



Los Senderos

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President's Report

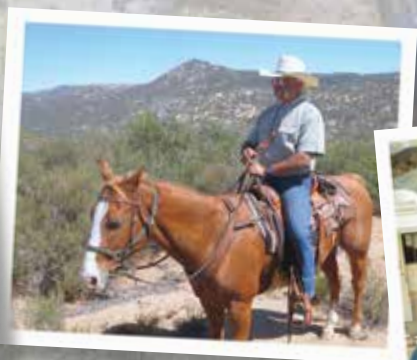
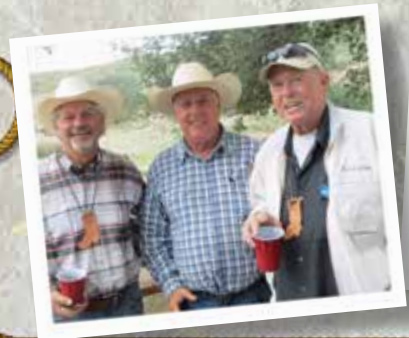
Greetings Men. It is with great pleasure I present some tidbits of what is going on within our gentlemen's riding club. Just a couple of weeks ago many of you got to share time at our Annual Ride event. VP Tim Dirkes will address that long weekend in the Ride Report to follow. I do wish to mention the turnout was terrific with 53 riders and over 80 at Saturday night for fun n games. We had 37 Active and 10 Inactive members show plus all our special guests. Rick Klicka brought Howard Smithers with him. Special guests the Tellams were including our good friend Willie. Several of our Monthly Ride ranch hosts came including Ken Venable and Fred Garbani. Due to an incredible dedication to the task by Bill Cuddeback and Walt Turner, our LS membership gave a "Personalized" buckle to Terry Brown in gratitude for his efforts for our club. Ride hats still for sale from Jim Salvatore.

As Ride Chairman, Jim wanted this event to be very special to the membership of Los Senderos. He coordinated with Joe Eggert to present a ride gift we would be proud to own forever. The Bronze Boots are a special edition for us to commemorate this ride.

You achieved your goal Jim. Thank You Sir!

Recently I received a Thank You letter from our Honored Guest Betty Castillo who has been enjoying our monthly newsletters. She has an address change to #347 for your books. Note too that Roping Rick Klicka has bought a new house just down the street from the old digs. His new address is 4448 Forrester, Brawley, CA.92227.

We have a new member amongst us. He is Bob Burger, 51 years young, who lives in Alpine with his wife Susan and daughter Jessica. A "Retired" Police Officer, Bob remains active in the Army. Sponsored by Tuck Arnold and Rick White. Welcome Bob to our club. This brings our Active membership roster up to 45 and our Inactive list to 24. This is a Special group searching for Very Special horsemen. — *Ted Van Arsdale* 🐾



Monthly Ride Report

62nd Annual Ride September 2014

First, a great time was enjoyed by all—Congratulations to Jim Salvatore and his committee for a job well done. Jim was the ‘El Jefe’ along with Donnie Bright as ‘Assistant Jefe.’

Donnie probably hasn’t eaten since the ride cuz he was busy counting breakfasts, lunches and dinners—and had enough food pass in front of him to last for a week or two. Well done Donnie!

Jim had our events organized and they went off without a hitch—Jim’s idea of a special ride gift was fantastic...Jim and Joe Eggert collaborated on a bronze that was given to the first 50 that signed up for the ride. Ask someone who was there to see their bronze. A special thanks to Jim & Joe.

The rides were well attended—thanks to Bill Cuddeback and Jerry Moss.

Tom Laff and Curtis Nelson spearheaded the Annual Sorting, with the help of Steve Vaughn and our frequent flyer Bill Middleton. We had 9 competitive teams that were ready to win. Tuck Arnold and Chuck Gallant drew the short straws and ended up with Steve Tellam. So far, it’s been easy money, but one of these days a new Champion will surface.

