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Support your BVS restaurants!

by Wesley Shryock

MBA, CMCA

BVSA General Manager

There's something about winter temperatures that makes hot food prepared by someone else so enticing! The BVSA restaurants – Mulligan Room, The Oaks Restaurant, and Oak Branch Saloon – are available to meet just this need, offering

great food close to home, for either dine-in or pick up!

The Oaks Restaurant has recently expanded their hours to include Wednesday nights, which means that The Oaks and Oak Branch Saloon are both open Wednesday through Sunday to serve you!

The complete Oaks, Oak Branch Saloon and pizza menus are also available for

curbside pick-up these days, as well. Online orders can be placed at bvsa.org, or you are welcome to call in your order to 661-821-5521.

In addition to our excellent food, we offer good times close to home, including line dancing on Wednesday nights, from 6 to 8 p.m., and entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights starting at 8:30 p.m. each week. Our staff is also hard at work planning special events and menus for Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Mother's Day!

Our monthly Paint Nights that were being held in better weather months on the Mulligan Room Patio have been moved up to the Reception Area for the winter, with members enjoying food and drink specials while creating a unique

piece of artwork. Stay up to date on all our events on the news and events pages at bvsa.org.

As of this writing, we are anticipating and preparing for a short closure of the Mulligan Room starting in February for a kitchen expansion that will allow us to serve more food in a timely manner. During that time, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served at the Oak Tree Country Club. Breakfast and lunch will be served by your favorite Mulligan Room staff.

Whether it's celebrating a special occasion, a casual catch-up with friends, a romantic date night, or unwinding after a long week, the BVSA restaurants are excited to serve you! 🐾

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A message from the BVSA Board

Submitted by

Butch Reyburn
BVSA Board Director

During our monthly meeting on Dec. 19, 2022, the BVSA Board finalized our discussion regarding the reopening of the range. The main concern was member/public safety, with the possibility of a wildfire resulting from unsupervised use or use of rifles on the range.

For those of you that may not have been residents at the time and have reservations as to the board not allowing rifle usage, on July 1, 2016, a major fire broke out on the range as the result of rifle fire striking rocks, causing sparks. Many homes up on Deertrail and adjoining roads were immediately evacuated, with additional evacuations east and north of the fire. The strike force sent into fight the fire was able to save exposed

structures and the fire was eventually contained, with approximately 2,000 acres burned.

On June 3, 2022, another fire broke out on the range as the result of maintenance machinery striking rocks causing sparks, with an approximate 500 acres burned.

The board took other things into consideration, including fire department inspection and recommendations, representation of the NRA and their opinions after inspection, as well as qualified range supervision.

Based on this information, the Board of Directors directed staff to open the range beginning Sunday, Jan. 15. For the first month or so, the range will be open on Saturdays and will modify the schedule based on participation and ranger schedules.

The range will open under the following parameters:

- The range will be open based on information from the fire department. It will close or be unavailable on "red flag days," or when high winds and dry conditions are expected. This means that the range may seasonally close or be sporadic in the summer and/or fall.

- The range will be staffed by two rangers, with a maximum of up to 10 members/guests at a time. Appointments must be made with 24-48 hour advanced notice at the Whiting Center for two-hour blocks (no same day reservations will be available).

- Shooting is limited to shotgun/handgun only. No rifles.

- All members and guests who plan to use the range will need to register on the Whiting Center's online portal, bvsa.recdesk.com. The Whiting Center staff will verify membership status and guest sponsorship. Once approved, the member and/or guest will complete liability forms, a safety test, and initial agreement to the updated Standard Operating Procedures

that have been approved for use of the range through RecDesk. Upon completion, the member will be able to contact the Whiting Center by phone or in person to schedule their appointment time and pay the guest fee for any guest that will be accompanying them (and has also completed the above).

We highly encourage all members and their guests who plan to use the range to register online at bvsa.recdesk.com so that their membership can be verified and ready to go. The Whiting Center Staff is happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding registration, sign-ups or rules, and can be contacted at 661-821-6641.

The Board puts membership first when it comes to safety and sincerely hopes that the reopening of the range will motivate members to use the amenity and support us in our efforts to keep Bear Valley safe. 🐾

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#9986197

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THIS HOME HAD A HUGE PRICE DROP BELOW APPRAISED VALUE! Let the seller's motivation become your deal. This home has it all! Between the main house and the studio/guest cottage, there is 4,001 sq ft of living space, beautiful views, 3-car garage, office, den, built in generator, custom built cabinets, murphy bed, whole house vacuum, sunroom, movie theater with surround sound, movie projector and movie screen,.... shall I go on? The main house has 2 A/C units and the guest house has a separate unit as well. The kitchen boasts a walk-in pantry and custom made solid oak cabinets. There is even a skylight in the shed! Come take a look at the private community of beautiful Bear Valley Springs. BVS has numerous amenities including an equestrian center, golf course, Pro Shop, Clubhouse, tennis courts, athletic fields, campgrounds, lakes, dog park, hiking and riding trails, restaurants, radio controlled model and drone flying field, shooting range, basketball, dry sauna, jacuzzi, game room, exercise classes, and a fitness center!

