

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

It's hard to fathom that it's already 2012 and the middle of winter, especially with this incredible weather. I've really enjoyed getting to know club members, and I'm looking forward to this year as your president.

I appreciate the work Teri Personeni has done the last two years, and hope I can do as good of a job. I can't believe the amount of work this club accomplishes. The work that GCTC does to build trails and keep them cleared and available for everyone to use is so critical for this county. We've got a full calendar for 2012, with club rides, camping trips, and work days every month.

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 Melissa Ribley.

Please, if you haven't renewed your membership send in your membership now. Jaede has emailed a list of everyone who has renewed, so if your name isn't on the list send in your renewal. If you've renewed recently, but don't see your name, contact Mary Johnson so she can investigate.

Laura Duncan has done a wonderful job managing the poker ride, but will not be managing it this coming year. This is our one big fundraiser for the year and is critical to the success of our mission to keep trails open for recreation. If you're interested in exploring the possibility of managing the poker ride please contact Laura so she can tell you more about what's involved. Per Laura, it's a well-oiled machine for someone to take over. Many GCTC members are on different committees to help with the implementation of the event.

Helen Harvey

GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 P.M.

GOLDEN EMPIRE GRANGE HALL
off LA BARR MEADOWS ROAD

Speaker: Sharma Gapanoff, Author of *Tevis, From The Back Of My Horse*. Sharma will be speaking on her Tevis riding experience.

Committee Chairs

Camp Cook & Coordinator:

Merrill Kagan-Weston

Email Notifications: Jaede Miloslavich

Forest Service Liaison: Willie Brusin

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Mary Johnson

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The Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club will be holding its Second Annual WILDFLOWER JAMB ACTHA Competitive Trail Competition on April 21, at the 1800 acre CAMELOT Equestrian Park near Oroville.

They will also be featuring an authentic Cowboy Breakfast and Lunch prepared in the traditional Dutch Oven way.

There will be raffle items and visitors are welcome to attend. Volunteers will be assured of a complimentary Breakfast or Lunch. Winners will receive Trophy Buckles as well as about \$1200 in ACTHA-BUCKS which can be spent on any of the many ACTHA vendors.

The competition will cover six miles of trail riding with six or more trail trials obstacles. Join us for a day of fun.

**Rain Date...Sunday, April 22.

Refer to the ACTHA website, www.ACTHA.US, or the SVMHC website, www.svmhc.com, for further information.

Remember ACTHA gives up to half of its profits to horse rescue, rehab and other charitable equine causes throughout the USA.

Contact Amy Curtis (amycr7@aol.com) or Phyllis Shopbell (classicmrgn@yahoo.com) 916-390-8507 for further information.

Start looking for flyers at local stores in January or February.

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by, Phyllis Shopbell

EUER VALLEY / LITTLE LASIER MEADOW
Equestrians will miss camping at Euer Valley to access the trails in that area. There is hope that riders will still be able to use the area trails, as TDA continues to sort through its use plans. Thanks to Tim Crum for his updates on Euer Valley. Please remember and pass the word that Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp is just around the corner off Hwy 89 on Fiberboard Road (just a name--it's paved) a few miles before Jackson Meadows Reservoir.

GCTC helped create this camp and maintains it each year. This horse camp in The Tahoe National Forest, has very nice, private campsites, some are double and pull through, several corrals, and has access to beautiful scenery along the Pacific Crest Trail and many logging roads. The water is hand pumped, (no hoses), and the toilets are not flush, but it's all very clean and usable. It's a peaceful place to camp and ride and relax. If we don't keep this horse camp full of horses, the forest service will most likely convert it to non-horse camping and another place will be lost to horses. You can access information about this campground at the GCTC web site or at www.recreation.gov or email GCTC member Mary Johnson at mjshasta@aol.com.

If you would like to enjoy this wonderful camp, mark the last weekend in June on your calendar and join GCTC members for a fun camp/ride/work experience.


