



March 2017

**HERITAGE
Equestrian Center
EVENTS**



Mar 12 - Daylight Savings
(spring forward!)

Mar 14 - BOD Mtg
7p

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 18 - Barry Berg Clinic
8am -6pm

Mar 20 - First Day Of Spring

Apr 2 - Rising Stars Easter Show
9am

Apr 8 - General Mtg
Lydia Hiby
9am



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Message From The President

This winter has been one of the wettest in recent years. While we have really needed the rain, a number of challenges and questions have arisen due to the rain: When do we close the arenas? When do we open the arenas? Should the parking lot be closed? When and how are we going to prepare the arenas for rain? Who is going to prepare the arenas for rain? Why should we be concerned about the arenas? Why should we care about the facility at all because, after all, it is city-owned? Is the footing damaged when the arenas are abused?



We all know that the Alta Loma Riding Club leases the equestrian center from the city for the sole purpose of maintaining the center for the benefit of the equestrian community. Therefore, the president and the board had to come up with answers to the above questions. When the city maintained the facility, they did not close the arenas when it rained regardless of how wet they were, nor did they prepare the arenas for rain. It is possible that as non-equestrians, city employees just did not know that the sub-footing of the arenas could be damaged by certain abuses, and that equestrians in general know what is safe.

I don't believe that any of us would intentionally damage the facility or do anything unsafe for ourselves or other equestrians; however, unintentional damage and injury still have the same financial ramifications. As discussed in the last president's message, *free lunging in the arenas is not allowed*. This did not change with the lease because the city never allowed it - most likely because the company that built the arenas said free lunging would damage them, and the railings were not designed for turnouts. Therefore, based on our research of the proper care of arenas, we will follow the recommendations of arena manufacturers.

So here are your president's thoughts on the questions above. Assuming all of us love our horses, we should want to work with them as much as possible. I also know that if the arenas are locked, equestrians are not working with their horses. Here is the dilemma: Do we leave the arenas open to be damaged by a few in the short term and close them when they become unusable for however long it takes to repair them (both physically and financially), or inconvenience some of us while the arenas dry out? Of course, my opinion is the latter. Through generous volunteers who are willing to harrow the arenas just prior to forecasted rain (twice so far at 9:00pm), we have extended the time the arenas are available, not only because they are used right up until the time of harrowing, but also because they dry out quicker once harrowed. And because someone has to make the decision on when to open and close the arenas, the president or his/her designee will decide if the arenas are usable. *(continued page 2)*

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We, the board, check them frequently.

My guidelines are: if there is any standing water in the arenas, they are closed. If you walk in the arenas and your foot sinks with flat bottom shoes on, then surely a 1200 pound horse will sink further, so they are closed. If the sand is wet, but firm, the arenas will be opened. The round pens tend to dry out quicker than the arenas and will, therefore, open sooner than the arenas. Whether the arenas or round pens are open or not, it remains your responsibility to be safe while on any part of the equestrian facility. Only you know your horse, its abilities and your riding skill. PLEASE BE SAFE.

As for the parking lot, the city installed a gate which will be closed from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. It will also be closed during heavy rain when there is a possibility of causing ruts or getting stuck just by driving on the sodden ground. I realize that some in the equestrian community ride in the rain, so here are my thoughts: If we can leave it open, or open it up quickly, we will. If the gate remains locked, you probably do not want to drive over the soft ground anyway.

We will post the status of the arenas and the parking lot on both the club's website and Facebook.

The ALRC is establishing a text messaging system to alert members, in real time, with updates on the status of the facility and other important club info. Please email me ALRC TEXT ALERT on the subject line. Include your name and mobile number in the body and I will include you in a group text. **You will not receive any responses from the group.**

Send info to
joeofire@gmail.com

Thank you for your cooperation.



VP's Message

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wow, Wow, Wow! What weather! We had to cancel several events, because of continued rain, and reschedule them so be sure to mark your calendar and participate in these upcoming events:

MARCH 18th: Don't miss this great opportunity to work with your horse in **Barry Berg's Horsemanship Clinic #2**, rescheduled for Saturday, March 18th from 8:00 to 6:00 pm. Lunch is included. Make your reservation now because space is limited. Call Barry at 909-477-9644 for more information and reservations. (see page 4)



APRIL 2nd: ALRC invites everyone, with or without a horse, to join us in supporting the annual **Rising Stars No Frills Easter Horse Show** set for April 2nd. The show is open to all riders and the public is welcome to attend. Open classes are offered in various categories as well as classes for special needs riders. Trail riders please note: great trail classes are offered. Attention Mini horse owners: bring your 'little' horse to join in the fun. This will be a great time for all of our horses. A wonderful Easter Egg Hunt is also scheduled during the event with hundreds of eggs and prizes 'hidden' at Heritage Park. This is a great opportunity to show your horse in a casual environment and support a great cause at the same time. All proceeds for the show go to the Rising Stars program. ALRC and Rising Stars are 501-3c non-profit organizations so we welcome any donation. Come out and join the fun! Call Cassie Sanchez 909-987-8366 or Pat Morris 909-987-9403 for class sign-ups. (See pages 6-7 for a preview of the event and classes.)



