

# R RANCH AT THE LAKE NEWSLETTER



4th Quarter: October, November, and December 2011

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

8	Oktober Fest Dinner	Lodge	6PM
15	Board Meeting	Lodge	Noon
16	Pool Closes for Winter		
22	Pumpkin Carving/Crafts	Lodge Patio	1PM
	R Haunted Forest	Friendship Park	Dark
	R Halloween Dance & Costume Contest	Lodge	7-11PM
29	Pumpkin Carving/Crafts	Lodge Patio	1PM
	R Haunted Forest	Friendship Park	Dark

### NOVEMBER

24 R Thanksgiving Dinner Lodge 2-5PM

### DECEMBER

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS  
31 R New Years Eve Party Lodge 8PM-12:30am



## R BUSINESS HOURS

**OFFICE/SECURITY GATE** 707-252-0140

**BUSINESS OFFICE DAILY** 8am-4pm  
**GATE FRIDAY-SATURDAY** 24 hours  
**SUNDAY-THURSDAY** 6am-10pm

**MAINTENANCE** 707-252-8130

**DAILY** 7:30am-4pm

**LODGE** 707-252-6285

**SUNDAY-FRIDAY** 9am-10pm

**SATURDAY** 9am-11pm

**YOUR COUNTRY STORE** 707-258-2975

\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE W/ RANCH USEAGE

**FRIDAY** 4pm-7:30pm

**SATURDAY** 9am-7pm

**SUNDAY** 9am-5pm

**STABLES** 707-265-6617

**BARN OPENS DAILY AT 8am  
WITH LAST RIDES GOING OUT  
NO LATER THAN 2pm  
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 11:00am-12:00pm**

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

**G**reetings to all Our Ranch Owners, Staff and Guests,

It has been a wonderful Summer Season for all. We appreciate everything everyone has done to make this such a fun, safe and productive season. We have had delicious dinners, enjoyed by 125+ people every time, great bands and activities enjoyed by all....

Please extend your appreciation to the owners who have donated materials and spent countless hours volunteering to improve the Ranch for every owner. The Staff has worked very hard to ensure the Summer Season went well for everyone. The Lodge Staff helped put together so many great activities for the families. We appreciate all those who have volunteered to help countless times to make these events a success.

I look forward to all of us working together to keep the Ranch moving forward. Your Board of Directors will be discussing our goals for 2012 to make it a successful year for Our Ranch.

The next Board Meeting is Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, please try to attend. It is a good way to get information and to voice any concerns you may have.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Fall Season!!!

Joan Scannell  
R Ranch Board of Directors  
President



# SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
OCTOBER 15	LODGE	NOON

# MANAGERS NOTE

**A**nother summer season has past and with it we had some great activities for the family. As usual the staff and volunteers worked very hard to make all of the affordable dinners and activities a success. We still have a few more planned for this year. You can find a list of them in this newsletter. If you have not heard, we have a new volunteer Activities Director. His name is Greg Oliviera #1722. If you have any ideas on activities you would like to see please send Greg an email at [screamingchicken@aol.com](mailto:screamingchicken@aol.com)

The Stables have been a great place for new activities. This season we had poker runs, BBQ's and wagon rides. We have a new handcrafted stage-coach built by Cowboy Jack and volunteers. The holiday entertainment in the arena with the Western Show was the highlight of the Labor Day weekend. We must thank Misty and Cowboy Jack a well as all the other participants for this holiday entertainment. It was a great show.

We continue to work on projects around the Ranch to make it a better place for all. We have finished all of the plans for electrical upgrades in the RV area and have submitted them to PG&E. They came here to discuss the project so they could write it up. The written project is now in the hands of the estimator as this is written. I have been sending emails and making phone calls to PG&E to find out when the estimator is coming here to look over the areas to be worked on to give us a cost for their work. Once we have this and their approval of the upgrades we can go to the county and request a permit to be issued for the required electrical work and additional RV spaces we have identified. I should hopefully have more information for our next board meeting.

