



# Divide Horsemen's Association

## Newsletter 2017

Enjoy the newsletter and check out this year's Calendar of Events!



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### *President's Post*

Greetings members! Wishing you all a happy, healthy 2017! I'd wish you wealth too, but since I know you all have horses (vet bills, hay, shoes, etc.....) that's not gonna happen! This year's goal will be, as always, to advocate for trails and support equestrians. The Board has planned a calendar to include some inspirational activities as well as the familiar popular events. Because our clinics have been lightly attended, we have cut back on these offerings and added some new events. Our calendar always has room for any serendipitous activity that members want to bring to the club. So, if some horse-related event or issue strikes your fancy, let the Board know, and we will help you make it happen.

Several speakers are already scheduled; look for our own Dr. Jo Clemitson's presentation on pet food labels (and what they mean), and both BLM and American River Conservancy will update us on the changes they have planned for this year.

Jeanne Telaak, Heidi Babcock and Patti Tompkins are spearheading a camping trip for this season--make sure to give them any feedback if you are interested in horse camping this year. Stay tuned for time and location; as of this writing they are still undetermined.

The month of May will kick off with a barn and rummage sale at Claudia Gibben's Lazy Daisy Ranch. Save all your barn, horse and household items for this Spring event. There will be no space fee, but we ask that twenty percent of profit from each seller go to DHA. Talk about win-win! DHA gets community exposure and a little cash for our treasury, and members get rid of all that extra stuff cluttering up our life! I mean how many dishes, blankets, feed pans,

blenders, jackets, bowls, knickknacks, etc., do you really need?? Why not pass them along to someone who can really use them and help your club at the same time?

Of course, our infamous monthly potlucks will continue, but this year we plan to have a few themed food meetings, for example a Mexican night or an international cuisine evening. Start thinking of a favorite dish you can share. Look for an obstacle fun day scheduled in June after the Horse Expo.

Usually our monthly meetings are held at the GDRD Community Center on Hwy. 193 (the third Wednesday of every month), but there are some ranch meetings scheduled. So, if you do not have internet access, please check with another club member as to the location of these special meetings. We don't want to miss you!

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of every month for the DHA Cronan clean-up morning. Unless it rains, members meet at the Pedro Hill parking lot and hike out with manure forks and trash bags to clean up Cronan trails. We started doing this last October, and it is proving a simple and effective way to clean and assess the trails and assert a little DHA presence out there.

I have been very concerned about the crowding and heavy use of the Pedro Hill parking lot. Three times over the past two months I have not been able to park my rig due to car overflow parking in the trailer parking area. Saturday I noticed that the parking diagram signs are no longer there. Does anyone know what happened to them? Please keep an eye on this situation and inform BLM if there is no parking for equestrian use. Take pictures to document if possible. Unfortunately, cars can park in trailer areas but trailers CANNOT squeeze into the car designated spots. As of this writing, Jeff Horn of BLM advises going somewhere else to ride if parking is full. I see this as giving up our trails to other users. I want all members to consider this and at some point we may need a strategy to ensure equestrians/trailers have some parking. Please take a moment to read Char's letter to

Jeff Horn/ BLM (in this newsletter) and look at the pics she sent him.

I want to thank you all for your membership in Divide Horsemen's Association. Your membership allows the club to contribute to local trail and equestrian issues in a more powerful, connected way than sole individual interest. I believe our membership provides a vehicle for organizing and supporting equestrians and other trail users, and helps connect people and issues that impact our community and trails. Members will receive this year's event calendar and 2017 directory--either at the meeting or via mail. However you enjoy your horses, I hope that being a member of DHA will enhance that experience.

Most all club information will be through email so check your emails--especially before meetings or events. Pam Greer, our Communications Director, has been instrumental for many years in helping the club members stay connected. Many thanks to her, the Board members (Jeanne, Claudia, Char, Jon) and all the other club members who have made the club work. Steve and Doug organized and worked the bar at the Christmas party, Barbara Mancia organizes and mans the booth at Taste of Divide, Melody helps get information on social media sites. Dawn and Carole have arranged speakers for our meetings. I haven't mentioned all the behind the scenes people, the folks who clean up and set up without being asked, the silent members who always pick up something or drop off something or make tasks easier for the Board. The point is, it takes many hands to keep the club vital and interesting. Just showing up at meetings and events is an important way to support the club too. Thanks to all who have faithfully attended meetings and/or pitched in and helped.