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#9986003

THIS UNIQUE THREE STORY HOME is located in a quiet neighborhood on a Cul-de-sac. You can enjoy a hot cup of coffee while enjoying the wildlife from the one of multiple balconies. This home includes 3 BDRM/3 BA, office/bonus room and a large game room on the first floor, as well as a sunroom with access to the outdoor gazebo. This property also has a first place and wood burning stove located on the second level. **\$685,000**

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#9986231

PENDING

LOCATION, LOCATION! This 3 bd, 2.5 bath home sit on 1.48 acres with views of the Valley and Foothills. Ready to add your own style and finishing touches. This country charmer features 2006 sq ft of living space, cozy fireplace, attached two car garage, and a detached garage/ workshop. **\$423,900**

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#9986338

PENDING

VIEWS IN ALL DIRECTIONS Located just off the Valley floor on 4.29 acres. 3 BDRM/2.5 BA downstairs office or playroom. Upstairs In the master bath you will find a large jetted tub and separate shower. The large master closet is a dream! with enough room to create a separate working space if needed! **\$399,000**

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986437

SOLD!!

YOU'LL LOVE THIS charming 3 BDRM, 1 3/4 BA, 1552 sq ft split wing home, located on the Bear Valley Springs golf course. New laminate flooring, vaulted ceilings, dual pane windows and a two-car garage. Seller has also upgraded some faucets, toilets and light fixtures. The floor to ceiling windows in the living room allow an endless amount of natural light and breathtaking mountain views. **\$349,000**

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#9985268

PENDING

CONDO WITH SWEEPING VIEW of the lake from the back patio. Check out this up to date 3 BDRM, 2 BATH condo including flooring, granite counter tops, kitchen cabinets and so much more. The main level features an open floor plan complete with tile floors, vaulted ceiling, fireplace and french doors leading out the patio. **\$279,000**

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986186

SOLD!!

EXCEPTIONAL LUXURY LIVING 6-Bedrooms, plus Office, 5-Bathrooms ~ 5,369 Sq.Ft. ~ 6+ Acres ~ Theatre Room ~ Art Studio. Stunning custom-built home is situated on a noteworthy 6+ acre view lot with fantastic unobstructed views overlooking Sycamore canyon with seasonal stream and beyond to the San Joaquin Valley. **\$1,000,000**

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986390

SOLD!!

LOCATED ON THE VALLEY FLOOR!! 3/2, plus office, 1846 sqft. home sits on over an acre of Oak studded property. The home features a spacious kitchen with Knotty Alder cabinets, granite counter tops, beautiful back-splash, large walk-in pantry and stainless steel appliances. The dining area opens up to the living room, perfect for entertaining. **\$475,000**

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#9986389

SOLD!!

SO MUCH POTENTIAL! Custom built in 1973, this one-of-a-kind classic valley floor home with horse facilities is located on a lush, park-like 1.59 acres! Spacious 3 bedrooms (enormous master suite), 3.25 baths. Wonderful tree-lined horse coral with tack room. Generous Chef's Kitchen, with flowing floorplan to the Dining and Living rooms. **\$375,000**

STALLION SPRINGS



#9986038

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BEAUTIFUL HOME FULL OF CHARM AND ELEGANCE This well designed floor plan of 4BD/5BA + office and media / home theater 5,615 square foot home is open and spacious creating a bright and airy feeling throughout. Walking into the foyer you will be amazed by the 22' ceilings in the living room, gorgeous fireplace, custom built-ins, travertine tile, crown molding and custom baseboards. The gourmet kitchen built around the 8'x6' island complete with seating includes quartz Caesar surfaces with subway tile back-splash, Diamond cabinetry, upgraded appliances including double ovens, walk-in pantry, beverage bar with sink and wine cooler and a menu room! Off of the kitchen the formal dining room with an abundance of windows creates the space where everyone wants to gather and enjoy. The beautiful main floor master suite with sitting area, dual walk-in custom closets, luxurious bathroom has a backyard access point. All of the bedrooms and bathrooms are spacious and light with attention paid to every detail. Dual HVAC systems with a new air conditioner unit on the main floor. 3 car attached garage with workshop area, beautiful mature landscaping in both front and back yards creates a park like setting complete with covered patio, raised garden beds, walkways and lighting. **\$970,000**

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Emergency alerts and community notifications

Submitted by
**BVS Community
Services District**

What is Nixle?

Nixle is an emergency alert platform used to keep residents informed before, during, and after a critical event.

Sign-up for Nixle online to receive customized notifications via text message, email, and voice message on emergencies like severe weather, wildfires, missing persons and other public safety incidents.

Currently we also offer email notifications for weather impacts to road conditions, utility service interruptions, and

special events. The Bear Valley CSD does not charge for this service; however, your mobile phone company may charge for text messages. Please refer to your mobile phone service plan for more information.

