

ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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AUGUST 2020



CALENDER

**Aug 1-31 Voting
online or by mail**

**Aug 11 - Board
Meeting 7pm
Heritage Park**

Presidents Message

As you know, The Alta Loma Riding Club has been following Federal, State, and Local government guidelines for COVID 19 since March. This means that all shows and club sponsored activities were cancelled or postponed. At this point we do not know what the future holds, but we are proceeding as if we will eventually (hopefully soon) resume activities. The ALRC Board election was one such activity we were forced to postpone. In the ALRC Board meeting of July 21, 2020, the board opted to move forward with elections with a modified voting procedure. All votes will be collected electronically unless other arrangements are made. I am excited with the candidates for each position and look forward working with each one of them. You will notice that the President's and the Youth Director's positions are vacant. I have reached term limits and the nominations committee was unable to find someone willing to take the position. There are blank lines on the form for write-ins, but please, before you write someone in, make sure they are willing to take the position. The procedures for the new voting process are listed later in this newsletter. Please show your support and participate! It will only take a minute or two.

The board has been working on having the arenas refurbished for some time, with one obstacle after another, city budgets, contractors, and of course COVID19. Recently, the deep areas of the arena became so thick that we had a couple of horses stumble and one fall. It was apparent that we had to do something. We contacted the city and were able to borrow a tractor immediately. We repositioned the sand in both arenas and both round pens to make the footing more consistent. Please understand the arenas are old, and there is no substitute for a complete overhaul, which we will continue to work on. We will also continue to evaluate the footings and try to improve them further with weekly grooming. Many thanks to the city for their immediate response and assistance in getting us the equipment necessary to complete the task.

**'SHE THINKS MY TRACTOR'S
SEXY'**



The city is moving forward with the vehicular/equestrian/pedestrian bridge into the equestrian center parking lot. The plans are tentatively scheduled to go to council at the second city council meeting of August. The bridge is essentially what we currently have except all pathways will be incorporated into one bridge, but still separated for each respective mode of transportation.

Board Members

- ◆ President, Joe Cowan
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Ali Smilgis
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ALRC Voting Procedures for 2020

As we all know, this year has brought all new things to our everyday life. Everyone is staying home or wearing masks while out, we ran out of toilet paper and cleaning supplies, and schools are being taught all online. It is this last option that we are going to use to vote for this year's ALRC Board elections.

You will be receiving a link with the newsletter this month. It is a link to a google form that you can use to vote for the candidate of your choice. If you wish to write in a candidate (with their ok), you can use the "other" for each position. You will need to provide your email, name and address for verification purposes. This information will be kept in strict confidence and your information will not be shared with anyone. The link will be open till August 31st.

If you wish to vote by mail, we have included a ballot in the newsletter. Print the ballot, fill it out and mail it back by August 31st. The address is provided on the ballot.

Adult riding club members in the home may vote only once. Please only complete one of the options, online or by mail.

If you have any questions about the form or filling it out, please contact Amanda at (909)702-6488 and she can help you.



CITY NEWS

The City is continuing with a City General Plan Update even though the COVID19 situation makes all meetings as virtual electronic meetings. There is a concern that such a process is not adequate from a public participation standpoint. The reason for the continuation of this process now has not been answered.

“The City of Rancho Cucamonga is offering an evening opportunity of the Forum on Our Future for PlanRC, the City’s General Plan update. This is an opportunity to join fellow community members in small group discussions to explore the vision for Rancho Cucamonga. The virtual event is a continuation of the Forum on Our Future multi-day event that was held on June 29-July 1.”

For more information go to www.CityofRC.us/GeneralPlan

Larry Henderson, ALRC Liaison Director

EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

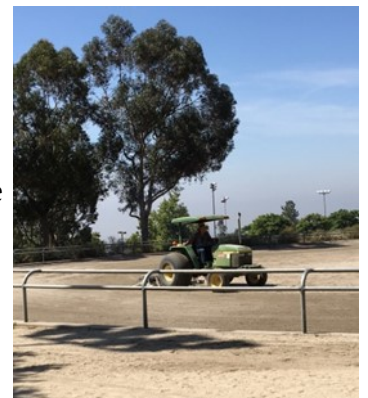
This year has been very busy around the Facility with Public Works Staff assisting the ALRC with the following repairs:

1. Repair of major Drain Line in the North Arena.
2. Irrigation valves replaced.
3. Lawn area refurbished by thatching leveling and reseeding. This effort should positively help with surface drainage around the building.
4. Attempted to solicit bids to replace the Arenas and Round Pens Footings. The city was unable to get a submittal
5. Many repairs to PVC trail fencing.
6. Placement of straw waddles to minimize sand intrusion into drain lines.

ALRC - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in helping maintain the Heritage Park Equestrian Center? All interested Alta Loma Riding Club Members are urged to help in making and keeping 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:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Alta Loma Riding Club.
2. 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.

