



What A Great Club!

November 2008

Can you believe another year of "Vintage Valley" Riding is almost past?

Our little club is ending this year with many kudo's and warm fuzzies. As you know, proceeds from our successful Wine & Whinny Event were donated in the amount of \$3,000.00 to two local animal shelters.

Just two weeks after Wine & Whinny, we participated in the first ever OPRC National Rally. Continue reading to see how your club faired against the tough competition of our Eastern counterparts.

Finally, January will see a changing of the guard. Your new officers will be:

President(s): George & Fritzie Kilian

Vice President: MJ Misailides

Secretary: Jackie Johnson

Newsletter Publisher: Sylvia McGee

Webmaster: Kirstin Bedard

Treasurer: Cheryl Clason

Thank you all for stepping up to fill these positions. Your past board members will remain close at hand to assist if you have any questions . . . just try to keep us away!



ABOUT OUR CLUB & THE OPRC

For any newcomers, we are a local chapter of the "Old People's Riding Club" based on "Pony Club" principals and etiquette for safety and fun with horses. Our group consists of people over the age of 25 that all share a love of horses and riding in all levels and a variety of disciplines. We schedule trail rides, shopping trips, clinics and games, with keeping in mind everyone's different levels and needs. We meet once a month (except for Dec.) for potluck dinner and socialize, then on to club business.

You can look OPRC up on the web for more information at oldpeoplesridingclub.org or visit our own website at <http://vintagevalleyoprc.tripod.com>.

TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Patti Griffith is our trail guide guru. You can contact Patti at 681-7677 or via email at kathouse57@sbcglobal.net. If you are planning a ride or would like to ride, let Patti know and she will get the word out.

NEW RIDING TRAILS

New Melones Lake hosts nice trails with good parking. The trail head is off hiway 108 & Obriens Ferry Rd. I caught Connie Aurthur driving up there the other week! I'll try to get more info.

Equestrian trails are in the planning stage at Lake Don Pedro. Three miles of trails have been cut but not yet open to the public. I will remain in contact with the head ranger to watch and encourage this project. The lake front riding will be very nice.

UPCOMING OPRC EVENTS & CLINICS:

Plans for 2009 will take place at our next meeting in January. Cheryl Clason is hosting this meeting. Please arrive with your wishes and ideas for the coming year.

NATIONAL RALLY RECAP

Several Vintage Valley members competed in the first ever National OPRC Rally. Each Chapter throughout the U.S. had of choice of 6 different standardized classes to host in their own towns. Events ranged from Jumping (six divisions), Dressage (three divisions), Trail Class, Stable Management, Pole Bending & Barrel Racing.

Vintage Valley Riders chose to compete in the Trail and Dressage Classes.

The competing Chapters were:

Crops & Canes	Virginia
Formidable Founders	Maryland
Piedmont Chapter	Virginia
Sleepy Hollow	New York
Stayin' Alive	Illinois
Vintage Valley Riders	California

National Rally results are as follows:

Class	Rider	Horse	Score	Chapter
Trail				
1 st	Amy Grimm	Sundance Kid	59.000	Crops & Canes
2 nd	Karyn Watt	Ruby	58.000	Sleepy Hollow
3 rd	Kim Lisle	Chiggar	57.000	Vintage Valley Riders
3 rd	Kevin Yungk	New Moon Sky	57.000	Crops & Canes
3 rd	William Milroy	Poco	57.00	Sleepy Hollow
Dressage				
<i>Intro</i>				
1 st	Paula Hinshaw	Kit Carson	72.000	Vintage Valley Riders
2 nd	Amy Gaston	Jameson	68.000	Formidable Founders
3 rd	Cathy Letteney	Baku	67.500	Formidable Founders
<i>Training</i>				
1 st	Mary Duffy	Napoli	75.300	Vintage Valley Riders
2 nd	Valerie Levin	Peterbilt	67.857	Formidable Founders
3 rd	Robin Dorius	Estrella	66.400	Vintage Valley Riders
<i>First Level</i>				
1 st	Mary Duffy	Napoli	69.300	Vintage Valley Riders
2 nd	Kim Lisle	Chiggar	64.000	Vintage Valley Riders
3 rd	Sylvia McGee	Dugan	57.000	Vintage Valley Riders

As you can see our club faired well in the competition but beware, I'm sure the other Chapters will be gunning for us next year. Well done Vintage Valley Riders!



Trail Class Competitors



Training for Next Year?



Stephanie navigating the "L" poles



Kim hears comments from the Judge



NON OPRC EVENTS:

The "Horsin' Around Calendar" is published monthly. It is a great source of information about various clubs, clinics and shows in the Bay Area and Central Valley. You can request to receive this bulletin via email at horsinaround1@horseNpony.com.



FOR SALE

Paula Hinshaw has several pairs of breeches for sale, used but in nice condition. Contact Paula if you are interested at 840-1205.

Bauhr Ranch has a few horses for sale. Each has gone through Steve Bauhr's horsemanship training. Contact Steve or Carolyn if you are interested at 852-2496.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you MJ and Kim for putting on the Dressage Schooling Series at Diamond Bar Arena for the 2nd time in two years. This series offers an opportunity for us to compete in a casual atmosphere, at a reasonable cost and with sanctioned show level judging.

Finally, thanks to all of you for making this club what it is. We are a group of people blessed enough to love an incredible creature called the horse, and further blessed to share that spirit with each other.

CLUB CONTACTS:

President Paige Orton-Griego	896-7012
Treasurer Paula Hinshaw	847-0522
Secretary Wimmer Lackey	852-2523

DISCIPLINE COORDINATORS:

Trail - Patti Griffith
Western - MJ Misailides
Dressage - Paige Orton-Griego
Jumping - Sylvia McGee



Happy Trails!

Wimmer