Why should I sign up for Nixle?

By signing up for Nixle, you are taking a large step toward improving your personal safety and convenience. The Bear Valley CSD and Police Department use this service to send official, real-time notifications with helpful info and potentially life-saving actions you may need to take to keep yourself and others safe. Additionally,

Nixle helps the CSD keep you in the know about potential traffic delays and detours.

What types of Emergency Alerts will I receive?

Emergency alerts are sent via text, email, and phone call as soon as possible when there is an immediate threat to life and/or property. These include notifications about severe weather, wildfires, active shooters, hazardous materials, and other imminent danger events. During the sign-up process you will choose what types of alerts to receive and how you want to be notified. You will still receive alerts sent by government officials through the Wireless Emergency Alert System (AMBER Alerts, Presidential Alerts, etc.) regardless of signing up for these Bear Valley Springs specific alerts.

What types of community notifications will I receive?

In addition to emergency alerts, you can also choose to receive customizable commu-

nity notifications. Currently we offer email notifications about weather-related road restrictions, road closures, and weekly alerts about planned repairs that may impact your area or commute.

How does it work?

When a situation or event occurs that meets the criteria for sending out an alert, the CSD's staff will gather the necessary information and send an alert to everyone who has opted-in to receive one for that situation. These notifications may be citywide or specific to the area or neighborhood for more localized events.

How is the information I provide used?

Including your address in your profile information improves the ability to provide localized alerts. Data provided by users within Nixle is 100% secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving the resident during emergency situations. Even CSD staff cannot

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What does an alert look like?

Depending on the urgency of the notification (Alert, Advisory, Community) and what methods of communication you choose for each notification, it may be sent via text message, email and phone call, or to all of your devices at once. Text messages are limited to 160 characters in length; email and voice messages may be longer and contain additional information.

Where can I learn more and sign up?

There is a page with instruc-

tions and a sign-up "widget" at <https://thebvexchange.com/nixle-alerts> 🐾



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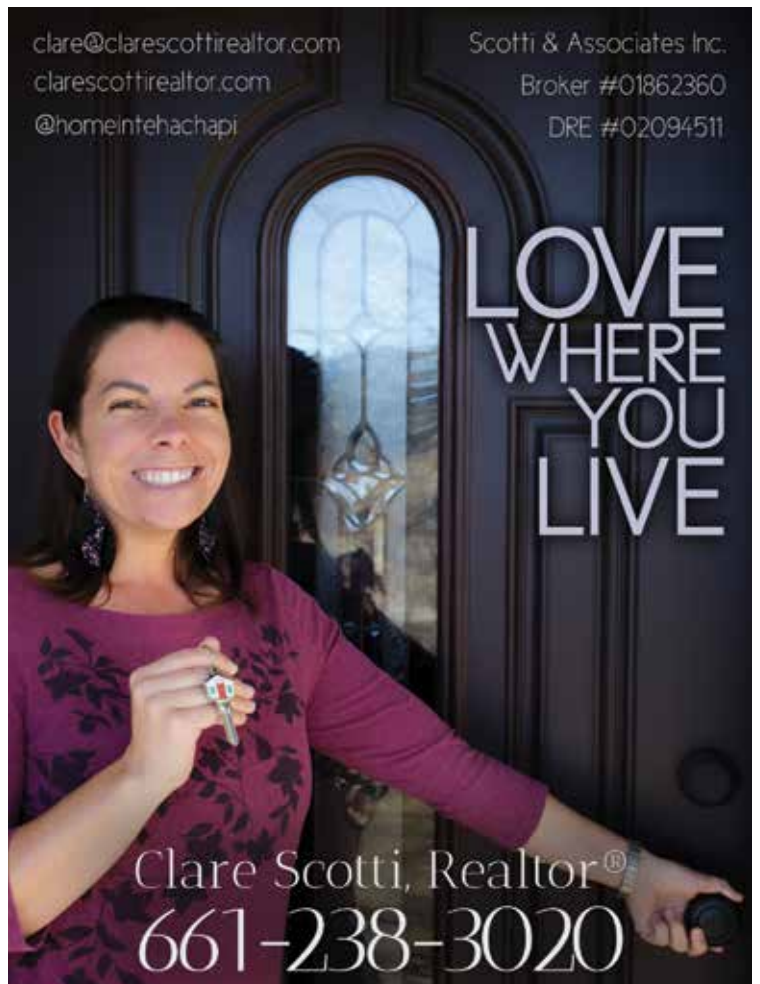


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Bear Valley Springs Association equipment auction 2023

The Bear Valley Springs Association is holding another used equipment auction. The below pictured items have no paperwork and are currently housed at the Equestrian Center grounds. The Kubota and the John Deere are not currently running. If interested, please make an appointment to view the items with Jim Panek at 661-821-5537, ext. 210.

All bids will be submitted sealed. Bidding will open on Feb. 15, 2023 at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2023. Winning bidders will be notified on March 1, 2023 either by telephone or email notification. Winning bidders to pay by money order, credit card or cashiers check. If using a credit card, a 3% surcharge will be added to the total to cover expenses.

