

ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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MARCH 2019



CALENDER

- **March 9 - Trailer out 9am**
- **March 10 - Paint Your Horse 1-4pm**
- **March 16 - Park Clean-Up 8am**
- **March 23 - Local Trail ride 9:30am**
- **March 24 - Playday 8am**
- **March 31 - RCEP HARMS Training**
- **April 13 - Norco Horse Week Parade**

President's Message

I ponder once in a while what would life be like without horses. Well, a few things come to mind. I would have a lot more money in the bank, maybe a much nicer truck to drive and certainly a lot less dirt on the floorboards. There would not be a coat of dust on the paint right after I washed due to dusty arenas or dirt parking lots. I would save gas and mileage without driving twice a day to and from where my horses are boarded. I would have more time to spend doing things I needed to do. I would not have the need for a living quarters horse trailer or the cost of maintenance and storage of the trailer. I would not smell like a horse having no need to groom them or clean stalls. I could go on, but let me suffice to say, there is no reason why any sane person should own a horse and certainly not more than one.... EXCEPT....

The pure peace it brings when you spend time with them. There is nothing in this world like standing next to a 1000 lb+ animal that has come to trust you with its life and you trusting it with your life. The relaxation of just brushing out a mane or tail. Even the mindless task of cleaning stalls brings a sort of tranquility. I know of people that would be content owning a horse just for the ability to spend time grooming it, my wife is one. Just being around them relieves the stresses of life.

Based on that alone, I would spend every penny I had on my horse, but then there is more. You place your saddle blanket and pad on the horses back knowing that the horse is aware that soon you will be upon it. Then as you mount your trusted steed,

you place your foot in the stirrup, calmly lifting your body and lowering your seat in the saddle. You feel the tinge of excitement or trepidation that you are placing your wellbeing in the hands (hooves) of an animal with a brain and emotions of it's own. Your excitement is then replaced with a kind of calm. You have developed a report or inexplicable partnership with this animal. You are part of your horse and visa versa. The slightest of moves and your horse knows what your want or where you want to go, as if he/she is reading your mind. This is horsemanship and why we do what we do.

BUT even that does not explain everything. We also get the opportunity to spend time with friends that believe as we do, with the same core beliefs and respect for these magnificent animals. Friends that help us become better horsemen or horsewomen and better people. Thank you to all my riding friends.



ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

PRESENTS:

25% of the proceeds
will be donated
to the ALRC.

art with
Martha

PAINT YOUR HORSE!

*Join ALRC member and artist, Martha Cowan,
as she guides you thru all the steps of completing
an original painting of your horse.
Go home with a finished masterpiece!*

**Sunday, March 10, 2019
1pm- 4pm.**

Arrive a little early. We start on time!
**Heritage Park Equestrian Center
5546 Beryl St. Alta Loma**

\$50 per person.

Includes all supplies.

Paypal, Venmo,
cash or check accepted.

Your payment is your reservation.



Photo Instructions:

Images Due by March 3.

Send me a good photo of your horse - the head, or the whole body- front, side, or 3/4 view! Stand **AWAY** from your horse when taking the photo - the closer you are to your horse, the more distorted the photo! I will draw the image onto your canvas.

**Send to: marthacowanpaintings@gmail.com or for more info,
contact Martha @909-912-2117.**

Playday

When: March 24 - Office opens at 8, 1st class starts at 9

Where: Heritage park 5546 Beryl St,
Alta Loma 91701

Cost: \$4.99/class, \$5 grounds fee



Open and Walk/Trot Classes

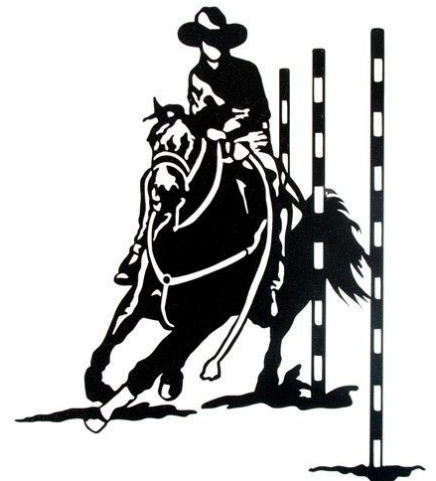


- Barrels
- Poll Bending
- Key Hole
- Egg and Spoon
- Tissue Pairs—Ridden with a partner
- Sit a Buck—Rider provides the \$1 and winner gets the pot

