



Los Senderos

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July 2021

President's Report

Fellow Members and Honored Guests,

July Events:

2020 Dinner Dance:

As all of us are aware this past January was not conducive to holding any indoor event due to Covid19. So our past president, with the Board of Directors consent, rescheduled the dinner dance for July 24 th , 2021. The location for the dance was Rancho Santamaguma at the Los Senderos Park.

The night was attended by 40 plus members and their spouses. Happy hour was accompanied by some out-of-this-world hors-devours. Adam and Amber kept us all refreshed with beverages. Billy Butter (Dinner Bell Caterer) put on a meal that won't soon be forgotten, to include Filet Mignon, chicken and an assortment of sides. He topped it all off with peach cobbler! What an amazing meal!

As the night progressed we indulged in a little dancing until John Omahen stopped the music to acknowledge his past year's board of directors and committee chairmen with gift cards and Los Senderos jackets. We thank you John, and also a big thank you to the members who step up and volunteer for those positions.

Next came the moment everyone was waiting for (Drum Roll Please), the 2020 member of the year.....wait for it – Rick White!

Rick not only last year, but every year, continually steps up to help this club, whether he's hauling the bar trailer; stocking the bar trailer; or hauling his equipment up to the park for the work parties. Thank you Rick!! You certainly deserve member of the year!!

This was followed by the buckle presentation to our past president, John Omahen. Since becoming a member of our club he has spent countless hours helping the club get to where we are today. As our president he never left a T uncrossed or an I un-dotted. He is a difficult president to follow footsteps in. Thank you John!!!

After all the presentations the music played on, while some of us gathered around the fire for a night cap. What a night!!!

Sunday Rancho Santamaguma Ranch Ride:

Some of us overnights awoke with, should I say, blurry eyes from the night before. Regardless we were down for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Billy put on a heck of a breakfast spread, to include an egg scramble, eggs over filet mignon, potatoes, salsas, tortillas and more!!

After we all had our fill it was time to saddle up. As most of us began saddling up our past president was dumbfounded when his son Johnny pulled in with the horses. It seems he only had two. He was unsure of where John's horse was, so a bolo was issued for a sorrel horse last seen on Bell Bluff Truck Trail. To John's dismay he remained in camp as we

headed out. Mike, with his lovely wife Marty, led the way. We had 17 in the saddle, but by 25 minutes into the ride yours truly and his lovely bride missed a turn on the trail. We were lost!! Thankfully after meandering for a while my Indian heritage kicked in and I lead my panicked bride back to the trail.

Our first bar stop found us at pigeon flats, just past the airport. We were met by Adam, Bill and Lougene. It was a welcome sight. We all relaxed under that huge pine tree. I am sorry to say I missed it, but some of us were treated to a hackamore trick rein dance by Bob Wining's lovely wife Sandy. Fortunately everything was okay and she was not hurt.

From the first bar stop we headed south to the overlook where you see Guatay, Pine Valley and Sunrise Highway. What an awesome view.

The second bar break was at the pond. Not sure how many of the riders noticed but yours truly and Pam were not there. I apologize to all of you, but this is the first time in 12 years that I started a ride and didn't finish it. We are trying to bring along a new horse and she had had her fill of trail riding. For everyone's safety I thought it best to take the shorter way home.

Upcoming Events:

August 22, 2021

Monthly Ride location is Crouch Meadows

September, 2021

Annual Ride – Don't forget!!! It's time to get the raffle gifts to Dennis C and Dennis Ince. September will be here before you know it!

October, 2021

The location has been changed for Lucky 5 to Corta Madera (overnighter for those interested)

Reminder about Los Senderos Park:

Don't forget to call Bill Cuddeback before heading up to the park.

Once everyone was back in camp their guests started showing up in anticipation of another great meal. They were not disappointed. Billy served up tri tip, chicken and two types of sausage, with all the sides. Adam served up refreshments, then we finished it all off with an amazing cheese cake. Out of this world dinner!!!

July's ride has always been a Saturday night dinner hosted at Rancho Santamaguma by Terry and Charlene Brown. With everything going on with Covid19 the last two Julys have not been traditional. As a Board we apologize to our fellow members, and to Terry and Charlene. We look forward to picking up the tradition again in 2022.

I would like to thank Terry and Charlene for the Los Senderos Park and everything else they do for us.

Thank you to Mike and Marty Tinch for being trail boss; Tuck for all the photos; and Rick and Adam for refreshments. Also, thank you to Steve Vaughn and his crew for another great ride.

Happy Trails,
Tom Laff
2021 President

"The horse is mirror to your soul and sometimes you might not like what you see in the mirror."
-Buck Brannaman