Winning bidders are responsible to remove the purchased item no later than March 15, 2023. If an item is not removed, a \$5 per day storage fee will be applied from March 16 to April 15, 2023. If the storage goes past the April 15, 2023 deadline, and the item has not been paid for, the Association reserves the right to re-advertise and sell that item. If the item has been paid for and the item has not been removed the storage fee increases to \$10 per day until the item is removed or leased.



Item #6 – Tow behind landscape rake missing the support wheel. Minimum starting bid of \$25.



Item #5 – Two 90-gallon tanks with pump. Pump currently operates. Minimum starting bid of \$100.



Item #1 – Unknown year Kubota RTV 1100C diesel engine. Minimum starting bid of \$500.



Item #4 – Towable BBQ with cooking area cover. Minimum bid of \$50.



Item #2 – Unknown year John Deere Gator, gasoline powered with tilt bed. Minimum starting bid of \$500.



Item #3 – Tow behind rotary mower, last working in year 2020. Minimum starting bid of \$100.

BVS Veterans help those in need

The Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association is a fraternal and charitable organization of Veterans of the six United States Armed Forces, who have served honorably in any time period, and active duty personnel. It promotes camaraderie among the members, provides support for Veterans and widows in need, and conducts fundraising activities for Veterans charities.

The association also supports and engages in commemorative events and activities that recognize and honor the contributions of all Veterans.

The unit was incorporated as non-profit California and Federal corporations in January 2015. We currently list 60 members, all retired Veterans. We have no active duty members at this time, although we

know there are several who reside in Bear Valley Springs, and we invite them to come to a members meeting.

We help Veterans in many ways: Shoveling snow, assisting in having properties cleared for fire prevention, driving people to medical appointments, shopping for groceries, visiting those who are ill, and more. All of our aid is strictly confidential; Vet-

erans are proud people who are reluctant to ask for help when they need it.

Also, we conduct BINGO on the first Saturday of the month at the Whiting Center. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and games start at 1 p.m. Last month we had 65 players.

Our monthly members meeting is the second Tuesday, at the Equestrian Center Rec room. Meet and greet is at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with an interesting guest speaker.

For more information, contact Commander Bill Kritlow, 949-394-4525 or billkritlow@gmail.com, Vice Commander Lee Tharp at 818-515-0241 or sltharp@aol.com, Chaplain James Carmichael at 661-821-0493 or jpcarmichael90717@yahoo.com, or Membership Jed Hannan at 818-414-2430 or jerseyjed@aol.com. 🐾



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Events upcoming for BVSCAA

Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts presents wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres at Oak Tree Country Club on Feb. 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

The BVSCAA tentative schedule of events (more detail as it becomes available) for 2023, includes:

Wine Tasting at OTCC
Murder Mystery at OTCC
Los Angeles Getty Museum
Brite Creek Farms Feast
Shakespeare Festival at Cub Lake
Concert at Cub Lake
Kawaiisu Park with Jon Hammond
Art Show OTCC
Concert with Sportsman's BBQ at cub lake
Birds in BVS with Audubon Society
Holiday Bazaar
Holiday Concert at the Whiting Center

Feb. 11
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Sept. 9
Oct. 21
Nov. 24-25
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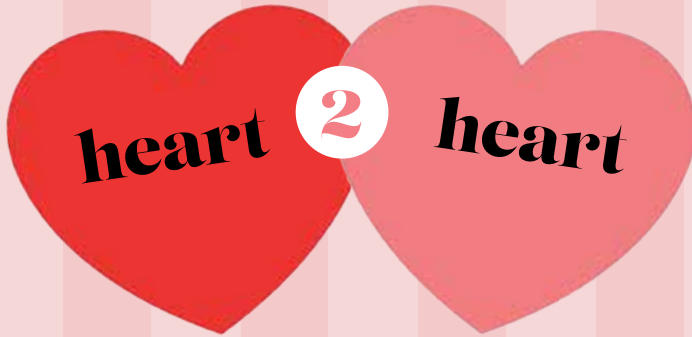
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BVSA RECOGNIZED CLUBS

BVSA Recognized Clubs enjoy the benefits conveyed to them as per the BVSA Rules, Article 18.

