



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

1989 TO 1995

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Overview 1989 to 1995 (10/7/18)

The section of the Club's history that was presented today at the CVT & Saddle Club membership BBQ was from 1989 to 1994.

Before the history lecture began, Larry Bacon, our President, introduced the current board members. They are Bill Reese, Kate Kennedy, Karen Marasco, Ardith Tregenza, Mike Proto-Robinson, Nancy Di Girolamo, Susan Bancroft, Julia Batchev and Chris Harrold.

1989 In August our Club sponsored a food booth at the CV Centennial Celebration. We barbequed and sold apple wood smoked sausages wrapped in a French rolls. Customers could choose from Polish sausage, Lean Smoky Beef sausage and Cheezy Bavarian sausage. Free beer and soft drinks were provided for the cooks.

1989 A series of Play Days were held which cost \$10.00 for the day and included a great variety of events that changed with each Play Day. Some of the events were: musical tires, barrel races, potato races, horse bob for apples, ride, run and lead, relay race, chase me Charlie, dollar derby, egg race, ribbon race, walk race, trot race, and trail course.

1989 Also it was a busy year for other types of shows. In December the Club held a Western Schooling Show and an English Schooling show.

1989 In January they held another Western Schooling Show, a Combined Training Event, a Club Trail ride and another Play Day.

1990 We mourned the loss of our longtime Club caretaker, George Pullman,

who had taken care of everything on the grounds for 16 years. He will be missed.

1990 We started up the Play Day series again, had several Schooling Combined Events, helped with the Kiwanis Summer Horse show, and held a Summer Horse Camp.

1990 The possibility of a chapter of Pony Club has been presented to the board for consideration.

1990 A great cross country course was beginning to be built by Sunday Collins, Sabrina Chavers and Jan Cihak for use in the Combined Events.

1990 The September newsletter asked members to help out with the painting as all the wooden structures at the Club needed to be re-painted.

1990 All watering for the arenas and outside courses is still being done by a water truck. The Club wants a well!

1990 Tim Condon came to the board meeting in June and spoke regarding his 178 acre Veeder Ranch Subdivision. The Park district may be interested in purchasing his land but he would only sell it to the Park if the "no bikes" rule continued to apply to his portion.

1990 In June the Kiwanis held their Summer Horse Show.

1990 The Club was able to purchase a new tractor.

1990 The board voted to put up a gate at the top of the driveway to close at night in order to keep trespassers out.

1990 In November Tom Dorrance and Roy Forzani held a Trailering Clinic which was well attended by members and non-members.

1991 I have become Club's Secretary again and am also the temporary grounds chairperson.

1991 There is now an active Pony Club on the grounds and they will be helping run some of the English shows.

1991 The tennis courts are in great shape so maybe the Club will run a tournament or two this year.

1991 There is more discussion about finally getting a well on our property.

1991 The Club bought a set of much needed jumps for \$1000.00. They will get lots of use during the shows and play

days. They were paid for by an unknown benefactor. The mystery sponsor will be identified soon so we can thank him or her properly.

1991 A new roof was needed for the announcer's booth and the wood for that project was donated by Murphy's Lumber and Hayward Lumber Company.

1991 In March Rod Mills of the CV Trails Association came to the board meeting to discuss the possibility of a community bike corridor connecting the Little League Park to Garzas Road. It would go through the Veeder Ranch and the Moo Land Corporation and the Trail and Saddle Club.

It was pointed out to Rod Mills that the Club and most of the neighborhood had already been instrumental in getting the mountain bikes out of Garland park and

the Club had a “No Bikes” sign posted on the gate for the safety of it’s membership.

1991 Bill Parham had some clean fill dirt he wanted to give to the Club. (200 square yards) Gerry Paddock and Dan Peterson and I reviewed the the rules required for a permit. If the piles are under 100 yards no permit is necessary.

The dirt also needed to be dumped 100 feet from the river bank. Lee Reiman had this information was going to meet the trucks and tell them where to place the piles.

Unfortunately Lee told them to put the dirt along the riverbanks and the county saw it and red tagged us and revoked our use permit until further notice.

1991 By June it was necessary to have the California Cowboy Show moved to the CV Community Park for their event.

1991 The Club held a Monica Sinks Dressage Clinic. Monica is the sister of Club Member Laura Sinks and was visited at her farm by Judi and her mother during a "family roots" trip to the east coast.

1991 I have (Judi Leavelle-King) been asked to be the Club Historian.

1991 The Club had their first Membership Day on June 22, 1991. The annual membership meetings had been previously held along with the Xmas Parties.