Sorting Winners

1st: *Steve Tellam, Tuck Arnold, and their Quarterback Chuck Gallant*

2nd: *Curtis Nelson, Tom Powell, and Leonard Neuman (guest)*

3rd: *Tom Laff, Craig Schmad, and Bill Middleton*

Thanks again for all the effort Tom and his committee did to make our Team Sorting a success

Larry Alameda & Larry Kuerbis came back from the Northwest Territories to head up the Trapshoot. They organized, set up, and had enough clay pigeons for a fun and safe event. They even needed a shoot-out to determine winners! Thanks Larry & Larry

1st: *Curtis Nelson - John Omahan (guest)*

2nd: *Mike Tinch - Chuck Gawle*

3rd: *John Sedberry - Steve Vaughn*

Thanks to John Sedberry for making our raffle a success.

Saturday night we had a large turnout for dinner including two Honorary Members, Willie Tellam & Howard Smithers. It was so nice to see and visit with them—unfortunately, Howard had to leave early, before dinner. Thanks to Rick Klicka for bringing Howard.

Thanks again to Jim Salvatore and his Committee, in addition to our Members and Guests, for making the 63rd Annual Ride such a big success.

October 25-26 Monthly Ride at Warner Hot Springs

The Los Senderos group is welcome into horse camp at 31652 Hwy 79 in Warner Springs, in the late afternoon hours of October 24th if they desire to camp. There is no electrical, sewer/toilet, or stalls for the horses. There is water at the facility so bring a hose. The entrance to the camping area is approximately one mile north of the resort office on the west side. 🐾



2014 Monthly Ride Calendar

Chairman: *Ken Clark*

Committee: *Tim Dirkes, Andy Dvorak, Chuck Gallant, Chuck Gawle, Don Horn, Brett Lesser*

October 25-26 *Warner Springs (Dvorak)*

November 29-30 *Clark Ranch, Descanso*
Sat. night "Party" with music

December 16 *Annual Meeting—Town and Country Resort*

January 24, 2015 *BBQ Dance*

History

The area known today as Warner Springs Ranch was originally called Kupa, after the indigenous people who first settled it. They would live there in relative isolation until 1795.

The valley's location is the beginning source known as the San Luis Rey River, and the hot springs. "a natural way station on any route from the south or east through the Arizona desert to the coast of California,"

The original Mexican land grant for the region was bestowed "without prejudice to the indigenous (native peoples)." The original grantee, Jose Antonio Pico, failed as a rancher. In 1844, the property was turned over to Juan Jose Warner.

In 1846, Gen. Stephen Watts Kearney passed through the area/ranch on the expedition that would end in the Battle of San Pasqual. Kearney was tasked with seizing California from Mexico and establishing a government.

John Griffin, an army doctor traveling with Kearney, wrote in his journal of how hard Cupeños (Native people) worked on the ranch, but also described their treatment by Warner as "worse by far than the worst-treated slaves in the United States."

It appears a rebellion did win the Cupeños some rights over the ranch's hot springs. In an 1867 letter to a prospective buyer of the property, Judge Benjamin Hayes noted that on a recent visit, the Cupeños "seemed to regard the immediate vicinity of the spring as their own. I paid them a dollar for my bath, at the rustic bathing establishment they have constructed"

California's entrance into the United States brought no relief to the oppressive conditions suffered by the Cupeños. In fact, they were further humiliated by the imposition of taxes on their land and cattle, leading in 1851 to the Garra Uprising, named for its leader, Kupa chief Antonio Garra.

Warner moved to Los Angeles after the revolt and operated the ranch through intermediaries.

The hot springs' commercial potential, however, proved irresistible to John G. Downey, a former governor of California who had purchased Warner

Springs Ranch in 1880. In 1892 he filed a complaint in the Superior Court of San Diego County to have the Cupeños evicted from the ranch. It was the beginning of a legal battle that would go on for more than a decade, culminating in a 1901 U.S. Supreme Court decision against the Cupeños.

An offer was made to purchase the property from the Downey estate but the asking price was too exorbitant for the Cupeños and their supporters.

On May 12, 1903, Bureau of Indian Affairs agent James Jenkins arrived with 44 armed teamsters to carry out the eviction.

The government had ordered the Cupeños to be relocated to the Pala Reservation, 40 miles away. The trip took three days.

The Cupeño became part of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. But the relocation was never forgotten. In May 2003, on the 100th anniversary of the eviction, the Pala Band rented a portion of the Warner Springs Resort to allow the descendants of the evictees to return for three days and commemorate the loss of their homeland and celebrate their survival as a people. 🌟

