

## The Los Pinos Ranch News: March 2016

Greetings from the McSweeney's:

As the snows melt and days are lengthening, we look forward to the emergence of wildflowers, the joyful song of nesting birds, and the appearance of woodland creatures. This season also brings with it the anticipation of return visits from our many guests whose company we have enjoyed over the years.

We are pleased to announce that two new horses joined us last summer. Cochise and Midnight are fitting in well with the rest of the herd. The half-day ride to the top of Grass Mountain is still a favorite, although some prefer to venture out on day trips to Stewart and Pecos Baldy lakes. And, of course, fishing the streams is always popular with the anglers among us.

Bird watching keeps many entertained. Those not wishing to search for the illusive American Dipper along the Pecos River could spend a quiet afternoon observing the resident Hummingbirds and a variety of small songbirds bathing in the recycling stream by the front porch of the Lodge. Robins and Western Bluebirds are among those species that enjoy the adjacent pond. Click for list of birds found at Los Pinos Ranch: [www.lospinosranch.com/birds.asp](http://www.lospinosranch.com/birds.asp)

Keep in mind, when planning this summer's vacations and outings, that 2016 is the Centennial of the National Park Service. This is a good year to include a visit to one or more of our country's National Parks and Monuments on your way to Los Pinos Ranch. We especially encourage a visit to the Pecos National Historical Park, which is to be congratulated on a 100% visitor satisfaction rating. The PNHP is an incredible place to learn about New Mexico and U.S. history, offering an opportunity to learn about European exploration meeting local Native American culture. For a listing of summer events, see their website at [www.nps.gov/peco](http://www.nps.gov/peco).

As the family gathers for our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, we wish you all the best and hope to have the pleasure of your company some time during this coming summer season.

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