



Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association Newsletter

November-December 2012

2012 East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Issue

The 2012 East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike was a lot of fun from start to finish. Hikers and riders alike shared some of the best trails and views the East Bay has to offer, along with great camaraderie, amazing food, and evening programs both entertaining and informative. The worst injury to people or horses was a scrape or two, and we raised about \$13,000 for East Bay trails. Basically it was a splendid time for hikers, riders and volunteers alike. The first 22 pages of this newsletter depict the 2012 East Bay Hills Trails Benefit mostly in pictures taken by the hikers, and for the first time we have Google Earth maps and elevation profiles for the first four hiking days.

This year we had more hikers than in any of the previous 4 years of the hike, with 61 people in all hiking on various days, as many as 43 per day. At the same



time we had the lowest number of horses, only 17, this year compared to the previous 10 years. But many of the hikers and riders were new this year, and almost all of them are interested in coming back, for more days, with their friends next time.

East Bay Hills literally covered new ground this year, not only incorporating trails that have been maintained by major efforts of Volunteers for Outdoor California in Anthony Chabot, Redwood, and Joaquin Miller Parks into our traditional

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Above: Veteran EB Hills riders Janice Frazier and Pat Potter Mc Andrews approach as a group of hikers pauses to enjoy the view from the Seaview section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Tilden Park. Left, Sandy Venning and other hikers climb to the top of Cull Canyon at the end of the first day's hike. Photos by Charlie Ladd.

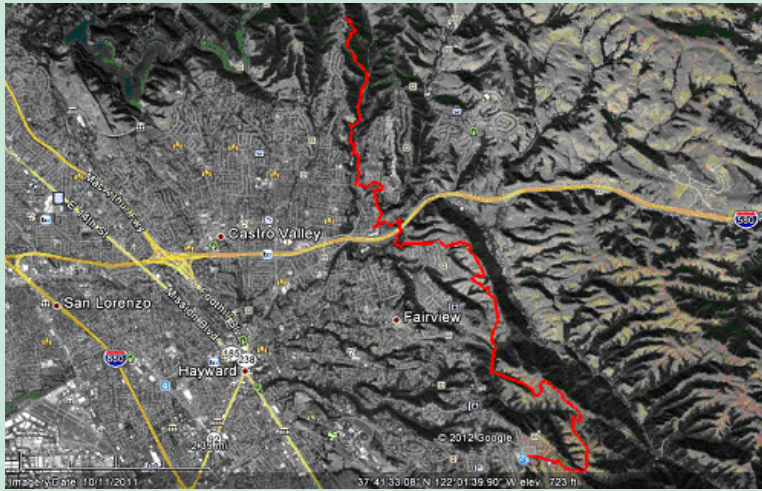
Wednesday- Starting Out

After a BART and shuttle ride, a shuttle from camp, or a drop-off by friends, hikers gathered (right) outside Stonebrae Country Club in Hayward for the start of the hike. The first part of the hike (middle picture) was through Stonebrae, on land that in a year or three will become Bay Area Ridge Trail, managed by the East Bay Regional Park District. This trail connects directly to North Garin Park, which offers tremendous views (bottom) from the Ridge Trail as it follows the ridge to Five Canyons Regional Park. Photos by Charlie Ladd and John Rabold)



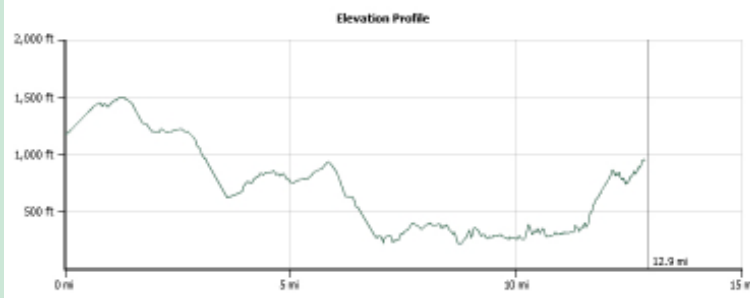
"The experience we had with your group has ignited a new love for the East Bay. We're glad to live here, surrounded by so much beauty and so many people devoted to its preservation. We will absolutely plan ahead for all the events you have to offer."

Sincerely, Laura Miller



Wednesday's Hiking Route

The topographic Google Earth image, taken from a GPS plotting of the route on Wednesday, shows the hiker's route in red from Stonebrae at the bottom, through North Garin, Five Canyons, Don Castro Recreation Area, where the hikers stopped for lunch, through Castro Valley under Highway 580 (the yellow line) to Cull Canyon Recreation Area. A few hikers bailed out at Five Canyons, a few more when they reached the top of Cull Canyon, and most finished the hike to the bottom of Cull Canyon, shown below. Volunteers then shuttled the hikers the final 10 miles or so to Bort Meadow. Total hiking distance was 12.9 miles with 2200 feet of elevation gain and 2424 feet of downhill. GPS Downloads and Cull photo by Charlie Ladd.



"i enjoyed the sections between the five canyons and cull canyon because it demonstrates how hard the BARTC is working to create an access."

--2012 East Bay Hills Hiker



Bort Meadow Camping

Breakfast is prepared the first morning at Bort Meadow by EB Hills veteran volunteer Ken Snetsinger, and V-O-Cal Executive Director Cathy Moyer, in the foreground, with super volunteers John Lipscomb, Rachel Royce and our Bort Meadow Camp Manager Judy Etheridge helping out. Photo by John Rabold.



That night the campers were in for a treat--Page Schorer (seated left) arranged for the Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band to play after dinner, and the music was great! (photo by Charlie Ladd.



"More people need to hear about this! I will be trying to recruit more friends/family to participate next year!"
--EBH Participant

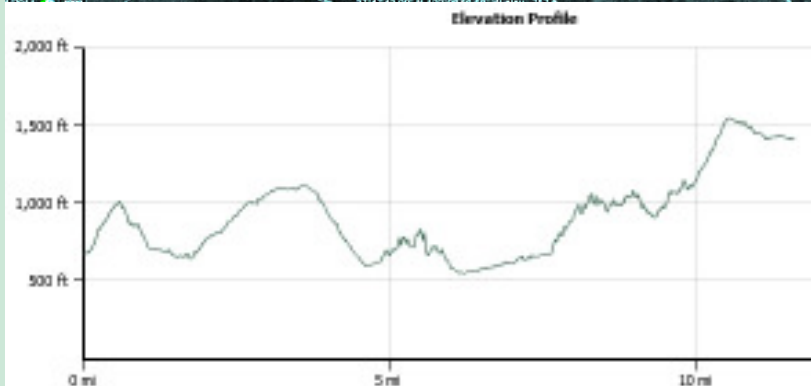
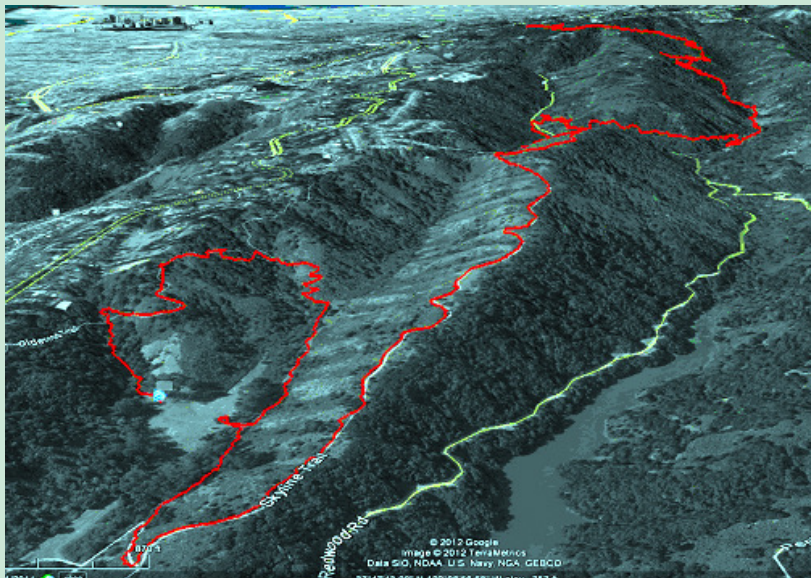
Ron Hirwin, who came with his wife Duffy for the third straight year, sees to it that their horses are well fed and groomed after a days ride in Anthony Chabot Regional Park, along Lake Chabot and back. Photo by John Rabold.

