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The season starts here: Gear up, sign up, and let's tee it high!

Submitted by
Yeager Jarrett
Assistant Golf Pro

Welcome back to the club and to the start of another exciting year on the course! The Golf Shop team is proud to welcome all members to a new season filled with great tournaments, competitive play, and memorable days with friends and fellow golfers. If you are looking to get more involved this year, now is the perfect time to join the Men's Club or Women's Club — both offer outstanding events, structured play, and a strong sense of community. The Men's Club will host its next tournament on March 14, a 2-Man Better Ball competition, followed by lunch



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after play. It is a great way to kick off the tournament season and we encourage everyone to grab a partner and sign up early.

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29571 Jamaica Dunes - Located on the Golf Course, this spacious home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a 3 car garage, RV parking, covered patio, garden area and additional storage shed. Minutes from the lakes and country club, over 2000 square feet, with updated kitchen, priced to sell at **\$550,000** - make your appointment to see today!



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Beautifully Updated!

Approx 1150sf 2B/2B condo with incredible views, frequented by local Elk & Wildlife! Split wing layout, remodeled kitchen with custom cabinetry granite. **Newer HVAC, updated doors, windows & lighting.** Stylish electric Fireplace. Furnishings optional. Friendly price point at **\$255,000!**



High Exposure! Rare 75-acre opportunity on State Hwy 14. Approx. **1500ft of road frontage both sides** of Hwy for unbeatable visibility. Ag-zoned with well on site & endless potential to build or invest. Near Jawbone Canyon designated OHV Area. Outstanding at **\$125,000!**



Too Good to Be True! 2,146sf 5B/3B on 1.13

acres horse property framed by beautiful oaks. Open floorplan, ranch-style kitchen w/ butcher block, bonus room w/ private entry. Horse facilities, turnout pastures, solar, natural gas & covered RV/trailer parking. Walk to bus stop, central to community equestrian center, & Oak Tree Country Club. **Priced to move at \$515,000.**



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to Mimi at katatonyk@gmail.com. Horizontal or

lower-resolution images may be used inside Bear Tracks.



**Your
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Comfort, community, and the flavors of the season

Submitted by
Josh Cardwell
Food and Beverage Director

March arrives in Bear Valley Springs with crisp mornings, warmer afternoons, and the promise of spring just around the corner. It's a time to slow down, gather with neighbors, and enjoy the comforts that make our community feel like home. At the Oak Tree Country Club, the Oak Branch Saloon, and the Mulligan Room, we're

honored to be a place where memories are made through great food, warm conversation, and shared traditions.

March Dinner Specials at the Oak Tree Country Club

Wednesdays: Double bone-in prime pork chop with sugar-cured carrots, crispy fingerling potatoes, and apple mostarda

Thursdays: Half brick chicken served with farrotto, grilled asparagus, and citrus chicken demi

Fridays: Pan-seared striped bass with spring vegetable succotash and an olive tapenade

Saturdays: Baseball-cut top sirloin with potato au gratin, grilled broccolini, and red wine demi-sauce

Sundays: Classic prime rib — slow-roasted 10-oz or 12-oz cut of prime rib, served with creamed horseradish, au jus, and two sides of your choice

Vegetarian Special (All Month):

Vegetarian "butter chicken" with basmati rice and a cilantro salad

Mulligan Room Highlights

Enjoy beloved classics such as Prime Rib Thursdays and Fish & Chips Fridays, alongside new additions including Chile Colorado and Tempura Shrimp with sweet chili sauce. Join us for St. Patrick's Day on March 17, as we feature corned beef and cabbage in celebration.

Celebrate Your Special Moments

Our banquet venues are perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and corporate events. Customized menus, exceptional service, and breathtaking valley views await.

Event inquiries: 661-821-5521.

To our Bear Valley Springs families and neighbors, thank you for your continued support and for making the Oak Tree Country Club, the Oak Branch Saloon, and the Mulligan Room such a special place. Every visit, shared meal, and familiar face helps create the warmth and community we are so very proud of.

