

VERDE VALLEY HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL

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Newsletter for April – May, 2004

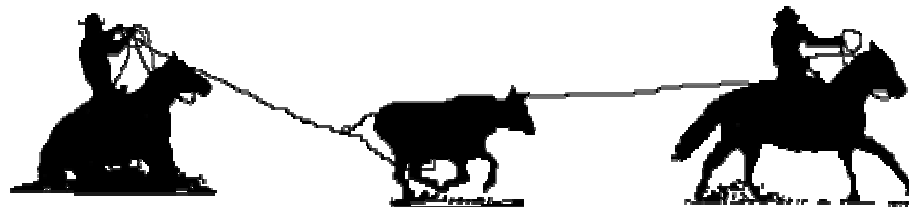
The **Annual Meeting** is Sunday, May 2nd, at Murphy's Grill located at 747 S. Main Street in Cottonwood. We'll have lunch at 12:30pm. Our business meeting and election of officers will follow. We will have some door prizes and special entertainment, so hope to see you all there. There is a reservation form included in this issue.

Nominating Committee Report.

President: Bill Dean, **Vice President:** Ginny Rench, **Secretary:** Elaine Eaton-McCants, **Treasurer:** Diane Lovett; **Board Members:** Pat Miller, Ona Silva, Milt Pate & Homer Harmon (you will be asked to vote for 3 of the 4 people running. Two board members will serve a 2 year term, and 1 will be serving a 1 year term (filling out an unexpired term). Dale Duncan will stay on the board, as he has one year remaining in his term. Patricia Costilow will serve as past president. A special thanks to the 4 members running for the board, this will be their first time to serve the club in this capacity and we sure appreciate their willingness to jump in and roll up their sleeves in this way

Thanks to the nominating committee for coming up with a great slate of members to fill the vacant positions on the board. We will be taking nominations from the floor too, so don't be shy, just raise your hand and volunteer. Here is the slate of officers that will be presented:

Before they get away, we need you to come to the annual meeting and "*rope them up*" to lead the club this next year!



FUND RAISER: Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo offers us an opportunity to raise some money for the club. At the annual meeting we will have sign up sheets to work the afternoon performance on July 4th. "Work" involves selling beverages during the rodeo. Anyone that did this in the past can tell you, this is a lot of fun, and a great chance to meet some really nice rodeo fans.

Get Well Wishes go out to Dick Fabian as he recovers from open heart surgery. Hope you're back in the saddle real soon Dick.

INSERTS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

Monument Valley Ride Application
State Land Permit
2004 Roster
Annual Meeting Registration Form

Arizona State Land Permit: Our new permit is enclosed and is only good for ...“nonprofit club/group activities sponsored/supported by your club.” “The Group permit is not valid for individual/family activities.”

Website: Our website www.verdehorsemen.org is updated regularly; membership applications can be printed as well as current newsletters. This is also a great place to refer prospective members to. Check out our links and if you know of others let Diane Lovett or Ginny Rench know.



Trail Bosses – Please remember to get release forms signed by every rider at **each** ride. Turn them into to a board member if there’s one on the ride, or mail them to the clubs post office box. Thanks for your help on this. If you want VVHC signs to put out Steve Rench has some in Cottonwood, and Bill Dean has some in Camp Verde.

April 17th Groom Creek annual cleanup at the horse camp. This is an important event and one of the major tasks to be preformed is raking up dead pine needles around the camp sites and hauling them away. The forest service

September 30th to October 4th - Monument Valley!! Diane Lovett, as we all know, has been the driving force behind our four rides in Monument Valley and one in Canyon de Chelly. Well Diane has decided to retire from that position; however she’s staying around as a consultant. This year’s ride will be headed up Bill Dean, Homer Harmon and Ginny Rench (you know that every job needs a woman to do the paperwork, right?). Please share this information with your friends.

**The Verde Valley Horsemen’s Council’s proudly sponsors the
5th Annual Monument Valley Ride**

Mark off the dates of September 30th through October 4th, 2004 and join us for our 5th Annual Monument Valley Ride! We will meet on Thursday, September 30th at Goulding’s and caravan to the camp site. We will be riding down on the floor this year.

There will be adequate parking for rigs and your favorite horse or mule. Stock water will be available; however, you **MUST** furnish all of your own drinking and showering water. There will be 2 porta-potties; however, you should plan on being self-contained! Meals will be catered starting Thursday evening through Sunday night. You **MUST** furnish your own breakfast for Monday morning or get something in town on your way home. We will have people in camp, non-riders, most of the time while we are out riding.

Your horse should be in reasonably good condition and recently shod; however, there will not be any real tough parts other than, as usual, lots of sand. The ground is very hard, making it difficult to use electric fences and trees are in short supply. Wondering sheep will probably come into camp and they will eat any feed left out. If you bring dogs, they can not be left loose. There will be Indian dogs coming into camp, sometimes with the sheep and other times on their own. Your horses should be current on their shots and you should have a current Coggins test with you.

doesn’t have the funding or personnel to get the camp ready and they really appreciate our help. There will be many horsemen working that day, so grab your rake, gloves, pack a lunch and join in. Anyone from the Verde interested in carpooling give Steve & Ginny Rench a call at 634-9354.

