

# 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 been so snowy and rainy, it seems we're still in the middle of winter. Hopefully, we will still be able to have our first trail ride at Spenceville, which has been rescheduled (due to wet conditions) to March 16, and our first work day at Lone Grave in April as scheduled.

We've got a busy year planned. I know it seems like winter is still very much in evidence, but planning for the poker ride is underway. Much to my delight, Elicia Kamberg is going to chair the poker ride again. Everyone who volunteers for the poker rider and helps with the event makes it a resounding success.

We will also be doing guided rides for Celebration of Trails at Lone Grave and at Skillman again. Last year, we got far more riders than anticipated, and we filled Skillman campground both weekends we had guided rides. We are looking for an individual to coordinate the rides. If you're interested, let me know and I'll give you more information about what it entails.

Last year we organized both trail patrol and trail adopters groups. The goal of the trail patrol is to be available to give information to other trail users and report any trail issues. The goal of the trail adopters is to monitor their adopted trail and report any maintenance issues, so trail work can be scheduled.



We're also going to have a new equine parking area and dry campground at Rice's Crossing. Mary Johnson's article, in this issue, contains more information.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting. Cathy Chase has already sent out the new members directory in electronic form. If you need a printed version, some will be available at the meeting.

**Helen Harvey, President**

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



- Linda, Laura & Bill Allen
- Cynthia & Rob Boriskin
- Teresa & Scott Cash
- Tia Cook
- Chris & Mike Dyer
- Lori McIntosh & Nigel Goddard
- Catherine Pegeron
- Sue Seidlitz
- Susan Snook



**MARCH GCTC GENERAL MEETING!  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12th, 7 PM**

*(Everyone's Invited!)*



**NOTE!!**  
**NEW Meeting Place:**



**GOLDEN EMPIRE GRANGE**  
**11363 Grange Lane**  
**Grass Valley**

The meetings are back at the Golden Empire Grange (off La Barr Meadows) in Grass Valley. This old/new location will be a welcome change for those of us who found the Horsemen's clubhouse sounding like a bad echo chamber. Being able to hear our speakers again will be wonderful!



Cathy Scott will present how to use *Avenza*, a free app, to know and mark your location on the trail to enable better reporting of trail issues.

Then, we will celebrate Irv Mazur, a founding member of GCTC and past president, who is moving out of the area. We will have cake in his honor.



Look for the "Golden Empire Grange" sign on Le Barr Meadows Road.  
**Be aware**, the driveway is narrow and easy to drive right past.



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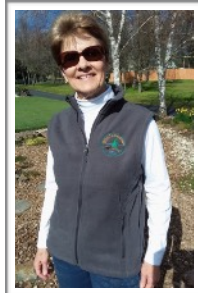


### GCTC APPAREL FOR EVERY SEASON

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## **GCTC Poker Ride Saturday June 1, 2019 Skillman Horse Camp**



The Gold Country Trails Council annual fundraiser is around the corner!

### **POKER RIDE MANAGER: ELICIA KAMBERG**

Your poker Ride Manager, Elicia Kamberg, as been working hard over the winter getting the paperwork into the Forest Service and laying the groundwork for a fabulous Poker Ride.



### **LARGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR**

This is GCTC's largest fund raiser of the year, with proceeds going towards helping maintain the trails and campgrounds we all utilize.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: JEFF FOLTZ**

As always, the Poker Ride can only be a success with gracious volunteer help from GCTC members like you. If you don't plan on riding in the Poker Ride, we love your help the day of the ride: parking rigs the morning of the ride; registration; as raffle ticket sellers; at card stations; as poker hand card readers; drag riders; part of the team to help display prizes, and distribute to winners after lunch; help with food prep; cleanup crew after the event. If you do plan to ride the Poker Ride, you can still help with trail marking, and setup on Friday before the ride. If music is your gift, we invite you to share your talent during the BBQ lunch. As you can see, it takes a village to make the Poker Ride a success and a enjoyable day for everyone.

### **DONATIONS - PRIZE CHAIR: LAURA DUNCAN**

GCTC's Poker Ride has been known for its scrumptious food, great prizes, silent auction and raffle prizes. This is made possible with all the generous donations of GCTC members and solicitation of local merchants. If you have new or gently used items that might make a great silent auction or raffle prize, they are greatly appreciated. Home made crafts are always welcomed and treasured. If you don't personally have an item to donate, seek a donation from your favorite horse merchant. Most are willing to donate to a good cause, you just need to ask. Donation forms are available on the GCTC website at: [http://www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org/uploads/5/1/0/2/51021711/gctc\\_donation\\_form\\_2018.pdf](http://www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org/uploads/5/1/0/2/51021711/gctc_donation_form_2018.pdf)

**SHARE THE NEWS!**

Most of all, come and enjoy a great day in the woods at Skillman Horse Camp! Tell a friend to register-**EARLY**. The event has sold out the last several years. Always an enjoyable ride, great food and prizes, and a fun way to support GCTC.

