

# ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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# Bits O'News

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## CALENDER

- July 4 -Ontario  
4th of July Parade
- July 4 -Quake's  
Fireworks 6pm
- July 27 -Local  
Trail Ride
- Oct 6 - Open/  
Mustang Show

## President's Message

Well, with the 2020 presidential election looming on the horizon, political ideologies and opinions will soon envelop our lives. Campaigns will be all over the radio, television, email, twitter, Facebook and anywhere else you might see news or information. Political organizations will try to persuade you. Many different ideas and philosophies will be discussed, and should be welcomed, as we grow through debate.

There is a place you can go to escape all this madness. You can go to the barn, enjoy the quiet of cleaning, grooming, training, and just hanging out with your best friend and trusted steed. However, sometimes even when we are with our horses, a well-meaning person comes along, offering horsey advice that we did not ask for. Oh no, how do we possibly deal with that?!?! "Why should I take advice from someone else, since I already know everything?", we think to ourselves. At that point you have a few choices: you can take a minute to listen, and judge for yourself if the advice being given to you is sound, or you can politely explain that you have a trainer whom you trust, or you can be rude to the person offering the advice, and ignore them or say something condescending to them. But you never know, perhaps that person has a good idea and is just trying to help. Who knows, great friendships can come from these chance encounters. My point is it doesn't hurt to listen at least briefly. Now, what if you saw someone doing something dangerous, or in trouble with their mount? Would you ignore the fact and let that person run the risk of getting injured? As a horse community we can't be afraid to offer help if we see it is needed. It may be uncomfortable, but many of us do not know how or who to ask for help if we are new to the equestrian lifestyle. So let me offer my opinion. If you see someone in trouble, merely ask, "Can I help or give some advice?" If they say "no", move on and don't take it personal. They may come back to you later and apologize for their response and ask for help.

Finally, I have had some inquiries about setting up some obstacles in the arena for people to practice and train with. It was explained to me as nothing formal, just training, and no awards or judging. Naturally an event such as this would have to be sponsored by the ALRC, and a \$5 grounds fee per rider would be charged, per our lease agreement with the city. I know there are plenty of experienced riders in the community who can give advice and offer support where needed. If you are interested in something like this, please text me, email me, email the club, or contact any of the board members. If you would like to see breakfast, lunch, or dinner offered, please include that in the text. Keep an eye on the ALRC calendar for such an event.

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## 4th of July Parade

The ALRC will be riding in the city of Ontario's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. This is a fun parade with a big crowd who always enjoys seeing the horses. The club hasn't ridden in the parade in few years, so it's a good time to show them that the ALRC is still kickin'. We will be dressing in our best **Red, White, and Blue** and decking our horses out too. We will *meet at Heritage Park at 6:30* to travel over to Chaffey High School. The parade leads us down southbound Euclid Blvd. and we will come back up the northbound side. If you are planning on riding with us, please text or email me, so we don't leave without you.

Amanda (909)702-6488 AWaterfield1981@gmail.com

### Local Trail Ride

There will be a local trail ride in the evening of July 27th. We will leave the park at 6pm and will ride into our beautiful hills into the night. Bring lights, because we will probably be riding in the dark at the end of the ride.



### Fireworks Show!!!

For ticket inquiries through July 4th, please contact the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center by phone (909) 477-2752 or in person 12505 Cultural Center Dr

Tickets are not available for sale at LoanMart Field Box Office at the Epicenter. Infants requiring a seat require a ticket.

*The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District reminds you that ALL fireworks are illegal in Rancho Cucamonga and encourages you*

### Remembrance

The ALRC would like to send our support and love to the Mitchell family with the passing of Keith Mitchell. Keith was an active member of the horse community and will be missed by all who knew him.







## Saddle Up for St. Jude Obstacle Course

Maintaining traditions are important because they provide us strength and a common goal whether it is a family tradition or an annual event. Traditions bind people together and allow us to share common beliefs. Our annual Saddle Up for St. Jude is one of those traditions where the equestrian community comes together to support St. Jude Children's Hospital in their quest to cure childhood cancer. This year for our Saddle Up for St. Jude event, we held our first-ever trail course as our fundraiser on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were nine riders who competed in the trail course with 12 obstacles designed by Amanda Waterfield-Gibson. The winner for the Youth division was Aidan Keffer and Teri Keffer in the Adult division. It was a fun and challenging course with a few new obstacles. I wanted to thank our Board members, Barb DeWitt, Amanda, Larry Henderson and Rick Morris for their assistance in putting on the Saddle Up for St. Jude event. Barb, Amanda and I put the course together in the morning, Larry chalked the parking lot and Rick provided the trophies for the winners. A special shout out to C.W. Feed for donating the 20 bales of straw for the trail course – thank you! Other local vendors who donated raffle prizes included Rancho Feed in Alta Loma and Inland Vet Supply, Linda's Feed and Kahoot's in Norco. And a special thank you to our ALRC members – Judith, Pat, and Karen – who donated items for the silent auction. Let's keep up our annual tradition and support our Saddle Up for St. Jude event next year to cure childhood cancer.



