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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear GCTC members, as this new year begins, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself as your incoming president and share some thoughts with the you.

My wife, Debbie, and I first came to Grass Valley after I left the Army in 1977. I became a deputy sheriff in both Nevada City and Truckee. Over the next 23 years, we followed my career opportunities, finally settling in Nevada County in 2000 when I retired from active law enforcement.

Through the years, we have been very active in the outdoors: horseback trail riding, hiking, biking, back packing, camping, and kayaking. We have always felt that the Tahoe National Forest and Sierras are very special and feel an incredible connection to them. Our roots run very deep here.

Both Debbie and I have been very active in GCTC for over five years. A couple years ago, I became a member of the board, and then vice president. This year I am honored to be your club president and look forward to everyone working together to make 2020 another great year for GCTC.

GCTC looks forward to continuing its partnership with the US Forest Service in the Tahoe National Forest. It is because of our joint efforts and mutual effective communication that we all have magnificent trail systems and campgrounds to enjoy. We hope to continue making the most of this cooperation to expand opportunities, not just for GCTC members, but all users of the multi-use trail systems.

I would also like see additional development of the "Trail Buddy" plan the board has discussed during the last year. It will create a system whereby new members (especially those new to the area) could pair with seasoned GCTC members, to explore and enjoy the extensive trail systems to which we have access. This program could help new members integrate into the club socially, offering them new networking opportunities, and encourage them to become an active part of our club. It is our members' involvement and volunteer spirit that makes GCTC the incredible organization it is.

As president, I feel one of my primary responsibilities is to interact with the membership, listening to new ideas and addressing concerns. I am very accessible, and am happy to directly receive any feedback, concerns, and ideas from each and every one of you. Feel free to contact me via email at [imarangemaster@gmail.com](mailto:imarangemaster@gmail.com) or call/text me at 530-802-4089.

~ **Bernie Molloy, President**





**Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!**

- Angie Gaudy
- Donna Gebhart
- Eileen & Brittany Grider
- Katherine Griffin
- Monica & Thomas Harkins
- Vicki Hoenecke-Rominger
- Deja Ibarra
- Suzi Johnson
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- Patricia Ryan
- Tina Schroeder



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**Minutes of the GCTC Board Meetings and the current 2020 GCTC Events Calendar can be accessed on the GCTC Website [www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org](http://www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org)**



**Print out this page, clip it to your refrigerator, add dates to your calendar, and you'll never miss an amazing 2020 GCTC event!**  
**(Also see note below.)**

**JANUARY**

14 Tue. General Meeting 7pm

**FEBRUARY**

12 Tue. Board meeting 6pm  
 New Member Social 7pm

**MARCH**

10 Tue. General Meeting 7pm  
 14 Sat. Spenceville Area Ride  
 21 Sat. Spenceville Ride (rain date)  
 27-29 Back Country Horsemen of California Rendezvous (non GCTC event)

**APRIL**

14 Tue. Board meeting 7pm  
 18 Sat. Work Day (Lone Grave)  
 22 Sat. Tulip Day Ride  
 25 or 26 General Work Day

**MAY**

2 Sat. Desensitization Clinic  
 7-10 Horse Expo (non GCTC event)  
 12 Tue. General Meeting 7pm  
 17 Sun. Rice's Crossing Day Ride  
 20 Wed. Skillman Horse Camp Work Day  
 27 Wed. Skillman Horse Camp (rain date)  
 31 Sun. Day Ride (location TBD)

**JUNE**

6 Sat. GCTC Poker Ride Fundraiser  
 9 Tue. Board meeting 7pm  
 13 Sat. GCTC Guided Ride Skillman Horse Camp-public invited  
 18-21 Wild West Endurance Ride (non GCTC event)  
 26-28 Little Lasier Meadow Work/Camp/Ride

**JULY**

7 Sat. GCTC Guided Ride Skillman-members only  
 14 Tue. General Meeting/ Ice Cream Social 7pm  
 18 Sat. GCTC Guided Ride Skillman-public invited  
 21 Tue. Royal Gorge Day Ride  
 24-26 Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride

**AUGUST**

1 Sat. GCTC Work Day (TBD)  
 1 Sat. Western States Endurance Ride (Tevis) non-GCTC event  
 11 Tue. Board Meeting 7pm  
 12-16 Nevada County Fair (non GCTC event)  
 13 Tue. BOD meeting  
 21-23 Robie Equestrian Park Work/Camp/Ride  
 29 Sat. GCTC Guided Ride Skillman-public invited

**SEPTEMBER**

8 Tue. General Meeting/Membership renewal 7pm  
 12 Sat. Trail Work Day- TBD  
 17-20 Draft Horse Classic (non GCTC event)  
 26 Sat. Spenceville Day Ride

**OCTOBER**

10 Sat. United Trails Day/Work Day  
 13 Tue. Board meeting 7pm  
 17 Sat. GCTC Member Appreciation Ride/BBQ-Long Grave

**NOVEMBER**

1 Sun. Day Ride or Work Day (TBD)  
 12 Tue. General Meeting/ Thanksgiving Feast/elections 7pm

**DECEMBER**

8 Tue. Board meeting 7pm

**Please Note:** Dates & times may change during the year. Changes and an updated calendar is always available on the website. Be sure to check: [www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org](http://www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org)  
 Click on the "Calendar and Events" tab.



