

# MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH



**April 2014**

**Prepared by Louise Van Dyke**

## **Board Meeting Schedule**

April 19, May 17, June 21

The meetings are the third Saturday of the month. Call the WHOA office to check to see if the meetings are still scheduled for the above dates or have been rescheduled.

### **Board Meeting Agenda Additions:**

Any item that you would like to see on the agenda for the next Board Meeting should be submitted two weeks in advance of the Board Meeting date. You can submit them in writing by mail to 6700 Hwy. 36 West, Platina, Ca. 96076. or by fax to 530-352-4442, or email to the Board at [rwirdirectors@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:rwirdirectors@rwildhorseranch.net). Messages will go to every Board Member.

You can review the minutes of the Board Meetings on the Ranch's web site at: [www.rwildhorseranch.net](http://www.rwildhorseranch.net) in the owners only area.

## **TOP HAND (Ralph Hand--Ranch Manager)**

Howdy, Pardners!

Spring is here, the rains finally came and filled the pond, and the crew together with a few dedicated owners has begun the spring cleaning chores. Most noteworthy of all are the horses at the recreation center who are all getting a new and much needed repainting thanks to Jim Chavera and Bobby and Mason Crowell. The horses are really looking good once more. Be sure to thank these owners for their efforts. We'll be getting a few more flowers to add to those who made it through the year out front of the rec. center. And . . . our "new" trees that Dave LaField planted and Lisa Dell has kept watered are thriving with new blossoms and leaves.

With thoughts for still finding ways to keep our expenses low, we have obtained two more mini trucks to use in place of the big gas hogs. One of the new ones is a "flat bed" to be used down at the stables, and the other is for maintenance.

With all of the recent rain we've enjoyed, the pond has finally filled and we're able to go ahead with our order of fish and are setting Sat. April 19th as the date for our fish derby. As you will recall, we were going to have the derby at the usual Presidents' weekend in February, but our pond bore a resemblance to a large mud puddle, and the fish farm was low on stock due to the drought. A few rain dances later, we finally got enough water to go forward with the fishing derby. There are still fish in the pond right now and I've seen a few nice ones caught already this year.

Adding the fishing derby to an already full array of events for Easter weekend is going to mean a real action-packed holiday and lots of fun for the families. We'll also have Easter services at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Be sure to pick up a schedule of events at the main gate so you'll know the times and places to be. I heard also that the Easter Bunny was planning to stop by during the egg hunt so be sure to bring cameras along for those precious Kodak moments. The Red Bluff Roundup is also that weekend and the ranch is once again the sponsor for the grand entry for all three days. If you are interested in joining in the rodeo parade, be sure to go down to the barn and get signed up. This event is always an outstanding representation of rodeo and the cowboy way. We'll also have our information booth down there and they always need help to handle the crowd of info seekers. Along with spring and the warm weather come some of our not-so-nice-to-run-into neighbors who share the ranch environment with us. Take a few minutes to go over some words of caution with regard to the poison oak, baby and full grown rattlesnakes, and our local variety of scorpions so everyone is aware of what to leave alone

We're starting a pilot project with the upcoming Easter weekend, and I'm asking that all the owners give us their cooperation and help us work through a situation that is becoming more and more of a problem. We have been encountering people on the ranch who are not owners but are unregistered guests. This means that no releases have been signed, and these same releases do offer some degree of protection for the ranch and the owner. A recent incident has shown an unsuspecting owner just how important these releases can be in the event of an injury accident. We have also had owners who have encountered strangers in the back country who are hunting on our ranch and who have avoided going through the main gate. In an effort to put an

end to the unregistered trespassers and poachers, we'll be asking everyone who is legitimately on the ranch to wear a wrist band. If you see someone without a wrist band, please alert security and they will handle the situation. These bands will have colors that denote an owner or guest, and the colors will change weekly. We'll be putting extra help at the gate during the weekend to help move things along.