"I was grateful for the option to join the Sag Wagon before the last two miles on day one. Now that I know about this, I will try to come again for at least one day. ...I love hiking in local hills. My heartfelt appreciation to all the organizers"

--First time EBH Hiker



Thursday-Bort to Joaquin Miller



On Thursday, hikers and riders followed a similar route from Bort Meadow, shown by the red line on the left, to Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park. Upper right photo shows one of the new Joaquin Miller trail signs, financed by previous East Bay Hills Rides and Hikes, installed

just in time for this year's event. The morning started with the loop in the lower left of the map--hikers went up the hiker only Buckeye Trail, restored last year by V-O-Cal, while the horses circled up to the Equestrian Center, both circling on Goldenrod and then taking the Ranch Trail, also re-habbed by V-O-Cal last year, back to the meadow, and then along the Skyline Trail, in red, shown parallel to Redwood Road, with a jog down to the French Trail in Redwood Park for the hikers, as shown, while the equestrians took a slightly longer detour through adjacent Roberts Park. Total distance for the hikers was 11.6 miles, with 2456 feet of elevation gain, and 1178 downhill feet, while the equestrians covered 13 miles. Below Duffy and Ron Hirwin cross the road, with some of the hikers just behind. Hike profile and photo by Charlie Ladd.

Thursday on the Trail



One of the favorites this year, as always, was the French Trail, with its majestic Redwoods, shown above in photos taken by Bev Berman and by Charlie Ladd on the Thursday hike. The riders rode the entire length of the French Trail on Friday. And below we have the long view from the trail, as shown by Charlie Ladd.



Thursday Evening at Sequoia Arena



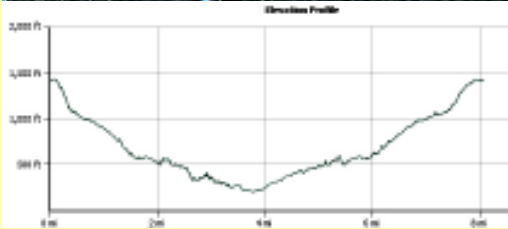
"Thank you. We loved it. The chance to "get away from it all" without a plane trip or long ride, see more of our beautiful parks, have our meals cooked for us, and do it all with our horses, was heaven for me. Being able to choose 1-6 days gives people nice flexibility. As newbies, Janet was great at orienting us, making sure we knew where to go and when, etc. This was important and well done on Janet's part. Thank you, Janet."

--First time EBH Rider

After the walk over from Anthony Chabot, the hikers set up their tents above Sequoia Arena and some, including hike leaders Charlie Bowen, bending over, Bob Siegel, to her right, and Gary Cook, back to camera, gathered to unwind and discuss the days events. After dinner, shown below, we all were treated to an exciting presentation by Mary Ose on the Hike Across California, from Davenport to Lake Tahoe, that she led a couple of years ago and is repeating in segments starting in November. Photos by Charlie Ladd.



Friday-Hike to Dimond Park or Ride in Redwood



Friday's hike followed the Sausal Creek watershed, from Joaquin Miller Park in the hills to Dimond Park in the flatlands, taking Palo Colorado's Trail to the lower edge of Joaquin Miller, crossing under both Mountain Blvd. and Highway 13, shown in yellow, and then down the Sausal Creek Trail, where V-O-Cal worked in 2009, all the way to Dimond Park, near Highway 580. The hikers covered about 8.1 miles, with a total elevation gain, and drop, of 1600 feet. On the return, most hikers detoured to view V-O-Cal's June reconstruction of Bishop's Walk Trail. Map and photo courtesy of Charlie Ladd. Meanwhile the riders were out exploring in both Redwood and Joaquin Miller Parks.



Meandering down Sausal Creek

The hikers traversed the Sausal Creek Trail, shown above, on Friday, on the way to, and the way back from, Dimond Park, in various places passing the same kinds of rusty pipes, similar to those found on Wildcat Gorge and Grizzly Peak Trails in Tilden, remnants of the old springs



that used to supply the East Bay with water before EBMUD was established. At Dimond Park the President of the Friends of Sausal Creek, Carl Kohnert, in gray below left, told us about the history of their organization, and updated us on their future plans. Following his short presentation Sandy Venning and Bill Warburton, our hike leaders for the day, dished up root beer floats, which has now become an annual tradition. Photos by Charlie Ladd.

"Some days the miles were just right for me and my wife when it was 9 or 10 miles. At times it was a challenge however we were still able to enjoy the hikes, the beauty and the friendliness of the other hikers. We are looking forward to next year hike!"

--East Bay Hills Hiker



Friday Night at Joaquin Miller



Friday was when the horse population peaked at this year's East Bay Hills Trails Benefit with the arrival of more riders for the weekend, leaving barely enough space in the parking area up above the arena for the Flying Fillies Drill Team, new this year to our event. Their crisp moves--note for example, in Lynnette Campbell's photo above, how the horses on the ends are moving fast while the ones in the middle are barely moving at all--entertained the crowd. Earlier that day, when the hikers returned from Sausal Creek, they visited the monuments constructed by Joaquin Miller himself, including his Pyramid to Moses, at right, photo by Bev Berman.

"The trails all were great. SeaView in Tilden had spectacular views! The shaded trails through the redwoods were wonderful. Just having you map out the through rides put us on trails we had not ridden before, which was great."

--East Bay Hills Rider

"Great experience for my horse. She is not used to the many bikes and dogs and people on the trail out there in the Bay Area. She seemed very confident by Saturday's ride to Tilden. I was so proud of her. I would definitely recommend the hike/ride to others."

--East Bay Hills Rider

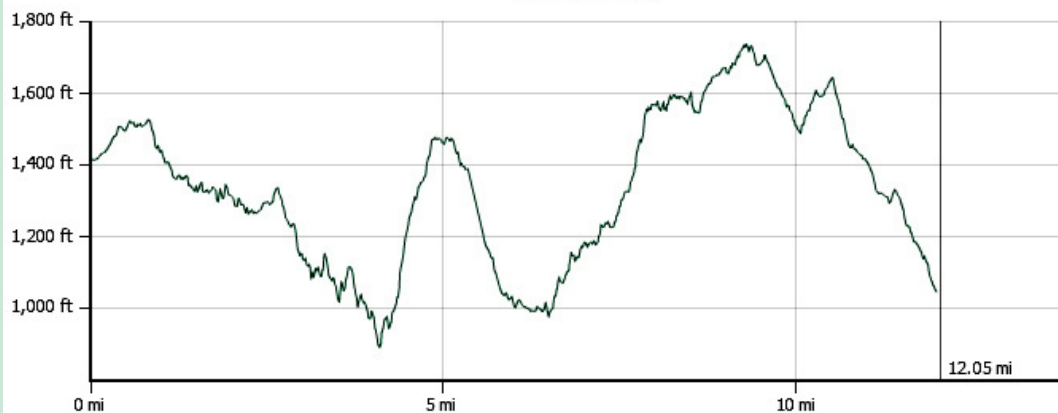


Saturday-Redwood to Tilden

Saturday is the only day when hikers and riders traverse the same route-- from Joaquin Miller, through Redwood, to Huckleberry, and Sibley, over the Caldecott Tunnel on EBMUD watershed land, all the way to our camp in Tilden Park. Starting from the lower left corner, the red line traces that route, which follows the Bay Area Ridge Trail/ National Skyline Trail almost the entire way. The GPS this year says the route was 12 miles, with 2075 feet of elevation gain and 2432 feet of downhill, as shown in the elevation profile. In the photo below, the hikers have rounded the corner from Skyline Gate and are leaving the East Ridge Trail in Redwood Park to follow the Ridge Trail towards Huckleberry. Maps and photo by Charlie Ladd.