APRIL 8th: We are very fortunate to have **Lydia Hiby** at our next General Meeting on April 8th. Lydia is in high demand all over the country and we are lucky to have her in our area. Join us for our complimentary breakfast for members and enjoy our general meeting. Call Cassie Sanchez 909-987-8366 to reserve your unique one-on-one opportunity with Lydia Hiby. (see page 8)



MAY 20th and JUNE 4th: More exciting news! Karen Petrachek will be presenting a wonderful **Jumping Clinic** on May 20th to prepare for the **Jumping/English Horse Show** planned for June 4th. You need to sign up for slots and times, in advance, to ensure first choice on times. More details to follow next month. Watch for it! Also, we are in need of volunteers to help with show and show crew. If you would like to help out call Cassie Sanchez 909-987-8366.



HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC #2

with

Barry Berg



Hosted by
Alta Loma Riding Club

Heritage Park Equestrian Center
5546 Beryl St.
Alta Loma, CA 91701

March 18, 2017

8:am - 6:00pm

(weather permitting)

Fee

\$75.00

(includes lunch)

Limited to 10 participants

Barry is very generously donating all proceeds to the ALRC

THANK YOU, BARRY!

In this second clinic we will continue working on lateral work and introduce the hackamore.

We hope you will attend Barry's second Horsemanship Clinic (previously postponed due to inclement weather.) Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend. It will be very interesting and informative.

Thank you, Barry, for your time, your talents and your generosity! Also, many thanks to Ora Berg for preparing and providing lunch for this event.



ALRC ADVOCATES FOR ADHERENCE TO EQUESTRIAN OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT

The City is considering a development proposal for one of the last pieces of vacant land left in the Alta Loma area (TENTATIVE TRACT MAP SUBTT20042 – NH WEAVER LANE, LLC). The site is located just north of Heritage Park Equestrian Center, on the east side of Carnelian Street, north of Hillside Road in the Very Low (VL) District (defined as 1 - 2 dwelling units per acre) and within the Equestrian Overlay Zoning District and Hillside Overlay Zoning District.

Overlay Zoning establishes unique land use and development standards applicable to each designated Overlay Zoning District.. The Equestrian Overlay Zoning District designates areas of the city for the keeping of equine, bovine, and cleft-hoofed animals. Special development regulations include standards for animal keeping and trail requirements as outlined in the Code Of Ordinances, Supplement 2 (Title 17, Article VI, Chapter 17.114, Sec. 17.114.050, Subsection C.)

The development proposal seeks to subdivide 18.2 acres of land into 26 lots for the purpose of developing 26 single-family residences. As proposed, the project will require two variances. Variance #1 is to reduce the required lot depth of Lots 11 - 15 by approximately 13 feet. Variance #2 is to reduce the rear yard setback on Lot 16 by 23 feet. These variances are not equestrian supportable and not in compliance with the requirements contained in the longstanding Equestrian Overlay Zoning District, in place since 1987. As shown in the drawing below, the proposed development is very crowded and not within the highest standards of the area, or the city. Dead end trails, private streets, through lots, and slopes adjacent to trails are just a few of the poor design items.

This project was set to be reviewed by the City Trails Advisory Committee on March 8, 2017. However, ALRC City Liaison Larry Henderson spoke with the city staff person who is processing this development request. Larry asserted ALRC's concern that the project lacks adherence to the requirements set forth in the Equestrian Overlay Zoning District. As a result of Larry' advocacy on behalf of ALRC and the equestrian community, the development request was pulled from the March 8th agenda for review and revision. Thank you, Larry!