As I said, this is a pilot program. I know you owners may have some other ideas to help eliminate this problem and I sincerely welcome any suggestions to help remedy this situation. In the meantime, we're trying to find a way to protect you owners and your ranch. Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ralph "Ranch" Hand

### **2014 Events at a glance.**

**All events with food are by RSVP due one week before event & An Event Fee may apply.**

#### **April**

4/19/14 Board Meeting  
Fishing Derby see flyer pg 10

4/20/14 Easter church service Rec. Center  
Easter Egg Hunt

#### **May**

5/10/14 Line dancing 7–11pm  
5/11/14 Mother's Day Rolls & coffee for the moms

5/17/14 Poker Ride  
Board Meeting

5/23–26/14 Memorial Day Weekend Celebration  
23<sup>rd</sup> Line dancing 7pm–12am

24<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Gymkhana 8am  
Owners BBQ 3–5pm  
**Buck Ford & Band** with a Dance  
7–11pm flyer pg 9

25<sup>th</sup> Carnival 10am to 2pm  
DJ—Steve Herman 7–11pm

PLEASE NOTE:  
THERE WILL BE BINGO EVERY FRIDAY  
NIGHT AT THE REC CENTER AT 8PM IF  
THERE ARE ENOUGH PEOPLE

#### **June**

6/14/14 School's out party!!!  
Stable Dinner Ride 3pm  
\$30 per person/contact the Stables  
(to benefit the PLM Hunt)

6/15/14 Father's Day Horseshoe tournament &  
Hotdog BBQ for the Dads

6/21/14 Board Meeting

#### **July**

7/3–6/14 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend Celebration  
5<sup>th</sup> Gymkhana 8am  
Owners BBQ 3–5pm  
LTD Band & Dance 7–11pm

7/19/14 Board Meeting

#### **August**

8/2/14 Gymkhana

8/9/14 Back to School Party

8/16/14 Board Election  
Annual Owners Meeting

8/29–9/1 Labor Day Weekend Celebration  
30<sup>th</sup> Gymkhana  
Owners BBQ  
Band & Dance

#### **September**

9/20/14 Board Meeting  
More Sept activities in the planning to be  
announced at later date

#### **October**

10/11/14 WHHA Award Banquet  
10/18/14 Board Meeting  
10/25/14 Halloween Party

#### **November**

11/8/14 Volunteers Thank You Dinner  
11/15/14 Board Meeting  
11/26–30/14 Thanksgiving Day Weekend  
Celebration  
27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day Dinner  
28<sup>th</sup> Day after Turkey Soup  
29<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair  
Red Bluff Christmas Parade

#### **December**

12/20/14 Board Meeting  
12/25/14 Christmas Day  
12/31/14 New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner  
Dance & Buffet

**All events are subject to  
change/cancellation**

## **“OUR” R RANCH FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT**



Company 6



R Wild Horse Ranch ~ 6700 Hiway 36 West ~ Platina, CA 96076



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### **R Wild Horse Ranch Fire Committee Report April 2014**

Hello All fellow Owners: Thank you for your continuing contributions to the red bucket campaign. We have been able to assist with some outfitting of the new squad which is now fully functional! Chief John Brown and Bobby Philips did an outstanding job - you need to go up to the shop to see and admire it! Let's hope we don't need to use it!

There has been considerable rain at the Ranch but we are NOT out of the drought yet! Even though the rain is approaching 50% of normal (17.5" versus normal is 29.75"), this is the THIRD year of below normal rainfall/precipitation. When you come to the Ranch, it may appear that all is well but please remember we are in a drought and take appropriate precautions with fire. This includes checking your spark arrestors on ATVs, motorcycles, etc. before going into the outback.

There is nothing planned in the near future for additional money making ideas, but we will be working on it! If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact one of the committee or the WHOA Office to leave a message and we will get back to you. Our next meeting will be at 2:00 PM after the Board Meeting in May at the WHOA Office.

## **R Wild Horse Ranch** ***EMERGENCY PROCEDURES for ALL OWNERS***

The key to successfully handling any Emergency is to remain calm and know what to do! Report any fire or smoke immediately!

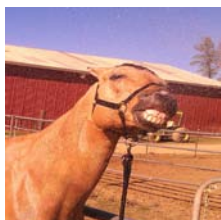
In the event of a personal emergency on the Ranch, there are yellow call boxes located at the gates, Upper Lodge, Recreation Center, the two cookhouses, several bath houses (when you arrive on the Ranch, check the closest bath house to you with a call box) and the Stables. Go to one of these call boxes; relate the nature of the emergency, location of the emergency and your name. If the Emergency is in the Outback or Horse Area, remain at the box to assist in directing Emergency Response Personnel to the location of the injured person(s).