April 18th - Cancelled

April 24th Red Rock Ranger Station is hosting a dedication for the new trailhead at Bell Trail. This trail is for hikers & equestrians and we’d love to have a few horses out for this event. Take I-17 to Hwy. 179 and go east. Call Diane Lovett at 634-2767 for time and more details.

April 24th – Yellow Jacket ride will include seeing Indian ruins. Take Dugas Road east off I-17, travel approximately 3.5 miles to staging area. Be in the saddle, ready to ride at 9:30, rated a 3 to 3.5 and will take about 5 hour. Call trail boss Bill Dean at 567-3081 if you’re riding.

July 24th – overnigher at Clover Springs

August 7th – overnigher at Clints Well

August 21st - overnigher near the Arizona Trail at Blue Ridge

There will be more details regarding start times, rating, etc. as they get closer. Bill Dean is planning on doing some camping this summer in his new rig and has offered to lead rides too. You can go up for a day or days; these are **not** going to be catered rides.

The total cost will be \$225.00 for members and non-members. This includes your meals and the cost of our guide, permits, stock water and porta-potties. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVING YOUR SPACE IS September 1, 2004.** Send your ride application and your check, and mail it to VVHC, c/o Diane Lovett, P.O. Box 1341, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. You will receive directions, further information, etc. by September 15th. Any questions call Bill Dean at 928-567-3081, or Homer Harmon at 928-284-1116.

Have something to sell or want to buy something horse related? Ads are free to members. Email Ginny at verdeweeds@commspeed.net or mail your ad to VVHC, 3650 Penny Lane, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. No phone calls please.

Officers

Patricia Costilow, President, 649-1021; Bill Dean, Vice President, 567-3081;
Elaine Eaton-McCants, Secretary, 567-3219; & Diane Lovett, Treasurer, 634-2767

Board Members

Ginny Rench, 634-9354; John Wischmeyer; Jan Endsley, 634-1945;
Dale Duncan, 649-1021 and Cheri Wischmeyer, past president

Proposed change to the bylaws: A motion was made and passed at the April 5th board meeting to propose to the membership a change to the bylaws. The motion reads "no couples will serve on the board of directors at the same time". This has not been addressed in the past, however, at the beginning of this club year we started out with 3 couples, filling 6 positions out of 9 on our board. Earlier in the year Steve Rench resigned and his position was filled by Bill Dean. At our last 2 board meetings we have been 4 members short because they were 2 couples. According to our bylaws, proposed changes must be presented to the membership in writing, which is being done now. Next the proposed change is read at a general membership meeting which will be our annual meeting and election on May 2nd. The final step is to vote on the proposed change at the next general membership meeting. After we adjourn from our annual meeting we will call a second meeting to vote on this item. We have so few membership meetings that this is the best opportunity to handle this in a timely manner. Two years ago when we met at the Casino for our annual meeting we did the same thing, having a second meeting immediately after our annual meeting.

Here's a little humor to end this issue on.

- * Your fences need to be horse high, pig tight, and bull strong.
- * Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
- * Keep skunks, bankers and lawyers at a distance.
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- * Meanness don't jest happen overnight.
- * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- * You cannot un-say a cruel word.
- * Every path has a few puddles.
- * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- * The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.....
- * Don't squat down with your spurs on.
- * Don't judge people by their relatives.
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- * Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back,you'll enjoy it a second time.
- * Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none.
- * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- * It's better to be a has-been than a never-was.
- * The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm. The colder it gets,the harder it is to swallow.
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- * If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.
- * It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- * Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.
- * The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning. * If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin'somebody else's dog around.
- * Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.
- * Only cows know why they stampe.
- * Always drink upstream from the herd.
- * If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.
- * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin'it back in.
- * You can't tell how good a man or a watermelon is 'till they get 'thumped'.
- * Never, ever miss a good opportunity to shut up.

**Ride Application for Monument Valley Ride
Thursday, September 30th - Monday, October 4, 2004**

Deadline is September 1st. No cancellations after September 10th
No stallions or dogs on ride – dogs permitted in camp they must be on a leash.
Ride fees: 10 meals for \$225.00 (Thursday dinner through Sunday's dinner)

Please print or type all information

Last Name	First Name
Partners Last Name	First Name
Address	City, State & Zip
Home Phone	Business Phone

Make your check payable to VVHC send to Diane Lovett at P.O. Box 1341, Cottonwood, Verde, AZ 86326

ALL RIDERS PLEASE SIGN

For good and valuable consideration, I for myself, my heirs and administrators, release the VVHC, its officers, directors and affiliates from any and all liability. For loss damage arising out of illness, injuries, loss of life, damages to property sustained by me with reference to or in any manner connected with the 2004 Monument Valley Ride. I assume the risk of injuries.

Signature	Date
Signature	Date

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VVHC ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2, 2004

There is no charge for members and guests are \$10.00. If you are a member you can call Jan Endsley, at 634-1945, and let her know that you are coming. Please complete the form below if you have a guest to pay for and, mail it to Diane Lovett, P.O. Box 1341, Cottonwood, 86326 by April 26th. Remember to send money for your guests with your form.

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Members are free and guests attending will be \$10.00.

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