Happy Trails,



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GCTC MEMBERS FOR 2012 (new and renewal)

Welcome new and returning members! Listed are the renewals that have been received for 2012. If your name is not on the list, please send in your renewal today! If your name is not on the list and you have sent your renewal, please contact Mary Johnson mjshasta@aol.com or 477-5801.

Gail Anderson/King McPherson	Joanna Hender/Jeanette Holzen	Claudette Paige
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Sandi & Mike Curry	Tricia Lillie	Richard & Beverly Sanders
Ann Deden/Andrew Walls	Valerie Logsdon	Lynn Schugren
Ginger & Bill Dial	Worth, Mary, & Katie Lundin	Karen Schwartz
Dawn Diovera	Lynn Maas	Carol Scurria/Merv Kril
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Bill & Joyce Haire	Megan Mooty	Laura Ziemann
Diane Hastie/Tom Wilson	Tracy & Ken Morgan	
Bob & Geri Hash	Kim Nunez	

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

P.S. If your name isn't on this list (and there are quite a few who haven't sent in their membership dues yet), go HERE:

<http://www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org/GCTCMembershipForm2012.pdf>

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"FEAST" ENJOYED BY MANY

A delightfully great number of GCTC members attended the November General Meeting and Thanksgiving "feast". After a brief meeting, including election of 2012 officers, members spent the evening socializing and enjoying the traditional fixin's of turkey, mashed spuds with gravy, and cranberry relish provided by GCTC and prepared by members.

In addition to that was a wonderful array of potluck side dishes and scrumptious desserts to round out the meal (and our bodies). Many thanks to meal coordinator Lori Moniz and her many helpers that put the meal on the tables for all of us to enjoy. In the spirit of the evening and the energy of GCTC members, everyone contributed in some way.

In addition, two beautiful items were donated by GCTC members Pat Huntsinger and Judy Houle for a fundraising raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winners Patty Bridges-Riedl' and Gail Plakos. The raffle raised \$242.00 to support the many projects of GCTC through the generous raffle ticket buyers.

Outgoing President, Teri Personeni, Treasurer, Tracy Morgan, and board member Mary Lundin were honored for their outstanding service. Welcomed were new President Helen Harvey, new Treasurer, Kathy Southgate, and new board members Jeffery Foltz and John Connelly.



This message from Sandy Greenblat was published in an earlier issue of the GCTC Newsletter but merits repeating:

A TIMELY MESSAGE FROM MARIN COUNTY

I have worked with State Parks, the Point Reyes National Seashore, and with GGNRA. Among the various issues at the top of their list, is manure management.

With the Point Reyes and GGNRA 20 year General Management Plans on the horizon, we need to be paying attention. If we as responsible equestrians do not :

- 1) Clean up after our horses in parking and staging areas.
- 2) Consider providing manure bunkers in appropriate places which means continuously servicing of those bunkers.
- 3) Take the manure away in our trailers .
- 4) At least spread the manure in areas which are reserved for horse trailer parking.

If we continue to ignore these issues, then we are bound for trouble, not bound for glory. This subject comes up repeatedly. I am pleading with you to get the word out through your newsletters, notices on barn bulletin boards, email blasts, and any other way you can imagine. We need to address this now. If you or I come to a horse staging area and the manure is where the last rider left it, at least get out the rake and spread it. This is no longer an acceptable signature. Broadcast it, or carry it home in a muck bucket. Be diligent, protect our trail systems!



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Gold Country Trails Council Membership Ride held at Lone Grave off Hwy 20. Great Ride and a Great BBQ all with good friends. Thanks to all.