We wish you a month filled with comfort, connection, and joy. We are grateful to be part of your gatherings and celebrations and look forward to welcoming you back again soon.





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Equestrian courtesy and safety on BVS trails

There are numerous trail etiquette rules that when followed, help ensure a safe, enjoyable time for riders and residents. These rules apply to groups, as well as individuals. Bear Valley Springs Horsemen's Association shares and suggests the following trail riding guidelines:

- Have your horses/equines and gear in good shape.
- Teach your horse to walk at a ground covering pace. A horse that jogs, jigs, or canters to keep up can get the other horses fired up. Don't hang back on purpose then rush to catch up. Every other horse in the group will want to "go" also.
- Leave room between horses, 1-2 horse lengths is acceptable. Do not ride up on a horse's rump. You should be able to see the hind feet of the horse in front of you.
- Control your horse up and down hill. Safety for you, your

horse and other riders makes this the best choice.

- When passing, let those in front know, so you don't startle them or their horse. When approaching riders, slow down to a walk and pass carefully.
- Horses coming up hill have the right of way when riders are approaching from opposite directions, riders going downhill should step to the downhill side if there is room, and let the ascending riders pass.
- Never overtake the Ride Leader when riding in a group unless given permission by the Ride Leader.
- Stay on equestrian approved trails. Riding onto people's property will not keep you in good graces with neighbors. Always be polite to hikers, neighbors and others you encounter on the trails.
- Step over water bars (railroad ties) rather than going around, which defeats their

purpose.

- Do not lope or gallop in areas that are narrow or where you can't see ahead, such as Oak Canyon. You could cause a bad wreck.
- Be aware you may encounter barking dogs, llamas, blowing objects, tarps, tractors, children, etc. Be ready to deal with them. You are responsible for your own safety on the trails.
- Smoking is not allowed on the trails.
- If ponying on an official

Horsemen's Trail Ride, be considerate and ride at the back of the group.

- If your equine partner kicks, please place a red ribbon on their tail.
- All club rides will leave promptly on time; be ready and in the saddle to ride out at the time scheduled.
- Remember, we are ambassadors for the Equestrian Community. Ride to have fun and stay safe.



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HOME SWEET DATA

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This week the median list price for Tehachapi, CA 93561 is \$499,000 with the market action index hovering around 32. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 31. Inventory has decreased to 150.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

This answers "How's the Market?" by comparing rate of sales versus inventory.



Slight Seller's Advantage

MARKET NARRATIVE

Home sales continue to outstrip supply and the Market Action Index has been moving higher for several weeks. This is a Seller's market so watch for upward pricing pressure in the near future if the trend continues.

REAL-TIME MARKET PROFILE

Median List Price	\$499,000
Median Price of New Listings	\$469,900
Per Square Foot	\$250
Average Days on Market	183
Median Days on Market	140
Price Decreased	25%
Price Increased	1%
Relisted	18%
Inventory	150
Median Rent	\$2,395
Market Action	32

Slight Seller's Advantage

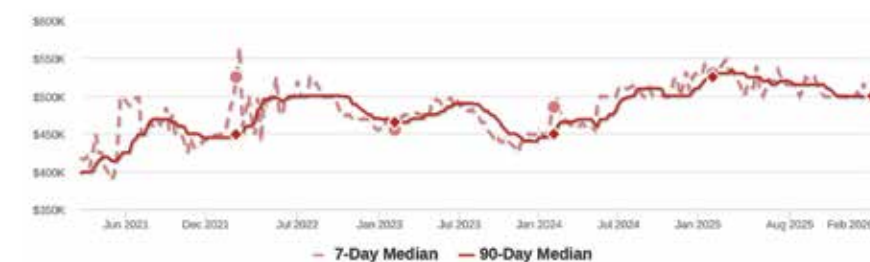
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Single-Family Homes



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MEDIAN LIST PRICE



MARKET SEGMENTS

Each segment below represents approximately 25% of the market ordered by price.

Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Bath	Age	New	Absorbed	DOM
\$758,945	2,923	2.5 - 5 acres	4	2.5	32	1	2	182
\$549,900	2,117	1 - 2.5 acres	3	2	20	1	4	140
\$452,495	1,790	0.5 - 1 acre	3	2	36	2	4	108
\$355,000	1,374	0.5 - 1 acre	3	2	41	1	2	112

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Mechanical cow sled: How the Greenhorns utilize this tool

Winter presents limitations for riders who want to keep their skills sharp and their horses conditioned. Keeping live cattle through the colder months simply isn't practical here in BVS. Rather than letting weekly practice stall out, the Greenhorns utilize the mechanical cow sled as dry work training tool that supports year-round development, especially during the months when dry work is the only option for members who enjoy competing and working cattle during the warmer months.

The sled has never been intended to replace live cattle. Instead, it serves a very specific and valuable role: keeping horses legged up, mentally prepared, and responsive so that when spring arrives, both horse and rider are ready to transi-



Tim Vierra demoing mechanical cow sled at BVS Day Of The Horse.

tion back to cattle work without starting over.

Throughout all instruction with the sled, one principle re-

mains: The horse comes first.

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We encourage all residents to subscribe and stay connected with what's happening in Bear Valley.



Public Hearing Scheduled on Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Rate Changes

The CSD recently published the rate studies for water, sewer, and solid waste. While the rates may be higher than they are right now, the changes are critical for the district to fund operations and infrastructure improvements to keep the system viable.

Prop 218 mandated notices of the Public Hearing that will take place on March 26, 2026, at 6 p.m. have been mailed to all residents. As a reminder, only those who currently have sewer service will be affected by the new sewer rates.

Property owners will have the opportunity to submit a protest, if desired, on each service type (sewer, water, solid waste), and only one vote per parcel will be counted.

For more information on the rate changes, visit bvcsd.org.

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- 24060 Jacaranda Drive – \$49,950 (Sold... represented both Buyers and Sellers and sold for full asking price)
- 22280 Chukar Court - sold for \$490K (multiple offers)
- 26100 Deertrail Drive - sold for \$290k (2-week escrow)
- 28900 Bear Valley Rd - sold for \$900k



3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH, 2517 SQUARE FEET ON 1.81 ACRES. This truly special home offers one of the most spectacular panoramic views in BVS! There's a MASSIVE detached RV garage, generac generator, granite countertops, putting green. Too many perks to list! This home is a MUST SEE and will not last! **\$649,000**



BEAUTIFUL 1.81 ACRE PRIME LOCATION cul de sac homesite with natural gas available. Walking distance to Cub Lake and just a few minutes to BVS' best amenities... lakes, restaurants, tennis, pool, trails and golf course. This lot has gorgeous mature oak trees and located in a lovely and serene BVS neighborhood. **\$58,900**



1.71 ACRE PICTURESQUE LOT adorned with mature oak trees. Building pad is in and lot has incredible views of 4- Island Lake! Quiet serene location but only minutes to BVS' best amenities! Seller will finance with acceptable offer. **\$59,950**



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Cultural Arts new event series offered

This year, our club is planning a series of new events in conjunction with a learning platform called MasterClass.

MasterClass was established in 2015, an online learning platform offering courses taught by world-renowned subject experts, celebrities, and industry leaders. It focuses on inspiring learners with deep insights, featuring short, digestible video lessons. It is widely considered a great tool for personal enrichment,

inspiration, and learning “soft skills”.

Our upcoming session will focus on Culinary Arts, which will be held at the Equestrian Center, on March 21, starting at 3 p.m.

A MasterClass video will introduce the art and science of artisan bread baking, guided by CEO Apollonia Poilâne of Parisian bakery, Poilâne. She teaches their philosophy and time-tested techniques for baking rustic French breads.