- **ASTRONOMY CLUB** - Enjoy the night skies and learn about Astronomy with an enthusiastic group. Monthly meetings 1st Monday, 6:30 pm, Equestrian Center Lounge. Contact: Pres. Claude Plymate, info@bvsac.org
- **BEARLY LADIES BUNCO CLUB** - Provide an opportunity for good fellowship, comradery and sharing mutual interests in enjoying Bunco! Contact Mindi Pugh at bvsmin@sbcbglobal.net
- **BUCKAROOS** - Promotes safe, fun western cowboy activities for kids and adults alike. All levels of riders welcome. President Jeff Kermode @ (661) 343-7503, 1st VP George McMackin @ (661) 400-1333, 2nd VP Erika Underwood @ (805) 705-1123, Treasurer Cheryl Akerly @ (661) 609-6113 & Secretary Debi Kermode @ (949) 291-0551
- **BVS CYCLE CLUB** - Recreational and informative. Please contact Zack Crum at bvsycleclub@gmail.com
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Commander Bill Kritlow @ 949-394-4525.
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in the OTCC Reception Room. Email bvswildlifecoalition@gmail.com for more information.
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact Deanna Hurst - deannahurst10@yahoo.com. Website: www.bvswomensclub.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive-and-ride outings and good horsemanship. Contact Debbie Mayer @ (661) 238-8444
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Pat Kritlow @ 949-394-4524
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. Contact President: Linda Coverdale 661-330-7426.
- **DRESSAGE** - Dressage, working equitation, cavaletti, other equine activities. We meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. Meeting and more info on our website: <https://bvsc.org/>. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.
- **ECLECTIC BOOK CLUB** - Meets the first Monday of the month at noon at the Equestrian Center Lounge. Call Kay Klinker for more information at 821-1621.
- **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Ivette Farrell at 661-544-0087.
- **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.
- **HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Susan Mustaffa @ 661-538-0995 or smustaffa@outlook.com.
- **MAKE IT SEW** - To promote the advancement of sewing and quilting skills. Robyn Woodhouse 821-0603 or Teri Lindsey 805-304-7351.
- **OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB** - Experience and enjoy the benefits the Bridge has to offer! Bob Nixon 661-823-9483.
- **OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF** - Meet the 2nd Tuesday every month in the Card Room at the OTCC at 9:00 a.m. Contact Mark Poindexter at 805-320-9444.
- **OAK TREE WOMEN'S GOLF** - Open play - Monday at 10:00; 9-hole playday - Wednesday at 10:00; 18-hole playday - Friday at 9:30. Those interested in playing

or joining, contact the Pro Shop at 821-5144 or Joy Webber at 661-300-1536 or email at cows4joy@sbcbglobal.net.

- **OLD GUYS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.
- **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Rhonda Arbolante, 661-428-7461, rhondaarbolante@gmail.com.
- **PONY CLUB** - BVSPC is part of the United States Pony Club, an organization which promotes the development of the young English or Western rider (ages 8-25). The Horsemasters' branch focuses on enhancing adults' current knowledge and skills. Contact Debbie Swarens at 661-821-0968 or Jena D'Cruz at 661-817-2173.
- **RC MODELERS** - Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Cars are welcome to join us at the field and track (Jack's Hole). We meet regularly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mitch McDiffett 661-378-5596.
- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance most Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. Restarting Sept. 23. New dancers from 6:30 PM to 7:15, and intermediate dancers from 7:15 to 8:00 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818 961 4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.
- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.
- **WILDLIFE COALITION** - Join our Facebook page, become a dues-paying member of the Club or join our email list by contacting us at BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **CERT** - Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, <https://www.facebook.com/tehachapiCERT/>
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** - Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the_burt_family@yahoo.com
- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** - Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** - This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact John Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
- **FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PARTY** - Relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social Bridge. Contact Carol Burdick @ 821-7213 or Elaine Williams @ 821-5768
- **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** - We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact Debbie Papac @ 821-6541
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.
- **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** - The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641
- **P & J BRIDGE CLUB** - Contact Chris Schaeffer @ 661-771-2373
- **TRAIL TREKKERS** - Enhancing club member enjoyment of existing trail system within Bear Valley. Increase knowledge in the safe long-distance. Contact Carol Miller @ 821-8966.
- **SPINNERS AND WEAVERS** - Exchanging of techniques & support. Contact Elaine Maxwell @ 821-1680 or Rona Samuels @ 821-5828.
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BVSCRFF: What it is, what it has done, how it has helped Bear Valley Springs

It has been several years since we provided a public update on the Bear Valley Springs Community Recreation Facilities Foundation, so, in the spirit of a catch-up, here we are, as of 12/31/2022:

The Foundation is a 501c3 IRS registered corporation established in 2009. As such, it provides a means whereby interested parties may contribute tax deductible funds to be used to enhance the amenities of Bear Valley. Note: funds are acceptable for the creation of or improvements to facilities. This excludes payment for any kind of ACTIVITIES. This means that the funds are to be used for THINGS, including the equipment needed to support them.

In most cases, the Bear Val-

ley Springs Association, as operator of the amenities, budgets for capital improvements and ongoing maintenance. When it has not done so, ideas from the membership may generate enough interest that something new can be created using BVSCRFF donated funds.

Newcomers to Bear Valley likely have seen elements of the amenities, unaware that they were paid for out of donated funds and were created AT NO COST TO THE MEMBERSHIP.

Big Examples:

- The Milano Covered Arena at the BVS Equestrian Center.
- Bear Valley Dog Park at Cub Lake
- Kawaiisu Preserve ("Indian Rocks") at Stirrup and Sunset Way

• Lower Valley Walking Path (between Beaubien Field and the Transfer Station)

Yes, these were paid for substantially or fully through tax deductible contributions to the BVSCRFF.