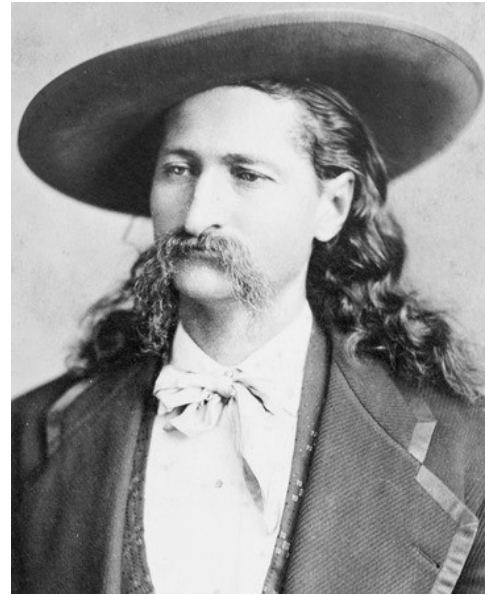
## Dead Man's Hand

Pretty much everybody has heard the story of Wild Bill Hickok's poker hand of 2 black aces and 2 black eights (plus an unknown card) that were in his hand when he was shot in the summer of 1876 in what is now South Dakota.

But have you ever wondered why Jack McCall shot him?

The summer of 1876 was a very hot summer in the Dakota Gold Fields and the men often would work in the mornings and then go to the saloons in the afternoons and play poker in the shady interiors. As was his habit, James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok went into the Nuttall and Mann's No 10 saloon that fateful day, stopped to visit with his friend, Harry Young, and have a leisurely drink prior to joining the poker game. A cautious man, he looked for his preferred seat with his back to the wall but no such seat was available, so he joined the game with his back to the front door.

Jack McCall, a no-account drifter, wandered into the saloon and when he was directly behind Wild Bill, drew his .45-caliber Colt Model 1873 revolver and shot him in the back of the head. As he exited the saloon he shot twice more but missed anyone else due to misfires.



Wild Bill Hickok

Not being too overly bright, he ran outside, jumped on the nearest horse, but the cinch was loose and he fell to the ground. He tried to run into a nearby shop, but was refused and the prompt-to posse of men chasing him quickly brought him down.

At that time, Deadwood was an illegal settlement, so there weren't any official court officers available. Several local businessmen found enough men to listen to the case and it went in front of Judge William L. Kuykendall. Since there was talk of lynching, the townspeople wanted to get it before a court as quickly as possible. Not much legality involved here, just expediency.



Jack McCall

When asked why he killed Wild Bill, he said "Wild Bill killed my brother and I killed him. Wild Bill threatened to kill me if I crossed his path. I am not sorry for what I have done. I would do the same thing over again".

Amazingly, he was acquitted and allowed to leave! Again, taking into consideration a certain lack of intelligence here, he travelled about and couldn't help himself from bragging about his deed. He told a reporter that he killed Wild Bill because he felt he had been cheated out of some gold dust in a prior game with him. He embellished his story with ridiculous statements and it soon unraveled for him. He was again indicted for murder and in December he was found guilty and hanged the following January.

He probably would have been lost in history if he had just kept his mouth shut!

Source: Internet searches and Wild West Magazine



# 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. We are working on an on-line version of our membership application and paying through PayPal for your convenience. We'll keep you updated as to when it is available.

Good Riding and hope to see many of you on the trails and at events throughout the year.

Ali Smilgis - Membership Director

## Membership Application

Membership is only \$30 /year for the whole family and its time to renew

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you to our members for your support and membership. **A big shout out to Shelly Clark for your generous donation.** If you don't see your name here (just might have missed this issue), please get your renewal form sent in. Remember you can pay your dues on PayPal (use the friend/Family), but you have to still send in your paperwork.

**Renewals:**

Natalie & Ken Beechler  
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Kate Smith

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### Amenities

- Show office
- Concession stand
- Arena lighting
- Bathrooms
- 2 arenas  
S - 295' x 150'  
N - 220' x 90'
- PA system
- Water
- Hitching posts
- Trailer parking
- Trail access
- Jumps
- Dressage court

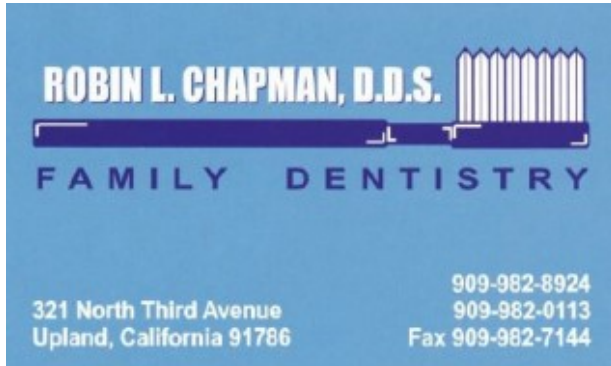
### Rental Rates

- \$150/6hr—includes both arena and grounds fees
- Kitchen \$50/event
- Multipurpose room \$50/event
- Cleaning deposit \$150—refundable

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