For information/pre-entry, contact Karen (909)731-5420 or Pat (909)987-9403. Entries can also be sent to AltaLomaRidingClub@gmail.com

Helmets are required for all riders under 18

Concession stand open during the playday



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City Updates

I would like to thank the City for their continued support of the Alta Loma Riding Club in maintaining the Heritage Park Equestrian Center and the local trails. ALRC meets with the City on a bimonthly basis to discuss normal operations of the Heritage Park Equestrian Center, as well as current issues and concerns of our members. In the meeting on February 20th we discussed the status of the rehabilitation of the arenas. There has been money set aside for this fiscal year and the city has contacted one of the companies we recommended, “Triple Crown Arenas”. The City is awaiting an updated bid and documentation required. Once the City receives the information they need, they will notify ALRC for scheduling of the work. Depending on the updated bid, contractors schedule, city schedule and the ALRC schedule, the project could start as soon as late spring.

Also discussed was the Almond Trail. As many of you know the Almond Trail around Canyon Creek Ranch was washed out and is currently impassible. The city has been working on evaluating the damage, but due to the massive erosion of the hillside it has not been determined exactly what it will take to rebuild the hillside and mitigate future water issues. While the city is working on the project, there is no schedule as to when the trail will be re-opened.

We also brought up the condition of the equestrian bridges traversing the wash near the equestrian center and were told that the City is evaluating all the bridges to determine necessary repairs or possible replacement. While there are budgeted funds for the evaluation, the repairs or replacement will be based on next fiscal years budget

The Alta Loma Riding Club is having signs for the Heritage Park Equestrian Center made. The main sign will be placed at the entrance of the park and a directional sign at the Y leading to the Equestrian Center. They are being manufactured this week. If you would like to donate to offset the cost of the signs please contact Joe Cowan or John Sanchez

Trailer Out News

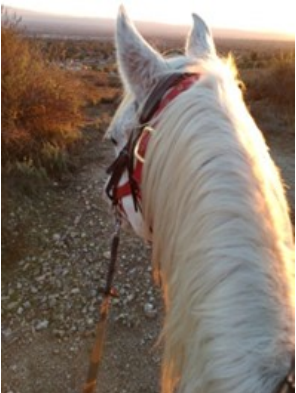
When: March 9th, 9am

Trailer out to Bonelli Park. We will meet at the corner of Wilson and Carnelian, since it opening day of Little league and the park will be very busy. Come and enjoy a scenic ride with a view of Puddingstone lake. Bring a snack, as the ride will be a couple hours long with a chance to rest at the picnic tables. Hope to see you all there.

Barry

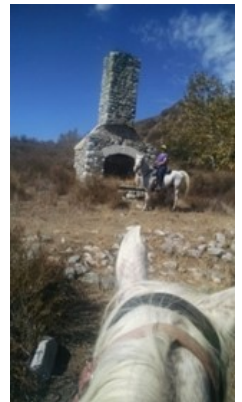


There will be a park clean up day March 16th at 8am. Please come out and help keep your park clean. Bring shovels, rakes and yard gloves. The more help we get, the less we all have to work.



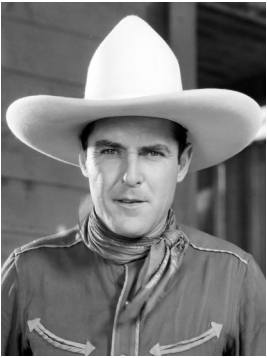
Local Trail Rides With Barb De Witt and Pharaoh