As pressure on our local trails and riding lands increases, it's critical that we maintain good neighbor attitudes with all players even when we feel like our riding /parking opportunities are being diminished by other user groups. As the trails dry out and we begin our riding season, remember to practice good trail etiquette at all times. Many other trail users do not understand horses, so be proactive in keeping you and your horse safe. Tell other users to heel their dog, corral their running children, slow their bike down as they approach you-it's okay to help folks understand the danger they may be posing to you and your horse. We all understand these are multi-use trails, but they are also our trails. Stay safe, have fun, and enjoy the ride.

Katie

### DHA's clean-up work party at Cronan

It was a lovely Saturday morning in early December as the small work group headed out to scoop up all those extra road apples from the staging area and road at Cronan Ranch.



Joanne, Sharon, Katie and Charlotte



We were eager to show off the new green shirts!



And here is Doug with poop scoop in hand!

### Cronan Ranch Parking

By chance, you take a drive over to Pedro Hill for a nice trail ride, only to find NO parking available for your rig. I encountered that one morning and luckily found a way to back into the only possible parking spot. As DHA has an understanding with BLM for trail patrol as well other duties to enhance the Pedro Hill staging and surrounding area, I wanted to ask Jeff Horn/BLM why there are no longer signs for the designated parking of truck/trailers.

Please note that the following pictures which tell the story, and further I will give you Jeff Horn's/BLM feedback with response to my e-mail. (Charlotte)



E-mail to Jeff Horn on 2/1/2017:

"We "DHA horse riders" and others need your help. A friend and I drove over to Cronan Ranch to ride last Thursday. Understandably, Cronan Ranch is a favorite for hiking and trail riding; perhaps more popular than Magnolia for some trail riders. However, speaking of Cronan Ranch, it appears that hikers/bicyclists are encroaching on the parking spaces at Cronan.

To the point, hikers/bicyclists are now utilizing most all of the parking spaces even where rigs need to park. I think the attached pictures will show you where they resort to parking. There is no visible signage to designate the actual parking spaces required for incoming rigs. Is there anything that can be done to help with the parking situation at Cronan Ranch? Will BLM eventually make provisions to allow for more horse trailer parking in the future at Cronan Ranch?" Charlotte

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"Hello Charlotte,  
BLM has contacted El Dorado County to try to improve parking at Cronan. So far we have not come up with any solutions. BLM will have a new trail by this spring that will connect Magnolia and Cronan. BLM is working with the American River Conservancy to connect their trail head on

Salmon Falls Road with the South Fork American River Trail system.

If Cronan is full you can go the Magnolia, if that is full there are trails in the ASRA less than 5 miles from Cronan where you can ride. You can alter the time you go (early or later) and will almost always find a spot.

Cronan is a very popular spot, hikers and bikers have every right to park in that lot, this is public land.

The Sign that was up suggested how people should park, it was never a rule or legally enforceable.

We all have to do a better job sharing this resource.

Hope this helps. "

Jeff

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### Salmon Falls Equestrian Staging Area Update

ARC and BLM have completed the first stages of the Salmon Falls Equestrian Staging Area. If you want to see the entrance, you can drive down Salmon Falls and take a look.

If you start from the Pilot Hill Post Office, take Salmon Falls Road for approximately 3.5 miles and you will see the staging area driveway on your LEFT. As you drive, on your right watch for Gallagher Road (a low stone fence with the name in it); it comes up **BEFORE** you get to this driveway.

The area is **NOT** yet open to the public; there is a gate across the driveway. Please do not go in. However, you can look down and see the staging area. The trail has not yet been connected to this area, but plans to do so are in place.





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### A little note regarding Dr. Larry Goss

Through the years, many a horse person in our community has worked with Dr. Larry Goss. I personally became acquainted with Dr. Goss some 23 years ago when he came out to vaccinate three of my horses at the time. As of recent times, sadly we heard that Dr. Goss is afflicted with ALS. Every year the ALS Association of Greater Sacramento Chapter provides compassionate care and support to hundreds of people with ALS, their families and caregivers in 24 Northern California counties through vital programs. In behalf of Dr. Goss and those suffering from this dreadful disease, November of 2016 DHA made a donation of \$100 towards the 2016 Walk to Defeat ALS.

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My little Morgan (Ranger) and I found a nice sunshine morning for a little jaunt down to the river. What an amazing sight compared to year's past. It looks like California is finally making its way out of the drought. Time for more "saddle time" before long everyone!!

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*As an equestrian, I leave you with this thought:  
Never, never, never, never give up.*



*Happy riding!!!!*

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