We have just finished having a new roof put on the Youth Center and the Main Shop. We are also looking to put new roofs on the Bathhouses and the Pool house. The rain is coming as it did start raining today as I am writing this. I have a complete list of the projects that we have completed as well as those yet to complete. This list is an ongoing one with items added on a regular basis. I will put a copy of it up on the wall in the Lodge fireplace room so everyone can see what items around the Ranch have been worked on and what work we will be doing in the future. As always please let us know of any areas around your Ranch that you find may need work so it can be put on the list.

Do not forget we will be celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving and New Years here at the Ranch.

**Paul Quarneri**  
**Ranch Manager**

# RANCH HAPPENINGS

**F**ourth of July Weekend was filled with fun for everyone. There were lots of activities for all to enjoy including R Annual Carnival on Saturday and Sunday. A BIG THANK YOU to those who made it possible by helping with set up, running booths, and clean up. Thank you to Claudia Salas and Nellie Cutright, who both donated prizes.

We had a great turn out for R Golf Cart Parade,. Thanks to all of you who participated in that little bit of the fun!!

Congratulations to Doug, winner of the Horseshoe tournament, and Oakley Lanet who was R Winner in the Pool Tournament.. R 1st BBQ Challenge was also a great success, with many entries. Congratulations to R Winners 1st Place went to Kenneth Johns, in 2nd Place was Rebecca Sanchez, and 3rd Place was taken by Sharon Stewart.

The 2nd Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held at Lake Hennessy this year, followed by an Awards Lunch in Friendship Park. Thanks to Rob and Beth Edwards for volunteering their time to do this fun event for the kids once again.

Casino Night was held on August 6, and was a huge success. Many people came down to the Lodge to enjoy a night with friends, fun, and prizes. A Big Thanks to R Volunteer card dealers, who made it all possible, and to Nellie Cutright, for her generous donation of a TV Prize. Nellie's generosity and donations towards the Ranch Activities are endless. Thank you ONCE AGAIN, NELLIE!!

Before we knew it Labor Day was here, and many owners and their guests were on the Ranch to join in the fun. The Ranch activities included Movie Nights, a Ice Cream Social, Hot Dogs in the Park, Lawn and Pool games, Horseshoe and Pool Tournament, a pasta dinner, followed by dancing to "The Treatment" in the Lodge, and the "Wild Wild West Show" down at the Arena.

Thanks to those who helped where it was needed!!

R Classic/Hot Rod Car and Motorcycle Show, which was held September 13th, had a great turn out. There we many cars, wagon rides with Jack, a DJ, food, games, raffles, as well as 5 Peoples Choice Awards. A Big Thanks to Misty Pursell who put it all together. It was another fun time with friends on the Ranch.

All in all in was another great Summer filled with fun, family and friends.

A lot of hard work is put into the Ranch Activities. R Staff hopes that you all had a great summer at the Ranch, enjoyed the activities and had as much fun as much as we did.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN 2011.....

### OKTOBER FEST DINNER

Join us in the Lodge on October 8, 2011 at 6:00pm for R Oktober Fest Dinner, which will include a variety of Sausages, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, and rolls. Dinner must be prepaid at the office or by phone 707-252-0140, We hope to see you all there!

### R HALLOWEEN FESTIVITES

On October 22, 2011 we will have R Annual Halloween Festivities. Beginning at 1:00pm on the lodge patio, bring the kids down for crafts and pumpkin carving.



In the evening put on your costumes and come to the lodge for R Halloween Dance and Costume Contest, with DJ Jose from 7:00-11:00pm. Plus, R Haunted Forest in Friendship Park at dark.

Want to help make this the best Haunted Forest yet? Pick a spot in "The Haunted Forest", and do your own scene. Call the Lodge for more information, or to get s spot!! 707-252-6285

Halloween Candy donations are appreciated to help fill the goody bags.

On October 29, we will again have pumpkin carving and crafts for the kids at 1:00pm, and R Haunted Forest in Friendship Park at dark.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join us for R Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 2:00-5:00pm in the Lodge.



