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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.

Happy New Year GCTC Members!

It's hard to fathom that it's already 2018 and the middle of winter, especially with this incredible weather. I'm looking forward to being your president again this year. I appreciate the work Lori Duncan 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 critical for this county. Having trail liaisons will certainly assist in making it easier to know what work needs to be done.

We've got a full calendar for 2018, with club rides, camping trips, and work days every month. This year, I look forward to expanded cooperation with other trail organizations working to build and maintain trails in Nevada County.

If you have comments, suggestions, or ideas for additional activities, let me, or another board member know. It's your club, and we want to be responsive to member concerns and interests.

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 Crawford.

If you haven't renewed your membership send in your membership now. Cathy Chase, the new membership chair, has sent emails to those who have not renewed.

Helen Harvey, President



2017 GCTC Top Hand Award Proudly Awarded To Jeff Foltz



Last year's 2016 Top Hand Award winner Jaede Miloslavich with 2017 Top Hand

Each year, GCTC Board, along with nominations and votes from the membership, gives the coveted Top Hand award to the member who worked the hardest in achieving the goals and mission of Gold Country Trails Council.

Here are the members who have been honored in the past years:

2016 - Jaede Miloslavich
2015 - Mary Johnson
2014 - Willie Brusin
2013 - Sue Brusin

This year, the Top Hand award for 2017 was announced at the November meeting. After the votes were tallied it was clear that Jeff Foltz was the esteemed winner.

Jeff has worked incredibly hard over the years for GCTC, not just in 2017. He became a certified chain saw operator, a GCTC Board member, capably and successfully managed our Poker Rides, headed

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up and produced the Five-year Strategic Plan, shows up at work days (with goodies!), is always a positive person, and helps out whenever and wherever necessary. When President Laura Duncan

announced the Top Hand award winner, Jeff was in the kitchen cleaning up after the turkey feast!

Here are some of the comments that came in with the membership votes:

"Jeff is at most every meeting and work day. He was instrumental in facilitating the day long "brainstorming" session that resulted in the GCTC Strategic Plan and updated mission statement. His leadership and coordination of our Poker Ride fundraiser was tantamount to its success. His contributions and dedication to our organization deserves to be recognized."

"He did a fine job organizing our Poker Rides. He is always willing to pitch in and help at GCTC work days and he makes it a point to welcome and speak with new GCTC members who volunteer. Jeff Foltz always seems to be smiling, and his positive attitude makes him a great ambassador for GCTC's many accomplishments."

"He has served the trails council every way possible. Most importantly he brings a good attitude and encourages others to be the best they can in service to Gold Country."

"Jeff has always been such a wonderful asset to our club. He is always there to help with whatever the club needs done and with a big smile on his face."

Many congratulations to Jeff Foltz, our 2017 Top Hand!



ELECTION OF NEW GCTC BOARD

Elections were held for the Board and Officers at the Tuesday, November 14, 2017 GCTC meeting. The following were elected:

- Helen Harvey - President
- Open - Vice President
- Mary Lundin - Secretary
- Teri Personeni - Treasurer
- Helen Crawford - Board Member
- Bernie Molloy - Board Member
- Elicia Kamberg - Board Member



Robert Ribley swearing in 2018 GCTC Officers: President, Helen Harvey, Treasurer, Teri Personeni, Board Members, Bernie Molloy and Elicia Kamberg

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Minutes of the Tuesday, December 12, GCTC Board Meeting can be accessed on the GCTC Website
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Gold Country Trail Council 2017 Thanksgiving Pot Luck



Once again, the Thanksgiving Feast was a huge success! About 125 Members, immediate family, and honored guests showed up to partake. In was (as usual) a Pot Luck, with Debbie Molloy and Gail Plakos doing an incredible job organizing the "feast food" contributions before before the event. Six Turkeys, three hams, and an incredible assortment of side dishes were available for the happy crowd to enjoy.

The beautiful decorations were done by Sonya Conklin (who also gave the presentation on Cal-Star air ambulance insurance after the feast) and fellow member Cindy Perry. The kitchen crew for the feast were: Debbie Molloy, Gail Plakos, Sharon Silver, Veronica Molloy, and our 2017 Top Hand recipient, Jeff Foltz.

I personally want to thank the dozen or so members who helped me set up (and take down) the tables and chairs in a record time of 15 minutes, after the Jazzersize people left and the feed began. Well done! Also thanks to Charles and Jim for rounding up sufficient tables and chairs for us to set up.

With contented tummies, the meeting continued on with the election of this years officers:

Submitted by Bernie Molloy



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“One Christmas in Tucumcari”

This is a story about the wonderful people of Tucumcari New Mexico that my wife and I encountered during a trying incident Christmas Eve, 2016. Something that started as a potential tragedy ended up being an incredibly positive and uplifting experience.

