



**THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE  
CARMEL VALLEY TRAIL & SADDLE CLUB**

**1970 TO 1989**

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The previous CVT&S Club history compiled after research done in 2006 was from 1956 to 1970.

This next section of Club history that was researched and compiled in 2017 was from the 1980s.

1970 Newsletter "What does T&S offer a member?" ( see attached)

1970 Newsletter " What do I get from my membership in the T & S Club?" ( see attached)

1981 May The kitchen and storage shed bases were poured by Stan Clough and crew.

1981 June The concrete pad around the beer stand was poured ( now our snack bar)

1981 July National Tennis Week: The Lipton Tea Mixed Doubles were held at the Club's courts. There were lots of prizes given out and brunch was served out of the new kitchen.

1983 Don Sherman became temporary grounds supervisor.

1984 Nov. 5th Newsletter containing an invitation to the Club's Christmas Party. ( see attached )

1984 March Brenda Clough applied for membership and also became the alternate rep. to Region 10. Her father Stu Clough was holding the rep. position for the Club at that time.

1984 July Guest Tony De Sugny told the board about the history of his property and plans for it. At that time the caretakers' trailer was located on a triangle that belonged to Tony. He showed us where his and Tim Condon's trails would be located.

1985 January The emphasis was on members using the Club house more often. A Super Bowl party was planned but canceled because they could not rent a big screen TV. They felt they needed to organize a fundraiser, probably a flea market or a garage sale in order to buy the Club's own big screen TV.

In the meantime dates were set for free beginning Square Dance classes and Ballroom dance classes.

1985 April Marilyn Raynes donated a new pool table to the Club.

The Club held a "Spring Festival" complete with good food, games, bargain sale booths, hayrides, horseshoe tournaments, display of Model A cars and a Jazzersize demonstration. Additional entertainment was provided by the Jamesburg Players and Vickie Scardinas' Western Band. There were prizes galore and one prize donated by the Club was a large garden bag of cured horse manure.

1985 July Don Sherman got new gravel for our driveway.

1985 Aug. We held a dress rehearsal for The Jamesberg Players play "My Fair Lady" with cocktails @ 6:00, a pasta dinner @ 7:00 with members donating other food items.

1985 Aug. A new area was selected and surveyed for a dressage arena. Pete Azevedo will do the grading, bring in the sand and rail road ties for the border. Judi will bring in an estimate.

1985 Aug. The Doberman Pincer Club wanted to bring their dog show here but needed the grounds sprayed for bees before the event.

1985 Sept. The board decided the Big screen TV was too expensive. They are still discussing the well site. A ping pong table was found by the Shermans who purchased it for \$50.00 and refurbished it for the Club.

1985 Sept. T-shirts and aprons in gold with blue Club logo are available for sale@ \$10.00 for shirts and \$15.00 for aprons.

1985 Reid and Karen Woodward donated a very large horse mural to the Club painted by Sabrina Chavers.

1985 Dec. The Club's Xmas Party was a prime rib dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy. Also a contest was held for the most festive side dish brought by a member. The members were entertained by Vickie Scardina and her Western Band.

1985 Dec. Lura Mae Sherman helped to aquire a piano and then a permanent entertainment center was built by Don Sherman.

1986 Jan. Club looked in to drilling a well near the arenas with a 50' minimum to meet the code requirements.

1986 Don and Faye Pitts donated a TV to the Club and the Clubhouse will be open for the Super bowl!

1986 Feb. The Club Valentine Party was attended by 50 members who enjoyed a salmon -BQ and were entertained by a barbershop quartet including a piano player. There were lots of members using the pool table.

1986 Feb. Thanks to the enormous efforts of Don and Lura Mae Sherman the clubhouse has been entirely renovated inside with the entertainment center completed to hold TV, stereo, tapes and records. The pingpong and pool table are getting lots of use by the members.

1986 April and May Members given reminders to observe all rules, use hardhats and boots while jumping, no loose dogs, report damages and safety hazards ASAP and no littering

1986 Aug. Club members were treated to a play by the Jamesburg Players called "Murder at the Howard Johnsons" starring John and Linda Prejean and John Macy. Our members were charged \$15.00 for dinner and the show. I think the drinks were still a dollar each.

1986 Oct. I ( Judi Leavelle) got off the board to care for a family member.

1986 Nov. English Schooling Shows are well attended with 50 participants in Oct. and 80 in Nov..

1986 Nov. Club members led by Reid Woodward started a had fought campaign to keep the mountain bikes out of Garland Park.

1987 Feb. Dorothy Pullman has resigned from running the Western Shows and Karen Marasco has stepped up to the plate to run them.

1987 Feb. A money maker is scheduled as a dinner cabaret in the Clubhouse. The play is "Crimes of the Heart" presented by Terpsichore Productions- formerly the Jamesburg Players.

The cost to members is \$15.00 for dinner and the show.

1987 Feb. The sand has arrived for the driving arena in time for a clinic to be held on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and then other ones were also held throughout the year organized by Judi Leavelle.

1987 Mar. Dale Vandervort was getting estimates to re-do the large arena and holding pens in pipe. This issue was to be voted on by the membership.

1988 Nov. The annual Bull's Head -BQ was scheduled and held in the picnic area. It is large, noisy and for men only.

1988 Dec. Sabrina Chavers takes over the newsletters and adds beautiful illustrations to each and every issue. (see samples)

1988 Feb. Finally the new dressage arena is done thanks to Don Sherman, Joe Tacker and Judi Leavelle. The letters will be added soon.

(More research shows that Gary Paddock and Terry bishop also worked on this arena which was



washed away in the floods and had boarders of railroad ties and soil replaced more than once.)

1988 April Club members sign a petition to oppose the Public Parking lot to be located at the end of our driveway. Members went to the Board of Supervisors meetings in Salinas. Reid Woodward is heading up this for the Club and our neighborhood.

1989 Sept. " Footing in the dressage arena is so bad that CDS will not hold any events here."

1989 Oct. Lots of mentions about the bleachers needing repair or upgrade or removal in several sets on minutes.. The search is on for some metal second hand ones.

1991 back on the board