

# VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER BY RUSS FICHTELMAN

An unfortunate tragedy struck the equine community this month with the loss of a former VPR president and an incredible human being, mother and grandmother, **Marilee Lowe**.

I personally didn't get the opportunity to really know her. I however was able to hear some stories at the board meeting the other night and feel this short poem would suit her well.

You can shed a tear that she is gone,  
or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,  
or you can be full of the joy she has shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her only that she has ridden on,  
or you can cherish her memory and let it ride on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what she'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, saddle up that horse and ride on...

R.F.....

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Potluck honoring

**Marilee Lowe**

May 15

Social time 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

### Board Meeting

June 5 6:00 pm

### Membership Meeting

May 22 time 6:30

### Obstacle Challenges

June 2

July 7

### VPR Campout

May 24 - 26

### Cuyamaca Campout

July 11-15

### V6 Ranch Campout

September 5- 8

### Dressage Shows

September 1 & 29

October 13

### Wagon Wheel 2019

October 18-20

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of one of our long-time VPR members, **Marilee Lowe**. Sadly, on April 24, 2019, the last morning of a fun-filled 3-day horse camping trip at Casper's Wilderness Park in San Juan Capistrano, a freak horseback riding accident out on trail took her life in an instant. Those that knew her well stated that she wouldn't have wanted to go out any other way.

Marilee had been an active VPR member for many many years and served, not only as a board member, but as the president as well. Her efforts included organizing and chairing many events and fund raisers that our club still holds today. Her enthusiasm, her tireless volunteer hours and her passionate dedication to our club will be sorely missed. Even though her life was cut short, we take comfort in knowing that she was doing what she loved, accompanied by a few of her closest friends.



**Please join us at our regular monthly potluck on May 15 at 6:30, as the VPR board of directors and members honor Marilee and celebrate her life and dedication as an active member of our horse community. Chicken will be provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

**RSVP requested.**



# VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS 2019 Obstacle Challenge Buckle Series

**DATES:**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 7th (4th of July)

(Themed)



Gates Open @ 7:00am  
Walk Through @ 8:00am  
Challenge Begins @ 9:00am

Event Address: 973 Little Gopher Canyon Rd. Vista

For additional information go to VPR's website

[VISTAPALOMARRIDERS.COM](http://VISTAPALOMARRIDERS.COM)

Questions go to: [VPR.challenge@gmail.com](mailto:VPR.challenge@gmail.com)

# VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS



19<sup>th</sup> CUYAMACA CAMP OUT!!!

Mark your calendars for...JULY 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Stall and parking spaces are limited to 25 rigs and 45 horses...no extra parking available.**

**Thursday from 10 am through Monday 12 pm**

- Los Vaqueros Group Horse Campground can accommodate a group of up to 80 people and 45 horses. There is room for about 25 large vehicles/rigs with a maximum length of 50 feet. There is no extra room so please ride share when possible.
- Campers must clean out their own corrals; trailers are supplied for the manure. Dogs must be kept on leashes no longer than 6', in a tent or enclosed vehicle at night and are not allowed on trails.
- You must pick up after your dogs and horses!!!
- *VPR Members \$150 per person includes 1 stall*
- *Non-Members \$175 per person includes 1stall*
- *VPR Youth \$140 per person includes 1 stall*
- *VPR Youth under 11 years old No stall-free, with stall-\$30*
- *Non-Member Youth \$165 per person includes 1 stall*
- *Non-Riders-No horse/stall VPR Member \$50*
- *Non-Rider-No horse/stall Non-Member \$75*

- \*\* Thursday night bring appetizers to share
- \*\* Continental Breakfast & coffee provided Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7:30-8:30am
- \*\* Friday & Saturday night potluck/bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share
- \*\* Group rides or ride out on your own
- \*\* Raffle on Saturday night
- \*\* BYOB

Space is limited and cannot be held - so please sign up early. Your spot is not reserved until we've received payment so don't forget to send a check with your completed application. No refunds after June 10<sup>th</sup> unless a replacement is found for your spot.