GCTC ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011

- * Ride at Spenceville Wildlife Area
- * Brushing/Trimming and grading of trails in the Lone Grave trail system. Maintaining signs and posting of maps. Porta-potty available through the summer compliments of The Wild West Ride and GCTC.
- * Ride at Cronan Ranch
- * Annual campground clean up and spruce up of Skillman Horse Camp in cooperation with The Tahoe National Forest and California Land Management for the location of the GCTC annual poker ride.
- * Fantastic successful Poker Ride Fundraiser. Many riders enjoyed the marked trail and delicious lunch and great prizes.
- * Camp/ride/work weekend at Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp. A great joint effort with TNF, California Land Management and GCTC to maintain this beautiful camp with the primary focus on horse use.
- * Camp/ride/work weekend at Loney Meadow. Many downed trees cleared from several area trails.
- * Ride Upper Pioneer Trail. Showing members the recent reroute to Bear Valley.
- * Fourth annual United Trails Day , trimming and improving trails in the Burlington Road area in cooperation with Tahoe National Forest, BONC and YBONC (bicyclists), and NCWR (trail motorcyclists). A wonderful turn out of dedicated trail enthusiasts.
- * Ride/camp Robinson Flat
- * Annual Ride and Bar-B-Q at Gold Country Equestrian Trail Head attended by many GCTC members and guests.
- * Meeting and delicious year end dinner and election of officers for 2012. Many GCTC members in attendance.
- * Revision of GCTC Bylaws
- * Ongoing work with the Tahoe National Forest for future projects including: removal and replacement of the horse water storage tank at Skillman; future connector trail from Rock Creek to Harmony Trail; Pacific Trail realignment and improvement of Pack Saddle Horse Camp
- * A multitude of trees cleared from trails in the Lone Grave system, Pioneer Trail, Skillman/Burlington Road area, Little Lasier Meadow connector trail and Pacific Crest Trail, Loney Meadow area trails.
- * Informative speakers and demonstrations at the GCTC general meetings.
- * Trail sign posting and improvement on the area trails.
- * Continued posting of pertinent information through GCTC communication emails to keep members up to date and informed of the latest trail information, horse health, legislative developments , as well as GCTC announcements.
- * Bimonthly newsletter with articles of GCTC activities, member's horse adventures, up to date information and many pictures, sent via email or postal mail to members.

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GCTC Project Time Line 2012

1. Maintain the trails and trail head (Gold Country Equestrian Trail head) in the Lone Grave Trails Complex.
2. Maintain the trails and trailhead in the Skillman - Burlington Road area including Skillman Equestrian Campground.
3. Maintain the Pioneer Trail from the Skillman Horse Camp to the Spaulding Lake trail. (Rotating sections of the trail each year) YBONC has volunteered to maintain the Pioneer Trail from the Overlook Equestrian Staging area to Skillman.
4. Activate the newly installed horse water tank for Skillman Horse Camp when the camp is opened in 2012. Repair the trail by the tank and clean up the tank replacement area.
5. Continue signing the trails in the Skillman - Burlington area.
6. Maintain Little Lasier Meadows campground and Pacific Crest Connector Trail.
7. Maintain the Loney Meadows Trails and relocate the lower portion of the Bowman Mountain Trail (near the Dairy barn) upon approval of Joe Chavez, TNF. Possible work on the trail that connects Upper Rock Lake to Shotgun Lake.
8. Continued work on relocation of the rocky section of the Pioneer Trail from the Equestrian Overlook Staging area towards Skillman.
9. Continue to facilitate the relocation of the "Cable Trail", from the Rock Creek area to the Harmony trail in the Lone Grave trail complex.
10. Work with TNF in a reroute of the Pacific Crest Trail near Pack Saddle Horse Camp (in the Gold's Lake area). Specifically to redesign the Horse Camp to make it more equestrian use friendly.
11. Participate in the United Trails Day project in October.

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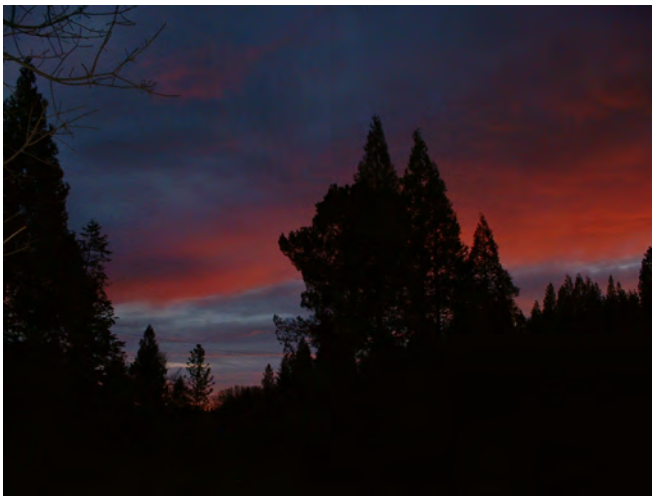
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www.parkwatchreport.org

GCTC NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!!