At year's end, there remained \$44,880 in the Foundation, with the largest sub-accounts designated for equestrian, Beaubien Field and/or youth sports, Kawaiisu Preserve and Pickleball. There are minor sums for various specific items, which might be profitably re-assigned still keeping the spirit of the giver's original intent.

While it is nice that this money is available, neither donations nor expenditures have been very active recently. We, the BVSCRFF Board

of Directors, would much prefer to spend the funds on projects, rather than let them idle away in a bank checking account. Therefore, ideas for projects passed through the BVSA Advisory Committees to the BVSA Board and GM are encouraged. Please note: Because items paid for with Foundation donations become the property and responsibility of the BVSA, we cannot pay for anything NOT approved by the BVSA, nor pay for anything except as a reimbursement to the BVSA.

If you are interested in making a donation, please direct it to the BVSCRFF, care of Anita Bauer, Board Secretary at the BVSA office, 29541 Rolling Oak Drive. We will provide you a tax receipt. 🐾



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Checking Account

Sierra Business Checking	Account Number	XXXXXX6470	Number of Enclosures	0
Previous Balance		44,380.56	Statement Dates	12/01/22 thru 12/31/22
1 Deposits/Credits		500.00	Days in the statement period	31
Checks/Debits		.00	Average Ledger	44,590.23
Service Charge		.00	Average Collected	44,580.56
Interest Paid		.00		
Ending Balance		44,880.56		

Deposits and Credits

Date	Description	Amount
12/19	Business Deposit	500.00

Daily Balance Information

Date	Balance	Date	Balance
12/01	44,380.56	12/19	44,880.56

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- **SOCCER** - Sign- ups Now Through 2/13
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 - Non - Resident \$195.00
 - Soccer Practice begins 3/31/2023
- **Tehachapi Schools Minimum Days**
 - 2/8/2023 - Valentines Craft 1:30 -3:00 pm
 - 2/22/2023 - Dodge Ball 1:30-3:00 pm
 - 2/31/2023 - Movie "Ice Age" 1:30- 3:00pm

EVENTS

- 2/4 VETS BINGO, Doors open at 12:30 , Games start at 1:00 pm
- 2/8 Tailwaggers read to dogs 3:00 pm
- 2/12 - Bunco 1:00 Game Room

Exercise Classes

- **HIIT** - with Catilyn 9:15-10:15 Mon. Wed., and Friday
- **Move it with Margaret** - 10:30-11:15 Mon. Tues and Wed.
- **Kick Boxing/Yoga** with Rhodes 6:00- 7:00 am Mon - Fri
- **Step/Stretch**- with Rhodes 7:00 - 8:00 am Mon- Friday

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MON-FRI: 5:30AM - 9:00PM					
SAT: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM					
SUN: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM					
Month February 2023					
Day	TIMES	ACTIVITIES	AGE	FEE	INSTRUCTOR
M O N	5:30 AM- 8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:15 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	PAINTING WORKSHOP (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	RHONDA ARBOLANTE
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	LQAC MEETING (GREEN RM) FIRST MONDAY	ADULT	BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE	FRED HICKS
	2:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
T U E S	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	6:00 AM-8:00 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	8:00 AM-10:30 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	8:00 AM-11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	8:30-11:30AM	WATER THERAPY	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE
	10:30 AM-11:20 PM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	REHAB EXERCISE (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	ANDI HICKS
	11:20 PM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
W E D	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	6:00 AM-8:00 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	BVS ASTRONOMY CLUB BOARD (GREEN ROOM)	ADULT	BOARD MTG: WED BEFORE 1ST MON	CLAUDE PLYMATE
	9:15 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	12:00 pm-3:00 PM	RAC MEETING 1st WED. OF MONTH (GREEN ROOM)	ADULT	RAC STAFF	KIMBERLY CLOW
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	RHONDA ARBOLANTE
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF CLUB MTG (GREEN ROOM)	ADULT	OTMGC - 2ND WED	MARK POINDEXTER
T H U R S	2:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	STAFF
	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	WATER THERAPY	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE
	8:30 AM-11:00 AM	VETERANS MEETING (GREEN RM)	ADULT	SEE VETERANS 1ST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY	BILL SNOW
	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	12:30 PM-2:30 PM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
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F R I	6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	MUSIC / KEYBOARD CLASS (GREEN RM)	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	TASHA MCJUNKIN
	9:15 AM-10:30 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	RHONDA ARBOLANTE
	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	STAFF
	4:30 PM - 9:00 PM	INLINE HOCKEY GAMES - call WC for schedule	TEAM MBR	FEES FOR NON-CAMP, NON-MEMBERS	HOCKEY LEAGUE
S A T	7:00 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VETS BINGO 1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH	ADULT	GAME CHARGES	JED HANNON
	2:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM EXCEPT DURING BINGO	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	STAFF
S U N	12:00 PM-6:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	FREE SKATE (HELMET REQUIRED) NO HOCKEY STICKS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF/PARENTS
	1:00 PM-3:30 PM	BUNCO 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (GAME RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	VOLUNTEER LEADER
	3:10 PM - 7:00 PM	OPEN BASKETBALL CT	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	2:00 PM-3:00 PM	RC CLUB MEETING (GYMNASIUM) 2ND SUN	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	DAN MASON

