

Hoof Prints Newsletter

Pine Valley Mountain Riders

PO BOX 300 LAKESIDE, CA 92040

November 2024

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ★ Nov. 2: The Poker Ride
- ★ Nov. 13: General Meeting at 6:30, Alpine VFW. Voting Day!



Prez Says: Well, this year is quickly coming to a close and having said that, we still have two big events to put on. The Poker Ride is November 2 at Windfall Ranch and last, but not least, is the CHRISTMAS PARTY! Woo-Whoo! It will

be on December 14 at the Descanso Town Hall. The Poker Ride Raffle is looking a bit sad. I may have a little over ten items, if that, so come on folks, let's dig deep and come up with some donations! Remember, this is the big fundraiser for the entire year. These funds provide for next year's events.

Happy Trails, Susan

Letter from the Editor:

What a great, fun-loving group of members! PVMR's true colors showed as people enjoyed themselves at Los Vaqueros Group Camp in beautiful Cuyamaca and, as you will see, there are plenty of photos to prove it on quite a few pages-dancing, riding, eating and socializing!

This month we will look forward to voting on officers and board members to lead the events and support one another for the parades, rides, desensitizing clinics, camps and meetings that will occur in the near future.

In this issue, there is information about our big fundraiser, the long anticipated, Poker Ride and our special Christmas Party which promises to be a festive event for all of us. I hope to see all of you at the Poker Ride and the next General Meeting this month.

Enjoy, stay active, and Happy Hoof Prints, Laura

★ Please Come to the Meeting on November 13 to vote on Nominated Members. (Must be present to vote.)

PVMR OFFICERS

President: Susan Mena 619-997-9138 Vice President: Jodi Davis 619-802-3277 Treasurer: Brenda Baker 619-855-2172 Secretary: Diana Clark 619-871-1140

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill O'Brien 619-977-7098 Denise McKay 619-729-1631 Marty Parker 619-508-4198 David Sommerville 619-754-5555 Tracy Whitlow 619-933-7671

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Trail Boss: Bill O'Brien 619-977-7098

Public Liaison & Web Administrator: Ernie Smith 619-992-6511

Membership Services: Jodi Davis 619-802-3277 Sunshine Lady: Jeanine Stacy 619-368-5584

jeaninestacy@gmail.com Please notify Jeanine if you know of

someone who needs a card sent.

PVMR Newsletter Editor: Laura Precoda 619-733-9288 *Photos and other items for the newsletter should be submitted to the editor by the

25th of each month. lprecoda@gmail.com

Pine Valley Mountain Riders General Membership Meeting Minutes October 9, 2024 Place: VFW Hall, Alpine (downstairs)



Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Susan Mena **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Marty Parker

Members present 12: Susan Mena, Jodi Davis, Diana Clark, Laura Precoda, Marty Parker, Marie Culver, Susan Petersen, Winnie Hennessy, Bill O'Brien, Gail Mazzola

Minutes read by Secretary, Diana Clark from **September 11, 2024 meeting Motion to** approve by Susan Mena; 1st Marty Parker, 2nd Laura Precoda

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Baker

not present but shared with Pres. SAM

Beginning balance: \$5,156.65 Ending balance: \$6,341.87

Committee Reports:

• Web & Public Liaison: Ernie-no report

- **Membership:** Jodi Davis: 109 members including 7 Honorary
- Trails: Bill O'Brian no report
- Newsletter: Laura Precoda Received many fall photos; so many she will share with Ernie Smith for Facebook submissions
- Sunshine: Jeanine-no report

OLD BUSINESS:

 Reminders about Oct 19 Tack Sale, need for Poker Ride raffle items and related flyers/posters for circulation



NEW BUSINESS (upcoming events)