Following her video, our esteemed Leslie Herron will serve as our guest speaker and hands-on scientist, demonstrating the intricate steps of artisan bread making. She will share her secrets and demonstrate methods of a more user-friendly, simplified process of artisan bread making.

Leslie started baking 14+ years ago. She attended the San Francisco Baking Institute, which was founded in 1996 by Frenchman Michael Suas. The institute’s mission is to “elevate the craft and appreciation of artisan baking...”

The “gnarly,” 4-month-long intensive course started at 7 a.m. and finished at 7 p.m. During this course, besides artisan breads, they also made Danish, classic brioche, croissants, Viennoiserie a.k.a. breakfast pastries in Austrian style.

Leslie’s passion is to bake bread for sharing. Her love for horses was one of the compelling reasons to move to BVS. At an early age, she began riding and later in life used to breed race horses.

Leslie’s story, “Bread and Thunder,” was published in the October 2024 issue of Tehachapi Living magazine.

Mission Statement: Bear Valley Spring Cultural Arts Association (BVSCAA) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID # 77-0005094). We are dedicated to enriching the cultural life of Bear Valley Springs and the greater Tehachapi area. Supporting and promoting public awareness, interest, and knowledge of the visual, culinary, performance arts, and other creative endeavors.

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- Family-friendly, non-competitive atmosphere
- Bring your own gear or rent a fishing rod
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- Perfect setting for a lakeside picnic

Registration Details:

- \$10 per person
 - Limited to just 120 people
- All participants will receive a wristband at check-in. Wristbands are required for fishing and prize eligibility to ensure access control, safety, and participation compliance**

Date:

May 30th, 2026

Time:

8 AM - 12 PM

Location:

Cub Lake

Registration Open

April 6th - May 25th



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Smart Telescopes

Submitted by
**Bear Valley Springs
Astronomy Club**

You might have noticed that we now have what are called “smart telescopes.” Now wildly popular in the amateur astronomy community, there are at least four just in the Astronomy Club here in BVS! A smart telescope is a compact, all-in-one, app-controlled telescope that aligns itself, automatically finds targets, and displays a steadily

improving image of the Sun, Moon or faint deep-sky objects on your phone or tablet, even from light-polluted skies.

How It Works:

- **Set-Up:** Plop it on a firm surface, turn on, use the app to level and calibrate.
- **Choose Object:** From the app’s suggestions or built-in planetarium program.
- **Start Exposures:** The camera takes rapid frames to minimize star trailing and sky glow. Built-in filters can be inserted



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So what's on the market? Only covering the smart telescopes under \$700:

- **ZWO SeeStars:** The most popular brand, and the one we have, comes in 30mm and 50mm apertures. Retail for \$399 and \$549.

- **Dwarf Labs:** The 3 is a 35mm, and the new Mini is a 30mm scope. Retail for \$549 and \$399.

- **Spectrum Optical:** New company. Both SkyPilot and EduSnap use 53mm optics. Retail for \$599 and \$299.

Why the difference in price?

The Dwarf Labs and ZWOs have higher-quality optics, and they all use slightly different sensors. The Spectrum Opticals do not have built-in filters. Note also that the tripod is



SO Sky Pilot



SO EduSnap

NOT included with the Dwarf Labs' telescopes.