Elevation Profile



"I am glad we saw this in the newspaper. We only got to hike one day, hopefully in the future we can more days. Thanks for all the work by the volunteers to make the hike a success."

--EBH Hiker



Bay Area Ridge Trail North to Tilden



On Thursday, both hikers and riders followed the Ridge Trail through Huckleberry, above, and Sibley, right., and then continued on through EBMUD watershed way above the Caldecott Tunnel on their way to Tilden. Photos by Bev Berman and Charlie Ladd



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itineraries, but also including, at both ends of the hike, future segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail not yet open to the public. The first section, in Stonebrae Country Club in Hayward is expected to open to the public in 2-3 years, while the Pinole Watershed section, hiked on the final day, is expected to open by next spring at the latest, and possibly a lot sooner. Our hikers took some pretty good pictures that are included in this report.

We camped, as we have in most recent years, at Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Regional Park, at Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park and at the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park. About 75 volunteers prepared meals, helped shuttle hikers and riders when needed, helped move the kitchen and hiker gear from camp to camp, and made it all possible. Volunteers came from all of the groups sponsoring the event—including V-O-Cal, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

V-O-Cal provided the kitchen equipment needed to feed everybody as well as the shower tents that were so refreshing after a day on the trail. For the third year V-O-Cal volunteer Jay Bailinson brought his massage table, and each afternoon offered massage to tired hikers and riders in exchange for donations to V-O-Cal or the Ridge Trail. For the third year also, we were able to borrow the Human Powered Blender, which meant

that there were lots of great berry smoothies.

Our evening programs were quite interesting, ranging from a discussion of the Hike Across California by Mare Ose, the Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band, and the Flying Fillies Drill Team, to Tilden Nature Area Naturalist Dave Zuckerman's talk on the Legacy of the New Deal in the East Bay Parks and Bonnie Kohlriter's Talk on American Mustangs on the final night. We

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"It is a WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL opportunity to explore fabulous trails and meet (or reconnect) with awesome people! (Not to mention that it is for a good cause too!) This is my favorite trip- I wouldn't miss it for anything. I REALLY appreciate all the volunteers, their hard work, dedication and time commitment to making this event happen! Jay's donation of massages is HUGE. The tent showers are a great addition. The silent auction and raffle prizes are awesome! I would suggest margaritas from the human-powered blender the evening of the auction- might help get more donations! (Plus they were really good last year!) THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!! See you next year!"

--Multiple year veteran rider, Jeanine Wolf

Tilden Park

Hikers approach Tilden Park, at right, for a well-deserved break on the Seaview Trail at Lookout Circle, below, with its views from San Francisco to Mt Tam to Briones Reservoir, shown, to Mt. Diablo. A short hike down to the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp, where the horses were resting after their long ride over. Photos by Charlie Ladd and Bev Berman



"Saturday was entirely spectacular. Even though I'm on those trails often, I've never connected West Ridge to Huckleberry to Sibley to Tilden. I'm inspired to attack the section at Grizzly and Claremont for clean-up."

--2012 Participant

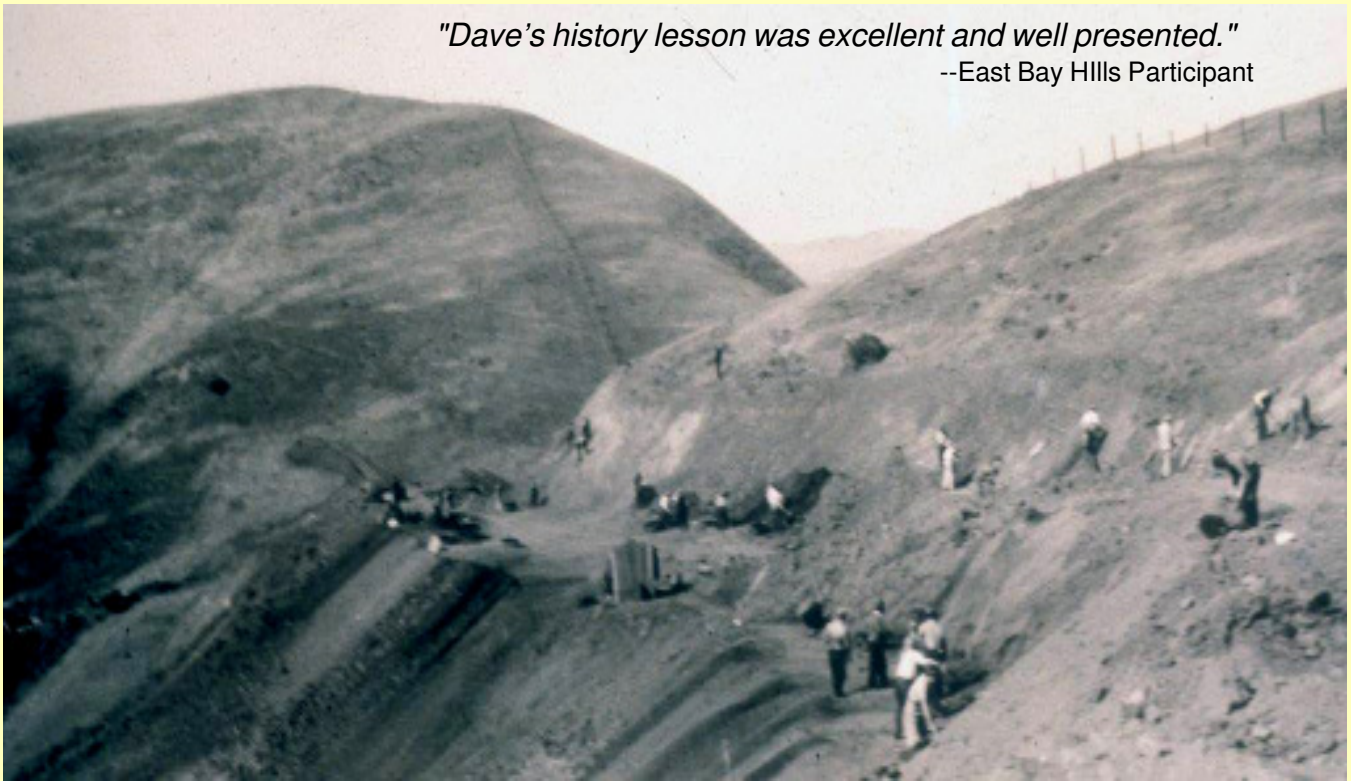


Saturday Night at Tilden

Campers had started setting up their tents above Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park when Bev Berman arrived with her camera, right. Another wonderful meal, this one courtesy of V-O-Cal Silver Skillet award winner Lila Abdul Rahim, who has orchestrated a dinner at every EB Hills Trails Benefit event since the beginning, was followed by our raffle and silent auction, and then Dave Zuckermann, the Supervising Naturalist at the Tilden Nature Area, spoke on the Legacy of the New Deal in the East Bay Parks. He showed us archival slides, such as the one below, taken at the current location of the Orinda Horsemen's Association gate at the intersection of Seaview and Big Springs Trails, which show those trails under construction. Photos courtesy of Bev Berman and EBRPD.