The Ranch will provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls. Owners eat free, guests eat for a small fee. You can sign up in the office. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Don't forget to come down to the Lodge on Friday, for a nice hot bowl of homemade turkey soup.

### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

We hope to see you all for R New Years Ever Party, December 31, 2011 with DJ Gary Gomes from 8:00pm-12:30am.



# R VOLUNTEERS

**A**ttention R-Ranch Owners: We have had much interest in forming an "On-Call" Volunteer group for projects at the R-Ranch where owners can offer their skills and expertise. We will post upcoming projects on the web-site and ask for volunteers to help on accomplishing them. Please send an e-mail with the following

1. Skill or expertise to offer or if you would like to donate any supplies
2. Name and owner number
3. Phone number and e-mail address where you can be reached for upcoming events.

To: [Dorothy.Guarjardo@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:Dorothy.Guarjardo@coldwellbanker.com) if you would like to be added to a list of volunteers.

Any and all volunteers will be appreciated and skills are needed, i.e.: roofing, plumbing, electrical, painting, carpentry, computer, tree trimming, and of course feeding the volunteers during work days.

Thank you for your help in keeping "Our-Ranch" beautiful!!

Please feel free to call me with any questions

**Dorothy Guarjardo (Treasurer)**  
**(707)765-6629**



# R STAFF COMINGS & GOINGS

## COMING

We welcome Cory to the Stables, we are happy to have him on our staff. Please be sure to say Hello.

## GOING

The pool attendants Ty, and Hayden, as well as Anthony from the Lodge have gone off to college. We thank them for all their hard work this summer.

# R RANCH BROKERS

**S**ales were respectable this year considering the economy. We're working on some promotion projects, and also looking to do some group promotion during the winter months.

Thanks to all who support us.



Regards-  
**ALYCE CARDINALE & KATHY DOULABI**  
**R RANCH BROKERS**

# CABIN COMMITTEE

**T**he last Cabin Committee meeting was held on April 16, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Lodge. A number of items were discussed at that meeting relating to repairs and improvements of the cabins. Some of these ideas have already been put in place by R Ranch staff, including:

- New mattress covers
- Outdoor lights above dish-washing sinks at the bathhouses
- Two new cordless vacuum cleaners for lodge and cabin use
- New mops in "A" cabins
- New curtains

R Ranch staff continue to work on the repairs noted by the Cabin Committee from our cabin inspection last year. You may have noticed some of these repairs during your stay. Other ideas that are still in the works are:

- Decorative paint for the interior of the cabins
- Wood chips around the exterior of the cabins
- New "woodpecker proof" siding for the cabins
- Improvements to the North House
- Structural repairs to extend the life of the cabins

Anyone wishing to contact the Cabin Committee can e-mail Liz Spiker at [wcspickers@comcast.net](mailto:wcspickers@comcast.net). The Cabin Committee's next meeting will be on October 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lodge.

*Our mission: Protect, Preserve, and Enhance*

*Merry*  
*Christmas*

# YOUR COUNTRY STORE

Hello again!

Another summer has come and gone, the kids are back in school, and where did the time go?

As most of you know I now have an ATM but still have way to many owners who have open accounts, I believe most don't even remember opening them, and some are just ignoring them.

As most of you know I lost my husband in March, most of his income, but not my obligations.

On a happier note, I'm looking forward to Halloween and Thanksgiving. I will be cooking the turkeys, making gravy, and dressing with help from the Lodge staff again this year. Let's make it a good turnout. I remember when we would have 350+ people for dinner in the 90's, now were way less than 200. Why cook? It's free to owners, and only a small fee for your guests. Bring a side dish, and be one big happy family. Hope to see all of you there.

I've started my winter hours. The sign on the door may say closed but if my car is outside come in, I'm waiting for a vendor.

**FRIDAY 4pm-7:30pm (till time changes)**

**SATURDAY 9am-7pm**

**SUNDAY 9am-5pm**

Hours are subject to change with usage.

