

# VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

## DEAR MEMBERS:

We are disappointed that we must notify you that the VPR May Obstacle Challenge is cancelled. If the virus counts come down by June, maybe we can plan a special fun day to celebrate.

The Richard Winters clinic is still planned for June (depending on gathering restrictions) and there are still a few openings. Contact Cindy Rota at [Csrota@gmail.com](mailto:Csrota@gmail.com) or 760-518-8536 if you would like to participate.

Remember we have the Cuyamaca Campout during the latter part of July.

Stay Safe - Stay Home - Stay Healthy



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Board Meeting

May 5

6 pm (Zoom)

### Potluck

May 20 (Canceled)

Social time 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

### 2020 Obstacle

### Challenge

### Buckle Series

May 17 (Canceled)

June 14

### Richard Winters Clinic

### Dates

June 4-5

June 6-7

### Cuyamaca Campout

July 23-27

## COVID-19 Precautions

The VPR Board hopes that you and your family are healthy and well. The new normal that we are experiencing is impacting our mental, physical and emotional health. Thank goodness we have our horses to help bring some balance and calmness into our lives. Several members trailered to the facility or rode in from nearby facilities/homes, all practicing great social distancing measures. We want to maintain the privilege of using VPR during this quarantine period and would ask that you keep the following in mind.

Please use gloves AND wash your hands when touching any surfaces like handrails, gates, doorknobs when entering the clubhouse, and toilet handles inside our facilities. There are no events scheduled at our club during this time and Veronica only cleans it once a month. We have all heard about being asymptomatic (carrying/spreading the virus while showing no symptoms).

We also ask you to keep in mind the image projected to the general public as they drive by the facility and notice several trailers parked and see riders using the arena. The reason we ask that you be aware of this image is that the county of San Diego is following other counties in asking for the general public to report violations.

So, practice proper social distancing, use gloves and masks as directed by the county of San Diego and wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. If you have any questions, please contact a Board Member.



## Mask Donations

Hello everyone,

In the middle of this crisis I hope you are well and keeping a physical distance but still together in caring thoughts and deeds. I hope you can join me in an effort to help by donating 100 % cotton fabric and elastic stripes approx.1/2 wide to make masks. A friend of mine "Dora" is making FREE masks for local hospitals and medical workers. She makes the masks herself and needs our help in obtaining the supplies since stores are still closed. She has already donated 75 masks to Scripps and Palomar Hospital and wants to help more hospitals.

If you are interested in helping by making masks call me or drop off donations at my front door 2397 Marques Ct. Vista 760 945-7830.

[joyjessie@att.net](mailto:joyjessie@att.net)

Thank you  
Joy Halliburton

## River crossing near the golf course from VPR.



Dear Members,

We are looking for a few good members to take on organizing the Cuyamaca Campout.

But you are thinking, "I don't know how to do this!!" Well, we have several members that have done it in the past and would love to help answer any questions and guide you. There might even be a binder in the VPR office from past campouts that you could use as a guide.

The best part is "YOUR" committee is made up of you and your friends and you get to camp for an extra day, settle in with your ponies and relax for one night before all the crazies show up (we mean other members).

So, put July 22-27 on your calendar. Committee members will be able to arrive on Wed after 2 pm to set up. Other campers can come on Thursday anytime.

As you all know we will have limited space so you will need to sign-up as soon as possible.

Let Ron Halliburton know if you want to help or take charge of the Cuyamaca Campout.

Happy Trails,  
VPR Board



# VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS

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

Mark your calendars for...JULY 23rd-27th, 2020



**Stall and parking spaces are limited ...no extra parking available.**

**Thursday anytime 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 \$175 per person includes 1 stall*
- *Non-Members \$200 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 \$25*
- *Non-Rider-No horse/stall Non-Member \$50*

- \*\* 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
- \*\* 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 July 10<sup>th</sup> unless a replacement is found for your spot.

Contact:

Ron Halliburton [hallibur@flash.net](mailto:hallibur@flash.net)

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.**

### Premium Chicken Feed (New meaning for chicken scratch)

Many years ago Tom Ramos gave his wife Patricia a beautiful diamond engagement ring in the shape of a horseshoe with diamonds set around the tip of the ring. It was Pat's favorite and she wore it quite often. Now Tom and Pat always kept chickens and let them strut around the driveway and barn yard hunting bugs.

One day Tom and Pat were going out for a ride when Pat's horse Gringo spooked in the driveway spinning around dumping Pat and stepping on her hand. You guessed it, stepping on that beautiful ring. Pat got a sore hand, the ring got squashed and the diamonds popped out of the ring. Tom gave Pat first aid by cutting off the diamond ring from her swollen finger. He went outside to pick up any diamonds he could find, but to his surprise he found the chickens happily picking up the precious stones. Now chickens pick up stones in their craw, the grit or small stones help grind up their food.

All I can say is that the Ramos's chickens had one of the most expensive meals a ranch chicken could have had with "A Plus" scratch.



## Bulletin Board:

Tennessee Walking Horse for sale:

17-year-old Black mare. Sweet temperament, trail ready, to good home. I've had her since she was two and love her very much. I am moving to a smaller home with no pasture and she needs a home with a friend she can be with. She just lost her companion horse who was almost 30 years old and needs to be loved. I do have her tack which I can also sell. Would like to get \$1,500 for her but that is negotiable to the right home.



Contact Bobbie Parady 1-818-425-3436

I try to limit my posts and emails to trails issues, but this one deserves to get out there. A Facebook page has been created to help local (So Cal) FFA/4H members who, due to Covid-19 restrictions and cancellation of local fairs (including the San Diego County Fair), are anticipating difficulty selling stock (primarily cattle, pigs, sheep and goats) that they have raised. These kids have spent the last year (or longer) raising these animals in anticipation of an auction sale at local fairs. The page is called "S.D. Fair Animal Private Buyer Interest List" and I'm told is being created by a Perris, Ca. Ag teacher to provide students with a contact list of potential buyers.

This provides an opportunity for all of us to not only help these kids and families to recover their investment in these animals but to also support some great programs. In addition, it provides the opportunity for people to secure quality, healthy-raised beef, pork, and other products at a time when sources are being compromised nationally.

Thank you.

Martin Jorgensen, Membership Chair  
Backcountry Horsemen of CA—San Diego Unit

Southern California Horsemen's Council 2020 Shows at VPR

May 30-31  
July 25-26  
August 22-23



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