Contact:

Lyn Lynch [vprcampout@gmail.com](mailto:vprcampout@gmail.com)

or visit our website: [www.vistapalomarriders.com](http://www.vistapalomarriders.com)

**P.S. We are requesting everyone be understanding and ride share to limit the rigs and allow others to attend.**

## **VPR NEEDS RAFFLE AND AUCTION ITEMS**

Your club has some fundraising activities planned and needs your new or gently used items. These donations not only help you declutter, but help the club pay for much needed improvements.

Contact any Board Member by email to donate.



### **Reminders:**

The side arena gates are for humans only. Horses can get caught in the narrow opening.

Horses are not allowed near the Clubhouse or Announcers Booth.

### **Please welcome our New Members:**

Toni-Anne and Noel Belsky

Gay McCall

Shelly and JJ Fin

Christina McCauley

Susan Hilgers

Doris and Rick Muir

Sandrine Linglet

Taylor Rogers

# Memorial Weekend Campout

Presented by your Board of Directors

May 24th-27th



Come out and camp with your horses for a weekend of fun activities.

**Friday: Happy hour- Bring an appetizer to share**



**Saturday: BBQ dinner- Bring your meat to grill and a side to share**

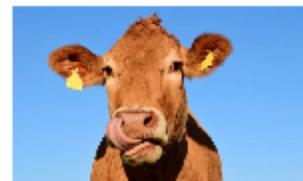
**Sunday: Pancake breakfast with sides**

**Sat- Cattle sorting clinic \$50 per person**

**Sun- Cattle sorting \$40 per person**



**Members Only**



## Bulletin Board:

# 3 Horse Trailer WEEKENDER



CONTACT: Teri Ardito  
760-207-1700

PRICE: \$10,625.00

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LIVING QUARTERS - Dinette Table/Bed - Counter Top with Sink/Water - Paneled - Screen Door - Plenty of Storage (utilizing space!) - 3 Windows with screens - Hanging Clothes Bar - Electrical Outlet

Length: 25' Height: 9' Weight: 7000 gross EVERYTHING WORKS - PULLS GREAT - NO RUST

Anyone having an area on their property that Letha & I would be able to park our 40 foot 5th wheel trailer to live in. Sold our Home & we decided to Travel. Still Looking at area to go live on. Jim & Letha Lowery (760) 519-3770

12" Kids saddle \$75 obo

Cindy Rota

[csrota@gmail.com](mailto:csrota@gmail.com)



AQHA registered mare, 6 years old, 14.2 hands, ILL Be Smart/Sho Delight breeding. "Sandy" is very well-rounded and settles quickly wherever she travels. She has done many parades, camp outs, ranch rides, obstacle challenges, trail rides, sortings and some penning. She is a very sweet horse with no marishness and she loves attention. She is easy going and well-mannered, sound, and has no vices or issues. She spent 6 months in reined



cow horse training. I did not have the funds for another year to finish her, but she can easily take a cow down the fence! She spent 4 months with a mounted shooting trainer and had more training on cattle work. As a mounted posse horse, we do sensory trainings and she is consistently ridden to be in good condition. She is totally quiet in the trailer and stands tied. UTD on shots and teeth.

A very willing partner!

asking price: \$10,000

Gail Cantrell 760-519-0628

Specialized Saddles representative

Although I don't advertise or hound you at meetings, I have been a Specialized Saddles rep for many years. If you want to discuss features, accessories, or general considerations about these lightweight, strong, infinitely-adjustable, durable and good-looking saddles, I'll be glad to help. You might want to see my Specialized Saddle which now has over 13,000 miles on it!

Thanks!!

Bob McClendon 760-231-8530 [macmgmtinc@aol.com](mailto:macmgmtinc@aol.com)



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