



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat	2/20	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Wed	2/24	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Wed	3/3	CVTSC BOD Mtg. 7pm, Clubhouse
Sun	3/14	EEA Dressage Clinic. 659-2617
Sat	3/20	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sat	3/20	Member Event Pending. Clubhouse
Wed	3/31	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Wed	4/7	CVTSC BOD. 7pm, Clubhouse
Sat	4/17	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sun	4/25	1st Western Playday. 624-2829
Wed	4/28	Private Event Pending. BBQ Area
Wed	4/28	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Wed	5/5	CVTSC BOD. 7pm, Clubhouse
Sat	5/15	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sat-Sun	5/22-23	Cent. Coast Ranch Horse Classic. 624-1518
Wed	5/26	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Sun	5/30	2nd Western Show: Buckle Series. 624-2829
Wed	6/2	CVTSC BOD. 7pm, Clubhouse
Sat	6/19	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sun	6/27	3rd Western Show: Buckle Series. 624-2829
Wed	6/30	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Wed	7/7	CVTSC BOD. 7pm, Clubhouse
Sat	7/10	Private Event Pending. BBQ Area
Sat	7/10	NVRHA Clinic. 747-7545
Sun	7/11	NVRHA Competition. 747-7545
Mon	7/12	Member Event. Picnic/BBQ
Sat	7/17	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sun	7/25	4th Western Show: Buckle Series. 624-2829
Wed	7/28	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Sat	7/31	Private Party Pending. Clubhouse
Wed	8/4	Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm, Clubhouse
Thu	8/5	Kiwanis Hoopla. Setup
Fri	8/6	Kiwanis Hoopla. Picnic/BBQ
Sun	8/8	CHOMP Auxiliary
Mon	8/9	Member Event. Picnic Area
Fri	8/20	EEA Party. Clubhouse
Sat	8/21	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Wed	8/25	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Sun	8/29	5th Western Show: Buckle Series. 624-2829
Wed	9/1	CVTSC BOD Mtg. 7pm, Clubhouse
Wed	9/8	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Fri	9/10	CV Ranch Roundup. Setup
Sat-Sun	9/11-12	CV Ranch Roundup
Fri	9/17	Private Event Pending. All Areas
Sat	9/18	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sun	9/19	CV Association. Picnic/BBQ
Fri	9/24	Private Event Pending. All Areas
Sat	9/25	Private Event Pending. Clubhouse
Sun	9/26	6th Western Show: Playday/Awards Ceremony
Wed	9/29	Closed Ranch Roundup Mtg. 6pm, Clubhouse
Sat	10/2	CVTSC Members BBQ. Picnic/BBQ
Sat	10/16	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Sat-Mon	10/30-11/1	EEA Event. 659-2617
Wed	11/3	CVTSC BOD Mtg. 7pm, Clubhouse
Sat	11/20	Berta Clinic. 659-5375
Wed	12/1	CVTSC BOD Mtg. Sabatical.
Sat	12/18	Berta Clinic. 659-5375

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WINTER 2010

President's Stall

by Larry Bacon

AS WE START into a new year, we need to elect four Directors for the Club's Board. Every year, half of the Board's eight members are elected for a two-year term, and this year we'll have a vacancy to fill since Mary Wiltse has decided not to serve another term. Over the last decade, Mary has ably served as editor and publisher of the newsletter and has organized the election ballots and invitations for the annual fall members' BBQ. These skills and her counsel at the Board meetings will be missed.

Although three incumbent Directors have agreed to stand for election, the Board seats are open for new nominations. Bill Reese (595-3291) and Mary (624-0640) will be accepting names, so please contact them promptly.

Several improvements are underway at the Club. First is a new parking pad at the front of the clubhouse, designed to provide firm footing and mud-free drainage during the rainy season. Then Sarah Clifford and Brenda Reese are working on plans for a year-round trail course area with a number of challenging obstacles. And new sinks are going into the bar room of the clubhouse.

Years of persistence and patience has finally resulted in securing the trail easement for the Regional Park District on the north bank of the Carmel River leading into Garland Park. Resistance by the property owner prolonged the settlement and made the cost unnecessarily expensive. Our thanks to those in the community who contributed to the initial funding, to the Park District for paying most of the legal costs, and to the *Big Sur Land Trust* for its help in closing the deal. For those who ride that section of the trail, bear in mind that the easement requires dogs to be on a leash (or left back at the ranch).

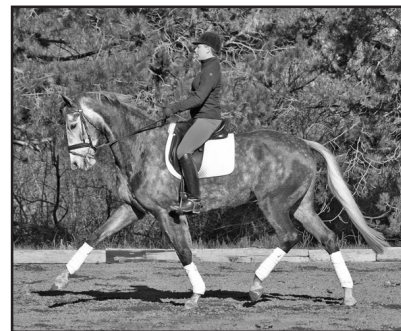
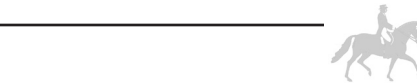
Planning has started for two major events to be held under the Club's auspices. The eighth annual *Central Coast Ranch Horse Classic*, the western versatility show sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association, is scheduled for May 22-23. The successor to Ranchers Days, the second annual *Carmel Valley Ranch Roundup*, is on the books for September 11-12. It's likely that we'll have cattle back on the grounds later this year to help members prepare for these events. Links to the events are found on the Club's website, www.cvtsc.org

The Club's calendar for the year is filling up, so please contact Karen Marasco soon if you need to reserve a date. A full listing of events is on the Club's website, designed and maintained by Susan Bancroft. Thank-you, Susan!

