

# VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER** BY RUSS FICHTELMAN

Happy August VPR peeps!

Hope everyone is having a great summer, by this time the kiddos are back in school and the moms can start to enjoy those lonesome afternoons on the ponies. I for one am jealous .....

No one has stepped up to host this year's Wagon Wheel, so the board has decided to take on the challenge of hosting it. That being said, we will be in dire need of volunteers to help out with certain activities and chores to make this an enjoyable experience for all. Flyers with dates and arrangements have been sent out and can be found on our website.

Juan has been a busy man maintaining the grounds as



they are looking better than ever. If you happen to

see him give him a thumbs up it's not easy work and this place isn't the smallest out there.

We are still looking for people to host a monthly trail ride if anyone has a destination in mind please e-mail it so we can explore the possibility of a club outing!

*Russ*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Board Meeting**

September 4 @ 6:00 pm

### **Potluck**

September 18

Social time 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

### **SCHC Horse Shows**

September 13-15

### **Dressage Shows**

September 1 & 29

October 13

### **Wagon Wheel 2019**

October 18-20

## **DISASTER PLANNING FOR HORSE OWNERS** by Alisa Martin

Nearly 100 people turned out on Saturday, August 3rd to attend the VPR-hosted workshop Disaster Planning for Horse Owners, proving that this important topic is very much on the minds of many equestrians. Participants engaged with a range of experts to learn about the steps they need to take now to prepare for a possible evacuation with their horse, shopped for emergency supplies, visited a “show and tell” booth with informative displays of various evacuation plans, procedures and equipment, and watched a



demonstration on how to load a difficult horse. VPR members stepped up in a big way to help run the event, providing an impressive display of team spirit to a crowd that was 50% non-member! Without them, this event could not have reached so many people. Special thanks to **Valley Center DART**, the **Department of Animal Services**, **Mary’s Tack and Feed**, and doctors **Ryan Heaton of West Coast Equine Medicine** and **Lisa Grim of Equitage Horse Care** for the important roles they played.

Many great ideas for additional training and education were suggested by participants. Watch for some of these topics to be addressed at future monthly potlucks, and feel free to suggest additional ideas.



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# **WAGON WHEEL 2019**

**OCTOBER 18 -20**

**FRI RAFFLE & CATERED TACO BAR DINNER**

**FRIDAY NIGHT ARENA GAMES UNDER THE LIGHTS**

**SAT - GAMBLERS CHOICE**

**SAT & SUN CATTLE SORTING**

**SAT CATERED BBQ DINNER SILENT AUCTION**

**SAT NIGHT MUSIC/DANCING**

**SAT/SUN BREAKFAST**

Registration opens at potluck on Wed 8/21

Gates open at noon on Friday 10/18

Buckles to winning teams on both days

Prizes for 1st - 3rd in Gamblers Choice

The board is requesting new/like new donations for the silent auction/raffle and volunteers to assist in the weekend.

Contact any member of the VPR board if you have any questions.

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## Please welcome our New Members:

Margaret "Gigi" Butler   Dianna Huckins   Janya Orfeyeva   Julie & Jamie Otis

Mario, Michelle, Jagger & Kennedy Denys

Thanks to all the members,  
Country Feed and Mary's Tack &  
Feed for supporting our raffle and  
fun times at Cuyamaca this year.



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Thanks!!

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