Trail riding during our winter season is unpredictable due to inclement weather, making it hard to schedule club rides. We will try for March 23, over to San Antonio Heights in Upland. Please meet at Heritage Park at 9:30 am and we will leave no later than 10:00 for this 3+ hour ride. In the meantime, the days that are nice are beautiful for riding and can afford us some spectacular



views. One of my favorites is from on top of the hill above the Canyon Creek Ranch. Another scenic back country ride is to go up West Cucamonga Truck Trail above Skyline Road and Inspiration Drive just before Cucamonga Canyon. Both of these rides have steep up hills. One less traveled ride is east of Haven to see the chimneys and foundations from an old Civilian Conservation Corp site. The only problem with this ride is you have to pick your way once you head north of the power line trail because there is no trail. It's quite the adventuresome ride. If anyone is interested in these rides please let me know Happy trails to all!

Singing the Ol' West



Okay, so I think most of you would agree that our Move/TV history of the Cowboy old West is more than a bit skewed and nothing like what is really was. But it was also a lot of fun with all the handsome, clean cut, white hat wearing men throughout the early Hollywood style West.

So who was the very first gent to get on a horse and warble about how wonderful being a cowboy was? Well that award goes to a fella named Ken Maynard, who recorded two songs for "Sons of the Saddle" in 1930. Bob Steele (also in 1930) was a singing cowboy for Tiffany Pictures, and then John Wayne was a singing cowboy in "Riders of Destiny" in 1933 although he was actually dubbed since he was not a singer. (There have been several stories of who actually dubbed him and Wayne was often embarrassed about his "singing")



Gene Autry was the first big star to sing his way to western glory starting with "The Phantom Empire" in 1935. Roy Rogers quickly followed 1937 when in a dispute with the studio, Autry walked out and Roy quickly filled the void.

During the 1930's singing in westerns was very popular and a succession of fine singers made their way into the movie business: Herb Jeffries (a fine jazz singer), James Newill (a singing Mountie), Dorothy Page (radio singer), Tex Ritter, Ken Curtis, and Rex Allen all who went

on to careers both as singers and actors.

With the advent of TV, the B Movie industry dropped off and left Gene Autry and Roy Rogers to continue the white hat American West Heroes of singing cowboys.

There have been many parodies of the singing cowboy since then, Tom Berenger (Yes, he really sings) starred in "Rustlers' Rhapsody" in 1985 and of course Disney got in there with The Riders in the Sky singing "Woody's Roundup" in "Toy Story 2".



More recently the Coen Brothers created a NETFLIX series called "The Ballad of Buster Scrubbs". (Now I wouldn't be to quick to watch that one unless you like a very different kind of singing cowboy!)

There were, of course, many other actors that did movie films singing their little hearts out, but the ones above were the most well known and certainly the ones that continued singing in other genres and acting in many other kinds of movies.

Movie musicals have often portrayed music, men, women and horses, "Annie Get Your Gun" as a fine example.



Singing Cowboys, Cowgirls and Horses will always be a wonderful part of our movie and TV western heritage.

Source: Lot's of Internet searches and even a Huell Howser California Gold

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 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 Venmo 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. Our year runs from July to June

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

Name: _____

Family Members (children's age)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

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Signature of applicant(s) _____

Heritage Park Equestrian Center

A Multiuse Equestrian Facility

Located at

5546 Beryl, Alta Loma, CA 91701



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—including both arena and grounds fees

Kitchen \$50/event

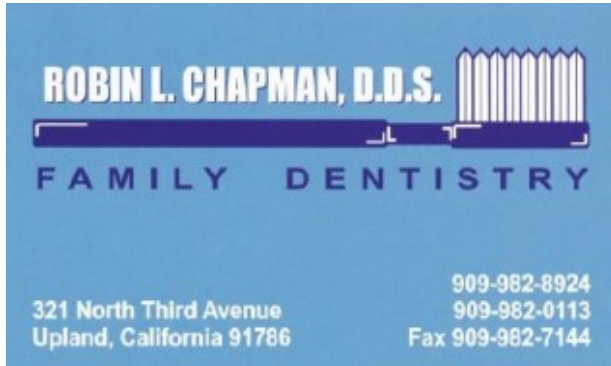
Multipurpose room \$50/event

Cleaning deposit \$150—refundable

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