1991 In July Sunday Collins' mare foaled and they are proud owners of another little Lippizaner.

1991 Free Dressage Clinics are being donated by Julia Batchev to members. The clinics will be held the first Saturday of the month. Thank you Julia!!

1991 Thank you Ruth Tully for 18 years of service on the board. Ruth did double duty as Financial Officer and Membership Chairperson and also worked at many horse shows and events.

1992 Larry Hampson and Andy Bell from the Monterey River Management program came to the board meeting to discuss a river restoration project which would include the river banks of the club grounds. Their plan is to clean the river beds, put in toe trenches, planting willow and cottonwoods in the trenches and putting in posts and wire fences to hold the banks. Our part of the project would

cost \$5, 949.84 and we would be required to water the trees for 5 years.

We had already gotten several bids on the cost of installing a well for the Club and knew it would run close to \$6,000.00.

After further negotiations with Larry they agreed to reduce our fees to 0 in exchange for us installing the well and watering the trees for 5 years.

At the next Special Board meeting it was agreed to extend the MPW district's offer to 10 years for them to maintain the bank project against erosion and/or flooding. The also said they would use the misplaced piles of dirt for their planting project.

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1992 It was proposed that the Club's membership dues be increased to \$200.00 to help pay for the well project. The dues had not been increased since 1980.

1992 A couple of events were planned to help raise donations for the Doug Downing Trust Fund to help with the costs of his chemotherapy. Doug had been a long time dressage trainer and judge here in the Valley and is an active Club member.

1993 Thank you Dodi and Roger Williams for donating lumber for our table tops. Thank you Jim Peifer and Peifer Plumbing for donating labor and materials for the re-welding of our gates and fences.

1993 Many events are on the schedule for this year. Combined Training

Schooling Shows were held in March, April and June. Western Schooling show were scheduled for December, January and February with a two-day Western Horse Show coming up in June.

1993 The first Rancher's Days event was held at the Club. It was a wonderful family oriented event aimed at displaying age old skills of the ranch hands that are still employed on local ranches today. It was a non-profit, volunteer run event.

1993 Long time friend, member and volunteer Dorothy Pullman passed away. She will be missed by all of us and our sympathies go out to Susan and Kimberly.

1993 The board is still working on the details of riverbank restoration project and a new well. The Regional Park would like to help with the repair of the shared driveway but have not said by how much.

1993 The board is getting estimates on re-roofing the Clubhouse.

1993 Sept. Now Susan and Kimberly Pullman have moved to Hollywood and have left their trailer here. A permit for moving the trailer is not available from the county.

1993 The board will discuss options for the trailer at their Sept board meeting. Gretchen Cornell attended the meeting with a proposal for the Club. She would purchase the trailer from the Pullmans by making monthly payments and live in the trailer and be the Club's security guard. She would also pay \$100.00 each month to cover utilities.

1993 There was still a need to survey the property lines between the Moo Land Corp. and the CVT&S Club. This was

because the property was going up for sale and part of the trailer, the blue barn and the horseshoe pits were encroaching on the Moo Land property. I (Judi Leavelle-King) met with their attorney and agreed to split the cost of having the lines surveyed. We also agreed to lease the land we have encroached on for \$20.00 a month for a period of 2 years or until the property is sold and goes into escrow.

1993 The board finally agreed on the terms of the well with the MPWM District in July of 1993. The well construction will start in early 1994.

1994 Club members have been encouraged to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in Salinas in May regarding the proposed Veeder development. It would impact the neighborhood with erosion and drainage

problems, loss of hundreds of oak trees, impact on the Boronda Bridge, displaced wildlife, increased traffic and building across 30% slopes.

1994 Ray Berta has requested permission to hold his first Clinic at the Club. (some members have been attending his Clinics which have been held at other locations) Ray would like to have 10 horses and give members first choice at half price.

1994 Larry Hampson from MPWM dist. will bring a written proposal for the well agreement to the March board meeting.

1994 Mr. Scudder will be awarded the contract for re-roofing the Clubhouse. He will be starting the project on Feb. 21.

1994 The board decided to replace the gate to delineate between the CVT& S

Club and the Park's property. Gretchen will open and close it daily.

1994 Sunday Collins and Judi Leavelle-King with get together with Gretchen Cornell to work out a lease agreement between Gretchen and the Club regarding the trailer situation. (the agreement is in "Trailer folder" in filing cabinet)