If an Emergency involves the entire Ranch (such as a fire), evacuate to the Runway near the Pond Area. Do **NOT** bring trailers, or other bulky items! (Remember the trailer can be replaced – You can't be!!) Ranch Staff have a plan to notify owners present on the Ranch of the Emergency and there is an Emergency siren as well. On the runway, do NOT block the left lane of any exit. These lanes need to remain clear for access by Emergency Vehicles. From the Runway, Owners will be directed on which route to take to evacuate the Ranch. If it is necessary to "shelter in place" (stay at the Pond), Owners will be directed on how this is to be accomplished.

It is imperative for your safety and the safety of others to remain calm, proceed in an orderly manner to the Runway and follow all directions given to you by Ranch Personnel.

Have a SAFE, wonderful, fun-filled stay here at R Wild Horse Ranch!

### **STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH (Stables)**



Howdy All!

The Poker Ride is on May 17. Sign up deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are almost filled up, so if you are planning on participating you need to sign up A.S.A. P. See the flyer on page 8 for entry information. There are still dinner tickets available, so those of you who would just like to enjoy a fabulous dinner reserve yourself a spot.

Happy Trails,  
The Barn Staff

**NOTE:**  
**All PHI Mercy Air Members**

**WARNING:**

This ambulance plan is not an insurance program. It will not compensate or reimburse another ambulance company that provides emergency transportation to you or your family. This may occur when the 911 emergency system has independently determined that another company could provide more expeditious service or is next in the rotation to receive a call. This might also occur when this ambulance plan is unable to perform within a medically appropriate timeframe due to a mechanical or maintenance problem or on another call. Other air ambulance you could contact for additional coverage:

Reach For Life  
707-324-2422  
866-767-3224

Enloe Flight Care of Chico  
800-822-8102  
530-322-6774

For membership applications you can call them and ask for one to be sent to you or go online and print one out. The membership prices are on the application.

For a PHI membership application contact Stephanie in the WHOA office at 530-352-4222 and she will send you one.

## R Wild Horse Jewelry



**Large Silver Pendant \$105.00\***  
Includes sales tax

**Small Silver Ear Rings \$175.00\***  
Includes sales tax

**Large Gold Pendant \$ Call Stephanie for Price \***  
Includes sales tax

**Small Gold Ear Rings \$ Call office for Price\***  
Includes sales tax

**Special orders only, must be paid for at time of order.**

**530-352-4222 ext. 409 or email: Stephanie at [smcreynolds@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:smcreynolds@rwildhorseranch.net)**

**\*prices subject to change**

### FROM THE WHOA OFFICE

The Ranch is looking great! The Red Bud is blooming, the wild flowers are blossoming and the grass is green.....doesn't get much better than that. COME SEE US!!

Thank you to those owners who have paid their **April payment**. If you have not done so yet, please take a moment to call with a credit card or write a check.

*If you wish to begin paying on your 2015 assessments, feel free to contact Kathy or Stephanie and we will "bank" that payment towards next years' assessments. There are no fees to do this and come January you will have a smaller more manageable balance due. Several owners are using this suggestion. Jump on board!!*

Feel free to contact Stephanie or Kathy if you have questions. We are available Monday-Friday 7:00AM--4:00PM Our phone number is 530-352-4222.

### A WATCHFUL EYE (Security)

## Affective immediately:

Management has instructed the Security Department  
That the 10:00 pm quiet time will include all off road vehicles in the campground area.

R-RANCH OWNERS:  
DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF TRESPASSING IN THE SURROUNDING PRIVATE PROPERTIES, THESE RANCHERS HAVE NOTIFIED THE  
AUTHORITIES. TRESPASSERS WILL BE CITED.

### ATVs, Motorcycles, Golf Carts, and any similar Recreation Vehicles

1. All vehicles must obey the 10 MPH Speed Limit (except in ATV area)
2. All ATVs, Quads, Motorcycles, Golf Carts, Go Carts, and Dual Passenger Off Road Vehicles, Etc, must have their Owner Number displayed. Numbers are available at the front gate for a small fee.
3. All Guests of Owners operating motorized recreational vehicles on the Ranch, must be accompanied by the Owner or Designated User and have the Owners number displayed on the vehicle.
4. All riders under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by an adult or designated guardian, 18 years or older.
5. All riders under the age of 18 years are required to wear a DOT approved helmet.
6. ATVs, Quads, motorcycles may not be ridden with more than 1 rider, unless vehicle is designed to carry more than 1 rider.
7. ATVs, motorcycles, Quads, Golf Carts, and any other rolling stock ridden after dark must be equipped with functioning headlights, taillights and brake lights.
8. Vehicles 36" or less at handlebars, ATVs, motorcycles, Quads and similar vehicles, must mount a flag on a pole riser to provide visibility to other vehicles.
9. All ATVs, Quads, motorcycles and similar vehicles are restricted to the paved roads while in the developed areas of the Ranch. Riding around the cabin area is prohibited.
10. All ATVs, Quads, motorcycles and similar vehicles are not allowed in the stable area
11. All ATVs, Quads, motorcycles and similar vehicles are to stay on developed roads outback except in the 900 acres set aside for them. All vehicles must obey the 10MPH outback except in the designated ATV area.