**NELLIE CUTRIGHT  
YOUR COUNTRY STORE**



# SUPER BURRITO

We are now operating on a winter schedule and will only be open on Saturday and Sunday.

**Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm**

**Sunday 8:30am-5:00pm**

**WE WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON ON  
OCTOBER 30,2011.**

# EMERGENCIES

If you experience any type of emergency while on the ranch, please contact the ROA office as soon as possible. Not only will we try to provide you with assistance, but we will also coordinate calling emergency personnel as well as expediting them to your location.

The ROA can be contacted by phone 707-252-0140, personal 2 way radio on CH 7, or by employee radio (most employee's carry one at all times). If all else fails dispatch someone directly to the office. Remember to always identify yourself and your site or cabin #, or exact location where help is needed.

**First Aid is available at the Lodge Office (west entrance from lodge parking lot).**



Happy Thanksgiving

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**All owners and Associates must have a valid R-Ranch ID card before they come onto the ranch.**

If you do not have a current R-Ranch ID the office will make you one.

**A current medical release is required for ALL persons under 18 years of age when not accompanied by parent or legal guardian.** This release must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. If one is not on file, entrance to the ranch will not be permitted.

Guests will also have to provide their ID. If a guest is driving their vehicle on the ranch they will also have to provide valid vehicle registration.

The management is sorry for any inconvenience but the above must be followed to provide security for the ranch as well as protection from any litigation concerning minors.

**ALL OF THE ABOVE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Management

# FROM THE STABLES

The leaves are starting to change colors and on the ground they will soon be, what a beautiful sight at the ranch to see.

If we are not outside riding you can usually find us in the barn mucking out a horse stall, and before we knew what happened into a new season we Fall.

The stables will be open 7 days a week (weather permitting) and the hours will remain the same. Barn opens at 8:00AM and last ride going out no later than 2:00PM. Closed for lunch 11:00 - 12:00

## **Weekend Guided Trail Rides**

**8:00 Advanced riders only or trail card holders**

**10:00 & 1:00 Open for any level of rider**

## **Weekday Guided Trail Rides**

**10:00 & 1:00 Open for any level of rider**

Beings we are in the off season now and a little light on the staff, during the week please come to the barn or call us in the morning to let us know you would like to ride. We will make sure to accommodate you as quickly as possible.

I am starting a new adoption & sponsorship program down at the stables for our wonderful geriatric horses that have been so good to us & our children for so many years. These horses have earned the right to retire and be spoiled and live out their golden years here on the ranch.

This is our only option to retire them here on the ranch, so I really need your support on this one, please help me with this program. Even if you do not ride please donate what you can towards this program.

**Sponsorship:** A sponsor would donate a set amount of what they could afford each month towards the horse or horses of their choice.

There can be more than one owner/family sponsoring one horse and hopefully there will be a lot of you who respond to this and support our senior horses.

Sponsors will sign a form pledging so much a month towards the horse of their choice. The sponsor can cancel their sponsorship, but must give us a 30 day notice regarding this, so that we may find someone else to fill in that spot if needed.

A thank you sign will get hung on the barn wall with the horses name and their sponsor's names.

A sponsored horse would still belong to the ranch. This would allow the horse to live out its final days here on the ranch, and still be used very lightly for the little kids.

We need to come up with a minimum of \$200.00 per sponsored horse per month. This amount would cover cost of feed, shoes/trim every eight weeks, and some money being put away for special senior feed if required and vet/medical treatment or emergencies if needed.

**Adoption {free}:** An adopted horse is transferred into your name. You pay \$120.00 a month horse board, plus all vet & shoe care is paid for by the owner/adopter, the horse could stay where it is at now and live out its golden years, but the owner resumes all financial responsibility. This option would give the owner legal ownership of the animal..

The following amazing four horses listed is what I have available for adoption or sponsorship at this current time;

**Mugs** is approx. 30+ years old and has taught a lot of people how to ride. He may be used in the arena for little kids and occasionally for very short trail rides by very petite adults or small kids. No health issues, he is just like a grandpa and needs that extra TLC. He loves candy, shock tarts are his favorite & he loves to rub his head on your shoulder. Mugs has been here since 1991.