My sister is in her 70s, and was moving back to California. She was unable to haul the horses cross country herself. My wife Debbie and I flew out the week before Christmas to move them for her. We set out with the horses on the trip from Salem, MO to Northern California in my sister's truck and horse trailer. The trip met with several delays. First was a death in the family causing us to lay over in Oklahoma City. The second was the horrendous winter storm that covered the mountains of Arizona and New Mexico, after we left Oklahoma.

Late in the afternoon of Christmas Eve, we stopped to fuel at the Flying J truck stop in Tucumcari. I got out to check on the horses, and found to my dismay that one of them, a 34-year-old mare, had slipped and fallen in the two-horse trailer. She was "cast" in the trailer, wedged on the floor under the divider. We pulled into a parking lot behind the Flying J and immediately unloaded the other horse, tying her to the outside of the trailer so we could try to get the mare up.

After removing the center panel that had separated them, I was still unable to get her up and out. It was late in the day on Christmas Eve, in a town where we did not know a soul, and we had a very old horse stuck in a horse trailer. Immediately we checked for an emergency veterinarian, and tried calling Dr. Jean Corey, DVM, of Tucumcari Animal Hospital. Even though she was closed, and it was Christmas Eve, Dr. Corey answered our call and responded to our location.

While all this was going on, the horse that I had already removed, and tied to the trailer managed to give the horse trailer a flat by kicking the valve stem off. As luck would have it, there was no jack in my sister's truck to fix it.

Dr. Corey arrived, but wasn't able to get the mare up. We needed some help. I told her I was a retired deputy Sheriff from California, and suggested we call the Sheriff's Department since I had been involved in situations with animal problems myself when I was a deputy. Dr. Corey called Quay County Sheriff Russell Shafer at home, and he came to our aid. Shafer then called dispatch and they sent two Tucumcari Officers, Cpl. Shaun Slate and Officer Stephanie Coon, to also come help.

Despite all the help, all our efforts to get the horse up were unsuccessful. Officer Coon came up with the idea of cutting out the center divider of the horse trailer out, so we could pull the mare out the back. Cpl. Slate went home and got his saws-all, and with the generator from the tow truck (who was now there putting the spare on), he was able to cut out the rear divider.

Using ropes, we all worked together and pulled the mare out onto the ramp of the trailer, where she was able to finally stand up. Since we could not use the trailer with the center cut out, Cpl. Slate called a friend who had a truck and stock trailer, and he responded with his son to move the horses to Critter Care Horse Motel. (By now, a dozen people were involved in this effort)

We could not resume our trip until the horse trailer was repaired, but there would certainly be no place open on Christmas, so we had to lay over until after Christmas. As we were thanking everyone for helping, Cpl. Slate told me he had a welder, and he would repair the trailer so we could use it again. He told me to come over on Monday, the day after Christmas.

Flat fixed, and horses moved to the horse hotel, Dr. Corey went with us to check on the horses. The mare seemed to be doing fine, but Dr. Corey gave the old mare some preventative medicine. With things settled down, my wife and I checked into local motel late Christmas Eve, planning on checking out the day after Christmas.

To our surprise, Dr. Corey called us early Christmas morning. She had already gone by to check on the horses, though considering what a wonderful and caring vet she is, that was not the surprise. She further surprised us by inviting my wife and I to Christmas dinner at a friends place outside of town. Dr. Corey and her husband picked us up at the motel, and we went to Joy Young's house on Quay Rd. to join her and some friends and family for a Christmas celebration dinner.

Joy's Christmas party was the highlight of our week. The friends that gathered at her Christmas, too numerous to name, were absolutely wonderful, welcoming us (two strangers) to their celebration. The true Western hospitality, incredible food, good conversation, and Christian fellowship warmed us as much as the log fire in the hearth. A cross-section of Tucumcari, they truly are an amazing group of people. After dinner we returned to our motel with full stomachs and a warm glow in our hearts.

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The next morning I called Cpl. Slate to arrange to have the welding done. Even though he had just worked a 12-hour shift, and was being held over another 6-hour half shift to cover for an officer that called in sick, he still insisted on helping us. Within a short time, the trailer was repaired (now with a removable center bar fabricated by Cpl. Slate), the horses were loaded, and we headed west towards Albuquerque. As we headed out, I decided to stop at the tire shop by Flying J (where we had been in their parking lot with the horse stuck), to fix the tire. Within 5 minutes, the guys fixed the tire for a token \$2 to pay for the replacement valve, and sent us on our way with a heartfelt Merry Christmas!

I confess there was more than a little sadness leaving these wonderful people who made a potential tragedy into a warm and memorable Holiday experience. As we drove away, we realized that over a three day period almost two dozen total strangers opened their hearts and homes to us.

While my wife and I are very content living in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Northern California (less than an hour and a half from Lake Tahoe), there is now a very special place in our hearts for Tucumcari and the wonderful people we met there. We will return, though next time it will be for pleasure, just to re-connect with those who helped and welcomed us.

Merry Christmas to all!

Submitted by Bernie and Debbie Molloy

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