



ALRC NEWSLETTER • MARCH 2022



**Dedicated to promoting and preserving the rural and equestrian lifestyle in our community.**

# BITS *of* NEWS

## the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *from Natalie Beechler, ALRC President*

As a tint of green begins to cover the landscape, a sense of renewal washes over the land. March brings the promise of longer days with an extra hour of daylight after work to spend with our equine partners. The air isn't yet heavy with heat and stillness, yet not so cold as to keep you inside. The world truly feels "new" again with life buzzing all around us, and it's one of my favorite times of the year to ride.

March also marks the opening of nominations for the next term of the ALRC board positions. ALRC board positions run for a two-year period beginning July 1. ALRC board meetings occur the second Tuesday of every month at the Heritage Park Equestrian Center Clubhouse at 7pm. If you have ever thought of being a part of what we do, or have ideas that you would like to see put into place—we need you! Though some of our current board will be running again, not all are able to carry over and we need nominees! If you or someone you know would like to become a part of the ALRC team, please send nominations to [altalomaridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:altalomaridingclub@gmail.com)

It is interesting how time changes focus and perspective when working with horses. When I was a kid, I set my sights on Horse Show based goals. We trained, consistently to arrive at a show and perform as well as possible. It was consistency, repetition, and practice. It held many valuable lessons regarding horse care, discipline, and dedication in perfecting skill. As I grew older, I steered towards exploration of the outdoors. I longed to go deep into places not yet spoiled by the overpopulation of unending human traffic. This led to amazing adventures, irreplaceable friends, and beautiful (if not sometimes frightening) memories. Recently, I've felt my focus shift again, directed more to what is going on between my horse's ears. Rather than a destination, I find myself drawn to my horses state of being in all situations—with a physical destination being a secondary (if at all) goal.



What evolution has your horsemanship taken? What have you derived from each step? Maybe you are new to horses—beginning your journey, or perhaps you have been working with horses for decades. I've come to realize it is a journey without a destination, a never ending path of evolution—and I am so grateful for such things.

*Natalie* 

**“Life is a journey, not a destination” –Robert Waldo Emerson**



With the recent outbreak of EHV-1 in Southern California, and after veterinary consultation, in an abundance of caution, we will be **postponing the Spring forward Horse Show** to Sunday April 10.

ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB PRESENTS

Has been **FORWARDED!**

# SPRING *forward* HORSE SHOW

Sunday, ~~March 13~~, 2022

**NEW DATE: April 10**

SHOW OFFICE OPENS AT 8:00AM

\$9 Grounds fee

\$5 Office fee

\$5 ALRC Temporary Membership Fee  
(for non-members)

**\$4.99 per Class**

*\*\*We reserve the right to combine classes with low entries.*

**JUDGE:** Kash Grimes

**PRIZES:** To First Place

**RIBBONS:** First - Sixth Place

**HIGHPOINT AWARDS:**

17 & Under

18 & Over

Walk, Trot 17 & Under

Walk, Trot 18 & Over

Heritage Park Equestrian Center

5546 Beryl Street

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

**SHOW ATTIRE:**

**ENGLISH:**

Boots, breeches, and hard hats required. Long sleeve shirt required if not wearing a hunt coat.

**WESTERN:**

Boots, hats, long sleeved shirts and jeans required.

## Classes

1. Halter
2. Showmanship W/T Open
3. Showmanship 17 & Under
4. Showmanship 18 & Over
5. English Equitation W/T 17 & Under
6. English Equitation W/T 18 & Over
7. English Equitation 17 & Under
8. English Equitation 18 & Over
9. English Pleasure W/T 17 & Under
10. English Pleasure W/T 18 & Over
11. English Pleasure 17 & Under
12. English Pleasure 18 & Over
13. English County Pleasure -Open
14. Hunter Hack Equitation W/T
15. Hunter Hack Equitation 17 & Under
16. Hunter Hack Equitation 18 & Over
17. Lead line E/W Equitation 8 & Under
18. Lead line E/W Pleasure 8 & Under
19. Western Equitation W/T 17 & Under
20. Western Equitation W/T 18 & Over
21. Western Equitation 17 & Under
22. Western Equitation 18 & Over
23. Western Pleasure W/T 17 & Under
24. Western Pleasure W/T 18 & Over
25. Western Pleasure 17 & Under
26. Western Pleasure 18 & Over
27. Western County Pleasure
28. Ranch Rail Pleasure W/T
29. Ranch Rail pleasure Open
30. Ranch Riding W/T
31. Ranch Riding open
32. Trail W/T
33. Trail 17 & Under
34. Trail 18 & Over