**Daisy {mule}** is approx 32-34 years old and ok to use for small children only in the arena on a lead line, she is good for about one lap only. No health issues, just a sweet old senior who loves to see her kids and loves carrots. When she hears us feeding you can usually hear her talking and begging with a friendly bray. No, not a neigh she is not a horse, but please do not tell her this, for she does not know that she has big ears and sounds different from the rest, but she does know that the kids think she is the best.

**Betsy** is a beautiful & sweet 24 years old paint mare, and is ok for very light riding by small children in the arena. Betsy came from across the street many years ago. She has had many beautiful babies for her previous owner.

She loves her salt blocks and really loves having her mane braided.

**Sparkie** is approx 26-30 years old, he is an awesome looking quarter horse gelding with a flaxen mane & tail {looks like it has been bleached}. He is a wonderful horse for the arena on a lead line for little kids, and when the lead line comes off he becomes an advanced riding horse for a petite riders only for an occasional short trail ride. He only goes out on the trail 1 - 2 times a month. I do give him bute {horse pain/anti-inflammatory medicine} when he goes on the trail to help with soreness. He is very sweet and loves treats.

Thank you, to all of the owners that help down at the barn and for the barn supply donations and the horses say thank you for all the carrots & apples.

I have some surprises for my trail riders. We are going to be busy getting things ready for Winter, repairs, painting, cleaning, decorating? What? What are we decorating you ask? You will see next Spring/Summer!!

Make sure to come see us around Halloween, we will be dressing up a few of our horses. Keep a look out, I heard a rumor that the headless horseman might be in town.

**See you all soon,**

**Misty Pursell**

**Stables Supervisor**

## **2011 VACCINATION DAYS**

**STABLES WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS**

**October 20, 2011 – 3-Way, Flu/Rhino, Rabies\***

**& De Worming**

**\*Rabies is now a yearly vaccine**

# DONATIONS VOLUNTEERS

**D**onations and volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. Thank You!

## MOVIES, BOOKS, & MAGAZINES

#802 SIMMONS                      EMPLOYEE JACK  
#330 -HUDDLESTON  
#849-GETNIER

## TOYS, GAMES, & MISC ITEMS

#1120 NELLIE CUTRIGHT—Macaroni & Potato salads for all the Ranch dinners. Sauce for Pasta Dinner. TV with Built in DVD player for Casino Night Prize.  
#354 SILVA— Kids playhouse  
#330-HUDDLESTON-MISC ITEMS  
#1341-COOK— Kids pool floaties  
#1500-WOODALL-Easter crafts, and misc craft supplies  
#1503-PETERSON-Paint  
#174 SALAS-Craft supplies, TV/VCR Combo, Misc. carnival prizes  
#168 RUEDA— Paper towels



## DONATIONS NEEDED

MATERIAL FOR CABIN CURTAINS  
DVD'S  
SECTIONAL COUCH FOR TEEN CENTER  
COLLAGE PICTURE FRAMES FOR THE LODGE  
HALLOWEEN CANDY

## VOLUNTEERS & HELPING HANDS

A big thanks to #1275- **Rob and Beth Edwards** for organizing and running R Kids fishing derby again this year.

Many Thanks to #114 **RITA NICOLAS**, for calling Bingo on many occasions.

Thanks to those who have helped with preparing and serving the dinners in the lodge: **Ed & Joann Hyndman, Italian Mike, Kathy Woodall, Dan Wynn, Carl Dineen, Mark Godfrey, Wayne & Kathy Palmerton, Michael & Laura Cassdia, #741 Robinson, #1672 Lisa Brandi, #1175—Betty Bortin, Alyce Cardinale, Chris Lacombe, Pam Stadnyk.**

**A Big Thanks to #1341 Jessie Cook— who worked hard helping on “Pool Cleaning Day”**

As always many thanks to **Wayne Palmerton**, for the endless hours of volunteer work he does on the Ranch.



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

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