Board Candidates:



Cassie Sanchez - Cassie has served on the board as 1st and 2nd vice-president, in charge of promoting equestrian activities for members and the various responsibilities of the office. She rides her Half Arab "Dutch" and takes advantage of our beautiful facility at Heritage Park. Cassie has owned and shown horses since she was 16 years old. She is happy to continue to support the ALRC.



Amanda Waterfield-Gibson - I have been an ALRC member for over 20 years, participating in many events and sitting in various board positions. I have also shown my arabs in that time in various competitions and parades. I recently took on the overseeing and planning of the ALRC/ Mustang show, which was a lot of fun for all. And I recently met a couple past ALRC members, who were members in the very beginning of the club and during the early 90s. Both reminisced on how much fun the shows were and I'd like to see the club host more shows and playdays. I would also like to get the kids in the community more involved with their horses and shows and playdays are a great way to do that.



Kara Haulman-Recla - My family and I moved to Alta Loma in 1978. I grew up with my horses in my backyard and was active in the riding club and the local 4H at a young age. I now reside in Rancho Cucamonga with my husband John, and our children. We are a horse and animal-loving family, sharing our home with our menagerie of rescue animals, and one savage bunny.

I work for The American Red Cross, in our Biomedical division. I love working for a non-profit as it allows me to satisfy my humanitarian side as well as doing something I enjoy. We have two amazing horses, an Arab and a Mustang. We are members of the American Competitive Mustang Club and participate in Mustang events and open shows. My daughter Ava and her Mustang DK are avid ambassadors for the brand and enjoy spreading awareness for the Mustangs. I would love to bring our love of shows and events to the ALRC and be instrumental in planning fun and competitive events in our beautiful facility and to keep alive the memories and traditions of the ALRC that have become an integral part of this equine community.

Dan Smith - Daniel "Dan" Smith was born and raised in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Dan graduated in 2005 from Alta Loma High School. Following high school, he continued his education and received an academic scholarship to the University of La Verne. While at University of La Verne he pursued a degree in liberal arts. In 2008, Dan began his career as a law enforcement officer and still currently works for a local municipality. Dan has been actively involved in the community, assisting with many volunteer functions and helping to organize community events. Dan is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration through Cal Baptist University and plans to achieve his masters. Dan is a certified instructor and enjoys teaching his peers.



John Sanchez - John has been a member of the Alta Loma Community since 1988. Before moving to Alta Loma he and his wife bred and showed Purebred Arabian Horses. John has served on the board of ALRC as treasurer and secretary. John feels it is very important to support the Equestrian lifestyle in Alta Loma and promote the love of horses.



Martha Cowan - I have been involved as the Secretary of the Alta Loma Riding Club for a few years and I am now running for Publicity. My family moved to Alta Loma in 1972, and I had many horse friends, although never owned a horse of my own. I was horse crazy, and took lessons at the old arena which no longer exists. Then marriage and family happened, and horses were on the back burner, until our daughter became interested in horses, thanks to Cassie Sanchez! We bought our first horse, Charlie the Thoroughbred, 7 years ago, and almost 3 years ago, we bought Pearl, a baby Quarter horse. We can't imagine life without them. Most of my time is spent in my lifelong calling as an artist. Many years were spent as a graphic designer, including corporate identity and advertising. Most of the time today I can be found in my studio working on my current paintings.



Susan Csik - I have been a resident of Alta Loma for over 22 years. My parents purchased their home here in 1969 when it was actually known as Alta Loma! They brought us here so my older sister could realize her dream of horse ownership. I remember as a very young girl riding our horses through citrus groves where the Thoroughbred Christmas lights are now. Today I'm fortunate to have a beautiful paint horse of my own- his name is Franky. What an incredible journey our horses take us on. I reside in the Heritage park area with my husband of 30 years along with my 2 children who are both college students. I'm looking forward to serving the fine members of our community and the Alta Loma Riding Club!



Julie Bradley - I've loved horses my whole life but never had my own until I was 30. Sammy, my 13 year old, grey, Arab gelding, and I love to ride trails and lately we've been covering 80-100 miles per month. We try to ride 3-4 times a week whenever possible. Horse camping is how I spend my vacation days. There are many amazing trails not that far from Alta Loma and I look forward to exploring them together!

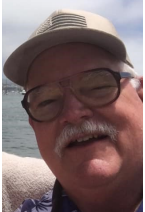


Heather McGee Decauwer - I've been riding with the club since 2014, first with friend's horses and now with my own horse, Jersey Lily. What I enjoy about the club most is meeting new people and the friendships I've developed. Couple times a week, my riding buddy Julie Bradley and I explore the local trails of Alta Loma. Sometimes we're surprised when we find ourselves on trails we haven't been on before or eager to head towards one of our favorite trails for the 100th time.

I'm excited to carry on the club's traditional local rides, as well as introduce you to some new ones. Looking forward to seeing you join us on the trail. Who knows, maybe you too will make a new friend or find yourself on a trail you haven't been on before!



Joseph Cowan - I have been an equestrian for 7 years and President of Alta Loma Riding Club for four years. I have reached term limits and accepted the nomination for Food Services Director. If any of you attended the ALRC Octoberfest, you had a chance to taste my cooking as I made the Schnitzel. I enjoy outdoor cooking and look forward preparing some great meals. I want to thank to Rick Morris for years of service as the Food Services Director, He did a great job.