- Bill O'Brien volunteered to be our Nov. 2 Poker Ride TREASURER
- Jodi Davis reported our successful campout included 27 rigs, 5 cars and 2 trucks, 39 corrals
- SAM will schedule next BOARD Meeting on October 22, 2024 at Denny's, Los Coches when Board will approve CALENDAR events for 2025 at meeting
- Members brought up a need for BOARD to discuss PVMR camping rules regarding the effects of generator use
- · SAM will email to everyone the updated PVMR Bi-Laws
- Nominations for 2025 Officers and Board Members is now open; current members in positions of President (Susan Mena), Vice-President (Jodi Davis) and Secretary (Diana Clark) indicated they would like to be nominated or placed on the voting Ballot for re-election. Additional members nominated for the following positions were indicated:
- Gail Mazzola Treasurer
- · BOARD: Marty Parker, Bill O'Brien, Winnie Hennessy, Marie Culver
- Nominating committee will be contacting membership for additional interested nominees



BRAGS/DRAGS

- SAM shared there is a newly inducted U.S. Citizen in her family
- Jodi Davis announced her horse Captain has Cushings so it's Bemer time. Also, her horse Boots was a champ on the Azalea ride!
- Bill O'Brien's 44 year old horse finally decided to call it guits

Adjourned: 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Diana Clark

Nominees for 2025 PVMR Leadership Positions

PVMR OFFICERS

President: Susan Mena Vice President: Jodi Davis Treasurer: Alexandra Henao

Secretary: Diana Clark

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Marie Culver
Winnie Hennessy,
Bill O'Brien
Marty Parker
Susan Petersen
Laura Precoda
Christina Walker

Please note: Any member can attend the board meetings and provide input. The board members are voting members at each board meeting. Voting for the 2025 officers and five board members will occur at the November 13 meeting. Your attendance and vote is much needed and valued as we go forward into the next year.

Nominated Officer Biographies

Elect, me, **Jodi Davis** for Pine Valley Mountain Riders **Vice President!**

I am a native of the San Diego County area. Raised in Descanso and riding since I received my first equine at age 7! (A donkey named Jenny). We lived in the little house that is an Antique Store now, next to Descanso Junction. My donkey was kept in the back of the house right about where the mobile horse trailer bar is at Outback Descanso Jct! Raised in Descanso, I have an ingrained, western-community love of like-minded people who enjoy exploring the many trails and infatuation with horses. Even at age 79, I would be the first one to agree to "meet you for a trail ride." I have served PVMR as Treasurer, President and now Vice-President. I have led many trail rides and I have a special love for the newcomers and families who want to learn about trail riding and camping. Let's keep this young "old" lady going . . . as Dave Stamey sings, "Come Ride with Me, let's saddle up and ride away. . ."

Hello PVMR members,

I am **Alexandra Henao.** Many of you know me because my daughter, Isabella, is an active member of PVMR and I have participated with the group in the Descanso, Julian and Pine Valley parades. I am writing to you with the idea of expressing my intention to be a nominee for the **Treasurer** position. I feel capable of carrying out such a task since, at this moment, I am working in the Logistics Department at the company, Máxima Racing Oils USA, and previously, I have managed the everyday business and finances in my motorcycle business I owned and operated. Maybe they are different things but they all require great responsibility. I am sure that if you assign me, I will not let you down because I am a trustworthy person. Sincerely, Alexandra Henao

My name is **Diana Clark** and I have been a member of PVMR since the early 90s. I am a retired sixth grade teacher. I have been PVMR's Secretary this past year, keeping track of members who attend our meetings and submitting the Minutes for monthly General Meetings and Board Meetings. It is important for me to accurately record what was done or accomplished at each meeting. I agreed to run for **Secretary** in 2025.

Nominated Board Member Biographies

(Alphabetical Order)

Hi Horse Enthusiasts,

I'm **Marie Culver** and I'm running to be one of the board members for Pine Valley Mountain Riders. I've been a member of PVMR for around 7 years and was treasurer for 2 of those years and attended the board meetings then. Attendance at meetings is important to me, and so is being a part of important decisions affecting the club. I believe in listening to all opinions to find fair solutions to concerns, problems, and planning events. Doc has been my trail horse for about 16 years and is a steady reliable Quarter Horse. We enjoy all kinds of trail riding together. He has taught me a lot about riding horses and how to deal with problems that can be experienced on trails. Thank you for considering me for a board member position.