Remember we need your input to the newsletter. Articles/pictures of GCTC activities, rides, workdays, camp outs, or other information of interest to GCTC members would be appreciated. Submission deadline for the March/April 2012 Newsletter is Wednesday, February 29. Articles/pictures should be sent to Lynn Mangel, Editor

A THOUGHT FOR 2012
A lesson from the owl for those whose lives are sometimes overwhelmingly busy.

During the hours of darkness the Great Horned owls have been calling. The quiet, sometimes haunting hoots seem to echo in the still, cold air. In the dimming light at sunset one evening when the sky was awash with vibrant pink/orange clouds above the darkened silhouettes of the lacey pines, the great owl silently swooped over head and across the pasture on it's nightly adventure. Time stood still for a moment..... thoughts and concerns were erased while a voice within implored me to capture the scene.....take time to deeply absorb the wonder and beauty displayed and store it away. And like the echo of the calling owls the image will reappear reminding how important it is to slow down, gather, enjoy, and heed the haunting words...."simplify", "simplify" "simplify".



GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: 11/30/11

BALANCE SHEET

Assets:		
Cash (bank balance)	<u>12,948.02</u>	
Total Assets		12,948.02
Liabilities & Fund Balance:		
Liabilities	0.00	
Fund Balance	<u>12,948.02</u>	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		<u>12,948.02</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME (CONTRIBUTIONS)

Contributions:		
Membership Dues	2,046.00	
Donations - Misc.	636.00	
Poker Ride	0.00	
Newsletter Advertising	155.00	
T-Shirts, Decals, Etc.	<u>11.00</u>	
Total Contributions		2,848.00

Expenses:

Poker Ride	0.00	
Trails/Campground Maintenance	992.22	
Equipment purchase & repair	0.00	
Food, Trail Workdays	428.61	
Education (club projector, speaker supplies, etc.)	782.55	
Trails Promotion (maps)	6.98	
Membership Expenses	100.50	
Newsletter	155.04	
Membership Directory	0.00	
Refreshments - General Meetings	144.28	
Donations made	25.00	
Post Office Box (\$56 per yr)	14.00	
Grange Hall - Annual Rent (\$300 per yr)	100.00	
Liability Ins - Annual Premium (\$425 per yr)	106.26	
Website - Annual Fee (\$104 per yr)	<u>18.56</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>2,874.00</u>

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Gold Country Trails Council
Minutes of the Board Meeting
December 13, 2011

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The board meeting was called to order by President Teri Personeni at 7:10.

Members present included:

President: Teri Personeni

Vice President: Melissa Ribley

Treasurer: Tracy Morgan

Secretary: Karen Schwartz

Board Members: Helen Harvey, Vicki Testa, Mary Lundin

Members: Sue Brusin, Willie Brusin, Mary Johnson (Past President), Jaede Maloslavich

2012 Board Members-Elect: Board Members John Connelly, Jeff Folz, Treasurer Kathy Southgate

President Teri Personeni asked for approval of the minutes from the November board meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously. She asked Secretary Karen Schwartz to draft thank you letters for Teri's signature to raffle donors Pat Huntsinger and Judy Houle.

Teri asked Treasurer Tracy Morgan to provide an update. Tracy distributed a report for the period 11/07/11 to 12/07/11. She stated that the current bank balance is \$12,564.43. We paid \$428.61 for the food for the United Trails Day of which \$321.45 will be reimbursed as follows: \$107.15 is due from Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC), YBONC, and Nevada County Woods Riders (NCWR). Other expenditures included \$750 for the Skillman water tank removal, \$425 for 2012 insurance, \$300 for 2012 rent for Golden Empire Grange. Revenues received included \$2024 for 92 paid memberships at \$22 each, plus several double payments, and \$242 for items raffled off at the November meeting. So far there are 7 paid advertisers for 2012. Tracy also distributed a fiscal report update as of 11/30/11. Incoming President Helen Harvey and Treasurer Kathy Southgate will arrange a time to change the signatures on the GCTC bank account.

