



# Monterey Bay Equestrians November 2018

[www.Montereybayequines.com](http://www.Montereybayequines.com)

## Board Message

This is to inform you that after the October General meeting it was decided we were a little premature in entertaining the possible dissolution of our club. At the meeting the Board explained what our concerns were and why we felt the club was headed down that lonesome "trail." There were quite a number of members attending this meeting with some real suggestions and positive possible ways we could keep the club solvent. The suggestions were very well received and there was a lot of enthusiasm from all the members present at the meeting. The enthusiasm was infectious and everyone was excited about all the new suggestions! The End result is MBE is NOT shutting down. Please inform your fellow members and stay tuned for some exciting new changes to our club! Thank you all for your overwhelming show of support of MBE. Now THAT'S what we're talking about!!

From your MBE Board of Directors  
Liz  
Patti  
Margaret  
Mike

## Presidents Message

Hi All,

Well, we are over the hump of the possible dissolution of MBE. Thank you to everyone who got involved and stepped up to save us.

There will a new board taking over in 2019. They have some great ideas in the works for the future.

Dissolving MBE was not an easy decision for us to make.

On a personal note: the MBE family has been a rock in my life. MBE helped me keep my sanity while dealing with the loss of my husband 25 years ago. It also kept me focused on the 2nd love of my life: my horse and riding.

See you on the trail &/or at a meeting,  
Prez Liz

**Watch your Email for the  
invitation to the Holiday Party  
December 1st**



*Pt Reyes Women's Ride*

## Meeting Schedule 2018

November 8 @ Watsonville  
December 13 @ Prunedale  
(2019 Ride Planning Meeting)

Goodies for November Patti Garcia

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Sympathy cards to:

Get well card for Gary Watrous for knee replacement surgery.

Sympathy card for Margaret Pare for loss of her mare Poppy.

*If you know of a member who could use a little sunshine please let Sydney Blankenship, the sunshine lady know. 633-3810 or sydrose\_99@msn.com*

## Lake San Antonio Campout November 8-12 Patti & Mike Garcia

As of right now we are hopeful that the campout will be at lake San Antonio from November 8-12, with a backup at Turkey Hill. Please let Patti Garcia ( pattihgarcia@gmail.com) know as soon as possible if you are planning on attending so she can keep those interested, updated on where the campout will be, to plan meals and email the county waiver in advance, if the campout is at Lake San Antonio. Also, just a reminder that any guests must be sponsored by a member. Non-members are \$10 per night, in addition to any camping fees, to cover insurance. The sponsoring member is responsible to collect the \$10 per night and have their member sign the waiver.

## MANZANITA PARK

Submitted by Liz Riehl

There is a gem of a little park in Moss Landing off of Dolan Road that few riders frequent. Manzanita Park is a wonderful place to ride, with wide sandy trails, mostly flat with gently sloping hills and views of the ocean. It is an especially great place to ride in the winter during the rains since the packed sand provides good drainage. The wide perimeter trail makes it a ideal place to pony another horse.

It is in the Monterey Co. Park system but run by a local sports organization who uses and maintains several sport fields on the property. Although there are not a lot of miles of trails, you can zip around the main loop a couple of times or go out along another trail that winds down along San Miguel Canyon Road towards Prunedale.

There is a designated horse trailer parking area up on the hill to the left as you enter the park behind the maintenance building. You can purchase a key card for the entrance gate at the Ace Hardware store in the Prunedale shopping center for \$50.00 (annual fee – Jan to Dec). When you only have time for an hour or two to get your horse exercised, this is a great option!



## Jack Brook Trail Update November 2018

Submitted by Liz Riehl

For those of you who have ridden at Jack Brook horse camp near Pescadero over the last two years, you've been aware that the West Brook trail has been closed due to the Town Creek Bridge being washed out by a storm. This essentially has blocked off a main access to other trails in the park.

As you would imagine, the Woodside riders have been working diligently behind the scenes to get this bridge reconstructed. In conjunction with some volunteers, the San Mateo County park rangers, a civil engineer and the Mounted Patrol Foundation, they have been working on the permit process, the bridge design and are making plans to raise the needed funds to do this project.

Because this bridge crosses a creek and has its foundations in the creek, it is subject to the Department of Fish and Wildlife review. Currently, the Environmental Impact Review is underway and expected to be done over the winter along with finalization of the building and construction plans by the civil engineer. Unfortunately, no construction work of this type is allowed from October 15 to April 15. Weather permitting, and if the creek isn't too high at that time, work is expected to begin in mid to late April with hopes of completion by early June.

The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County Foundation is a not-for-profit 501c organization. They will be leading the charge on raising money for this bridge reconstruction. The projected cost of the project is \$25K-\$30K. They have successfully raised funds for many previous trail projects, equestrian facilities and activities in the Woodside area and are a highly respected organization. Check out their website for further information. (<http://www.mountedpatrolfoundation.org/>)

An official flyer will come out in January 2019 explaining in more detail the Towne Creek Bridge project and how you can help by contributing funds or volunteering your services. We will keep you posted, as more information is available. Lets help get this trail re-opened!



**President - Liz Gheen**  
831- 663-6544  
mybailey2000@gmail.com

**Vice Pres. - Patti Garcia -**  
831-262-5068  
pattihgarcia@gmail.com

**Secretary: Margaret Pare -**  
831-277-7243  
slugmp@gmail.com

**Treasurer – Mike Pinto;**  
831-236-5974  
carlpinto@gmail.com

**Past President**  
Sydney Blankenship –  
831-633-3810  
sydrose\_99@msn.com

**Sunshine:**  
Sydney Blankenship –  
831-633-3810  
sydrose\_99@msn.com

**Fashionista:**  
Caroline Spicher  
831-624-3297  
cspicher@sbcglobal.net

**Membership Chair:**  
Sunday Minnich --  
408-858-9958  
sminnich@redshift.com

**Club Web Site and Facebook Chair:**  
Mike Pinto 831-659-3315  
carlpinto@gmail.com

**Poker Ride Chair:**  
Patti Garcia  
831- 262-5068  
pattihgarcia@gmail.com

**Newslettter Editor**  
Lois Connell  
831-252-2135  
Loiscon@comcast.net

*The board is available to members for suggestions or concerns pertaining to club business to be discussed at the general meetings. You may contact us via e-mail, telephone or in person.*



MONTEREY BAY EQUESTRIANS  
C/O Lois Connell  
10602 West Drive  
Felton, CA 95018