I/Winnie have been a PVMR member since 2017, have served as newsletter editor (pre-covid and not as well as Laura) hosted Los Vaqueros camp (also pre-covid and not as well as Jodi) have led rides (trail boss) for 1-2 rides per year (Crest and Sweetwater Bridge) served on the board twice (2023), and attend meetings regularly. In serving as a board member for this club, I have the general member in mind. For example, I'd like to propose "email voting" as an option by changing the by-laws in 2025. Another example, I understand distance and work preclude meeting attendance. I am close enough to attend general meetings and will keep general members in mind. **Winnie Hennessy**

I/Bill have served PVMR in a multiple of roles including board member (current), president (twice) treasurer (twice) and trail boss for over 10 years. I bring a long history of active membership to PVMR since 2004 and from this perspective, I serve as a current board member to help guide the club's leaders in coordinating and managing club activities. If re-elected, I will continue to guide leaders and club activities within these historical perspectives, understanding the need for the club to adapt to the current equestrian environment and challenges. **Bill O'Brien**

Hi, my name is **Marty Parker** and I am running for the position of Board Member for 2025. I am a long time member of Pine Valley Mountain Riders. I was club secretary from fall 2015 to the end of 2024 and I have been a Board Member this year. Since I have been a long time club member, I would like to see the club continue to be a vibrant and supportive part of the equestrian community in San Diego. Trail riding and horse camping are the main reasons people join PVMR. We participate in a couple of local parades; we have a great membership brunch, club BBQ and Christmas Party to help build a sense of community & family among our members. I have proposed and scheduled two desensitizing clinics this year. The goal was to provide an opportunity for club members to expose their horses to a variety of different obstacles in a safe and nonthreatening environment, while building a strong partnership between horse and rider. I plan on scheduling more of these clinics in 2025. I would like to see more informational speakers and clinics covering topics such as trailer safety, saddle fit, basic equine aid, trailering, how to plan a road trip with your horse, the latest in camping equipment; the topics are endless. Please consider me to serve on the 2025 Board. Thank you, Marty

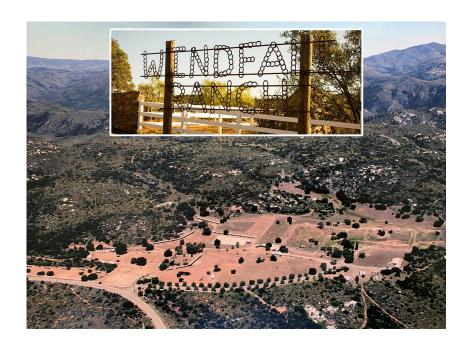
Hello PVMR members, this is **Susan Petersen** and I joined our club to trail ride, camp and meet others with the same interests. I have participated in most meetings, as many rides as possible and the Descanso, Julian & Pine Valley parades. I attended Vern Whitaker and Los Vaqueros camp. Recently, I phoned some members to remind them of upcoming events and have gone to businesses to request poker ride raffle gifts. I am putting together this year's Christmas party and decorations. I am retired and my past experience includes owning and operating a cellular/pager company and having three California licenses: real estate, commodities and insurance. I have been on other boards and belong to the S.D. MG Club & the S.D. Jaguar Club. I love PVMR and believe I have the passion & experience to be a board member for PVMR. Thank you, Susan & Galaxy (My TW gelding.)

As a former PVMR member, I pledged to myself to become more active in the club when I retired from teaching high school and adult education. I have had the joyful privilege of editing the PVMR Hoof Prints Newsletter, providing updated and accurate information with a little whimsy thrown in. I went to every general meeting this year and almost all of the events. I also participated in making the parade feather decorations for the parade horses and I volunteered to be on the nominating committee. I would now like to help out by becoming a board member and also lead rides with all of you horse and trail loving riders as soon as my horse, Anniebell, is ready. I would also like to propose having a Los Vaqueros camp twice a year as many members value the group camp experience. Please consider voting for me at the November 13th meeting to represent members and convey their ideas and opinions as a board member. Thank you and Happy Hoof Prints! Laura Precoda

Why I became a member of PVMR...