*"Dave's history lesson was excellent and well presented."
--East Bay Hills Participant*



"I enjoyed hearing a historical perspective, very informative with primary sources, that made me appreciate the trails we walked on the next day."

--East Bay Hills Hiker

Thanks to our Generous Donors

This year's East Bay Hills Trail Benefit Ride and Hike was greatly assisted by the generous contributions we received both for the ride and hike and for our silent auction and raffle. We deeply appreciate the following donations:

REI

Tent, camp chair, sleeping pad, hiking poles, sleeping bag, weekend coolers

CamelBak

4 CamelBak filtration packs and 12 water bottles

East Bay Regional Park District

Dinner for over 65 hikers and riders

Clif Bar

Fuel for our hikers and riders

Mountain Hardware

2 backpacks

Orinda Village Horse Shop

Tipperary Sportage riding helmet

Page Schorer

Music by the Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band

Bill Long

Sailing on the Bay for 4

Sports Basement

\$25 gift certificate

Barbara Weitz

Painting and photographic prints

Don Herzog

Bay Area overview flight for 3

Marilyn Russell

Trail Books and Guides

Chouinard Vineyards

Wine Tasting for 10, and 2 fine wines

Peet's Coffee

Coffee and Tea

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Gift Certificate for Boots

Julie Suhr

But it Wasn't the Horse's Fault-3 copies

Save Mt. Diablo

Stephen Joseph Mt Diablo photo book, map and blanket

Safeway

\$150 Gift Card

Vista Madera Tack

Horse tack and grooming goodies

Western Saddlery

Horse tack and grooming goodies

Wilderness Press

Trail Guidebooks and Bob Walker photo books

Morris Older

Dick Francis Mystery Collection

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Tent, fleece vest, wine glasses, Ridge Trail Guide books, shirts, and water bottles

Riders and Hikers who cancelled

And donated part or all of their event fees

Riders and Hikers

Who donated numerous raffle prizes

Bill Imler, Bob Siegel and Pat Koren

California wines

Bay Nature Magazine

2 Gift Subscriptions

Janice Frazier

Dog basket

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even had an informative presentation at lunch Friday about the Friends of Sausal Creek.

The food of course was up to the standard that East Bay Hills participants have come to expect. Judi Bank, Page Schorer, the East Bay Regional Park District, and Lila Abdul Rahim again provided scrumptious dinners, and Judy Etheridge did the same on the final night for the riders. Without a single coordinator, the break-

fasts and lunches were more of a group effort than in the past, but with many hands pitching in, they were all quite good.

With more hikers but fewer riders this year, we raised slightly more than last year for East Bay trails, just under \$13,000. This was the second year that we did not have a large donation to match funds raised on the event, but our total brings us up to over \$165,000 raised over the last 10 years for East Bay trails. The funds

raised will be distributed in a similar way to last year, supporting projects by V-O-Cal, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Ivan Dickson Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program, TWHA and MHA. This has been made possible by the generosity of hikers, riders and volunteers who donated their money, their time or, in many cases, both to help us succeed.

We look forward to our 12th Annual East Bay Hills Hike and Ride in 2013, and will make a special effort to attract more riders next year while maintaining the size of our hiking group. We hope you will be able to join us!

Sunday Leaving Tilden

Hike leader Gary Cook, arms extended on right, explains the plan for the day: hike the Ridge Trail through Tilden, Wildcat and EBMUD to Kennedy Grove for lunch, and then shuttle over to Pinole Watershed to continue on brand new trail. Below the hikers get started and then head down Nimitz Way (bottom). Those Miller girls, talented acrobats Kate and Haley, are already near the front of the pack. Photos by Charlie Ladd.



"Favorite trails: huckleberry eagles nest fern ravine sausal creek wildrose nimitz way fernandez ranch"

--East Bay Hills Hiker

Sunday Lunch and Brand New Trail

At Kennedy Grove, hikers ate their lunch with some of the shuttle drivers who were about to take them to Pinole Watershed. A couple of those volunteers stayed to join our special preview hike of the new Pinole Watershed trail, which will open soon to the public. The first section, shown below, was finished 2 years ago on the REI Ridge Trail Service Day and climbs up from the intersection of Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road. Photos by Charlie Ladd.



EBMUD made getting this new section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail walkable for our event a high priority. Earlier this year their Sweco Tral Tractor broke down while working on it, and had to be shipped off for major repairs. When they got it back, they were able to make a first cut on most of the rest of the new trail. And they mowed the entire route, as shown in super-vounteer and hiker Bam Bam Barnett's photo on

Previewing Brand New Pinole Watershed Trail



the right. That mowing made it very easy to find our way--kind of like following the Yellow Brick Road! We were joined by retired EBMUD Ranger Penny Spear, who designed the trail, which gradually climbs to the ridge, ending at the gate to Fernandez Ranch, replacing most of the quite vertical, pre-existing fire road that was opened up when Pinole Watershed first opened in 2007. The last 3 years large volunteer groups have volunteered to help build the trail on each November's REI Ridge Trail Service Day, in April REI organized an extra work day there, and the East Bay Trail Dawgs also had several volunteer days there. The nearly completed trail may open to hikers and equestrians before the end of the year, and is a spectacular additin to the Bay Are Ridge Trail in the East Bay, offering incredible views in all directions. Photo below by John Rabold. The de-facto leaders of this hike were the Miller girls, 10 and 14 years old. When they joined the hike on Saturday morning, their mother, Laura Miller told us, when asked, that yes, they could keep up. She wasn't kidding--when we hit the steepest part of the trail, they were way ahead of the rest of the group, running up the hill...



Fernandez Ranch

...and when we entered the gates of Fernandez Ranch, we found Kate and Haley Miller perched in a tree, waiting for their parents and the other hikers to catch up--photo by Charile Ladd. The fuly multi-use Bay Area Ridge Trail section in Fernandez, which was largely built by V-O-Cal volunteers, is wonderfully designed, with lots of shade, slowly descending to the park entrance on Christie Road in Martinez. The section below required a lot of digging into the backslope by V-O-



Cal stalwart Bam Bam Barnett and his crew. Photo by amazing EB Hills Volunteer Bam Bam Barnett. Muir Heritage Land Trust, which owns Fernandez Ranch, has since acquired another 600 acres in adjzcent Franklin Canyon, and is currently planning trails that will connect to Fernandez Ranch as part of their overall habitat management plan for the new parcel.

How the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Hike and Ride Supports the Trails

Over the past 10 years the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike has raised over \$150,000 to support trails in the East Bay and beyond. This has been made possible by the generosity of our donors and volunteers, by the matching funds made available by the Bay Area Barns and Trails Trust, and by the participation of hundreds of riders and hikers.