Thank You  
Security and Housekeeping  
Dale, Jim B., Gary, Bob F., Jim R., and Samantha

### **R RANCH DIRECTORY**

#### **General Store 530-352-4448**

Open 7 Days a Week  
Mon-Sun 9am to 5pm  
**\*Hrs subject to change**

#### **Ralph Hand, Ranch Manager**

[rhand@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:rhand@rwildhorseranch.net)

#### **Security 530-352-4486**

[ownerservices@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:ownerservices@rwildhorseranch.net)

#### **Stables 530-352-4499**

[stables@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:stables@rwildhorseranch.net)

(Winter Hours) 7am to 4pm Riding 7am to 3pm  
(Summer Hours) 6am to 3pm Riding 6:30am to 2 pm  
• **Hrs subject to change**

#### **Maintenance 530-352-4444**

[maintenancedepartment@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:maintenancedepartment@rwildhorseranch.net)

#### **Rec. Center 530-352-4456**

[reccenter@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:reccenter@rwildhorseranch.net)

Office Friday--Sunday, 9am to 6pm

**\*Holidays-- Hours Subject to Change**

#### **WHOA Office 530-352-4222**

Fax 530-352-4442

Closed Sunday

Mon – Sat 7am to 4 pm

**R Wild Horse Ranch:** [ranchwild@rwildhorseranch.net](http://ranchwild@rwildhorseranch.net)

#### **WHOA Assessments & Collections 530-352-4222**

**Kathy Ext. 403**

[kbowers@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:kbowers@rwildhorseranch.net)

**Stephanie Ext. 409**

[smcreynolds@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:smcreynolds@rwildhorseranch.net)

**Reservations 530-352-4222 Ext. 402**

[reservationslv@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:reservationslv@rwildhorseranch.net)

**Event Info: [www.rwildhorseranch.com](http://www.rwildhorseranch.com)**

**Email: [events@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:events@rwildhorseranch.net)**

**Swimming Pool Area : 9 am to 10 pm      No glass bottles/containers**

**Hot Tub:                      9 am to Midnight      No glass bottles/containers/food**

**No one under 16 in Hot Tub**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board of Directors:

President: Jeff Lutzinger

1st Vice President: Ed Marion

2nd Vice President: Jim Bowers

Treasurer: Ron Clark

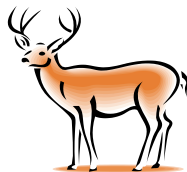
Secretary: Alice Forbes

Email your board of Directors: [rwhrdirectors@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:rwhrdirectors@rwildhorseranch.net) email will go to every Board Member.

Want to run for the Board of Directors

Election for the 2014—2016 term for the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Owners Meeting and Election in Aug. 2014. There will be two seats up for election.

**If you are interested in running for the Board you can pick up an informational packet from the WHOA office starting May 1, 2014. Your resume has to be turned in by June 1, 2014.**



### RAFFLE

**Drawing to be held Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 3pm**

All winners of the R-Wild Horse Ranch PLM late season deer hunt to be held November 18, 19 and 20, 2014 must be an owner in good standing (assessments must be current) of the R-Wild Horse Ranch at the time of the hunt. Winners must have a current California hunting license and "B" zone deer tag.

The "B" zone deer tag must be exchanged for the PLM tag. This is a requirement of the Department of Fish and Game so that no hunter can harvest more than two (2) deer in the State of California.

All PLM tag winners will be allowed one (1) person to accompany them on their hunt to help them spot game and retrieve harvested animals. The accompanying person is NOT allowed to carry or possess a firearm while in the PLM hunting area.

PLM winners and their companions with vehicles, ATV's, 4x4's, motorcycles, etc, must stay on roads.

