



Pony Express

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Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association

TRVEA continues to advocate and promote equestrian presence and activities in the Tijuana River Valley.

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“Securing America’s Heritage”

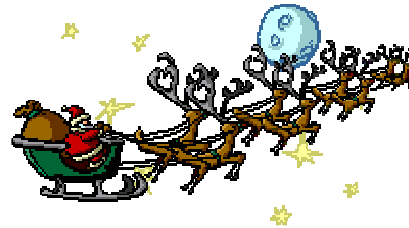
TRVEA Completes a Successful Year!

For the first time since I’ve been in TRVEA, membership has exceeded 100 members! We value each and every one of you – TRVEA could not accomplish its political goals of keeping equestrian presence in the TRV without your support.

TRVEA has accomplished much this year including:

- * 4 Gymkhana Playdays and 3 Jr Playdays under leadership of Paula Hugill
- * FIRST Week-long SUMMER CAMP (Mary Christensen)
- * 2 Krauss Clinics and Schooling Show
- * Restarted Parade Unit with Kim Sokol
- * Kept Beach access open
- * Trail Cleaning under direction of Jan Allen
- * TRVEA got a seat on the Planning Board for the SD Co Active Recreation Complex on Hollister and Sunset
- * Coordinated County with State Parks for Trail Signage – John Gabaldon and Gale Moriarity continue work with TRNERR.
- * Restarted Juniors activities under leadership of Sara Kimmich with assistance of Mary Christensen: Halloween Trick-or-Treat with Horses; Painted the Wigginton Arena: Planted a tree, etc.
- * Coordinated with other county equestrian assn’s for rides in the TRV.
- * TRVEA LOGO created by Mary Johnson Powell

... And other accomplishments as well!



Merry Christmas to ALL ... and to ALL a GOOD NIGHT!

Our last TRVEA event of the year was our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008. With the help of our many wonderful cooks, a table was laden with delicious foods which were enjoyed by all. After a wonderful meal, Sara Kimmich took the children out for a Christmas craft activity while the TRVEA General Meeting took place. The Officers were duly elected (see page 2) and other business was conducted. Our ever popular RAFFLE, made possible by generous donations from Southwest Feed and so many others, was run throughout the afternoon.



AWARDS were presented:

Juniors Division

High Point - Natalie Jackson

Most Improved- Dakota Lollis;

Open Division

High Point – Bill Hugill.

Natalie Jackson and Hugill received engraved silver buckles created and donated by TRVEA member Coco Hohrein.

Schooling Show winners

Western High Point – Melanie Furrer

Reserve Western High - Jenika Galvan

English High Point - Kami Kantu;

Reserve English High Point - Grace Jackson.

President's Corner

by John Gabaldon

No matter how you feel about the politics of the border fence, this gargantuan earthen dam spanning Smugglers Gulch has affected our equestrian lives. A 130-foot wide space from the old border fence up to a new road is designed to be just out of thrown-rock range. Then the new road is an additional 40-foot wide resulting in DHS confiscated land of 170-feet from the border. 3.5-million cubic yards of earth was scraped from the hilltops to fill the canyon. The new road has a maximum 10% grade from the beach to San Ysidro allowing BP agents to move rapidly along the border. Bunker Hill Mesa does not yet have a fence, but the government might yet take the entire mesa, not just the 170-foot space, because the canyon is too steep to fence in. The bunkers likely will be preserved, but visiting them might be banned. We justify this sacrifice for national security, but little by little someone's personally important project nibbles away at the remaining spaces we once roamed with our steeds. This mammoth dam should always remind us how important it is to fight to keep every inch of public land so that horse trails in the valley aren't nibbled away until nothing is left.

Easy Taco Casserole

From the kitchen of Paula Hugill

This delicious dish was enjoyed by all at the General Meeting, Awards Christmas Party.

1 lb hamburger

10-12 corn tortillas, torn in 2" pieces

1 can refried beans

1 8 oz can tomato sauce

¼ lb shredded cheese (or more)

Brown the hamburger. Grease the bottom of a 9x13" casserole dish. Put in torn tortillas. Dot tortillas with the refried beans. Add in the meat, cheese and tomato sauce. Mix all ingredients together. Bake at 400 for 18-20 min. until the cheese melts.



Mother Goose Parade



BillyJo Swanson, Ann Hodgin, Julie Jensen, Anjela Price, Kim Sokol - Parade Chair, and Sandy Jones represented the Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association on Sunday, November 23, 2008. (Not shown) Ground crew was Bob and Gale Moriarity and German Shepherd puppy, Darcy.

TRVEA 2008-09

Board of Directors

Elected Positions

President **John Gabaldon** 920-1282

Vice President **Gale Moriarity** 421-4548

Secretary **Julie Jensen** 429-4827

Treasurer **Mary Johnson** 347-4994

Gymkhana Coordinator **Paula Hugill** 423-7871

Events Coordinator _____

Trails Coordinator **Jan Allen** 429-6494

Public Relations **Mary Christensen** 858 549-3872

Juniors Coordinator **Sara Kimmich**

***** Appointed Position *****

Parade Chairman **Kim Sokol**

Save the Date!!

SATURDAY, JAN 3, 2009

By popular demand, there will be more riding events in 2009. On the first Saturday of every month, there will be a trail ride. Our first ride of the year will be in January. Meet at 8:30 am at the Central Staging area, 2310 Hollister St for a Trail Ride to the BEACH. The riders will leave at 9 am sharp. This will be a walking only ride and will be on the year-round route to the beach. The Public is Welcome.

There will be no rain date for this ride, so if it is raining hard, we will cancel the ride and offer hot coffee and hot chocolate at the TRVEA Office!

Correction: April 2008 newsletter listed Larry Duke as the Director of Parks and Recreation. Larry Duke is the District Park Manager for the South Bay District. Renee Bahl is the Director.