**Yay, now more daylight to ride after work!**

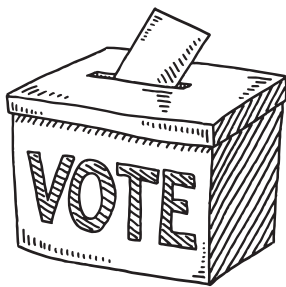
Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 12th.

Daylight saving time will start at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th.

# ALRC ELECTIONS

*John Sanchez, ALRC Secretary*

It's that time once again...elections for the Board Members of the Alta Loma Riding Club. As per the By-laws, elections for positions on the Board of Directors for the ALRC are to be held at two-year intervals, (or every two years.) Therefore, all board positions are up for election this year, 2022. The last board election was held in 2020. This month, the month of March is designated for nominations to the board. Members who would like to run for the board must submit their names to the ALRC secretary by March 31, 2022. At the closing of nominations, the names of Board candidates will be published in April. Voting will be held in May. Voting will be in person where ballots will be distributed at a May general meeting.



The present board has done an outstanding job under difficult circumstances in supporting the equestrian lifestyle for Rancho Cucamonga and providing a great community spirit among its members. Our club and activities are expanding, reaching out to new individuals in and around Alta Loma and other equestrian communities.

Please consider being a part of this valuable asset in promoting our equestrian heritage and the continual custodial care of Heritage Park Equestrian Center.

The following offices are open for your consideration: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Newsletter, Food Service, City Liaison, Trailer-Out Rides, Local Trail Rides, Youth Director, and Membership.

If you wish to place your name in nomination, simply notify the Secretary of ALRC. You may email the secretary at SecretaryofALRC@gmail.com or by phone, at (909) 908-6120.



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EHV

*Dr. Suzi Lanini, DVM, ALRC member*

Equine herpes virus, EHV, is a common virus that is seen every year. When it is diagnosed quarantine measures are put in place so that it does not spread beyond the facility where it is diagnosed.

Desert International Horse Park hosts an international winter hunter jumper circuit. On February 11, 2022 they announced they had two cases of ehv on the premise. Isolation and quarantine measures were taken. Unfortunately some horses were moved when they canceled the horse show. As of today EHV is in 6 counties not including San Bernardino County.

The virus usually presents in 2 phases of fever—day 1 to 2 and day 6 to 7. It will unpredictably progress into the neurologic form usually in the day 6-7 timeframe. The neurologic form usually results in humane euthanasia due to the horses inability to stand and perform basic functions like voiding their bladder.

There is a vaccine and all the show horses should have been vaccinated every 6 months. Unfortunately the vaccine does not prevent infection or disease. Recommendations at this time are no social interactions because it can be contracted by both airborne and nose to nose contact. Isolate any horses that have had social contact for a minimum of 7 days and take their temperature morning and evening.

If you have concerns about your horse being febrile and possibly catching EHV then contact your horse's veterinarian and they will guide you through the care and precautions.

[www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/equine\\_herpes\\_virus](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus)  
<https://aaep.org/horsehealth/faq-equine-herpesvirus-ehv>

## SPRING HORSE VACCINATION CLINIC with Dr. Blair • SATURDAY APRIL 23

Protect your equine companions with annual vaccinations. ALRC makes it easy by hosting a Spring Horse Vaccination Clinic. Dr. Blair will be at Heritage Park Equestrian Center on Saturday, April 23, 2022 to administer the necessary vaccines to keep your horse healthy. By offering this service you can avoid a trip charge and take advantage of a special clinic rate. More details to come in the April newsletter.

