe National Forest to explore. Most of the trails are multi-use, with the areas around Lone Grave and Skillman receiving the most user traffic.

GCTC maintains most of these trails on organized work days. However, some of the other more remote trails are infrequently used and trail conditions can deteriorate quickly, making travel difficult with horses.

Aware of the potential for problems on the Ridge and Doolittle trails, GCTC member Vicki Testa proposed an exploratory hike to assess suitability for horses to safely travel. The hikes were completed over a two-day period.

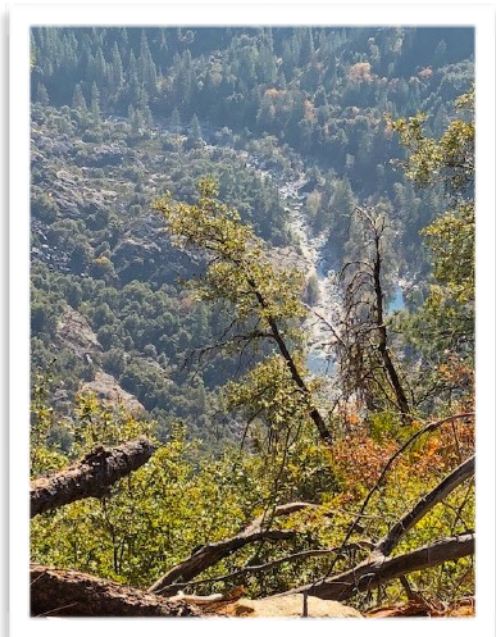
GCTC members Kim Nunez, and Laura Duncan joined Vicki to hike these remote trails. As anticipated there were large trees across some trails with steep slopes up and down making it impassable for horses.

A report will be submitted to Paul Hart USFS identifying the problems.

*Submitted by Laura Duncan*



*Intrepid Crew on Ridge Trail*



*North Fork of Yuba River*



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# TRAIL EMERGENCY

On October 25, 2018, I was riding with a small group of women on the Dascombe Trail (Lone Grave area). My horse tripped and went down on her knees. We were on a descent, so when I ended up on her neck I knew she could not get up. I slid around and stood up, still holding onto her neck. All was well until I let go of her neck, and the round rock I was standing on rolled out from under me. I went down onto my arm (still really hurts, but not broken) and rolled to my side. I don't remember what happened right after that. I was told that the horse in front of me backed up and stepped on my face.

As I was getting my bearings, I heard yelling and somehow got myself off the trail. A bicyclist had come careening down the trail, unaware that a group with horses was stopped in the middle of the trail. The horse to the rear, whose rider was attending me, panicked and ran off into the brush. Fortunately, because I was off the trail, I didn't get trampled by the three horses behind me.

The air was blue with cursing and yelling at the cyclist, and pleas for help. Instead, he completely ignored our pleas, picked up his bike and tramped around us, circumnavigating through the brush alongside the trail. I glanced up to see him peering at me through the bushes as one friend begged him for help. Perhaps he saw all the blood on my face and decided to get gone fast.

Meanwhile, GCTC members Linda Lanzoni and Irv Mazur were riding in the area and heard the commotion. They came to our assistance and thank goodness they did: my fellow riders were unfamiliar with the trails and did not know the way back to the staging area. We were not far from Rock Creek Road, so with Linda's guidance they found their way back to our rigs, and were able to take me to the ER, then take the horses home.

My diagnosis was a major concussion and lacerations. My nose was broken, and a deep gash required many stitches over my eye, including my eyebrow. My cheek bone was also torn open. I was lucky.

While the bicyclist was not the cause of this accident, his speeding into the midst of stopped horses and riders certainly exacerbated an already bad situation. I could easily have been trampled as I lay in the trail. The fact that he did not stay to assist, even after pleas for help, is disappointing to say the least.

I do not know how long it will be until I can ride again. Perhaps a few more months. I am still having difficulties with processing thought, while physically I'm pretty good. Since my brain is not cooperating, I have resigned my position as Treasurer of GCTC.

My deepest thanks to the incredible group of riding buddies who attended me, to Linda and Irv, and to all who helped me through the first difficult day and following weeks.

Yes, I will wear a helmet in the future.

~ Teri Personeni



1/2 hour after  
the accident



2 days after  
the accident

## USE PARK WATCH REPORT - No Matter How Trivial...For Everyone's Safety

Before Teri's accident, she rode with Willie and Sue Brusin to Peter Grubb Hut (located below Castle Peak in Round Valley, 3 miles north of the Castle Peak trailhead near I-80) and beyond. They encountered bicycles and noted many tire tracks on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).