Old Business:

Teri asked Forest Service Liaison Willie Brusin to report, and he distributed his report dated 12//11 and provided an update on several trails issues and concerns comprised of the following items:

Loney Meadow: The Bowman Mountain trail relocation around the dairy barn continues to be on hold until Joe Chavez reviews the trail realignment; in 2012 we may work instead on the Island Lake trail above Upper Rock Lake, as it appears little else needs to be done.

Packer Lake: Willie, Sue, and Mary Johnson met with Keith Brown, the Head Recreation Planner for the Tahoe National Forest (TNF), to discuss plans for making the campsite more amenable to equestrian camping and realigning two miles of the adjacent Pacific Crest Trail. The equestrian campsite will offer overnight (by paid reservation) with two corrals at seven campsites, as well as free parking for day riders. GCTC will not be responsible for building the corrals.

Pioneer Trail: The \$1500 cost of the NEPA report must be paid before we can proceed in 2012 with the realignment of the trail to avoid the rocky area. Willie recommended contacting BONC and Y-BONC to contribute to the cost. Upon approval we will pay \$1000 for Conservation Camp inmates to perform the labor necessary to move the trail. Vice President Melissa Ribley suggested that we apply for a trails grant available through the American Endurance Ride Council (AERC). Karen will work with Melissa to obtain the grant application and with Willie to complete it.

Skillman: Willie and Robert Ribley connected the new horse water holding tank. Willie requested a check for \$149.32 to cover the cost of materials. The cost reflects a 10 percent discount provided by A to Z Supply for the cost of the materials. Willie requested that Karen draft a thank you letter for Teri's signature to Dan Wheat at A to Z. Signage will be installed for on the Burlington Road with a signage post at the intersection of Burlington Road and the Pioneer Trail. Willie recommended that part of the 2012 workday at Skillman be devoted to repair the trail by the new tank and cleaning up the tank replacement area, as well as putting up signage. A chipper may be needed for the cleanup. He also reported that there is a new combination lock on the campground gate. It appears the same camp host will be at Skillman in 2012.

Other: The new Off-Highway Vehicle maps are still not available.

New Business:

Membership Chair Mary Johnson announced that the GCTC 2012 membership directory will be available by March. Mary is forwarding the names of previous members who have still have not renewed to Email Notifications Chair Jaede Maloslavich for email followup. Those who express interest in renewing but don't follow through will receive a telephone call via the phone tree.

Teri announced that a Poker Ride Chair is needed as Laura Duncan has declined to continue.

Willie repeated his request for four walkie-talkies to be used by volunteers to facilitate parking rigs during the Poker Ride. Mary Lundin offered a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$200 for the purchase, seconded by Kathy Southgate, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Newsletter Chair Lynn Mangel reported that newsletter ads cost \$25 per year or \$5 per issue, and these revenues cover the cost of postage for mailing hard copies to members who decline to receive their newsletter via email. Therefore GCTC will not charge these members for the cost of postage.

Teri announced that the GCTC List of 2011 Accomplishments compiled by Mary Johnson will be posted on the website and included in the newsletter. Melissa suggested that Teri continue to be the contact person with Ron Brown, the GCTC website manager, and Teri agreed to continue when she is no longer president. Mary Lundin pointed out that the website needs to be updated, e.g., former Membership Chair Michelle Montgomery's email is still listed on the Join Us page and there are no new photos displayed. Incoming President Helen Harvey requested that the website be updated to display the names of the incoming board members. Helen also inquired about the status of a Yahoo Group opened by Ron and suggested it be eliminated. Teri agreed to contact Ron regarding these issues.

Teri asked the board to generate a tentative 2012 calendar of GCTC activities to be presented at the January, 2012 membership meeting (see attached calendar). Lynn will format the calendar and forward it to Helen and Teri for review.