## Attend Alta Loma Riding Club's *Evening of Wine Tasting*

Saturday ■ May 14, 2022  
at Historic Chaffey Garcia House

Wine collector Chris Starkenburg will present a  
Variety of Fine Wines  
for our enjoyment

"Dinn-Oeuvres" Beer & Soft Drinks  
will also be served

Members:  
\$75 per couple  
\$40 individual



Watch for  
your Invitation  
in the mail!



# MARCH LOCAL TRAIL RIDE with Heather *Heather McGee Decauwer, Local Trail Director*

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day we are having a Lucky Horse ride. Feel free to decorate your horse in green for a ride on the various trails behind houses. Bring a sack lunch and plan to hang out after the ride for a couple quick fun games where we'll be giving away prizes to the lucky horse and rider.



## DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 **Time:** 10am-1pm

**Staging Info:** Meet at Heritage Park around 9am and plan to leave by 10am  
Bring snacks/lunch.

**Distance:** 5 to 6 miles

**Time:** approximately 2.5 - 3 hours

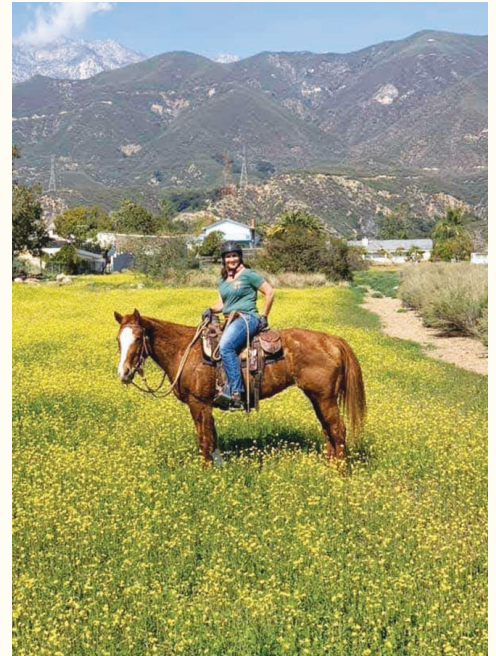
**Elevation:** Relatively flat

**Terrain:** Wide trails behind houses and along the streets

**Technicality:** Crossing streets, shared trails, barking dogs and backyard activities of residents

**Contact:** Heather if you have questions: [localtrailofalrc@gmail.com](mailto:localtrailofalrc@gmail.com)

**No Stallion or Dogs on the ride.**



# MARCH TRAILER OUT RIDE with Julie *Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director*

Join us March 26 to ride a loop around lovely Bonelli Park in San Dimas. We will ride through the 1,975 acres around the lake and up into the hills for fantastic views. This is one of my favorite nearby trails, and it's less than 30 minutes away! There will be multiple opportunities for photos. The scenery is always nice, and the best part, in my opinion, is the tree lined part of the trail.



## DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

**Date:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 **Time:** 8-2pm

**Staging Info:** Leave Heritage Park at 8am. We will park at the Raging Waters staging area in Bonelli Park.

**Route:** Bonelli Park Loop around the lake

**Distance:** 8.5-10 miles

**Time:** 3.5-4.5 hours depending on breaks and photo ops

**Elevation:** Rolling hills about 350 feet from highest to lowest point

**Terrain:** Fire roads (wide) and single track trails. Closer to the lake there will be picnickers.

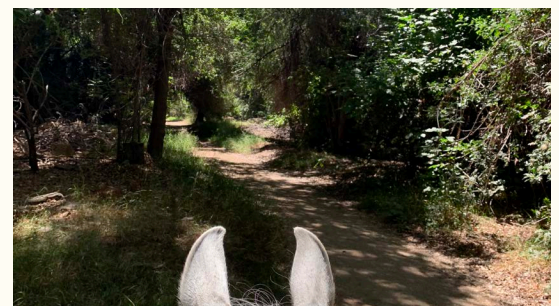
**Technicality:** A few moderate steep spots. Possible small water crossing. Nearby small airport (haven't seen a problem yet, just letting you know).

