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72ND ANNUAL RIDE, APRIL 16-20, 2018

Saludos Caballeros, Amigos, y Nuevos:

Welcome to the 72nd consecutive Annual Ride for the Desert Caballeros. We're working towards again making this the great ride you have come to expect. After our fantastic rides the past few years, the Trails Committee is continuing trying to find either new trails or new "old" trails to give everyone another great experience. Plan now to join us by getting your applications returned as early as possible; hopefully by mid January! There are many factors to consider, and we will keep you posted on the final trails and camps.

Several years ago, the Board of Directors voted to limit the size of the ride to make it more enjoyable. That has been successful, and we are again expecting close to a full roster. So be sure you send your applications in without delay. No applications will be accepted unless completely filled out and signed in the appropriate places, **including the 2 page waiver in the packet**, and accompanied by your payment.

Remember, Caballero sponsors are responsible that their Nuevos are familiar with the contents of this brochure. Please pay attention to the deadlines. ALL Nuevo applications MUST bear the signature of the Sponsor and the Nuevo. Additional copies of this brochure, or additional information on the ride, may be obtained on the Desert Caballeros website at: WWW.DesertCaballerosRide.com. Or you may contact Jim McArthur at the above address, by calling him at 928-684-3618, or email to DCTallyhand@gmail.com.

Again this year an important opportunity is being offered for 1st Year Nuevos (Greenstripers). The Ride Fee for your First Year Nuevo will be \$1225, a discount of \$200, to help defer his costs in getting outfitted for his first ride.

Please be sure your email address is on your application. We expect to do most of the communication from now to the ride by email, and don't want you to miss anything.

So gather all of your Nuevos and get them headed "Out Wickenburg Way" for the 72nd Annual Ride of the Desert Caballeros. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in April, 2018.

El Presidente Rick Nulman

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 72nd ANNUAL RIDE

PICTURES IN THE ROSTER BOOK: It is unnecessary for any Caballero, Amigo, or Nuevo to send a new picture if it has appeared in the roster in the last 3 years, and **YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PICTURE**. We will use the same picture unless a new one is furnished to us prior to February 15, 2018. **You should email your picture to DCTallyhand@gmail.com.** Your picture should be a “head shot”, preferably in western attire, against a light color background. Any graphic format is acceptable.

👉 ALL FIRST YEAR NUEVOS MUST PROVIDE A PICTURE 👈

LOCAL CONTACT: Participating Caballeros, Amigos, and Nuevos - please let us know where you may be reached during the week preceding the Ride, in case there is new information which may have to be communicated.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

- The wearing of obscene or vulgar T-shirts or hats in the parade in and out of town are not considered appropriate or in keeping with the spirit of the Desert Caballeros
- The bar is for Caballeros, Amigos, and Nuevos only. Do not offer or encourage our employees or wranglers to drink.
- When arriving in camp, DO NOT water your horse. Go directly to the picket line.
- If you are riding a mule, indicate that on your application so we can make arrangements for the mule on the picket line.
- Riders bringing their own horse may find accommodations for them at: Horspitality - 928-684-2519; 51802 Hwy 60, Wickenburg, AZ 85390; Polly Anne's Wickenburg Stables - 602-558-1354, 850 S. Vulture Mine Road, Wickenburg, AZ 85390
- If you bring your own horse, be sure it is properly shod and in shape for the Ride. It will increase your enjoyment.
- A Farrier will be on the Ride, however, it will cause you a considerable delay if your horse is not properly shod when you begin the ride. **THE OWNER OF THE HORSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FARRIER AND VET FEES AND CHARGES.**
- A rope, halter, breast collar, and chaps are recommended
- Grain and hay will be furnished for all horses.
- We request that riders NOT ride through the main camp. Please go to your assigned picket line.
- Warm clothes and a good sleeping bag will be welcomed at night, including a poncho and sleeping bag cover in the event of rain.
- A canteen for use on the trail is a must.
- Please do not bring any firearms except trap guns. A knife might come in handy.
- Drinking in the parade out of or into town, or on the streets of Wickenburg is prohibited.
- Because of work requirements the camp crew and wranglers will be given priority to be served in the meal serving lines.
- Anyone breaking the trail, getting ahead of the trail leader, or violating any of the rules of the Desert Caballeros, shall be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors
- **PLEASE LIST YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CLEARLY ON YOUR APPLICATION**

**FEE SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION FOR THE 2015 RIDE
FOR ALL CABALLEROS**

DUES All Caballero and Amigo members are required to pay annual dues of \$150. Failure to pay dues can result in the suspension of membership, and removal from the rolls of the Desert Caballeros. If the dues are current for a Caballero or Amigo, the following fees apply. If dues not paid, you need to add the unpaid and past-due dues to the amount of the Ride Fee.

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| RIDE FEES | Caballeros Ride Fee | \$1,075 |
| | Los Patrons Ride Fee | \$1,075 |
| | Amigo Ride Fee | \$1,275 |
| | Nuevo 2/3 Ride Fee | \$1,425 |
| | 1 st Year Nuevo | \$1,225 |

All Caballeros, Los Patrones, Amigos and Nuevos paying a full ride fee
receive credit for Ride Year Pins

NON-RIDER FEES

Please Note: the fees listed below are for **Non-Riders Only**

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| * | Los Viejos | \$525 |
| ** | Day-In-Camp (for Guests) | \$100 |

Caballeros and Amigos current on **dues** are entitled to attend
the **El Presidente Party**, the **Picture Party**, and the **Day-in-Camp** activities.