Property boundaries will be marked by fences, blue paint markings, blue ribbon or signage. Maps will be available to tag winners.

Recipients of the PLM deer tag will also be able to hunt bear and wild pig, provided they have valid bear and pig tags.

This deer hunt is a three (3) point or better hunt; meaning the deer must have at least three (3) points on one (1) side NOT INCLUDING EYE GUARD-BROW TINE. Bear and pigs must be hunted according to State of California Fish and Game regulations and laws.

All animals harvested MUST be brought to the main gate for validation and record keeping for the PLM program. This is a requirement of the Department of Fish and Game. Also, this is an opportunity for photos for the R-Wild Horse Ranch Newsletter to help promote next years PLM hunt.

This is a three (3) day hunt only and the dates will change yearly as scheduled. The 2013 hunt will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday November 18, 19 and 20, 2014.

There will be an orientation dinner at 7:00PM Monday evening November 17, 2014 at the upper lodge of the R-Wild Horse Ranch for tag winners and the person accompanying them.

If you have questions about the hunt or where to purchase your raffle tickets, please contact:

Ralph Hand 530-352-4222 or John Brown 530-352-4444

NOTE: Anyone caught in violation of PLM rules or Fish and Game laws will forfeit their tag and will be asked to leave. Fish and Game will also be notified.

PLM HUNT Raffle tickets are \$100.00 per ticket. There are only 100 tickets. To insure your chance at being drawn for the hunt get your ticket early. You can purchase a ticket at the WHOA office and the Store or you can call the office and pay with a credit card over the phone.

Part of the money from the sale of the tickets goes to the Ranch for wild life habitat improvement.

**PLM Hunt Raffle tickets make great gifts!!!!!!**

# R Wild Horse Ranch 4th Annual Poker Ride May 17, 2014

**R Wild Horse Ranch invites you to join our 4th Annual Poker Ride May 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>**



**1st Place -Silver Belt Buckle  
2nd Place -cash prize**

## 3rd place –cash prize

Entry fee includes dry camping, limited horse corral accommodations, and limited cabins available, Saturday Morning Poker Ride, a great BBQ Brisket with all the fixins' from our Chuck Wagon, Award ceremony, Saturday night entertainment by the legendary DAVE STAMEY (see below), breakfast and a guided trail ride on Sunday to see our beautiful ranch!!

Reservation Deadline is May 1, 2014 (it will fill up before this date)

Please RSVP to Jon Barrett at 530-352-4499 or e-mail at [stables@rwildhorseranch.net](mailto:stables@rwildhorseranch.net)

6700 Hwy 36 West, Platina, CA (35 miles west of Red Bluff)

Check-in starts Friday May 16th at 3pm.

**Space is limited. Don't delay because this ride will fill quickly!!**

Prices:

\$95.00 for the entire event

\$30.00 for dinner and entertainment (if you are not participating in poker ride)

## ***Dave Stamey will be returning!!***

*Cowboys and Indians magazine* has called him "the Charley Russell of Western Music." *Western Horseman Magazine* has declared his "Vaquero Song" to be one of the greatest Western songs of all time. In 2010 and 2011 *True West Magazine* named delighted audiences in twenty states, and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by angry horses. him Best Living Western Solo Musician...

Dave Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He has been voted Five times *Entertainer of the Year*, Six times *Male Performer of the Year* and Five times *Songwriter of the Year* by the Western Music Association, and received the *Will Rogers Award* from the Academy of Western Artists.





Calling all Cowboys & Cowgirls!

The Annual Wild Horse Horseman's Association Gymkhaha season is about to start!

First Gymkhana is Memorial Day Weekend, May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Arena. All are invited, even if you don't have your own horse...we have great ranch horses that love Gymkhana!

Practice is Friday night at the arena - 4-6pm. Sign up will be at the REC Center from 7:30pm to about 9-9:30pm. If you are interested, come to the practice!

People of all ages and all riding ability are welcome...

Any questions, please email me at [dm.clark@hotmail.com](mailto:dm.clark@hotmail.com)

See ya'll there!

Dawn Clark WHHA President

 R-WILD HORSE RANCH



**MAY 24, 2014**

**7 PM-11 PM**

**REC. CENTER**

# Fishing Derby

Sat. April 19, 2014



Where: Tom Sawyer Pond

Time: 10 am sign-up

10:30 am fishing starts

1st place trophies awarded each age group

Bring your poles and have some fun