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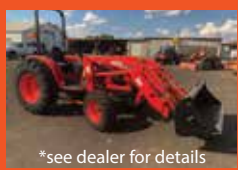
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- **BV AQUATICS CLUB** - is a group organized to advance the principles of aquatic health and fitness for BVSA as specified by the club by-laws. The club promotes responsible off-season use for recreation and fitness designated for lap swimmers and water aerobics. Contact the club via email bvaquatics2023@gmail.com.
- **BEAR VALLEY FIBER ARTS** - Meets every Friday at the Equestrian Center Lounge from 10am-Noon. We make items out of any kind of fiber. For more info. Contact Richard Merrick at 310-384-3001.
- **BVS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Contact: Ray Michalski, Commander, 661-902-1506 or Jed Hannan, Membership, 818-414-2430, jerseyjed@aol.com.
- **BVS VINTAGE DANCE AND TEA GROUP** - Historical English Country Dancing. All welcome! Join Facebook page or Group Me app, BVS Vintage Dance and Tea Society or call Martha (818) 442-7888.
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the OTC reception room. Email: BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact President Jane Custer hanlj6@aol.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Potluck Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Equestrian Center Clubhouse. We promote safe driving and riding, good horsemanship, drive-and-ride with friends and give back to our community in a variety of ways. Join our FB page BVS Carriage Club and come to a meeting. Contact Melissa Auman 909-260-7555.
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Robin Goodwin (831) 212-5643.
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. For more information, email info@bvscac.org.
- **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://bvscac.org/>. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.
- **FOUR SEASONS 4-H** - 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm Contact: Sarah Mountjoy, sarah.mtjoy05@gmail.com.
- **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 Tammy Reich - bvsgardenclub@gmail.com.
- **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-hand-

ding 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 Kris Pimentel @ 805-441-6814 (text please) or bvshorsemensassociation@gmail.com.

• **OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB** - Enjoy the benefits of playing Bridge in a relaxed environment. Contact Bob Nixon at 661 972-5889 or Tom Papac at 661 972-6821.

• **OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF** - For Information Call President, Tony Velarde at (818) 974-1009 The Oak Tree Men's Golf Club holds their meetings on the Thursday before a tournament or the second Thursday of the month, if no tournament that month, at 7:30 am in the Mulligan Room

• **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: joyw2121@icloud.com.

• **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Sherry at 661-428-4102.

• **PONY CLUB** - The Bear Valley Springs Pony Club works with young riders, both English and Western, to develop their horsemanship and horse management skills. Contact Jena D'Cruz (661) 817-2173 or Jennifer Bankston (661) 204-1274.

• **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 Mark Poindexter at 805-320-9444.

• **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. R New dancers from 7:00 PM to 7:30, and intermediate dancers from 7:30 to 8:30 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.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held at Bear Valley Community Church, Rm. B, Monday, 5:30pm (Literature) - Tuesday, 5:30pm (Men's Stag), Tuesday 4:00 PM, (Women's group), Thursday, 5:30pm (Participation). For More Information, please call: 661-202-8553.

• **BVS LAKE QUALITY GROUP** - Provides information on the quality of the Lakes in Bear Valley Springs. Please contact us at bvlqac@gmail.com

• **CERT** - Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw, 661-333-4156.

• **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

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• **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 Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398

• **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** - We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact: bvsgrizzlies@gmail.com.

• **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)** - Contact Greg Hahn, 714-504-4328 or Sgt. Jay Rivera, 661-821-3239.



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 - Non-Resident- 6U- \$135 7U- \$195
- Baseball T- Ball 4-6 years/Rookie League 7-9 years
 - Registration opens March 2nd for Residents - \$85
 - Non-Residents - March 16th \$110
 - Late Fees April 27th - May 10th add \$15

EVENTS

- Vets Bingo - Saturday, March 7th

Doors open at 12:30 pm & Games start at 1pm

- Easter Week Events

March 30th - April 4th See separate flyers for information

TEHACHAPI MINIMUM DAYS

- March 11th - Dodgeball
- March 25th - Craft



WHITING CENTER EASTER EVENTS



MON. 3/30- FAMILY SKATE 1-3 PM

TUES. 3/31- CRAFT SPOON BUNNIES 1-3 PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WED. 4/1- EASTER FAMILY BINGO 6-8 PM

- DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
 - GAMES START AT 6 PM
 - SEE FLYER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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THURS. 4/2- FAMILY DODGEBALL 1-3 PM

FRI. 4/3- EGG DYEING 1-3 PM

SAT. 4/4- CANDY HUNT 10 AM BEAUBIEN FIELD

- SEE FLYER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT
WILL BE MOVED INDOOR AT THE WHITING CENTER



Bear Valley Road Project update

The Bear Valley Road Rehabilitation Project is continuing to move forward with recent progress focused on design work.