About 2/3 of the funds raised have been donated to the Bay Area Ride Trail Council, a coalition of volunteers and agencies, that plans, promotes, builds, acquires and maintains the more than 550-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail, a multi-use trail that, when complete, will connect over 75 parks and open spaces on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay. Recognizing the growing recreational needs of the Bay Area's diverse populations, along with the desire of individuals to connect their communities with the outdoor environment, the Council creates links between parks, people and communities.

Over the past 10 years, the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike has contributed to the following Bay Area Ridge Trail projects:

- ◆ Signage of the entire route of the Ridge Trail through the East Bay.
- ◆ Volunteer work parties that helped prepare Crockett Hills Regional Park, with 4.5 miles of Ridge Trail, for its 2006 opening
- ◆ Funding for a crew to help resolve drainage issues on the Ridge Trail in Crockett Hills in 2007
- ◆ Planning, advocacy and meetings that helped open 7.5 miles of Ridge Trail in the Pinole Watershed
- ◆ Planning and advocacy funds for Ridge Trail staff to help open Ridge Trail in Vargas Plateau in Fremont, on Feeder Trail #1 and on Fernandez Ranch in Martinez
- ◆ Financial support for building 3.5 miles of new trail at Muir Heritage Land Trust's Sky Ranch and Fernandez Ranch in Martinez that will become or are now Ridge Trail
- ◆ Financial support earmarked for a new section of Ridge Trail in San Mateo County
- ◆ Additional planning and construction of Ridge Trail segments elsewhere

In addition the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride has donated to these other East Bay trail projects:

- ◆ The Volunteers for Outdoor California trail maintenance and rebuilding projects in Joaquin Miller Park in 2007 and 2012
- ◆ The Volunteers for Outdoor California 2008 trail construction project at Brushy Peak near Livermore, and the V-O-Cal trail maintenance project at Las Trampas in 2010
- ◆ Installation of a water tank at Corral Camp at Las Trampas Regional Preserve, enabling camping there
- ◆ Full financial support of a trail maintenance weekend co-sponsored with the Student Conservation Association on Mt. Diablo in 2007
- ◆ Save Mt. Diablo's project to build a 60 mile Diablo Loop Trail around the perimeter of Mt. Daiblo
- ◆ Maintenance work to preserve and maintain fencing at Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park
- ◆ Purchase of new signage at trail intersections in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park
- ◆ Funding set aside for improvements to Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park

Volunteers Made it Happen

The East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike could not have happened without the efforts of over 80 volunteers. A **planning committee**, which included TWHA members Morris Older, Judy Etheridge, Page Schorer, and Jane Binder, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association members Judi Bank and Amelia Marshall began meeting in March to plan the equestrian ride. A separate committee of Bay Area Ridge Trail Council members Morris Older, Gary Cook, Bob Siegel, Raj Hajela and Charlie Bowen, as well as BARTC Staff member Joel Gartland started meeting shortly thereafter to plan the hike. Our **camp managers** each day included Judy Etheridge, Judi Bank, and Jane Binder, assisted by Ken Snetsinger, Peter Bank, Laurie Chait, Alan Imler and Amelia Marshall. Morris Older served as overall ride and hike manager with able assistance from the co-planners and camp managers.

Our **evening chefs** were Page Schorer, Judi Bank, Lila

"It warms my heart that there are so many people volunteering their time and energy to keep our trails not only accessible but enjoyable. I think we found a few kindred spirits this weekend and I hope to be more involved with the organization and the EBRP from here on out."

---First Time East Bay Hills Participant

Abdul-Rahim, and Judy Etheridge, with Jim Townsend and Suzanne Wilson of the Regional Trails Department of the East Bay Regional Park District providing dinner for the group one evening. Our evening chefs were ably assisted by Rachel Royce, Eddie Reiter, Diana Lynch, Anne Corder, Charlie Bowen, Jenni Smith, Ute Frey, Kim Abbott, Inez Fort, Melanie Diamond, John Lipscomb, Randy Hassell, Inez Fort, Amelia Marshall, Rachel Royce, Michele Nelson, Judy Etheridge, and Ken Snetsinger, as well as the large number of riders and hikers who chipped in as needed.

Volunteers for Outdoor California, **provided our kitchen**, and Cathy Moyer, the V-O-Cal Executive Director, Eric Bam Bam Barnett, Morris Older, Kim Abbott, Ryan Ayers, Raj Hajela, Elisabeth Chemouni, Judy Etheridge, John Lipscomb, and Lara Regan all helped set up and pack up our kitchen. Cathy Moyer, John Lipscomb, Bill Imler, Rachel Royce, and Judy Etheridge helped co-ordinate **breakfasts**, ably assisted by David and Irma Rupart, Raj Hajela, Teri Baron, Diane Ollis, Karl Saarni, Ken Snetsinger, Janice Frazier, Charlie Bowen, Jack King, and numerous hikers and riders. MHA provided dinner tables and

chairs used at 2 of the campsites and Kim Abbott helped move them. Cathy Moyer, Judi Bank, Lila Abdul-Rahim, Page Schorer, Jim Townsend, and Judy Etheridge, all helped with the **food**

"Obviously lots of planning, etc goes into this and it shows. All the leaders were very helpful and happy, which is important on an event like this."

--2012 East Bay Hills Participant

shopping.

Bort Meadow requires someone to watch **the gate** at all times when it is open, and Laurie Chait, Ute Frey, Anne Corder, Becky Mertens, Rachel Royce, Ken Snetsinger, and Judy Etheridge all took turns.

Volunteers were needed to pick up and drop off hikers at BART and also to provide mid-hike **shuttles** on the first and last day. Thomas Beck, Bobbie Landers, Bern Smith, Dan Guerra, Kathy Campbell, Rachel Royce, Eddie Reiter, Marilyn Terstegge, Raj Hajela, Doug Ross, Laurie Chait, Lisa McLaughlin, Amelia Marshall, Pat Corder, Rachel Royce and Ute Frey stepped up to get the job done. Doug Ross, Thomas Beck, and Wakean Maclean volunteered to shuttle riders back to the starting point so they could ride their horses between camps. Judi Bank, Inez Fort and Amelia Marshall helped people find **parking** places at Sequoia Arena, while Jane Binder directed the parking at Tilden Park. Our **hay purchases** and delivery were arranged by Judy Etheridge. **Water troughs** were supplied, placed in strategic locations and filled by Judy

"I can't stop marveling at the enthusiasm and professionalism of all the volunteers! What a great lot of folks to get to know & hang with. Thank you!"

---First Time East Bay Hills Participant

Etheridge and Ken Snetsinger as well as by Tilden, Redwood and Anthony Chabot Park staff.

Sections of trail were **pre-ridden or walked** by Rachel Royce, Gary Fitts, Charlie Bowen, Morris Older, Bob Siegel and Jim Townsend. Morris Older wrote up the **trail directions** and takes full responsibility for any errors therein. Morris made up the masters of the equestrian trail maps, and Gary Cook made up the masters of the hiking maps. Gary Cook, Bob Siegel, Charlie Bowen, Bill Warburton, and Sandy Venning

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Sunday-Monday at Tilden

Sunday's ride was a loop covering the main trails in Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. That evening Judy Etheridge made lasagna for the remaining equestrians, and a few hikers who stayed over, and then Barbar Kohleriter told us all about the struggle to preserve the wild Mus-

tang herds in the Western States. On the final day while some of the equestrians explored Tilden Park, volunteers gave away the remaining food, packed up the kitchen and shower tents, and V-O-Cal Executive Director Cathy Moyer arrived to drive the truck back to Redwood City.

"I found shuttling hikers was a great way to meet many very nice people. They were appreciative with the transportation efforts"

--2012 East Bay Hills Volunteer

Thanks to Our Amazing Volunteers!