**Shade:** Intermittent

**Pictures Opp:** Many!

**Questions Contact:** [traileroutdirectorofALRC@gmail.com](mailto:traileroutdirectorofALRC@gmail.com)

**No Stallion or Dogs on the ride.**





# UPCOMING ALRC RIDES!

Plan on joining the fun on an upcoming trailer out ride with Julie or local ride with Heather!

## Trailer out ride with Julie

4/30 Chino Hills

5/28 Wild Horse/Big Bear

## Local ride with Heather

4/2 TBD

5/7 Poker Ride

6/4 Deer Creek



Come ride with us!

## ALRC Executive Officers & Directors

**President:** Natalie Beechler  
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## GET SOCIAL WITH US!

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Welcome New Members  
**Bernadette & Anthony Haro**

Thank You very much for being a vital part of the Alta Loma Riding Club!

Your membership makes a difference! We look forward to meeting you at upcoming events! Encourage your friends and neighbors who enjoy the trails and facilities to join us too!

**Happy Trails!**



## ALRC UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>TUES, MAR 8</b> 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALRC Board Meeting</li> <li>• Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Clubhouse</li> </ul>
<b>SAT, MAR 19</b> 10AM-1PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Trail Ride</li> <li>• Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 10AM</li> <li>• Wear green and come ride the "lucky horse ride"</li> </ul>
<b>SAT, MAR 26</b> 8AM-2PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailer Out Trail Ride</li> <li>• Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 8AM</li> <li>• Bonelli Park, San Dimas staging Raging Waters entrance</li> </ul>
<b>SUN, APR 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SPRING FORWARD FORWARDED HORSE SHOW</b></li> <li>• Show office opens 8AM • Show starts 9AM</li> <li>• Heritage Park Equestrian Center</li> </ul>
<b>SAT, APR 23</b> TIME TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SPRING HORSE VACCINATION CLINIC</b> with Dr. Blair</li> <li>• Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Clubhouse</li> </ul>
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WINE TASTING EVENT • May 14, 2022</b></li> <li>• Historic Chaffey-Garcia House, Rancho Cucamonga</li> </ul>



### Help the Alta Loma Riding Club protect and preserve the rural equestrian community in Rancho Cucamonga.

If you see any questionable or potentially dangerous activity occurring in or around the Heritage Park vicinity, please call the Rancho Cucamonga Park Ranger, at (909) 941-1488. You may also report such activity through the app: **RC2GO.com**



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- Concession Stand
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### CONTACT

Larry Henderson  
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**EQUESTRIAN PARKING AREA:** In an effort to ensure safety and appropriate use of Heritage Park Equestrian Parking, a lock at the entrance gate has been installed. All ALRC members have been provided an access code via the email on file. We ask that you lock the gate upon entering and exiting the equestrian parking area. Look for the gate code via email and text, for further questions please contact (909) 226-3956 or email altalomaridingclub@gmail.com



# SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

## ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB at Heritage Park Equestrian Center

The Alta Loma Riding Club exists to promote and preserve the rural and equestrian lifestyle of Alta Loma and Rancho Cucamonga. Our membership is very important in continuing to impact our community. We maintain communication with the local city council and city planners to assure the trails and horse facilities we enjoy stay intact and maintained. We welcome you with open arms! It is not necessary to own a horse to be a member. If you use the trails and enjoy the outdoor lifestyle, ride or walk on two or four legs, by yourself or with your friends, pets and kids, then join us!

- ALRC Monthly Newsletter
- Organized Local trail rides and Trailer-out rides
- Special Events • Shows • Clinics • Social Events
- Members are invited to monthly ALRC Board Member Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7PM in the Clubhouse at Heritage Park Equestrian Center
- Quarterly ALRC General Member Meeting
- Opportunity to meet other local horse enthusiasts
- Be part of supporting and promoting the rural/equestrian lifestyle in our community!

Visit our website to join or contact  
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for more information



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