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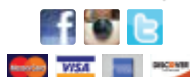
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News from the BVS Astronomy Club

One of the most striking and recognizable constellations in the winter sky is Orion, the Hunter. What is not obvious from looking at Orion with the naked eye is that there is a vast nebula, a gaseous star-forming region in Orion that is easy to see in binoculars. This is the Orion Nebula, also known as M42 or NGC 1976. The Orion Nebula is one the closest nebulae to us, at only 1,300 light-years from Earth. Because of this, it is the most intensely studied star-forming region in the sky.

What is a Nebula? Nebula is Latin for "cloud," and a nebula is simply a large cloud that consists of dust, gases (mostly hydrogen and helium), and plasma. In the nebula new stars are born. The process starts with turbulence in the cloud that causes knots of gas and dust that collapse under gravitational attraction until hot and dense enough for fusion to begin. It takes about a million years from the initial collapse of the cloud until the first star shines.

In the center of the Orion Nebula, we see four young, large, hot, blue stars called Trapezium. They emit ultraviolet radiation, which slowly blows away the cloud around them. The light from these stars create the glow of the nebula that we see. There are many, many more smaller stars in this 24-light-year wide nursery of stars.

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THE GOAL: Have enough water on-hand for your family to last 3 days (72 hours). This should be about 3 gallons per person.

Whether you live in the country or the city, your water supply relies on electricity to run the system. During a power outage you may find yourself without a way to get water. Your water supply can also become unsafe to drink. Both private wells and city water systems can be contaminated in a disaster.

▶▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

- ☐ **Purchase and store a 72-hour supply of commercially bottled water (or more – up to two weeks).**

A three-day supply for one person is 3 gallons of water (one gallon per person per day). Also include an extra one gallon for a medium size pet. That one gallon should last three days, but plan for more or less if your pet is very large or very small.

1 day, 1 person = 1 gallon (or 128 ounces) = 7-20 ounce bottles = 4 liters

3 days, 1 person = 3 gallons (or 384 ounces) = 21-20 ounce bottles = 12 liters

During an emergency, you should drink at least two quarts (one half gallon) of water a day. Drink 3-4 quarts a day if you are in a hot climate, pregnant, sick, or a child. Some of the water in your emergency water supply will be used for cooking or washing.

If you buy commercially bottled water, it should be replaced once a year. Store your water in a cool, dark place to keep it tasting fresher longer.

If supplies run low, never ration water. Drink the amount you need today and look for more tomorrow.

☐ **Bottle a 72-hour supply of water at home.**

If you get your water from a private well, disinfect your tap water before bottling. Place six drops of bleach for each gallon of water, shake well, then let sit for 30 minutes. If you get your water from a municipal water system, there is no need to disinfect tap water before bottling.

Replace your water supply every six months if you bottle your own water. Always sanitize bottles before refilling them. Store your water in a cool, dark place.

SANITIZE BOTTLES BEFORE FILLING:

1. Wash containers with dishwashing soap and rinse with water
2. Sanitize by washing a solution of 1 teaspoon of liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water on all interior surfaces of the container.
3. Let air dry for at least one minute

Use clear plastic bottles with tight sealing caps. Milk jugs don't make good water storage containers, they don't seal well, and water stored in them can sometimes develop a plastic taste. Only use bottles that originally had beverages in them (large plastic soft drink bottles work well). See the previous page to find out how much water you should have for your family in an emergency.

☐ **Learn how to provide a safe supply of drinking water for your household in a disaster.**

WATER HEATER—DO NOT USE IF THE TANK OR FIXTURES HAVE BEEN SUBMERGED IN FLOODWATER!

1. Turn off the gas or electricity to water heater (turn off electricity at the fuse or breaker box, turn off gas by locating the valve supplying the hot water heater and turning the valve handle so that it crosses—is not lined up with—the gas line).
2. Turn off the water intake valve (should be located near the water heater).
3. Open the drain at the bottom of the tank.
4. Turn on a hot water faucet (water will drain from the tank, not the faucet). Discard the first few gallons if they contain rust or sediment. Do not turn the gas or electricity back on until the tank is refilled.

PIPES

1. Turn off main water valve where the water comes into the house (usually near the water meter if you have city water).
2. Let air into the pipes by turning on the highest faucet in your house.
3. Get water from the lowest faucet in your house (never get water from faucets that have been submerged in floodwater).

ICE

If you have freezer space, consider freezing part of your water supply. This has the added advantage of keeping food in the freezer cold longer during a power outage.