I enjoy riding and camping with others. Anything I can do to help the connection between human and horse. I love making a difference for others through fundraising. My experience with fundraising has been with the San Diego Zoo, Midway USO and I owned and operated a non-profit for domestic violence. I am great with the silent auction both setup and decor. As a board member, I hope that I can make a difference for PVMR! **Christina Walker** Horse buddy: Ford, an Andalusian

The Poker Ride, Family Fun Day, on November 2nd at Windfall Ranch



Parking and Arrival

There will be signs for parking.

Once you have arrived proceed to check-in/registration.

The Poker Ride Fundraiser

When: Saturday, November 2

Sign up Time: 7:30 am

Ride Time: First ride; 8:30 am Last ride; 10 am

Rides out ever 5 to 10 minutes.

Raffle Time: After lunch

Location: Windfall Ranch, 21800 Japatul Valley Rd

Cost: \$35 for the Poker Ride and hamburger lunch

Bring: Cash for extra poker hands (\$10) and raffle

tickets (\$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 12 tickets,

\$15 for 18 tickets, and \$20 for 24 tickets.)

Contacts: Susan Mena; 619-997- 9138 or Jodi Davis; 619-802-3277
*See the August issue for a detailed explanation of this event.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PVMR ANNUAL Christmas Party!

Keep an eye out for your invitation to the very special Winter Wonderland Event at the Descanso Town Hall. 5:00pm-11:00pm

There will be friends, a delicious dinner, music and dancing. Join in on the festivities as part of your memorable holidays. Please sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert for eight people. The cost will be \$30 per person. Mail your payment and form to: PVMR PO box 300. Lakeside, CA. 92040. (See the email attachment flier for more information.)



Please see this Christmas
Flier and attendance form.
(Sent as an email on October 23,
from Susan Mena, the USPS and
as an attachment with this
November Hoof Prints Newsletter.)



A Christmas Gift Idea!

A Membership to Join Pine Valley Mountain Riders!

Give a gift that will last all year! You will not only be giving a membership but the opportunity to join in on fun events, smiles, laughter and great memories.

- ★ Print out the next page or download the PDF sent to you as an attachment each month. (1 for you and 1 for a friend!)
- ★ Contact Jodi Davis for a gift card and calendar of events for a very Merry Christmas!

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2025 Membership Application Please print legibly.

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Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? Circle Yes or No.

If yes, PVMR Board Directors will contact you in consideration of your request for membership. Thank You Revised 5-2024

Signature: _____

October Camping at Los Vaqueros

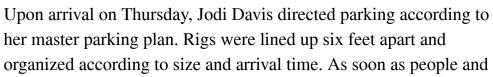


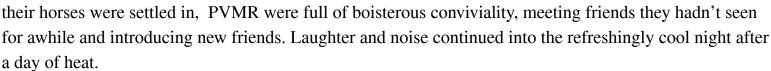
The glorious, golden sun, the smell of the pines, the turkeys gobbling and ambling by, baby bobcats and surprising deer were only some of the sensory glories that campers enjoyed at Los Vaqueros. A few members traveled a great distance to be able to live

among nature and friends for an awesome weekend.

Alisha Forbito took a break from her brand new

restaurant in New Mexico and drove 10 hours to enjoy Cuyamaca. Susan and Kelly McMaster braved the desert heat and took their 7 hour drive from their home in Arizona. Many members commuted from a much closer distance.







The next day, many riders went on rides on the Soapstone, Los Caballos, Marty Minshall, Vern Whitaker and Los Vaqueros trails. Members went out at different times, the early riders beat the heat although the later riders found a light wind and clouds that covered the relentless sun making for pleasant rides all through the weekend. A few people traveled on the Azalea Springs ride. Cathy King went on the Cold Stream trail and said, "I've always wanted to go farther down the Cold Stream trail." She used her *All-Trails* app and shared that she took Hill trail and made a loop back to camp.

On Saturday, after yet more riding, members had lunch, socialized, reclined under shade sheets and shared a relaxing afternoon. People also walked their dogs, lunged their horses, hiked, biked down the road, and strolled to look at each of the horses; although, no one was too busy to stop and chat.

















