



ALRC Newsletter

ALTA LOMA
RIDING CLUB



February 2026



HEATHER MCGEE DECAUWER, PRESIDENT

A message from Heather, President of ALRC

According to the Chinese Lunar Calendar, 2026 is the year of the Horse! The Year of the Horse encourages action, adventure, and enthusiasm, inspiring everyone to embark on new projects with boldness and confidence. Although I'm not one to give a whole lot of thought into a horoscope, I do like the encouragement the Year of the Horse represents.

If you've gone by the park lately, I hope you've noticed the progress on the bridge. With the anticipation of the bridge being completed and having access to the parking lot, the board has been busy working on our 2026 plans. The calendar is not complete yet, but you can expect to see a grand reopening, membership meetings, horse shows, clinics, trailer out and local trail rides and the return of Boot n Brews in the new year. We are also in the process of getting quotes to make improvements to the club house.

We are happy to announce the addition of Sara Rubio to the Board as the Newsletter Director. For the past two years, the Board has been operating with several vacant positions (Secretary, Newsletter, and Membership). I'm grateful to all the Board members, but especially those who have been doubling up on roles. A shout out to John, Charlene and Joe. John our Food Director has been doing the newsletter, Charlene our Treasure has been handling the memberships and Joe our City Liaison and I have been taking meeting minutes. To learn more about Sara, look for her article in the newsletter. Welcome Sara! If you have an interest in serving as either the Secretary or Membership, please contact me.

Happy trails,

Heather

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Club Updates

Heritage Park Equestrian Center Bridge-

The City of Rancho Cucamonga has been working diligently on rebuilding the driveway bridge that provides access to the Equestrian Center. We are hopeful the bridge will reopen in early 2026!



Boots & Brews- In September 2025, we hosted our very first Boots & Brews at the historic Chaffey Garcia House! It was an unforgettable evening filled with live music, great food, line dancing, exciting prizes, ranch games, and more. We're already looking ahead to September 2026, when Boots & Brews will return to bring together those who are passionate about supporting, promoting, and preserving the rural and equestrian lifestyle in our community.



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Alta Loma Riding Club Sponsorship Form

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Website Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Service: _____

Years in business: _____ Additional Information: _____

Sponsorship/Advertisement Options:

Donation:

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other: _____

NEWSLETTER: Business Advertisement in ALRC Newsletter:

\$120.00 Yearly(12 issues) \$15.00 each issue(you choose the month(s))

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\$175.00 Hang my banner at all ALRC Events! (Jan-Dec) \$35.00 Hang my banner at the next ALRC Event!

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\$75.00 make my 30" x 60" professional quality banner created by www.inkworksDP.com for me to keep!
 • send logo in high resolution in png, jpg, or vector eps file(preferred) with any pertinent info to have exhibited to:
publicityofALRC@gmail.com

All application and donations/sponsorship monies must be received prior to show

Two ways to submit your completed ALRC Show Sponsorship Application:

1. Email completed application to: AltaLomaRidingClub@gmail.com and pay via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/us/signin>
 (search PayPal under AltaLomaRidingClub@gmail.com, be sure to include sponsorship description as checked above)
2. Print and mail completed application with check payable to "Alta Loma Riding Club" at: Alta Loma Riding Club
 P.O. Box 8116
 Alta Loma, CA 91701

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ALRC HORSE SHOW, YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US GROW OUR EVENTS AND OUTREACH TO THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY! ☺

Outreach

Donations needed- Start off 2026 by clearing out old bedding and towels and donating much-needed items to our local Animal Center. Heather Bolton, Deputy Director of Animal Services, shared that in-kind donations—new or gently used—may be dropped off in the large orange bin outside the Animal Center’s front doors or brought inside during walk-through hours (Tuesday–Saturday, 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.).

The Animal Center can use clean towels, washcloths, flat sheets, and washable blankets. Items they are unable to accept include non-machine-washable items (such as down comforters) and fitted sheets.

New items may also be purchased and shipped directly to the Animal Center using the links found in the “Donate” section of the City’s Animal Center website. The most requested items at this time are cat scratchers and Kuranda beds.