# THANK YOU

## 2019 GCTC TOP HAND AWARD



The 2019 GCTC Top Hand Award is presented to Suzanne and Barry Vaccaro by past recipient Laura Duncan.

The GCTC Top Hand Award was presented at the December General Meeting to Suzanne and Barry Vaccaro for their outstanding service to Gold Country Trails Council.

Suzanne writes: *“Barry and I would like to thank all the members that voted for us. We really enjoy being members of the GCTC and what it's all about. We have many good friends because of it. We hope to see even more members pitch in with us to create and maintain our fabulous trails. It's fun and a great feeling of accomplishment to provide for all trail users. Barry and I really enjoy what we do for the GCTC. This award really means a lot. Thank you so much.”*

**Laura Berman**

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With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, you may have forgotten to renew your GCTC membership. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership **NOW!** The membership fee for an individual or household/family membership is only \$25.

The easiest way to renew is to go to [www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org](http://www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org) and click on the "JOIN US." You can even pay and sign the liability release online. Or, if you prefer to pay by check, you may download and print a membership form and liability release which can be mailed in.

If your renewal is not received, **you will no longer receive GCTC benefits**— among them the member-only email notifications since you will be removed from that list.

**If any of your contact information has changed**, you need to fill out a **new GCTC membership form** or email changes to [heidiehansen@gmail.com](mailto:heidiehansen@gmail.com).

If you have questions about the status of your membership or anything else related to membership, do not hesitate to contact Heidi Hansen: 916-215-5162 or [heidiehansen@gmail.com](mailto:heidiehansen@gmail.com).

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# Welcome

## New Members



**Old and new members, join us as we welcome new members!**  
**TACO TUESDAY**  
*(right after the February Board Meeting)*  
**Tuesday, February 12th @ 7 pm**  
**Golden Empire Grange, 11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley**

Look for the "Golden Empire Grange" sign on Le Barr Meadows Road.  
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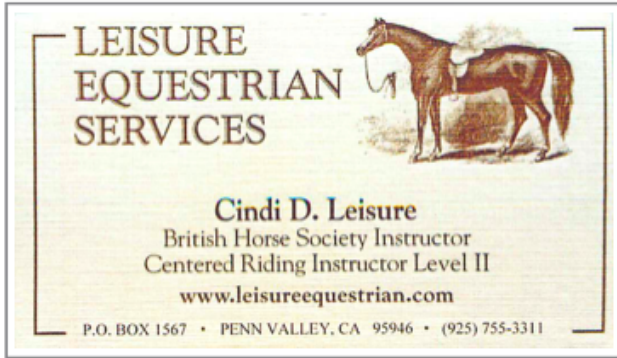
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## WHAT HAPPENS ON GCTC WORKDAYS?



GCTC has been working on many of the trails in the Hwy. 20 corridor since 1981. These are the trails we enjoy so much for riding and hiking. These beautiful trails need our assistance from time-to-time due to harsh winters, overgrown brush, or re-routing for various reasons.

Sometimes we need power saws, stump grinders or other power tools. These are handled by our certified members. Most of the work is done with trimming tools, loppers, and rakes. GCTC already has many of the tools we need, however sometimes members are asked to bring their own tools, if available. The work is not labor intensive by any means. We each work at our own pace and take breaks as needed.

### Typical Workday Schedule:

- 8:30 am Arrive at the staging area for sign in, donuts, and an explanation of the work to be done
- 9:00 to noon Take a short walk to the work site or carpool if farther away
- Noon Return to the staging area for a fabulous lunch prepared by Debbie Molloy and her crew

We typically have 30 or more members at each workday. It's a great time to socialize while creating and maintaining our beautiful trails.

Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Susan Donnelly (530) 906-3093 or [susandonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:susandonnelly@gmail.com)



**WHAT  
HAPPENS?**



**FUN  
HAPPENS!**





*Royal Gorge Ride*



*Summer 2019*

2019 Royal Gorge Ride, with beautiful 360° views. Nikki Vasquez, Jamie Canon, Suzanne Vaccaro and Mary Dowling.

The 2020 Royal Gorge Ride is scheduled for July 21. Put it on your calendar today and look forward to the beautiful views.



*Photos submitted by Suzanne Vaccaro*



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7:00 p.m**