



Newsletter for March - April, 2005  
Prepared by Ginny Rench

#### **Officers**

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Vice President Bill Dean, 567-3081;  
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567-3219; & Diane Lovett,  
Treasurer, 634-2767

#### **Board Members**

Fran Whetten, 634-6495; Milt Pate,  
567-6378; Walter Cox, 634-3848;  
Joe Williams, 634-5906; and  
filling in as past president is Jan  
Endsley, 634-1945

**Dues were due in December; we're sending envelopes out to those who haven't paid yet to make it more convenient.**

**Website:** Remember that our website [www.verdehorsemen.org](http://www.verdehorsemen.org) is updated regularly; membership applications can be printed as well as current newsletters and special events. This is also a great place to refer prospective members. Check out our links and if you know of others that would be appropriate please let Diane Lovett know at 634-2767.

Board meeting highlights from February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Update on Animal Event Center: The IGA between the City and County has been signed and the IGA between the City and Fair Association is ready to be reviewed by the Fair Board.

The board voted to revise our Membership Application and Ride forms to include the ARS12-553 so please take a look at the new forms which are included in this issue.

Diane Lovett nominated Thelma Lindsley as an Honorary Member for her years of contribution to the club. The motioned passed unanimously.

We still need more volunteers to lead rides.

The board voted to send another letter of support for the Copper Canyon Trail Head. The club will commit \$1,000.00 towards an educational kiosk. Concerns about adequate trailer parking is also being addressed again with the City.

The next board meeting will be March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**In spite of the rain we've still been able to have a couple of club rides so far this year.**

**The New Year's Day** ride to the San Dominique Winery was enjoyed by 9 members and 4 guests plus we had 4 non-riders join us for lunch. No one remembered a camera so you'll just have to

take our word that it was a great way to kick off the New Year.

**The Wickiup Mesa** ride on January, 15<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by 6 riders and we even have a couple pictures to share.



**Pictures Needed!** If you take pictures on any of our rides and would like to share them with others please email them to Ginny at [verdeweeds@commspeed.net](mailto:verdeweeds@commspeed.net) for the newsletter and/or the club's website.

## UPCOMING RIDES & ACTIVIES



Invite a friend to join us on one of these rides and introduce them to the VVHC in 2005.

**March 20-26<sup>th</sup>** is Caballos del Sol ride.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona** are having a steak fry and trail ride at Wayne & Sheree Pitrat's. This is a fundraiser and you're bound to have a great time and eat well. There's a flier enclosed with more details, if you receive this by email check out their website at [www.bchcaz.org](http://www.bchcaz.org).

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** we'll have our Valentine's Day ride from February at the Grief Hill Staging area on the Cherry Road. Be ready to ride at 9:30 and we'll have a saddle bag potluck lunch . Call Elaine Eaton-McCants at 567-3219 by April 7<sup>th</sup> if you're planning on coming.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** **Groom Creek** Saturday, April 16, 2005, starting at 9am until ? Prescott, AZ out the Senator Highway, 9 miles from Prescott.

**Horsemen!** Please help support our Horse Camp in the Prescott National Forest. Our support is very important to keeping this Horse Camp available to horsemen. This is our opportunity to help the Forest Service prepare the camp for another season. The Forest Service will have had crews in ahead of us cutting the dead and diseased trees, plus some thinning out which will help greatly to prevent wildfire and to help

protect the Horse Camp against wildfire, plus the remaining trees will be healthier. It will take lots of work to clean up the slash and debris.

Last year we had a great hardworking crew of volunteers. Thank you and we need you back! Plus others! Light work and heavy work so please just tell us your preference. Please arrive by 9am so we can assign work.

Bring yourselves and a friend but **No** horses please

Gloves    Water    Lunch    Sun hat    Rakes for raking pine needles and debris  
Pitch forks for loading                      Shovels for cleaning ditches                      Loppers for trimming  
Hand saws for pruning, chain saws if you have them  
Pickups for hauling debris within the camp to dumpsters at the camp

Special equipment we need if you have it. Please call Jim Buchanan to discuss, 928-445-0072

Tractors with loaders and gannons                      Dump truck or dump trailer  
Log splitters                      Weed wackers, gas type                      6' to 8' step ladders

Any questions or information, Jim Buchanan, 928-445-0072 or [jimbuchanan@cableone.net](mailto:jimbuchanan@cableone.net)

**April 23rd** Beth Blay will lead a ride off of Cornville Road. Details aren't available at this time but we all know that Beth always puts on a great ride so call her at 928-634-1234 by the 21<sup>st</sup> if you're coming or interested in knowing more about the ride.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** "General Horsemanship & Cattle Clinic" with Zach Gibbs. See enclosed flier for details.

**For Sale:** 7 year old palomino Missouri Foxtrotter gelding just came home with 60 days of training. Call Ginny Rench at 928-634-9354 if you're looking for a nice trail horse that can cover the ground comfortably.

### **Grandma's Apron**

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven; it was wonderful for drying children tears, and on occasion even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes. NOTE: Grandma used to set her hot baked pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.



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**RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY**  
**General Horsemanship & Cattle Clinic**

All Proceeds Benefit the  
**Arizona Foundation Quarter Horse Club**

**Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005**  
**Camp Verde, Arizona**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**All level of riders welcome**  
Only a limited number of riders, make your reservation early!  
Includes Lunch

**\$100.00**

**Spectators**  
Includes Lunch

**\$25.00**

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