The Bear Valley Community Services District (CSD) has met with engineers from Provost & Pritchard to review the project's 30% design. During the meeting, the District shared input on roadway layout and the planned replacement of water lines. The engineering team will now refine those details and move the project into the 60% design phase, which will be brought back to the CSD for review.

Residents shouldn't expect many visible updates in the next few weeks, as the design phase is highly detailed and tends to move slowly.

In December 2025, the CSD Board of Directors authorized an agreement with Provost and Pritchard to begin design



work after an engineering study identified several deteriorating sections of Bear Valley Road. Planned improvements include full reconstruction of the road from the gate to Oakflat Drive

and from Bay Court to Martin-gale Way, along with replacement of water main and service lines.

The project is intended to address failures from a 2017

roadway rehabilitation and provide a longer-lasting solution. Construction is still expected to begin in Spring 2026, pending completion of the design work.



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Half Brick Chicken 25
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Crispy Striped Bass Filet 28
Served with spring vegetable succotash & an
olive tapenade.

SATURDAYS

Baseball-Cut Top Sirloin 31
Served with potato au gratin, grilled broccolini,
& a red wine demi sauce.

SUNDAYS

Prime Rib 34/37
Slow Roasted 10 or 12-ounce prime rib served
with horseradish, au jus, and 2 sides of your
choice.

VEGETARIAN

Butternut Squash Lasagna 25
Bechamel, spinach, Ricotta, Parmesan, pine
nuts, & pesto.

+ DAILY SPECIALS!

Carriage Driving Society member spotlight

This month's spotlight is on our BVS Carriage Driving Society President, Melissa Auman. Melissa got her first horse in 1988, moved to BVS in 2007. She loves trail riding with her pals and driving her ponies at our amazing Carriage Hill.

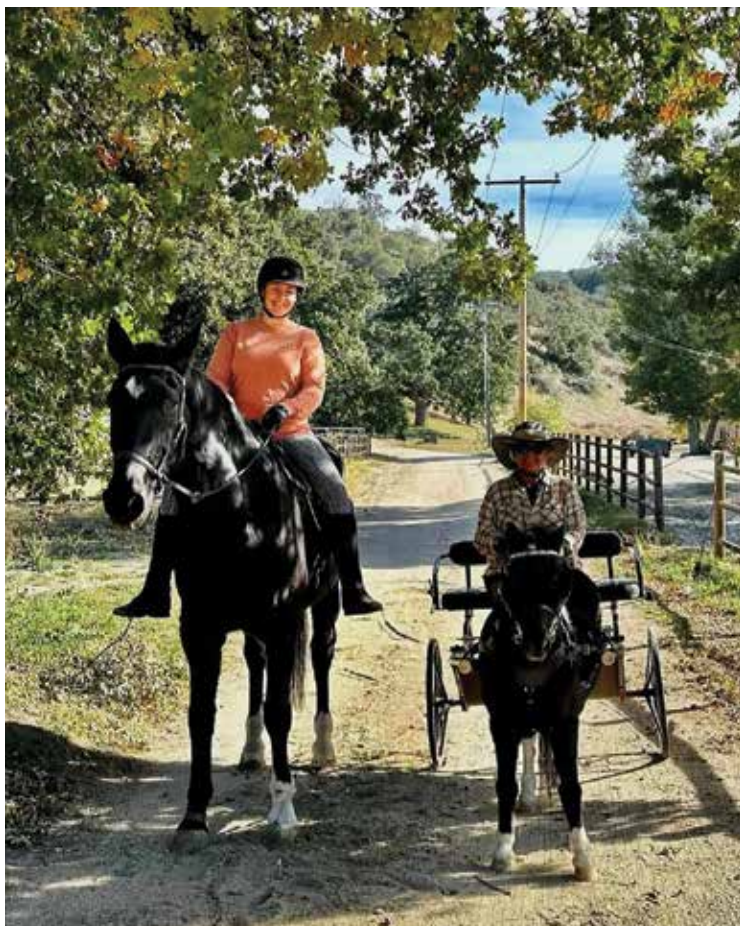
Melissa started the Los Angeles Mounted Assistance Units with the Marshall Canyon unit and was a Captain/Trainer with them for five years, specializing in horsemanship and obstacles. She was trainer and District Commissioner for City Lights US Pony Club and then became Vice Regional Supervisor for Camino Real Region to support her daughter through national championships in Kentucky.