Registration for the Poker Ride and reservations for camping at Skillman for that Friday and Saturday will be online on the GCTC web site soon, thanks to Jaede. (Limited camping spaces, available only through the GCTC web site, should open sometime in March).

We look forward to seeing everyone June 1. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jeff Foltz.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE POKER RIDE**

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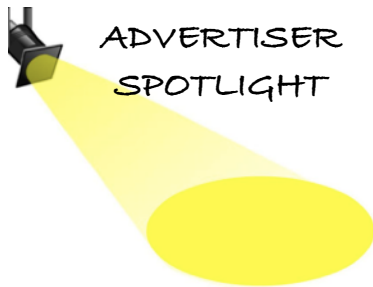



### HORSING AROUND WITH ART

Member Lynn Mangel photographed this sculpture at the Lazy Dog restaurant in Chino Hills. The restaurant chain has a similar one in their Roseville location, and all are made locally.

If you look closely you can see horseshoes, hames from harnesses, bit shanks, along with many other horsey items, as well as wrenches, padlocks, etc.

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*Happy Trails,*  
*Linda Lanzoni*  
<https://MtnEquestrian.com>

## SPENCEVILLE RIDE RESCHEDULED



Due to very wet conditions (duh!), the Spenceville Ride has been rescheduled to March 16th. Advance riders will be rechecking the conditions to make sure the trails are safe and that horse hooves do not tear up the trails too much.

Fingers crossed!

~ Jamie Canon





**MARCH**  
12 Tue. General Meeting-at the Grange  
16 Sat. Ride Spenceville Wild Life Area  
29-31 Fri.-Sat. 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)



**LOVING THIS TIME OF YEAR...**

“Reduce, reuse, recycle” and do-it-yourself projects are all the rage these days. Think about how popular you’ll be on Pinterest once you post pictures of the horse hair rug you designed and fashioned together using all the winter fur that came off your beast (horse).

- Jenni Autry, in *Horse Nation*



Courtesy of Rutgers Department of Animal Sciences

**YOUR HORSE IS DEPENDING UPON YOU:  
IS YOUR TRAILER READY TO ROLL?**

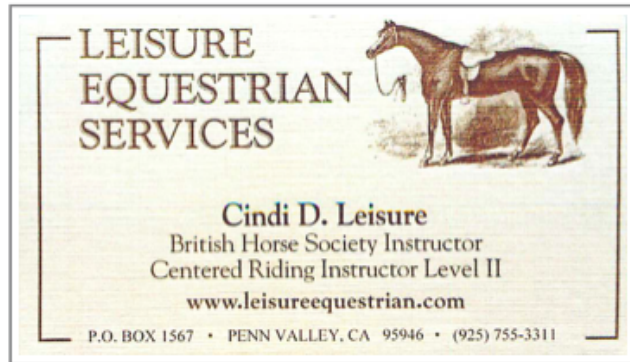
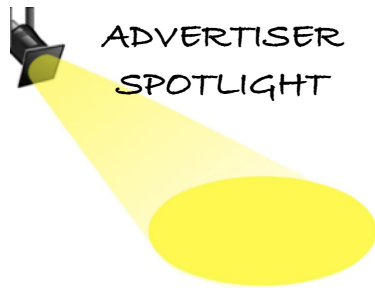
**Regular maintenance checks should be performed on a horse trailer every time it is used. Routine items include:**

- Tires need a minimum amount of 1/4” of tread with no signs of dry rot cracks. Check spare tire, too.
- Jacks and safety triangles or reflectors should be in good working order in case of breakdown.
- Inspect floorboards for rot. Replace any boards that are questionable. Mats should be lifted after use and the floor swept or hosed out. If the floor is hosed, be sure it is dry before the mats are replaced.
- Screws, bolts or nails that may have worked loose and are protruding from the inside of the trailer should be removed.
- All lights (marker, tail, brake, directional and interior) should be working and bright.
- Hitch welds, safety chain welds and snaps should be in good repair.
- Keep hitch ball greased as needed.
- Inspect frame for cracks, and wires for loose connections and frayed covering.
- Check for rotted or rusted metal.
- Grease all hinges, springs, etc.
- Inspect ramp hinges and springs for weakness and cracks



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### WORKING TO CREATE EQUESTRIAN PARKING AT RICE’S CROSSING



GCTC and the Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) are working together to create an equestrian parking area adjacent to the trail head on Marysville Road south of Bullards Bar Reservoir. Several GCTC members met with Shaun Clark from BYLT on January 18, 2019 to look at the area. The parking area, which will also allow overnight camping (a dry camp), is part of a quarry which provided rock for the building of the dam. The entry into the area will be through a locked gate. The combination to the lock will be provided to equestrians by calling the BYLT office during business hours.