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served as our **lead and sweep hikers**. Morris Older made all arrangements with the regional parks, while Judi Bank

"I was blown away at the amount of volunteering and organizing that contributing to making these days/events so great."

--East Bay Hills Participant

did the same with the City of Oakland and Joaquin Miller Park. Fleurette Sevin, Judi Bank, and Kim Abbott arranged for our insurance.

Shower tents with solar showers were borrowed from Volunteers for Outdoor California and set up and taken down by Eric Bam Bam Barnett, Becky Mertens, Jane Binder, Ryan Ayers, and Raj Hajela. The **Human-Powered-Blender** was on loan from Chino Yip, and transported down from Napa by Bam Bam. And we are especially grateful to Jay Bailinson, who after hiking, provided **massage** for 3 hours daily to hikers and riders who donated to the event.

We were extremely fortunate to have **evening presentations** by EBRPD Naturalist Devid Zuckermann, who talked about the Legacy of the New Deal in East Bay Parks,, by the Flying Fillies Drill Team, by Mary Ose, talking about the Hike Across California, by the Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band, and by Bonnie

Kohleriter, who spoke about Mustangs and Wild Horses. Friends of Sausal Creek sent their President to talk to our hikers.

We were blessed to have the **art-work and design** skills of Debby Young for our hike and ride shirt.. The ride sales table at our camps was set up and tended by Morris Older. Irma Rupert, Teri Baron, Alison Martin, Judy Etheridge sold **raffle** tickets.

Our **emergency trailer** on call was provided by Inez Fort. Our **manure trailer** was transported by Peter Bank and Amelia Marshall.

TWHA web guru Gary Fitts posted

"It was amazing how well the hikes and all the events connected to the hike were organized . It was great to see so many participating volunteers and this says a lot about the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike."

--East Bay Hills Participant

our ride info on the **website**, and many riders, and family members pitched in whenever they were needed. When something unexpectedly needed to be done, there were last minute volunteers who rose to the occasion. TWHA, MHA, V-O-Cal and BARTC extend our deep and sincere thanks to all of the 85 volunteers who assisted. If we have inadvertently

neglected to mention your name, please know that we have valued your assistance. Without all of you this event would not have been possible.

A number of **organizations and groups** helped with the Est Bay Hills Trails Benefit. In addition to TWHA and MHA the assistance of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, and Volunteers for Outdoor California was essential. Publicity from horse club newsletters, and several hiking clubs. helped riders and hikers throughout the Bay Area and beyond to find out about the ride.. See the separate listing of our donors and sponsors, who assisted in our fund raising efforts.

Finally, the ride and hike would not have been possible without the cooperation and aid of **EBRPD's** Tiffany Margulici, Di Rosario in Redwood, Sergio Huerta, in Tilden, Alison Rein in Wildcat, Jeff Manley in Sibley , Janet Gomes in Chabot, Jeff Crowle in Roberts, and Jerry Richardson in Kennedy Grove and other park staff. EBRPD was exemplary in fixing trail, setting up water, and helping to ensure that the hike and ride worked for everyone. The **City of Oakland** was also very helpful in facilitating our ability

"We felt completely spoiled rotten. Everyone was incredibly nice."

--East Bay Hills Participant

to camp, hike and ride at Joaquin Miller Park.

TWHA Trail Work Day

6 TWHA members, perhaps the smallest turn-out ever for a TWHA Trail Work Day, somehow accomplished a lot in Tilden Park October 21..

Team A, consisting of Gary Fitts, Ute Frey, Elisabeth Chemouni, and Kim Abbott, started out by cleaning out the water trough at the Steam Trains overflow parking lot, and by trimming brush encroaching on the trail where Vollmer Peak Trail splits above the Tilden Corporation Yard. They then continued on and cleared brush and overhanging branches on the Easter Trail, which connects Seaview to Lomas Cantadas. Gary, perhaps prone to slight exaggeration, reports that it now looks more like a highway than a disappearing trail.

Meanwhile Team B, consisting of Diane Ollis and Morris Older, hiked over to the narrow trail connecting Big Springs Fire Road with Arroyo Trail just below the Orinda Horsemen's Association gate on Seaview. This short stretch had not been maintained in years, and was pretty overgrown in spots. We cut brush and overhanging branches and moved a 15 foot log that was partially blocking the trail. No, it's not a highway now, but it is very passable on horseback. The day after the elec-

tions, before consuming 5 bottles of Champagne, a group of 34 hikers hiked this section and were suitably impressed..

We then went over to the intersection of Vollmer Peak and Lupine Trail, and proceeded down Lupine, which had brush and branches narrowing it intermittently all the way down. We had worked our way about 3/4 of the way down the trail when we overheard voices talking about how OHA members can get OHA work hours for TWHA trail work, and then two riders, Kim Zvik and Anna Johnson, came into view, thanking us for our efforts as they passed. We continued on down to the end of Lupine and then walked the entire length of Vollmer Peak, looking for a spot that Tilden Supervisor Sergio Huerta had asked us to clear, one of the only places on that trail where brush was narrowing it. Running out of time, we hit some of the worst spots there, and hiked back up to the parking lot, finished at 1:45

Next time you are on those trails, please thank your TWHA members who helped make them a better experience. And when we schedule the TWHA Spring Trail Work Day, please come and join us so we can accomplish that much more!

How Harry Whitney Handles Rope Reins

by Page Schorer

At the Bible Study Horsemanship Camp I attended last month, Harry Whitney gave a quit detailed explanation of how he handles rope reins.

In this illustration, Harry has asked the horse to go left. You can see the way he has moved his reins to the left and, it looks to me that he has opened his left leg a bit. Notice the right leg, no pressure. In fact, he is not putting any pressure on the horse at all. He is just asking. He always asks first but often his ask is so subtle, an observer doesn't even see it. In this case the horse is responding to the ask, but suppose the horse ignored the request. If I were the rider I would probably pull back with my left hand and put right leg on the horse, not Harry, however.

If Harry is working with the reins, he would want apply pressure only with the reins. A common reaction is to pull back on the left rein, which inevitably twists the body to the left. Not only is the twist itself a big fat cue to the horse as to what is wanted, it will also, almost automatically, put right leg on the horse. How is the poor horse supposed to factor all this out and know it was the reins he was supposed to be paying attention to?

What Harry would do is leave his left hand in place and move his right hand out pulling the reins through his left hand. You will notice he is prepared to do this and has all the excess slack taken out of the reins and has the reins looped in his right hand. If he wanted the horse go the right, he would reverse the whole process. If he wanted to put back pressure on both sides he would spread both his arms.

The bottom line of Harry's advice (and reining technique) is to be sparing (light) with your cues when asking a horse to execute a maneuver.

Page's article has previously appeared in the October/November issue of *Between the Reins*.



Photo courtesy of Melissa Pelletier.
<http://www.melissapelletier.com/about.html>

Trail Legend Barbara Weitz: Gone to Greener Pastures

“Barbara Weitz was only 12 years old, riding her horse up a trail near Mt. Tamalpais when she saw something, and felt something she had never experienced before while doing her most cherished activity. Her heart sank. She saw a “NO HORSES” sign on one of her favorite trails. Well, I guess something good can come of something bad when you have the heart and determination of Barbara Weitz. An incredible trail advocate was born.” - Chris Towles, www.ebtrails.org/news/May2006 newsletter

We are saddened by the tremendous loss of an inspiring leader and friend, Barbara Weitz, who rode off on April 9, 2012.

