



Los Senderos

DE SAN DIEGO

June 2021

President's Report

Fellow Members and Honored Guests,

June's ride found us up in Santa Ysabel at the Feigal Ranch on Mesa Grande. This ranch was homesteaded back in the 1800s, Kathy Feigal was out of town but she made sure that we were in capable hands. Kristen Feigal was our tail boss while Cole Fiegal and Dorren followed toward the rear. The weather was a little bit on the warm side but at 10:00am 25 or so riders were in the saddle and off we went.

We headed south across Mesa Grande down a winding trail where Dennis Carlson's guest, Mike Gibson, put on a display of Texas Two Step with his horse that ended with an unscheduled dismount. Thank you to Mike Tinch who looked at his injuries and assessed that they were non-life threatening. Chris Castillio helped the slightly injured two stepping cowboy back to camp, as the rest of us continued on.

The trail took us up and along the top of some hills. Where those of us that had our eyes open observed numerous does, fawns, and even a buck. As we rode along we were serenaded by the local eagles. It is truly unbelievable we were in San Diego County.

When we finally arrived at the bar stop Adam was there with some ice cold refreshments that we sucked down like we hadn't drunk in a week. After a nice relaxing break our monthly chairman (Steve) took me up on my sugges-

tion from earlier in the morning "to shorten the ride due to heat". So Steve and our trail boss walked back as the rest of us followed Cole and Tim Dirkes for the remainder of the ride. I guess I need to be more explicit in my suggestions.

We arrived back at the staging area a little warmer than when we left, but all still upright. After tending to our trusty mounts we headed up to the ranch house, it was the perfect setting for all of us to get out of the sun, relax in the shade, and mingle with all of the guests that made it up to dinner. I was pleased to see Mike Gibson in an upright position, noticing the hot pink vet wrap around his noggin it was apparent he had received advanced medical treatment.

This was the first meal prepared by our new caterer, Billy Butter (Dinner Bell) Chef Services. Tri-tip, chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, and rolls! I can assure you that no one walked away hungry! Then Billy topped it off with dessert, I think he is going to add a few pounds to our group! Adam once again kept everyone supplied with ice cold refreshments.

It was great to see all the guests that braved the heat to join us for dinner. Longtime member Dudley Williams, from New Mexico, was amongst them. After some announcements and introductions we sat around and socialized and relaxed until we started packing up and heading home.

Once again I cannot say "Thank you!" enough to our monthly ride committee, Chairman Steve Vaughn, and members Tim Dirkes, Bill Cuddeback, Tim Laff, and Chuck Gallant. They put the extra work into making these monthly rides a success. Thank you!

Los Senderos De San Diego would not be around if not for the generosity of the ranch host allowing us to come in and share the beauty of these ranches. A huge than you to the Feigal family for making this month's ride one to remember!

Thank You All and Happy Trails,
Tom Laff
2021 President

"Whoever said a horse was dumb, was dumb!"
-Will Rogers-

Upcoming Events:

July 24, 2021

Past President John Omahen's Dinner Dance
Invitations have been mailed out, location is Los Senderos Park.

July 25, 2021

Monthly Ride location is Rancho Samtaguma.
Ride out of Los Senderos Park.

It is not too early to start contacting Dennis Ince or Dennis Carlson concerning Annual Ride raffle gifts.
Los Senderos Park - Details to follow