- * Los Viejos - **Caballero Members Only** - Participating in all events - El Presidente Party, **All Camp Events for entire ride**, and Picture Party (no Ride Year Pin Credit)
- ** Day-In-Camp - From Breakfast Wednesday until end of Wednesday Ceremonies

EMPLOYEES Please remember that Employees, Wranglers and Bat Boys are not permitted at the main bar.

GYMKHANA Any horse entered in the gymkhana on Wednesday Day in Camp must be ridden on the trail from Wickenburg to the Desert Caballeros Camp by a Caballero, Amigo or Nuevo.

DAY IN CAMP GUESTS Such guests must be sponsored by a Caballero Member. Guests must be registered with the Administrative Assistant and the fee paid prior to the Ride. Any guests expecting to stay one or more nights in camp or partake of meals on any day except Wednesday shall pay the full Ride fee or Los Viejo fee. Any guest appearing intoxicated may be invited by the Camp Director to stay overnight Wednesday at no expense.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION Please inform your family that if they need to get in touch with you during the ride for an emergency, they should call Jim McArthur, the Administrative Assistant, at (928) 684-3618. If they cannot reach that number, and it is truly an emergency needing immediate notification, they may call Jean Mason at (928) 684-2339, and she should be able to contact the ride by radio.

CALENDAR - 72nd ANNUAL RIDE

February 1, 2018 Cut-off date for Caballeros and Amigos. After this date a waiting list will be maintained by the date of application. Applications must be completely filled out and bear the signature of the applicant to be accepted. Also, THE RELEASE INCLUDED IN THE PACKET MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED.

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 Cut-off date for Nuevos. After that date a waiting list will be maintained by date of application. Applications must be completely filled out and bear the signature of the applicant and sponsor to be accepted. Also, THE RELEASE INCLUDED IN THE PACKET MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED.

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 Ride Book Cutoff Date. Amigo and Nuevo Riders whose applications are not completed before this dates may not have their picture and information in the Ride Roster Book. New Pictures, or other changes given after that date will not be in the 2018 Ride Book.

MARCH 1, 2018 Deadline for **cancellation** with refund. Caballeros, Amigos and Nuevos will be refunded the ride fee paid, less \$50.00 expense fee (Dues will also be deducted if not yet paid). A ride fee refund after the deadline must be requested in writing and the reason for cancellation documented. If approved by the board, 50% of the ride fee may be refunded. **As an alternative, canceling Riders may have the amount paid, less unpaid dues, applied to the following year's ride.**

APRIL 14, 2018 Registration envelopes with books, badges and ride information will be available at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum from **8am to 4 pm**. There will be no Sunday registration at the Museum.

APRIL 15, 2018

- Golf Tournament at Los Caballeros Golf Club at **9:00 am**.
- Registration resumes at Rancho de los Caballeros at 5:30 pm.
- El Presidente Party at Rancho de los Caballeros **5:30 to 7:00 pm**. **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 5:30, TO ALLOW THE DC STAFF, THE AUCTION COMMITTEE, AND THE LOS CABALLEROS STAFF TIME TO PROPERLY SET-UP.** Riders, Los Patrones, Amigos, Nuevos, Los Viejos, and dues paying Caballeros/Amigos, their wives and sweethearts welcome. If a member wishes to bring additional guests, he must contact El Presidente in advance for approval. Adults Only

APRIL 16, 2018 **Opening Ceremonies for the Ride will begin at 11:00 a.m.** on Apache Street, near the Library.

APRIL 16-20, 2018 Desert Caballeros Ride. In Wickenburg, various programs for the ladies. Local groups and businesses, including the DC Western Museum, will have activities to entertain the Desert Caballero wives. Information will be in your Ride Packet, available at registration, upcoming by email, or available at www.desertcaballerosride.com.

APRIL 20, 2018 Return of the Ride at the time indicated in your Ride Packet - generally about noon.

- Farewell picture party at **5:30 p.m.**, at Rancho De los Caballeros. Photos of the ride will be displayed. Riders, Los Patrones, Amigos, Nuevos, Los Viejos, and dues paying Caballeros/Amigos, and their wives and sweethearts welcome. Adults only.

PARADE NOTE: Do not permit your children to ride with you in either parade. Obscene or vulgar T-shirts or caps are not considered appropriate parade attire. Drinking in either parade on the streets of Wickenburg is prohibited by DC Rules and by the Ordinances of the Town of Wickenburg, and the Laws of the State of Arizona.

NUEVO APPLICATIONS SPONSORSHIP: Every riding Caballero Member will be permitted to sponsor a first-year guest. Caballeros may sponsor more than one 2nd and 3rd year Nuevo. You should instruct your Nuevo to stay behind the Trail Leader. **Nuevos, Amigos, and Non-riding Caballeros may invite a Nuevo; however, a Caballero Sponsor who will be riding must also be identified, and sign the application.** No Nuevo will be considered unless the sponsoring Caballero is on the Ride and looks after the Nuevo; he is responsible for the Nuevo's conduct. Members are not to invite Nuevos who are not planning to ride the trail. Nuevos are expected to ride the ENTIRE trail. Nuevos who have been on the Ride and who are temporarily disabled may be considered an exception, with a written request to the Board. Remind your first year Nuevos to email his picture to DCTallyhand@gmail.com when he sends in his application.