If you didn't know Barbara, it's likely you have been to a barn, ridden on a trail, or driven by a pasture, that in some way Barbara helped support. Perhaps your horse sipped from a water trough, was tied to a hitch rail, or you used a manure bunker that Barbara assisted in making a reality.

She worked with quiet determination on the issues most dear to her heart – saving barns and trails for continued equestrian use. Always diplomatic and always taking the time to show up, speak up or write letters in support of stables and trails. Barbara never wanted to hear the words, “Once there was a stable here...”

Her devotion to the outdoors started in her youth riding her first horse, Firecracker, on the trails between Mill Valley, Muir Beach and Mt. Tamalpais. Upon retiring, Barbara rekindled her childhood love of horses and bought her faithful steed, Shahbee. Shahbee and Barbara logged many miles on the trails, including a number of NATRC rides (competitive long distance trail rides).

Since its founding in 1988, Barbara served for 20 years as a Board Member and as the Chair of the Marin County Committee for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council.

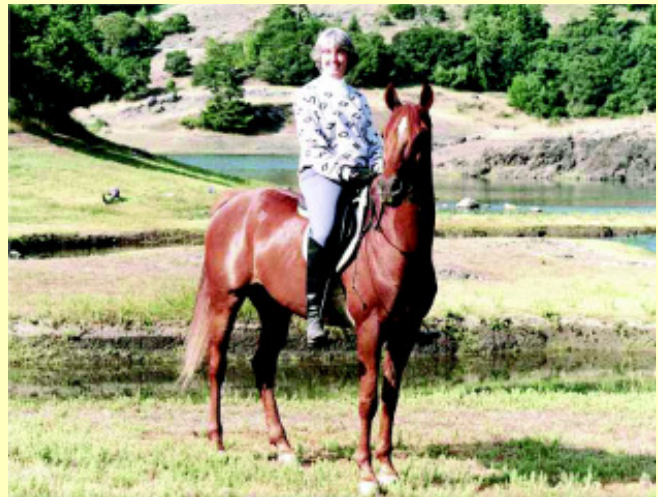
She steadfastly worked for the success of the 550-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail around San Francisco Bay. In Marin, she played a key role in completing sections of the trail, including Loma Alta, Big Rock, Inkwell's Bridge and Whites Hill.

She served as a Director & Officer on the Marin Horse Council Board during the 1980's through the early 1990's, and also served as President of Miwok Valley Association (a non-profit managing Miwok Stables in Mill Valley).

In 1999, Barbara founded Bay Area Barns and Trails (BABTT). Since its inception, BABTT has donated \$157,000 to land managing agencies and equestrian organizations for restoration, construction, education and capacity building.



*Top: 14 year old Barbara with Firecracker on the streets of Mill Valley (c. 1948).
Below: Barbara and Shahbee at the event she pioneered – Ride for the Ridge (c.1990).*



In Marin, some of the projects it has helped support include: Marin Stables; Ocean Riders/GGNRA; Marin Horse Council/Pt. Reyes National Seashore; Horse Hill; V-O-CAL / Tamalpais State Park; and Mounted Horse Patrol/GGNRA.

Barbara received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the California Trails and Greenways Conference in 2006. A 2006 *Ridge Lines Newsletter* notes, “The award recognizes an individual who has volunteered a significant amount of personal time over the past 25 or more years on behalf of trails, and whose leadership has had a statewide impact on trails.... Her leadership, focus, and perseverance have brought hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists together to resolve trail-user conflicts.”

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council also recognized Barbara for her leadership inland preservation and trail advocacy with

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Barbara Weitz



Barbara being honored at the 2010 Dias Ridge Trail celebration.

Barbara's East Bay Impact

In addition to everything else, Barbara left a lasting impression on the trails of the East Bay. Her organization funded the water tank at the Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park, and supplied the matching donations that doubled funds raised by the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride and Hike--to the tune of \$37,500 over a period of 8 years. TWHA Board Members Judy Etheridge, Eric Schroeder and Morris Older served at times as Board Members and Advisors for Bay Area Barns and Trails.

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a special award in 2006. "Barbara has shared her leadership skills, technical expertise, and organizational abilities as a Council volunteer since 1989, helping create more than 60 miles of multi-use trail in Marin County. With dignity, tenacity, and thoughtfulness, she brings trail users together for productive advocacy."

Barbara was honored for her work at the 2010 Dias Ridge Trail Celebration, a project she had worked on for over 20 years. Maureen Pinto recalls, "Barbara received well deserved recognition for her efforts that started in 1989 to get this trail in place."

Maureen emphasizes the importance of Barbara's support of environmental education regarding equestrian land management. "All of us at Ocean Riders are missing the extraordinary Barbara Weitz, who has been so supportive of our mission over these past 14 years, matching funds for progressive manure management ideas and program development. It was a thrill to help host the opening of the 2010 Dias Ridge Trail celebration where Barbara was honored for her work preserving both barns and trails. She continued to the end to be a

strong advocate for the Dias Phase II "safety" trail to get all users off of Highway One in Muir Beach. She had a wonderful attitude about life, and I'll forever remember her by the sparkle in her blue eyes. We hope the BABTT mission to preserve trails and all things equestrian can continue in Barbara's honor."

This May, the Ridge Trail honored her legacy by dedicating the 2012 *Ridge to Bridge* to Barbara. Barbara pioneered the precursor event, *Ride for the Ridge*, in 1989, and successfully raised thousands of dollars for Marin County trail projects.

The April 2012 Ridge Trail e-news notes, "Countless miles of Ridge Trail in Marin and beyond are preserved, thanks to her lifelong passion and dedicated service."

Those of us who knew her hope some day a trail will be dedicated to Barbara Weitz-- a most fitting tribute. But the legacy she would wish for is that YOU show up, speak up, and be a good ambassador for horses and trails.

- Karen Johnson, with gratitude to Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for supplied portions, published this remembrance in the Marin Horse Council's Newsletter.

For more info about Bay Area Barns and Trails: www.bayareabarnsandtrails.org

Continuing Barbara's Mission

On October 21st, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, Bay Area Barns And Trails, Ocean Riders and Marin Horse Council held a Celebration of the Life of Barbara Weitz at the Golden Gate Dairy Stables on Highway 1, opposite the Pelican Inn. About 50 people heard speakers from each of the sponsoring organizations, and family members and long-time friends shared stories, following which all assembled sang *Don't Fence Me In*.

And a group of dedicated volunteers, including 2 TWHA Board Members, has been meeting to continue Barbara's legacy organization, Bay Area Barns and Trails--watch for more information early next year. To help them get going, the TWHA Board, a long term BABT supporter, contributed \$150 to future projects.

Editor's Note

Please accept my humble apology for the lack of TWHA Newsletters over the course of 2012. After 18 wonderful years of producing this newsletter, with great contributions from many TWHA members, I find myself way over-committed to other trail and equestrian related projects, so this will be the last TWHA Newsletter that I will be assembling and producing. Next year I may help lay out the issues but the TWHA Board will be producing all of the content and making editorial decisions, perhaps resulting in slimmer but more frequent issues in this or another format. If you would like to contribute to that effort, please let the Board know of your availability.

Angel Horse Fulfills Last Wish

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By Laura Kennedy December 16, 2011

BILLINGS - Out where a friend is a friend, Gladys McLarnon climbed on the back of old Jesse James Friday afternoon.

The 98-year-old from the Terry, Montana, area grew up riding horses and raised her kids around the animals.

"I always enjoyed riding, rode a lot of horses when I was younger," 98-year-old Gladys McLarnon said.

