

## **The Dream of All-Weather Trails in Wunderlich Park can come true with your help**

All this winter, during the rainy days and sunny days, equestrians, pedestrians and runners have been enjoying the beautiful smooth footing of the new All Weather Trails in Huddart Park. Over the last two years, the equestrian community donated \$83,000 to support construction of 5.5 miles in Huddart Park. The success and enthusiasm have encouraged us to develop a plan to build All Weather Trails in Wunderlich Park and continue to fulfill that dream

As you all aware, governments at all level are facing tight economic times, and the San Mateo County Parks is no exception. They support this project and can help some, but it is up to us to raise much of the money to make it happen. We will use the same professional trails contractor that has the specialized equipment to transport, install, grade and compact the base rock. We have developed a two-phase plan to upgrade many of the single-track trails with an all-weather surface over the next two years. There is a map on the next page.

**Phase 1** of this plan has a goal of raising the funds and completing this phase in May of this year. That way the trails will be compacted over the summer and remain open next winter. They will create two Lower Loops.

- Bear Gulch Trail, from the Barn to the Loop Trail - While currently open in the winter, this section is in desperate need of work.
- Bear Gulch Trail, from the Loop Trail to the Madrone Trail. This opens up a loop for winter riding.
- Alambique Trail – Barn to Loop Trail. This completes a loop with the Loop Trail.

Because the base rock will be compacted, it will be sufficiently settled to be ridden after completion. It will have all summer to be further settled and will be open next winter. It is 1.37 miles in length and will cost approximately \$26,400. The County will provide \$7,950 of in-kind services and the purchase of the base rock. The equestrian community must provide the remaining \$18,450. Our goal is to raise this amount by April 30, 2011, and complete this phase in May 2011.

**Phase 2** is scheduled for Oct/Nov 2011. This will open up all the Upper Loops in the Park.

- Bear Gulch Trail –Continue from the Loop Trail, to Redwood Flat, and then to the Meadows
- Redwood Trail – Redwood Flat to Salamander Flat.

This will provide several upper loops. The trails will be allowed to settle in for the winter 2011/2012, and will then be open all year after that. The total length is 1.95 miles and will cost approximately \$36,150. The County will provide \$11,250 of in-kind services and purchase of the base rock. The equestrian community must provide the remaining \$24,900.

What better way to escape momentarily from our difficult economic times than riding under a crisp winter sky, hearing the creeks bubble, and breathing the fresh mountain air? We believe the equestrian community will support this project and will provide funding for it.

We need to have the funds for Phase 1 by April 30 and Phase 2 by Sept 30. Any additional funds will be used for future trail maintenance and improvements.