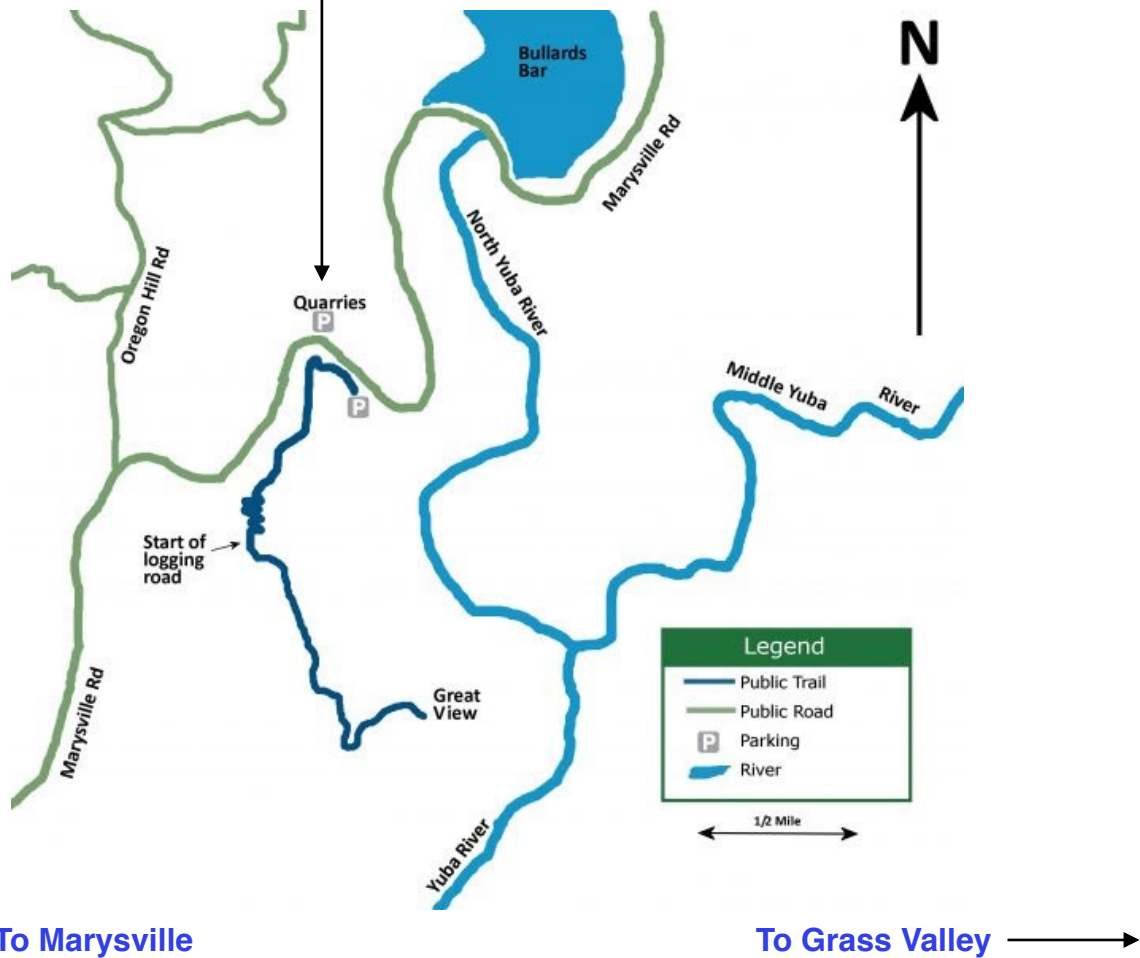


Signs, improved fencing and gate, as well as moving some of the large boulders and grading the parking area is funded by the previous donation of \$1000.00, given to BYLT by GCTC. Shaun is currently getting estimates for the improvements and also contacting the county, who is responsible for Marysville Road, about establishing horse crossing signs.

The Yuba Rim Trail was opened to the public in 2015 with ongoing and future improvements in the works. Currently it is 2.35 miles one way (out and back trail) classified as easy to moderate with an altitude change of 750 ft, most of it occurring in a 1/2 mile stretch of 7 switchbacks.

The trail is a combination of single track and logging skid roads on the Rice’s Crossing property comprised of 2,706 acres spanning both sides of the Middle and North Yuba Rivers and their confluence. The preserve is bounded by New Bullard’s Bar Reservoir to the North and Army Corps of Engineers area and the South Yuba River State Park on the south with BLM land and National Forest boundaries also. This is an ongoing long-term project with more miles of trails envisioned for the future.

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