Teri asked Jaede, who is also a member of the Emigrant Trail Conservancy, to address the board regarding the status of the Emigrant Trail. Jaede reviewed the history of the trail, which dates back to 1844. The public easements near several residential sub developments were presented to Nevada County in 1993. Although the County accepted the easements it did nothing to maintain or protect them from encroachments or enforce public access. In 1998 The Bear River Recreation District received a \$200,000 grant to develop the Emigrant Trail; however, the funding was redirected to other projects. More recently the County Board of Supervisors asked the planning department to research the status of the Trail and deliver recommendations by November, 2011, but the planning department asked for 18 more months to develop milestones with a timeline. Despite support from citizens and a variety of local and regional organizations, e.g., Bear Yuba Land Trust, Nevada County Historical Society, and others, the public has no access to the Trail due to encroachments by adjoining private property owners, and the future of the trail remains uncertain.

Jaede suggested that a letter from the GCTC board to the Board of Supervisors might prove important to helping the public gain access to the Emigrant Trail because GCTC has a well established history of involvement and expertise in planning and maintaining historic trails and working with government entities in Nevada County.

She requested that a letter be drafted and signed by Teri before the end of the month, so she could hand carry it to the County Office and request a place on the agenda for their next meeting, on January 13, 2012, when the Supervisors will give directions to the planning department.

There was general consensus among the board members that GCTC should support public access to the Emigrant Trail, but Willie reminded the board that the issue of liability would need to be resolved with the county before GCTC should take on any responsibility for volunteer work on the Trail. It was agreed that Jaede will draft a letter and send it via email to all board members for comments. Karen and Jaede will then revise the letter as needed and send the final version to the board for approval. Karen will send the letter to Teri for her signature, and Jaede will see that the letter reaches the Board of Supervisors before the end of 2011.

Teri asked for questions or announcements. Helen asked to circulate a petition opposing the closing of two local state parks, Malikoff Diggins and South Yuba.

Melissa described several speakers she has scheduled for the membership meetings in the months ahead: Sharma Gapanoff speaking on her Tevis riding experience in January, and Alden Olmsted speaking about his father, John Olmsted, and his major accomplishments during a lifetime dedicated to preservation of historic trails at the March meeting.

Jaede briefly explained the many features on our recently purchased projector.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Schwartz, Secretary

Proposed 2012 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 10	General Meeting - 7p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
February 14	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	226 Mill St., GV
March 10	Spenceville Day Ride	
March 13	General Meeting - 7p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
March 17	Spenceville Day Ride (rain date)	
April 10	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	226 Mill St., GV
April 15	Work Day - Lone Grave	
April 22	Work Day - Lone Grave (rain date)	
May 6	Cronin Ranch Day Ride	
May 8	General Meeting - 7p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
May 19	Work Day - Skillman	
June 8-10	Western States Horse Expo. Sacramento (non GCTC event)	
June 10	Board Meeting - 7p.m.	226 Mill St., GV
June 16	Work Day - Skillman	
June 22-24	Wild West Endurance Ride (non GCTC event)	
June 29, 30	Little Lasier Meadow Camp/Work/Ride	
July 1		

Proposed 2012 Calendar (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 7	GCTC Annual Poker Ride Fundraiser	
July 10	General Meeting/Ice Cream Social - 7p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
July 21-23	Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride	
August 4	Tevis Endurance Ride (non GCTC event)	
August 14	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	226 Mill St., GV
August 17-19	Robinson Flat Camp/Ride	
August 25	Work Day (TBA)	
September 8	Work Day - Upper Pioneer Trail	
September 11	General Meeting - 7p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
Sept 21-23	Draft Horse Classic Fair (non GCTC event)	
Sept 29	Work Day - Lone Grave	
October 9	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	226 Mill St., GV
October 13	United Trails Day	
October 20	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ	
October 27	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)	
November 13	General Meeting/Thanksgiving Feast - 7p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, G
December 11	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	226 Mill St., GV