When she moved to BVS, she began a 17-year career as a barefoot trimmer, helping hundreds of horses through every ailment imaginable. She retired from trimming professionally in 2023. During that time, she founded the slow feed



movement in the USA with Freedom Feeder, which has become an international company. She was on EAC for five years and is currently a member of Horsemen's Association, but her heart belongs to the Carriage Club. She has been a member of the club since 2009, VP for seven years and is now President. Our club benefits greatly from her dedication and energy.

Carriage club potluck meetings are at 6 p.m., the 4th Wednesday of the month, at the Equestrian Center lounge. All are welcome. 🐾





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- **FIRST HUNT: AGES 0-2**

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- **BY AGE GROUP**
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Easter Family Bingo



Whiting Center



April 1st, 2026



Doors open at 5 pm | Games start at 6 pm

Cost: \$5 per person (8 & under are free)

Food: \$5 meal (includes a slice of pizza & a cookie)

Additional: (with meal purchase)

\$2 for an extra slice of Pizza \$1 cookies
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Drinks Available will be:

Water, Lemonade & Hot Chocolate



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2026



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RESIDENT SIGN-UPS:

March 2nd - May 10th

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March 16th - May 10th

LATE FEE (+\$15)

April 27th - May 10th



LEAGUE DATES:

June 14th - August 16th

NO GAMES-July 4th & 5th

REQUIRED GEAR:

Glove, cleats or sports shoes,
Baseball pants (Short/Long, or
sweats), Water bottle, and/or
sports drink.



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The sled allows the coordinators to observe both horse and rider closely, without the added variable of managing a live cow. This makes it easier to identify issues in rider position or timing and correct them before they negatively affect the horse. The focus is on adjusting the rider's technique rather than pushing the horse harder. This horse-centric approach not only protects the horse but also creates a better rider.

One of the most important distinctions about the sled is what it DOES and DOES NOT teach.

What the sled does not teach:

It will not teach a rider how to read a cow. That skill can only be developed through time spent on live cattle.

What the sled does exceptionally well;

The sled builds timing, communication and trust between horse and rider. Because the sled's speed and movement are fully controlled, riders can learn at a pace that suits their skill level. This controlled environment allows for repetition, adjustment and confidence building that simply isn't possible with a live animal. Horses learn to stay engaged without being overwhelmed and riders gain confidence knowing they can communicate clearly with their horse. Riders who transition from the sled to live cattle often find that both they and their horse already understand the job, making the leap far smoother and safer.

The mechanical cow is remarkably versatile. It can be used in a branding-pen style setting, pasture roping scenarios, or to simulate runs down the arena for team roping or break-away.

Riders interested in working cowhorse can chase and track/rate the sled, while those curious about breakaway roping can safely learn rope handling and timing without the added pressure of live cattle. This flexibility makes the sled accessible to a wide range of riders, youth and

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Tim Vierra on the Heel Side riding Docs Dial A Playboy at the Sundance Arena Bakersfield.

adults alike, and useful across multiple disciplines within the club. A key feature in the sled used by the Greenhorns is its moving rear legs, which simulates the action of a live cow running down the arena.