Lawrence Henderson - I have been a resident in north Alta Loma since 1989 and a ALRC Member just as long. I have served as a Club Board Member for many of those years as; Newsletter Editor, President, and now currently as City Liaison. I have owned horses for 30 years and been a Member of the Rancho Cucamonga Equestrian Patrol for 28 years. Before retiring in 2012 I was a professional City Planner for 34 years.

Alta Loma Riding Club

Ballot for Executive Officers and Directors 2020

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President

Open

O Write-in: _____

First Vice President

O Cassie Sanchez

O Write-in: _____

Second Vice President

O Amanda Waterfield-Gibson

O Kara Haulman-Recla

O Write-in: _____

Treasurer

O Dan Smith

O Write-in: _____

Secretary

O John Sanchez

O Write-in: _____

DIRECTORS

Publicity

O Martha Cowan

O Write-in: _____

Newsletter editor

O Claudia McNeill

O Write-in: _____

Membership

O Susan Csik

O Write-in: _____

Trailer Out director

O Julie Bradley

O Write-in: _____

Local Trail director

O Heather Decawer

O Write-in: _____

Food services

O Joe Cowan

O Write-in: _____

City Liaison

O Larry Henderson

O Write-in: _____

Youth director

Open

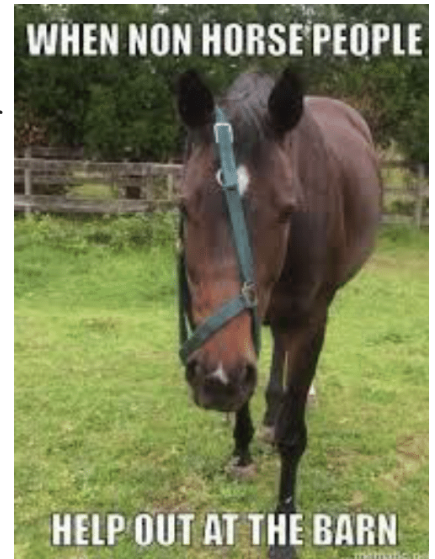
O Write-in: _____

All adult Alta Loma Riding Club members are eligible to vote. You may write in candidates who have given you permission to do so. To vote, use the link provided to you with your newsletter. You may vote only once. You may also mail this completed ballot to the Alta Loma Riding Club at PO Box 8116, Alta Loma, CA 91701. Voting must be completed by August 31.

ALRC MEMBERSHIP!!!

Do you know someone who might like to be a member of the Club? Remember the club is not just for horse owners, it is for anyone who loves our rural living! Please remember that without the Alta Loma Riding Club we would lose a lot of our large animal rights. There are many other special interests that would love to have the facilities the we have at Heritage Park. The bridle trails that traverse our city were campaigned for by the Club when our area starting developing. Memberships can be paid via Pay Pal for your convenience.

When using PayPal, click the "Send & Request" tab. From there, search with the club's email, AltaLomaRidingClub@gmail.com. Use the pay as a friend or family. If you are a new member, please send in the application also.



Ali Smilgis - Membership Director

Membership Application

Membership is only \$30 /year for the whole family. Our year runs from July to June 2020-2021

Please fill out the application and send it with a check to Alta Loma Riding Club P.O. Box 8116 Alta Loma, CA 91701

If there is no change to anything for a renewal, just write NO CHANGE for address, email, phone, etc

Name: _____

Family Members (children's age)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

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Signature of applicant(s) _____

Welcome New Members:

Celeste Minter

Welcome Back Members

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Natalie Beechler

Julie Bradley

Summer & Matt Duffy

Jim & Kathy Hansen

Lawrence & Cassandra Henderson

Recia Haulman

Doug & Laura Lindsey

Ginger & Chris Lofgren

Family Marji

Libby & Tim Martin

Patricia & Laurent Martres

Richard & Jackie McClarnan

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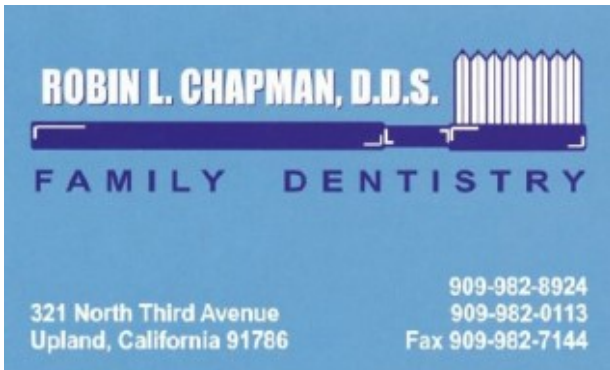
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2. 1/4 page ad - \$216/12 months, or \$20/one issue
3. 1/2 page ad - \$432/12 months or \$40/one issue.
4. Full page ad - \$648/12 months, or \$60/1 issue.
5. Classified ads are 3 lines and they are absolutely free to members!

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