Bear Valley equestrian achieves national acclaim

Submitted by
**Bear Valley Springs
Dressage Club**

It's a good bet that only one resident of Bear Valley will be pinning a USDF Diamond Award to their riding coat! Bear Valley resident and dressage rider and trainer Chemaine Hurtado of Symphony Dressage is one of 67 Americans who received this coveted national award. Chemaine was awarded the USDF Diamond Award which recognizes those who have earned their USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Rid-



er Medals and Freestyle bars; this means that Chemaine has achieved the highest honors in all levels of dressage.

Chemaine has been riding most of her life; at the age of 6, she watched her sister ride in a lesson, and longed to be the little girl riding the magnificent horse. It wasn't until she was 9 or 10 that she was able to realize that dream, riding horses at her childhood friend's ranch. Chemaine rode and trained her own horses for years until she started studying with internationally known dressage rider Hilda Gurney and groomed for Hilda at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. Since those early years, Chemaine has worked with many internationally recognized trainers.

To Chemaine, who has competed in almost 400 rides, the Diamond award was almost anticlimactic, because it has been over 20 years since she achieved that goal. Thus far, Chemaine has bred, raised, and trained eight horses to Gran Prix (GP), the very highest level recognized by The International Federation for Equestrian Sports (the international governing body of equestrian sports.)

Her first horse to reach GP was Nova, and with her, Chemaine achieved her USDF Gold Medal, rewarded to riding to GP. Chemaine bred, raised, and trained Nova's two foals, Winter Nebel (Belle) who has achieved I-1, , and R Star (Roo), who as achieved PSG and is currently working toward GP.



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Chemaine has a large clientele of students in Southern and Central California and neighboring states. She has been featured clinician at the Western States Horse Expo in Pomona

and Sacramento CA for five years and won a coveted invitation to attend the highly regarded Scott Hassler Young Horse Trainers Symposium.

Always active and looking

for new endeavors, Chemaine is looking forward to bringing Roo and her client's horse Dathina to GP. She is working with Rancho Los Quatro Vientos Andalusians and the

Mountain Springs Ranch Irish Draught Breeding Program. In this community of accomplished equestrians, Chemaine's Diamond Award shines especially bright! 🐾

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Safety Preparedness – Trail riding

Throughout the years, there have been some serious horseback riding accidents in the valley, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself and give your loved ones some peace of mind when you're out on the trails. Don't assume because you only ride the flat, easy trails that you don't need to take precautions. A suspected brain aneurysm caused one tragic accident in recent history. The horse collapsed suddenly on a section of the trail less than 100 yards from the owner's home, resulting in serious injuries to the rider.

First and foremost, the best way to protect yourself is through wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If you wear nothing else, please wear a helmet. Head injuries are the most common reason for horse-related hospitalizations, with emergency rooms

treating roughly 70,000 people per year. More than 60% of horse-related deaths are caused by head injuries. Both of these outcomes can be reduced by 70-80% by wearing ASTM/SEI-approved helmets.

Hard-shell and air vests are fantastic options for riders on green or spooky horses and should be strongly considered by those riding more remote, technical trails. ASTM-approved body protectors became mandatory equipment for USEF events in 1996 and protect the body by reducing the energy of an impact and protecting the trunk from puncture wounds. Air jackets worn over hardshell vests further disperse the force of impact and extend protection over the neck, hips, and tailbone. While body protectors will not reduce your risk of a fall, they have been shown to reduce the risk



of injury by 56%.

Carry your cell phone and make sure it is attached to you, not your horse. If you and your horse become separated, you can call for help or be located via GPS. There are several smartphone apps now that can help give you and your family some peace of mind while you're riding, and many feature optional "stationary alerts" that will call for help if you stop moving for more than a few minutes.

Keep in mind that some areas in the valley have spotty cell coverage due to terrain. If you frequently ride our more remote trails or trailer out to remote areas to ride, there are GPS locator beacons that work when there is no cell signal. 'Spot,' 'ResQLink,' and 'Garmin InReach' are examples, and options can be researched online if you decide this type of safety device fits you and

your circumstances.

If you are unfortunate enough to have an accident, carrying a whistle will enable you to attract attention over a considerable distance. Carrying ID and proof of medical insurance will help expedite matters if you are unconscious when found. Having a safety knife could be useful to free yourself if you become entangled. As is the case with your cell phone, it is essential that all of these items should be secured to your person so you have them at hand when needed.

Taking these simple precautions should help you to stay safe out there. Happy trails! 🐾

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Orion Nebula – it was discovered in 1610 by Nicholas Fabri de Peiresc, the Mayans called it the “fire of creation” and it was the first nebula ever photographed, by Henry Draper, in 1880.

To find the Orion Nebula, look south for the three stars that form the “belt” of Orion. There’s a line of three stars that hang down the left side of the belt, the “sword” of Orion. The middle “star” is fuzzy, because that is the Orion Nebula! Using your binoculars or telescope, find Trapezium in the center, and note all the beautiful filaments of the nebula around the Trapezium. 🐾



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