"Bringing back a lot of memories for us, yes," Gladys' daughter Marilee Wold

said.

Gladys hasn't had the chance to take the reigns in 15 years, so this hospice patient's wish for the 2011 holiday season was to ride a horse one final time.

That's where Jonnie Jonckowski and the Angel Horse program stepped in.

"This is her last time riding and the family, all of us were like wow," Angel Horse President Jonnie Jonckowski said.

And even though Jesse James, a 29-year-old rescue horse, no longer makes dreams come true in rodeos, "He regained a whole new value. I think this one's a lot more priceless," Jonckowski said.

"It means a lot to all of us. That's why we took so many pictures," Wold said.

While Friday's ride wasn't quite what

it used to be, Gladys said it brought back memories of hitting the trails in her youth.

"I just enjoy doing it, I guess that's what you call fun," McLarnon said.

For Marilee, Friday's ride brought back memories of a simpler time: her parents, their horses, and wide-open spaces.

"They went all over the land, lot of trail rides. It was just something that mom and dad did together. And I can't help but think my dad's up there looking at



2012 TWAHA Annual Meeting Speaker

Ed Note: Veterinarian and Endurance Rider Extraordinaire Lindsay Graham spoke at the 2012 TWAHA Annual Meeting last January shortly before traveling to the World Championship Endurance Ride. She provided this synopsis of her talk:

"The Tevis Cup is a 100 mile endurance race that has been held annually since 1955. The ride originally began in Tahoe City and finished in Auburn but now originates at Robie Park in Truckee. The course traverses over a rugged portion of the Western States Trail with a total elevation of approximately 19,000 feet of climbs and 22,000 feet in descents.

Along the course there are many vet checks where the veterinarian assesses the physical and metabolic status of your horse. If your horse does not pass the criteria then they can no longer continue. At these vet checks, you have a hold time as well, where you and your horse rest and re-fuel. It is important to make sure both horse and rider are eating and drinking.

At some vet checks you will have your crew there to help you but for those out on the trail, the volunteers become a cru-

cial part in making sure you and your horse are taken care of. Without volunteers, there would be no Tevis Cup. On average, you have 2.5 volunteers per rider.

Before heading back out on the trail, you want to make sure your tack is intact, you have your water/gatorade, small snack, glow sticks available for night time riding as well as making sure your horse has received electrolytes if you plan on using them. Most people use oral electrolytes to replace all the electrolyte losses in sweat. It is important that your horse continues to drink while receiving electrolytes.

While out on the trail, it is also important to pay close attention to your horse. If you feel he or she is greatly fatigued, get off of your horse and hand walk. You can allow them to rest in some shade or better yet, cool them off in water if available until they perk back up again.

There are a couple simple ways to monitor your horse out on the trail if you feel they may be in trouble. The pulse can be taken from the submandibular artery (under the jaw) or the median artery (inside of the front knee). Hydration sta-

tus can be assessed by looking at gum color, capillary refill time, skin tenting and jugular refill. Gum color should be pink and moist, if they are pale, bright red, or purple then you should be highly concerned. A capillary refill time of less than 2 seconds is normal. This can be done by pressing on the gums and seeing how fast the colors re-appears. The slower the refill, the worse the hydration. It is important to practice this first at home on training rides so you know what to expect with your horse when they are working hard.

The ride is filled with many historical landmarks and obstacles....Cougar Rock, the Swinging Bridge, No Hands Bridge...all make Tevis a very unique experience unlike any other ride.

The finish line is at the Auburn Fairgrounds. The first horse to finish and is "fit to continue" is awarded the Tevis Cup title. The horse that has finished in Top 10 that is in superior condition is awarded the Haggin Cup title. Those, and all other finishers are awarded the famous Tevis Cup belt buckle that they can wear proudly as one of the biggest accomplishments of their lives!"

Thanksgiving Day Ride

By Morris Older

I had a really nice Thanksgiving Day ride on Granite in Tilden Park. Due to starting late, I went bareback, which not only saves saddling time, but also the walk down from the pasture and then back up again. He was in good form, although the ground was a bit wet in places. Not really all that wet where he slipped in the upper pasture, landing us both on the ground—I hopped off while he struggled to get up, and I walked him to the next meadow; as he seemed fine, I got back on.

I was a bit worried about how my 28 year-old horse would handle the downhill section of the forest trail to Inspiration Point, which can get very slippery, and was prepared to turn back, but this early in the year the ground just hadn't been saturated enough to be muddy yet, so he handled it really well.

We left the pasture at Inspiration Point, where a man and his daughter, who was maybe 8, wandered over from a large group at a picnic table, so I asked her if she would like to pet the horse. Duh... She had a huge smile as she reached out and touched his nose, and we talked for a while; a woman came over, maybe the girl's mother, and we chatted some more. As I climbed atop the empty picnic table to remount, she came back and asked if I wanted a glass of champagne...

Well that led to introducing my horse to maybe another 8 people, a part of their family group that has had a champagne picnic at that spot the last 14 Thanksgiving Days. While sipping champagne, I pointed out the tree stump 6 feet away where my hiking group had set out 5 bottles of champagne the day after election day, and I gave half carrots to 4 of the kids to feed to Granite, before I set off on my ride.

We rode down Curran to Wildcat Gorge Trail, which was just dry enough to ride on, and I passed the spot where we had cleared broom on the Clif Bar Trail

Work Day in June, just across from the pool where Raul was christened before I knew him. Turning the corner onto Meadows Canyon, Granite broke into a trot. Someone in a large group with about 6 dogs, complimented my "big dog," and a half minute later I told the next dog-walker that I liked her little horse. Back at Inspiration Point there was a whole new group, including a whole bunch of new kids who came running over to pet Granite.

I got off when we got to Forest Meadow, and led him by hand down to Baby Bottle Pond, where the herd had just been fed, and he settled into the remains of a pretty large flake.

Beautiful weather, as it so often seems to be on Thanksgiving, and I was able to reflect on and be thankful for so many things....

Jenni Smith Named to Tevis Board

Long -time TWHA Board Member and East Bay Hills Volunteer Jenni Smith is now a member of the Tevis Board of Governors. In announcing the appointment, they wrote that:

Jenni is a big fan of the Tevis Cup - She's tried it nine times on seven different horses and has seven buckles to show for her efforts. Jenni brings a solid marketing background to the WSTF BOG - Nestle, PowerBar, Mother's Cookies and Clorox are featured on her resume. These days she's responsible for brand marketing at Ariat International, which she refers to as "the mother ship". Jenni's excited to be inducted onto the board and looking forward to learning how the foundation functions and what's involved in putting on such an amazing, historic ride.

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TWHA Holiday Party--

Sunday, December 9, 3-5 pm, at Kirsten Whitsett's, 17 Middle Road, Lafayette. Bring something to share, and a gift for the "dirty Santa" gift exchange.

TWHA Annual Member Meeting--

Monday, January 28, 6 pm at Fern Cottage, Kennedy Grove

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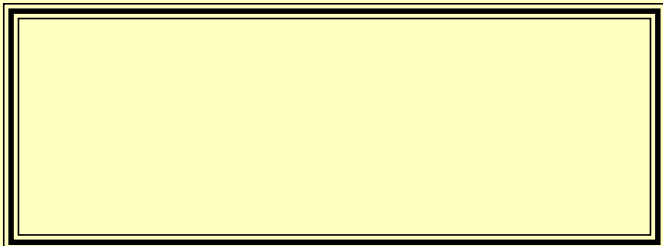
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