Saturday evening, starting at 6:00, was "party-hardy" night. The abundance of potluck food; savory pastas, colorful salads, meat dishes, and tantalizing desserts caused those with hearty appetites to fill their plates to the brim. Afterward, people danced away the calories to the tunes of the *Highway 79*, a three person band. PVMR danced in circles, in lines, with partners, with groups, and shook every muscle in their rhythmic bodies. What



a hoot! Simone Schade, a competent, free-spirited dancer, with eyes shining, said, "When do you get the opportunity to dance?"





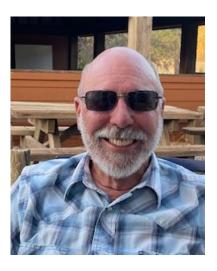
Sunday morning had more of the same camaraderie and horse exercise but many people ended their time in the sun with other PVMR and headed home. The camp was almost half full as some members stayed until Monday morning. The event was a success and energized PVMR to want to share more activities and events in the future.

What three things do you like best about Los Vaqueros Camp?



I love the trails. You don't have to go the same way out and back. All the pine trees.

The showers are a plus. It's nice to get refreshed after being in the dirt all day. Also, our camp has lots of nice people. -Sue Ann Daffara



It's close to our house.
There are some nice trails here; one leads to the mine.
I like their shower and dinner area facilities. -Jim King



Being out in the middle of nowhere and riding with friends.

I've never been here before and it's nice being with other horse women and men.

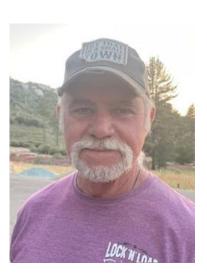
I feel like I went back in time; it's a very historical place. -Simone Schad



The riding.
The camaraderie and the scenery. We live in the desert now and all we see is cactus and creosote.-Kelly McMaster



The pine trees and shade.
The quality of the facilities and how it is set up, especially the bathrooms.
The trails are nicely marked. There are easy, medium and hard trails and the lake trail is great. -Christina Walker



