



# Los Senderos

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September 2021

## President's Report

Fellow Members and Honored Guests,

September found us at Los Senderos Park for our Annual Ride. Chuck Gallant was our chairman and he did a fantastic job!!!

Wednesday we opened camp; those members that attended for five days were welcomed by Chuck, as they received their ride gifts. It was an embroidered Carhartt cooler, inside was an awesome insulated mug, and Los Senderos shirt and ball cap. I am sure with this club those coolers will get some use.

Wednesday evening we gathered at the bar trailer for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, before heading down to dinner, the first of many meals prepared by Carl and Eddy (Chuck Wagons West). Dinner was enjoyed by almost thirty members and guests.

Thursday at sunrise we were back down for breakfast. After a hearty meal we headed out on a trail ride led by none other than Mr. Bill Cuddeback. Looking back I think that trail is called the gate trail. I lost count on how many gates we passed through. Down at the pond we were met by Roger and Matt, with the bar, where we enjoyed a refreshment or two. After our break it was back to camp. After lunch most attendees relaxed at their sites or took another ride.

Thursday evening found us back down for appetizers and drinks before heading for dinner. After another great meal we drew the sorting teams and Dennis Carlson and Dennis Ince

brought the raffle trailer down with a great assortment of items. A pistol, battery chainsaw, just to name a few, John Ireland once again donated the trip down to Rancho Leonero. The three tickets drawn were all in Larry Tatman's possession (pretty fishy. No pun intended).

Friday morning after breakfast we all headed out for the shotgun shoot. Larry Kuerbis, DK, Tim D., and Chuck helped put it all together. As shells and pigeons flew competition was intense. But when the dust finally settled the winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Tinch and Johnny Omahen

2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Garewal and Dennis Carlson

Congratulations!! Well Done! Thanks to Tim Laff for grading the shooting area, Larry Alameda for set up, Larry Kuerbis, DK, Tim Dirkes, and Chuck for making it happen!

After a hearty lunch we saddled up for some ranch sorting. We are very fortunate to have Steve Tellam put on our clinic. I can tell you first hand not too long ago you would pay \$100 to \$140 for a clinic with Steve. Most of us split up with the teams we were to ride with Saturday and honed our skills on sorting. Toward the end we were entertained by Craig Schmad who tried to perform a pirouette with his horse. It didn't turn out as planned in the end. He was fine just too sore to ride Saturday.

Happy hour found us down at the oak tree for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Before dinner Larry Wilske with the help of a couple members led us in a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Thank you Larry, and thank you for your service of this great country!!



Saturday morning we were up bright and early for breakfast. Now the time had come for the ranch sorting. As all of us made our way up to the arena (the mood was very quiet and tense) from the first cow through the gate to the very last horse to leave the arena, fun was had by all!! After hours of compiling time sheets the winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Williams, Chuck Gallant, Steve Vaughn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Garewal, Dennis Carlson, Mike Tinch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Wilske, Dudley Williams, Tom Laff

A huge thank you to D.K. for the use of his tractor, and Tim Laff for ripping the arena and driving the water truck. Steve Vaughn for his tractor and arena prep. Larry Alameda and crew for announcing and timing. Thank you to all that competed.

After lunch we finished up the events for the "All Around Cowboy". Mother Nature threw a few raindrops on us before the thunder heads blew away.

By the time happy hour caught up to us there was a crowd gathering. What a turn out! I didn't get a final count but there were at least 60 for dinner, consisting of steak and shrimp! We followed dinner up with the Calcutta money being handed out and buckle presentation to the winners of the sorting. Then the moment everyone was waiting for, All Around Cowboy for 2021, Mr. John Omahen! Congratulations John!

The raffle and auction were concluded, The trip to San Lenero was won by Larry Tatman.. A Chris Mummert painting was auctioned off, donated by Chris, thank you! And last but not least a Winchester Rifle, donated by Gordon, was also auctioned off.

Those members that still had some energy finished the night off with a drink around the fire pit. We broke camp Sunday after breakfast. Thank you Chuck Gallant for putting this year's annual ride together, you had every detail covered! Thank you Ted for keeping the bar stocked and iced down and for your generous donation of money for the cattle! Thank you to Gordon for his donation for the hay for the ride as well as for the cattle! Thank you John Omahen for the dump trailer and Larry Wilske for our Daily Colors. Thank you also to the crews of the shotgun shoot and ranch sorting for putting it all together. Thank you Dennis Carlson and Dennis Ince for your hard work on the raffle, it turned out great! Because of all of you this year's ride was a huge success!!!

## Upcoming Events:

October 24, 2021  
Corte Madera (Overnighter)

Ted had informed me that long time member George Merz has taken a bad fall and fractured his arm. Keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Happy Trails,  
Tom Laff  
2021 President

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

