Dressage News

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 will wrap up the Dressage Show Winter series and to make it a special day there will also be a tack swap with the show. Lots of horse equipment, blankets, pads, halters, saddles and bridles. We also have a new vendor

for our dressage show series...The Red Mare. Owner, Kimberly Cote comes to the show with her big trailer full of great riding apparel and horse equipment. All Trail and Saddle Club members are invited and encouraged to visit our show and join in the Tack Sale fun. The Show will feature rides from beginning to advanced, Training Level to FEI, young horses to experienced, schooled horses. Our Judge, Brent Hicks, is a USEF licensed judge from southern California. Hoping for sunny weather and lots of attendance—join us!



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Western, etc.

by Brenda Reese



I AM EXCITED to look forward to what Spring will bring. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes this winter. The *CV Western Series* group has booked the 2010 dates—and they will be the last Sunday of each month—April through September, with April and September to be *Playday* formats; May through August to be *Buckle Series* shows. Again this year it only takes two of the four buckles shows to qualify for the series awards. Our entry fees are holding at \$25 per rider for the day or \$50 for a family of three or more riders. Thank you to Karen Marasco and Susan Bancroft for all their help—the forms and patterns can be found on the club website under “Western Series.”



Hey all you western working horse riders or wannabes—2010 will have tons of opportunities for you and your steed. CVTSC will again be the home of the *Central Coast Ranch Horse Classic* on May 22–23. New this year on July 10–11, CVTSC will host a *National Versatility Ranch Horse Association* two-day event. I am sure Sarah Clifford with the help of Susan Bancroft will keep us posted about this new event as the date gets closer. *NVRHA* is very “beginner friendly” with a clinic day and contest day. *NVRHA* is holding an event on May 15–16 in Paso Robles. Then on September 11–12 the *Carmel Valley Ranch Roundup* group will be hosting the second annual *Roundup*. They have a website and are working

hard to get the info up and out soon, so keep checking.

California State Horsemen’s Association Region 10 has partnered with the Monterey County Sheriff Posse. Two Ranch Versatility events will be taking place in Salinas at the Posse grounds June 6 and August 7. Region 10 President Rachele Lightfoot (831-905-5450) has been working hard with the help of Sarah Clifford to add these events to Region 10. Also, Region 10 added a *Working Western* division to its list of classes last year. They proved to be well attended and will continue for 2010. Region 10 has a schooling show scheduled for March 13 at Taylor Made Farms, San Martin covered arena, \$4.99 per class. Halter, English, Western Trail, Reining and Working Western classes.

Our CSHA Region 6 neighbors to the North have spiced up their events. Besides the regular list of rail class events they will be offering *Stock Competition* events that have penning, sorting and cutting. Region 6 has shows planned for Woodmyst, Thorson and Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. April 24 is their “Double Point” show with entry fees of \$4.99 per class. This show will be held at Thorson’s covered arena near Gilroy/San Martin.

And to get us all started on March 6–7, Sandy Collier will be presenting a *Cow Horse Clinic* at River View Ranch off River Road in Salinas. Les Vogt will be at River View Ranch the following weekend March 13–14 presenting his *Reining Working Cow Horse Clinic*. Info: Darelyn Lanini (831-455-8254).

There is also talk of an *Introduction to Ranch Versatility* clinic jointly hosted by Region 10 with local trainers Sarah Clifford, Jamie Walker and Jennifer Ray. I will try to keep you posted as this project develops.

And to close all this exciting news, I had a brain-storming meeting with Larry Bacon and Jeff Cornell about plans to set up a more extended, permanent outside trail course for the Club. Sarah Clifford, Kristi Whelan and I hope to have lots of new and interesting obstacles out for everyone to enjoy.

On that note of enjoyment, we all need to remember our fellow equestrians. As a club, we have different disciplines using the club grounds. Each of these groups has different needs and desires. With that being said, we need to keep the trail obstacles in the trail island or peninsula. It’s okay to slightly change or move obstacles for your personal training needs if the course has not already been set up for an event the next day. But it’s a huge bummer as a driver to be training on the lap tracks only to find a trail horse pole or cones on the track. It is near impossible for a single driver to dismount from his carriage, keep control of her steed and remove an obstacle from the track. So riders, help us work to keep the tracks clear for all equestrian enjoyment.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Oh, and the dressage ring is not the best place to practice your slides and spins!

I am excited with all that is coming up in 2010. Check out the dates here and on the CVTSC website. Happy Horsing!