Roping instruction within the club follows a clear and consistent philosophy: everything starts on the ground. Before anyone ropes from horseback, they must demonstrate that they can properly handle a rope on the ground. This ensures safety, builds confidence and prevents bad habits from forming early. Equally important is the emphasis on horsemanship. This is viewed as a prerequisite for effective roping as well as being the cornerstone philosophy of the Greenhorns and what this club was built on. This philosophy is reflected clearly in the instruction itself through Greenhorns coordinator Tim Vierra.

Tim brings decades of experience and a deeply thoughtful approach to roping and instruction within the Greenhorns. With 25 years of competitive roping experience, including participation in USTRC and ACTRA as well as qualifying for WSTRC Finals, Tim's background is extensive. What sets him apart, however, is not just experience; it's perspective.

As a left-handed rider who

learned to rope right-handed, Tim understands the challenges beginners face at a fundamental level. He has a unique insight into how people learn and where they struggle. His attention to detail allows him to fine tune instruction, slow things down when needed, and offer other highly specific feedback that helps riders improve each run. His teaching philosophy centers on meeting people where they are, bringing each rider along at their own pace rather than forcing progress. He is unwavering

about safety and horse welfare. By identifying rider faults early and emphasizing correct technique, he ensures that learning remains both effective and humane. Helping riders build confidence, develop trust with their horses and progress safely is deeply rewarding for him and at the heart of why he offers these sled training sessions. The Greenhorns consider him to be a huge asset not only for the sled, but also for all of the other areas he participates in to help out the club and its membership. 🐾

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Submitted by

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**Lake Quality Advisory
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Every five years, the Bear Valley Springs Association conducts a Lake Use and Management Survey to gather community feedback on how our treasured water resources are used, valued, and maintained. The upcoming 2026 Lake Use and Management Survey focuses on Four Island Lake, Cub Lake, and Jack's Hole, three iconic spaces that support recreation, wildlife, and the peaceful beauty that defines life in Bear Valley Springs.

This survey invites members to share their insights on the

health, condition, and overall management of these lakes and their surrounding amenities. We want to hear how you use these areas whether for fishing, kayaking, walking, birdwatching, photography, or simply enjoying nature and how you would like to see them cared for in the years ahead.

Your feedback directly informs future management and maintenance decisions, guiding projects related to water quality, shoreline stabilization, habitat enhancement, fisheries management, access improvements, and long-term sustainability. The input gathered shapes BVSA's planning efforts and helps ensure that these lake environments continue to reflect the priorities and values of

our community.

Survey Period:

March 1 through March 31, 2026

Where to Participate:

Members will receive the survey link through official Bear Valley email communications, and a QR code will also be posted on the BVSA website for easy access. You can also take the survey by simply scanning the QR code included with this article. For those who prefer a hard-copy format, printed surveys will be available upon request at the Whiting Center.

Your participation is essential. Whether you use the lakes every week or simply appreciate the role they play in our



community's character and ecology, your perspective helps guide how these cherished resources will be managed, protected, and enjoyed for years to come.

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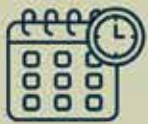
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As we navigate winter mornings and early-season conditions, please remember that

frost delays and course protection rules will be observed whenever necessary to preserve playing surfaces. During harsh weather or wet conditions, golf cart access may be limited, so we ask all members to call the Golf Shop ahead of their round to confirm cart availability and course status. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you in the shop and on the first tee for another great year of golf.

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3/31- 9 am-5 pm

4/1- 9 am-2 pm.

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Dates:

24th - 26th

April Session 2:

4/24- 3:30 pm-8:30 pm.

4/25- 9 am-5 pm

4/26- 9 am-5 pm

*All online materials must be completed by the first day of the in-person training.

Dates:

1st - 3rd

May Session 3:

5/1- 3:30 pm-8:30 pm.

5/2- 9 am-5 pm

5/3- 9 am-5 pm.

*All online materials must be completed by the first day of the in-person training.

Additional Information:

- All participants must be 15 years or older by the start of the first day of the course.
- All participants must have a lifeguarding pack complete with a CPR mask and whistle. They are available for purchase \$25 add on fee while signing up

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