It's close to the lake. Good trails and the bathroom facilities. -Bob Whining

In The Spotlight









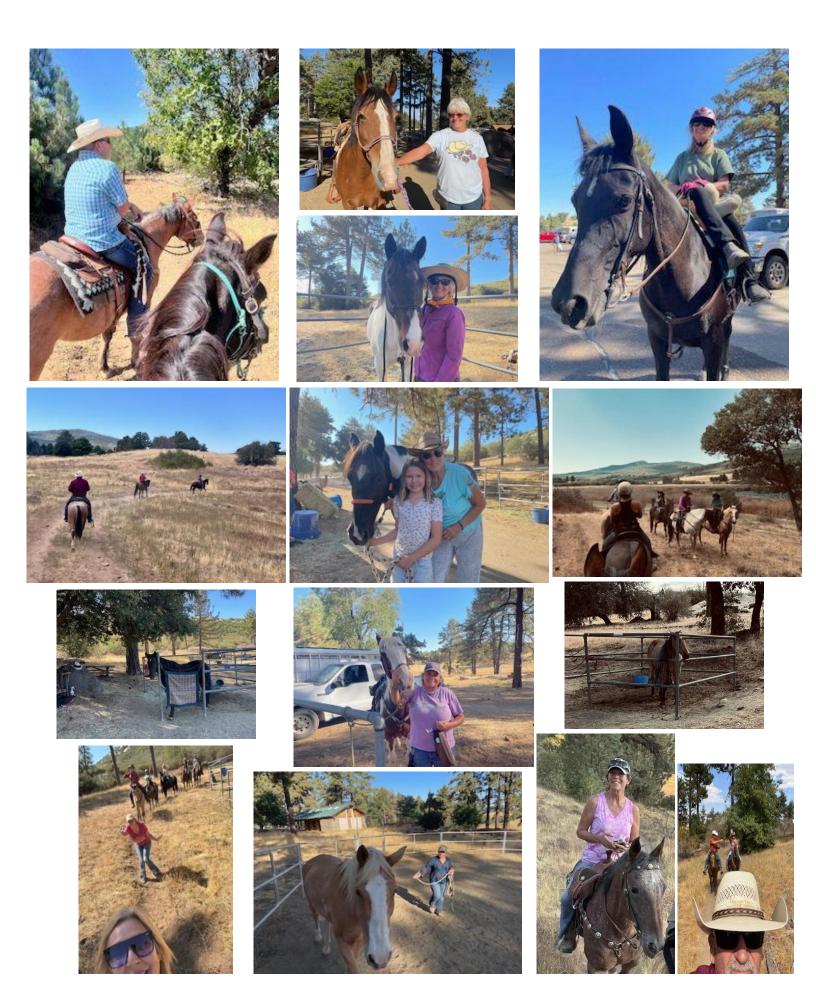








PVMR Los Vaqueros Group Equestrian Camp October 3 to 7.



If you have any more photos to share from Los Vaqueros, please send them to Ernie Smith and Diana Clark to be placed in FB.

Tack and Treasures Sale. October 19.









In Next month's Issue of Hoof Prints . . .

Watch for Winney Hennessy's updated PVMR *Trail Boss, Etiquette & Safety: THOUGHTS FROM THE TRAIL from Bill O'Brien.* The document outlines key safety behaviors that the trial boss of the ride needs to reinforce. Jodi Davis will add them to the new member packets that are distributed at the Membership Brunch on January 25.

There will also be a series of trail guidelines and preparations for the horse and rider links which are referenced from *Horse & Rider*, *AQHA*, *Horse Canada* and others. They all emphasize group ride etiquette, safety, and group leader roles. (Although, you may find yourself reading other interesting horse related articles that the resources offer.)

Free Admission at the Museum of Art in Balboa Park

Two remaining Thursdays this year, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12



Generous support provided by Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All Program enables residents of San Diego to enjoy the Art Museum for free. (You will need an ID.)

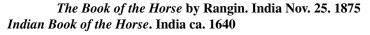
Several park museums also offer **free general admission** on a rotating basis on **Tuesdays of each month.** Check the Balboa Park website for schedules: <u>balboapark.org</u> search-Resident Free Days. The San Diego Museum of Art is also free on the third Tuesday of the month.













Bartolome' Bermejo *The Arrest of Saint Engracia*Oil on Panel, ca 1477.
The saint denounced the Roman Proconsul
Dacian's persecution of Christians and was
tortured and martyred.



Aluminum Horse # 5 Deborah Butterfield 1982. Found metal, rebar, barbed and smooth wire, aluminum. Transformation of found industrial materials to depict life size horses in an open weave form.



Chicago Protest. 1968 Mixed media on paper In 1968, anti-Vietnam War groups protested during the Democratic National Convention. Craig Gropper collection

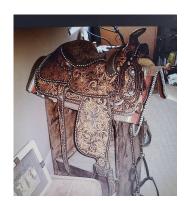
Membership Notices

Marty Parker is organizing Desensitizing Clinics with Lynn Snyder Harrington. You can strengthen your partnership, gain confidence and build trust between you and your equine partner. Cost is \$60. The location is in Alpine off of Japatul Road Contact: Marty Parker, text, at 619-508-4198 or mparker6@cox.net for more information.

Danica James, of Alpine Creek Ranch L.L.C. will be offering online **equine and canine first aid training courses**, for dates, times and more information call 619-339-0906.

Walt Kirkwood has Cedar, Jeffrey and Colter **Pines for planting**. Call him if interested at 619-993-4523.

Sandra Cairncross is selling a beautiful **Circle Y saddle** from the 70's. In excellent condition, probably only used for showing as it has little to no wear. It is a 15" equitation, suede seat saddle, fairly heavy, with buckstitching and two-toned tooling. Sandra is asking \$800 and she will throw in the nice display stand.



Clark Ranch: Membership Brunch: January 25, Plan on bringing friends that are interested in joining!

Anza-Borrego Desert SP Park Contact: 800-444-7275 or (760) 767-5311 or online: reservecalifornia.com. You may **make your Vern Whitaker reservation** this month for the camp on Feb. 20- Feb.23. Limited sites.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Member businesses in our PVMR community







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