The ALRC Board has determined that this is not the type of project that should be considered favorably by the city. If you would like to voice your concern, please contact the Mayor and City Council Members or email the city staff person who is processing this Development, Tab.VanderZwaag@cityofrc.us



Rising Stars

Easter Horse Show

and Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 2, 2017
Entries Due: March 25th
Snack Bar: 8:00am
Show Starts: 9:00am

Show Mgr
Pat Morris
909-987-9403

Judges
Mary Voss
Christina Willard

SHOW IS OPEN TO ALL RIDERS

Classes \$4.99

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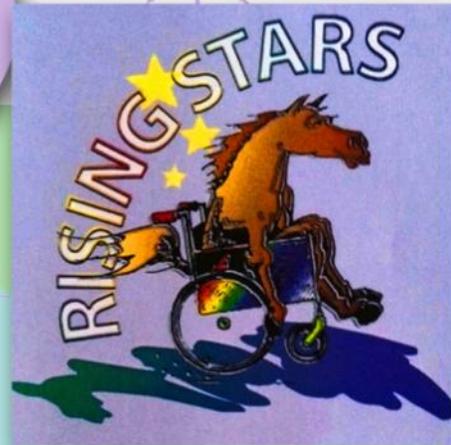
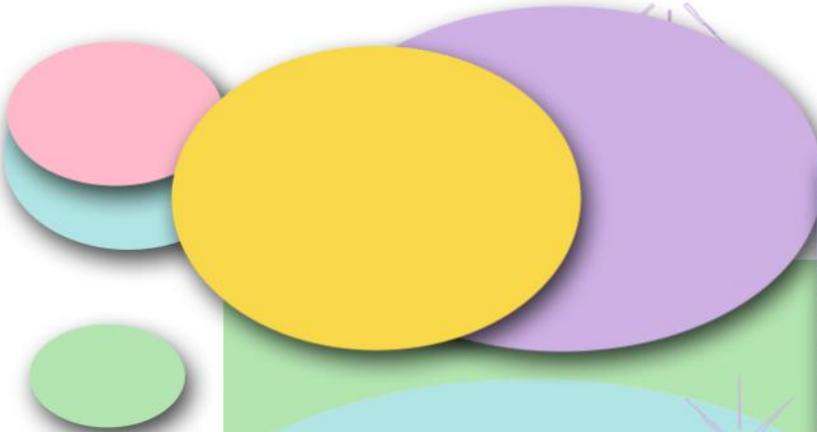
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Equitation
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Lead Line
Walk Trot
Walk
Trail

And Everything Mini!

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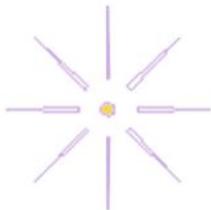
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**Lunch
To Be Announced**

CLASSES

1. Showmanship.....Open and Mini
2. Showmanship Disabled.....May Be Divided
3. English Equitation.....Open Adults Only
4. English Pleasure.....Open Adults Only
5. Lead Line Disabled.....May Be Divided
6. Lead Line.....Open
7. Walk Only.....Open May Be Divided
8. Walk Only Disabled.....May Be Divided
9. Walk Trot.....May Be Divided
10. Walk Trot Disabled.....May Be Divided
11. Western Equitation.....Open
12. Western Pleasure.....Open
13. Walk Only Trail West. and Eng.....May Be Divided
14. Walk Trot Trail West. and Eng.....May Be Divided
15. Trail - West. and Eng.....Open Adults Only
16. Trail - Mini



*Trail Classes Run
At Will
Starting 9:00am*

LYDIA HIBY



ALRC members and their friends are invited to bring their animal (horse, dog, cat, etc.) for a 15 minute consultation with Lydia. Many people come to her for help with their pets. "I feel my job as a detective, of the last piece of the puzzle, comes from getting information directly from your animal's true perspective. Many times a 'behavior problem' is more than that; maybe there is something else contributing to the overall situation such as diet, environment or a medical problem." By sorting this out, Lydia can help you help your animal. You may video tape your friends as they and their animals consult with Lydia.

We have an exciting and unusual program planned for our Alta Loma Riding club April 8th General meeting. World famous Lydia Hiby, 'Animal Communicator', will join us for an entertaining and unique experience in communicating with your pet.

Lydia's childhood dream to become a fairy godmother to animals seems to have come true. Her clients come from every state in the U.S. and European countries galore. People come from all over to share the love of their pet and their belief in Lydia's Gift. Her client list numbers over 60,000 over 20 years, and many began as skeptics. She says that once she proves herself to a skeptic, that skeptic becomes her best publicity. She has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, LA Times, Washington Post, to name just a few. She has been seen on 48 hours, Late Night With David Letterman, Inside

Edition, The Tonight Show and the View. She also co-authored a book, *Conversations with Animals*, detailing her experiences.