Teri then contacted Janet Peterson of Park Watch Report. Here is Janet's response:

*Thank you for your report on PCT and bikes using it. I have suggested a number of times that the PCT directors install ParkWatchReport signs on the trail so that more trail users, like yourself, would know to report such incidents. This trail is very remote and even a small "accident" on it could turn tragic.*

*I am going to use your report to bring the subject back up. Thank you! And encourage your fellow equestrians to report, report, report! No matter how trivial an observation might seem or how repetitive, every report counts towards making changes in our trail system to improve the safety of everyone.*

*Best Regards,  
Janet Peterson  
Park Watch Report, LLC*

### HOW CAN YOU USE PARK WATCH REPORT?

1. Download the ParkWatchReport app to your phone from Apple's App Store or Google Play
2. Open the app and click on File a Report
3. Fill in the pertinent information (include photos)
4. Identify your exact location by clicking on "Locate Me"
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6. You have just alerted the local land manager and done your part as a conscious steward



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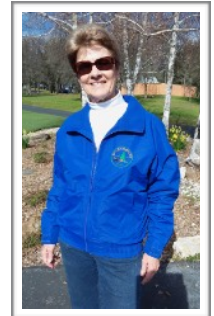
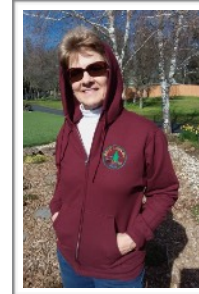


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# BENEFIT EVENT FOR MARK MURNAN

One of our dearest community members, beloved farrier and realtor Mark Murnan, has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. In order to assist with his medical expenses, a benefit event has been scheduled

**WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>. TWO SEATINGS AVAILABLE: 4:30 PM- 6:30 PM AND 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.**

**WHAT: DINNER WITH A FULL BAR, MUSIC AND A SILENT/LIVE AUCTION.**

**WHERE: THE NEVADA COUNTY HORSEMEN CLUBHOUSE, 10600 BUBBLING WELLS ROAD, GRASS VALLEY, CA.**

**\*PLEASE VISIT THE SUPPORT MARK MURNAN FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKET SALES**

**TO VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT  
PLEASE CONTACT: ANNE GRECO  
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**To donate to Mark and his family now, the following options are currently available:**

- \* Log onto [GoFundMe](#): donation page is named **Support Mark Murnan**
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**JANUARY**

8 Tue. General Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

12 Tue. BOD meeting  
TBD New Member Social

**MARCH**

9 Sat. Ride Spenceville Wild Life Area  
12 Tue. General Meeting  
16 Sat. Rain date Ride Spenceville  
29-31 Back Country Horsemen of California Rendezvous (non GCTC event)

**APRIL**

6 Sat. Horse Camping Demo  
9 Tue. BOD meeting  
13 Sat. Work Day (Lone Grave)  
17 Wed. Rain Date Work Day

**MAY**

8 Wed. Ride Cronan Ranch  
9-12 Horse Expo Murieta Equestrian Center (non GCTC event)  
14 Tue. General Meeting  
22 Wed. Work Day Skillman  
29 Wed. Rain Date Work Day

**JUNE**

1 Sat. Poker Ride Fundraiser  
9 Sun. Tack Sale @ Loomis Basin Equine  
11 Tue. BOD meeting  
13-16 Wild West Ride (non GCTC event)  
22 Sat. Kids Ride  
28-29 Camp/Ride/Work Little Lasier Meadow

**JULY**

9 Tue. General Meeting/ Ice Cream Social  
10 Wed. or 13 Sat. Ride Royal Gorge  
20 Tevis (non GCTC event)  
20 Sat. Guided Ride Skillman  
26-28 Camp/Ride/Work Loney Meadow

**AUGUST**

7-11 Nevada County Fair (non GCTC event)  
13 Tue. BOD meeting  
16-18 Camp/Ride/Work Robie Equestrian Park  
24 Sat. Guided Ride Skillman  
28 Wed. Work Day

**SEPTEMBER**

10 Tue. General Meeting/Membership renewal  
14 Sat. Work Day  
20-22 Draft Horse Classic (non GCTC event)

**OCTOBER**

8 Tue. BOD meeting  
12 Sat. United Trails Day  
19 Sat. Ride/BBQ Lone Grave  
26 Sat. Rain date Ride/BBQ

**NOVEMBER**

12 Tue. General Meeting/ Thanksgiving Feast/elections

**DECEMBER**

10 Tue. BOD meeting