For more information about Lydia, please visit her website lydiahiby.com.

GENERAL MEETING

April 8th

9:00am Complimentary Breakfast

For ALRC Members

10:30am Lydia Hiby Readings

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

For Readings

\$40/animal/15 minutes

SPACE IS LIMITED

Call Cassie Sanchez 909-560-2822



The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. with a complimentary breakfast for members. Lydia's readings will begin around 10:30. Reservations for a consultation are required, with a \$40.00 fee. **Reservations can be made by calling the 2nd Vice-President, Cassie Sanchez at 909-560-2822. Checks can be mailed to Cassie at 10702 Beechwood Drive, Atla Loma, CA 917937.**

So for a wonderful morning with your horse friends and club members, and for an entertaining and unique experience, come join us at 9:00 a.m. on April 8th at Heritage Park Equestrian Center.



Well fellow horse lovers, I sure hope many of you were able to go and enjoy the Horse Expo at the Fairplex. My friend and I went and had a great time. We saw a couple of seminars about riding in our golden years and also how to communicate with our horses. There was a beautiful demonstration of Andalusian horses that was simply wonderful. I sure hope they bring this event back next year, 'cause I am already lookin' forward to it.

Elections for the 2017/2018 Board are coming up, so if you'd like to make changes, have a voice, or just in general become more involved, please consider thinking about running for a Board position.

Happy riding to all and hopefully I'll see you on the trails.

Ali Smilgis – Membership Director



NEW “Pay-to-Play” Light System

The City of Rancho Cucamonga recently launched a new web-based pay-to-play sports lighting control system called “Lights On Sites”. This system offers a convenient means to access lighting and it ensures that lights are turned on and off at the appropriate times which improves lighting usage. Lights On Sites has been installed at all lighted city sports facilities, including Heritage Park Equestrian Center.

The new system is now fully operational so the old coin-operated system will be removed. Coins will no longer be accepted for lighting access. This upgraded lighting access system is accessible via data and GPS enabled smartphones and tablets. For more information and to create your access account, visit www.lightsonsites.com

SPRING Forward
 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
 Sunday, March 12

HELP WANTED
 Horse grooming
 and
 riding at least weekly

Debbie Grosberg 909-957-8261

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in helping maintain our beautiful Heritage Park Equestrian Center? All interested Alta Loma Riding Club members are urged to help to make and keep this unique community amenity a facility we can all be proud of for generations to come. Volunteers, if desired, will be trained on city equipment to handle arena and round pen maintenance. Other opportunities include building maintenance and repair, grounds clean up and dumping of trash. If you have a desire to help, have skills, or want to learn new ones (like operate a tractor) please complete the following steps:

- **Be a member of the Alta Loma Riding Club**
- **Complete the ReadyRC volunteer application at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=401740201&OR=1>**

Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know via email (lhenderson62@outlook.com) or text me at (909) 226-3956 when you have submitted a Volunteer Application so I can monitor the status of the team.



Equestrian Volunteers who care about keeping our community safe

Do you like horseback trail riding, meeting people and want to help keep your community safe? Perhaps you should consider joining the Rancho Cucamonga Equestrian Patrol (RCEP). The equestrian patrols are members of the Rancho Cucamonga Sheriff's Department Citizen Patrol. RCEP members are unpaid volunteers who receive 52 hours of Sheriff's Department training and an additional bi-annual training and certification in Horse and Rider Minimum Standards (HARMS) training. Patrol members provide their own uniform, horse and equipment and donate a minimum of 8 hours per month.

Equipped with Department provided radios and saddle bags containing basic patrol response equipment and supplies, the mounted two-person teams act as eyes and ears for the police in areas that are not readily accessible to car patrol units. The RCEP members render a variety of assistance to park and trail facility users. The job involves positive public relations and reporting incidents of vandalism, hazards, graffiti and maintenance problems to the appropriate city departments. RCEP members also participate in some special events including, community events at parks and the Victoria Gardens Regional Commercial Center.

If you are interested in learning more about RCEP or applying for a volunteer position, please contact the Rancho Cucamonga Police Station Volunteer Forces Office at 477-2800 or applications are available online at http://cms.sbcounty.gov/portals/34/volunteers/volforcesapp_2013new.pdf?ver=2015-08-25-130741-613. The number of positions is limited and a new training academy is being scheduled soon. Applicants will be interviewed and background check performed prior to acceptance to the Unit. Recruitment is ongoing.



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Cash donations of any amount are appreciated. These funds will be held separately for facility maintenance.

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