A Sweet Valentine’s Day Treat

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup whole wheat flour (or all-purpose)
- 1 cup grated carrot or unsweetened applesauce
- ½ cup molasses or honey
- 1–2 tbs vegetable oil
- Water as needed



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Mix oats and flour in a bowl.
3. Stir in carrot/applesauce, molasses, and oil.
4. Add a little water at a time until you get a thick, dough-like texture.
5. Roll into small balls or flatten into cookie shapes.
6. Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
7. Bake 20–25 minutes, until firm and lightly browned.
8. Let cool completely (they harden more as they cool).

Upcoming Events

February 28th - Join us for our first trailer out of 2026! We are heading to the beautiful rolling green hills above San Dimas!

Meet at: 9am at Horsethief Canyon Park, San Dimas

Ride out at: 10am

Staging Info: it is Opening Day for Little League at Heritage Park so we will Meet at Horsethief Canyon park at 9am: 301 Horsethief Canyon Rd, San Dimas, Ca 91773

Terrain: Hills

Technicality: shared trail with hikers, dogs and bikers

Please Contact Lori if you plan on attending so she can get a head count of who to expect: lorikrasch@gmail.com

Please, no Stallions or Dogs on the ride.



Upcoming Events

March 14th - Inland Communities Chapter, CA Dressage Society, Schooling Show



Closing Date: Entries must be postmarked by March 6, 2026 (Proof of current vaccinations required.)
Judge: Kim McGrath (No phone entries; Incomplete entries NOT accepted.)
Location: Heritage Community Park – 5546 Beryl St., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737
 In cooperation with **Alta Loma Riding Club**
Show Manager - Linda Florence info@iccds.org; (909) 730-7931
Show Secretary - Susan Williams littleblackhorse12@gmail.com; (951) 660-9468
Payment - Must be received with entry. •

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

1	Introductory Level, Test A	14	Third Level, Test 2	
2	Introductory Level, Test B	15	Third Level, Test 3	
3	Introductory Level, Test C	16	Fourth Level, Test 1	
4	Training Level, Test 1	17	Fourth Level, Test 2	
5	Training Level, Test 2	18	Fourth Level, Test 3	
6	Training Level, Test 3	19	FEI Test of Choice (Specify test)	
7	First Level, Test 1	20	Musical Freestyle (Specify Level)	
8	First Level, Test 2	21	Pas de Deux (Specify Level)	
9	First Level, Test 3	22	Walk-Trot Equitation, Jr. & AA	} English
10	Second Level, Test 1	23	Walk-Trot-Canter Equitation, Jr. & AA	
11	Second Level, Test 2	24	Walk-Trot Equitation, Jr. & AA	} Western
12	Second Level, Test 3	25	Walk-Trot-Lope Equitation, Jr. & AA	
13	Third Level, Test 1	26	Western Dressage – (Schooling) Test of Choice (Specify test)	

Specify Amateur, Junior or Open on entry form.

NOTES –

- FEES:** Intro through Pas de Deux (1-20) - \$35.00. Equitation and Western Schooling (21-25) - \$30.00.
- REFUNDS:** No refunds after closing date unless ride is filled from waiting list.
- TIMES:** Will be available on the ICC website (www.ICCcds.org) and on our Facebook page after March 11th.
- AWARDS:** Awards to 1st place. Ribbons to 3rd. Riders might also be eligible for Chapter Year-End Awards. Please visit our website at www.ICCcds.org for details.
- HIGH POINT:** Highest percentage score of the day for Amateur, Junior and Open (classes 4 through 19) will win a special prize.
- ARENA:** Competition and Warm-up arenas are sand footing, uncovered. No longeing in Warm-up arena. Separate round pen available.
- EQUITATION:** Riders will show as a group in both directions. Only Intro Level riders may compete in Class 22 & Class 24. Riders may not compete in both Walk-Trot & Walk-Trot-Canter/Lope Equitation.
- NO OVERNIGHT STABLING-Limited Day Stabling Available:** Contact Linda Florence (909) 730-7931 to reserve. (Reserve early - space is limited. Reservations will be confirmed prior to the show.)
- FOOD:** Available for purchase. Breakfast, lunch, snacks & beverages

Please, NO DOGS!

Coming Soon

February 28th- Opening Baseball day at Heritage Park

February 28th - Trailer out ride to San Dimas, CA

March 14th - Inland Communities Chapter, CA Dressage Society, Schooling Show

March 28th - ALRC Membership Meeting/ Open House at Heritage Park Equestrian Center

June - Memberships due

April 11th - Inland Communities Chapter, CA Dressage Society Show, Spring Fling

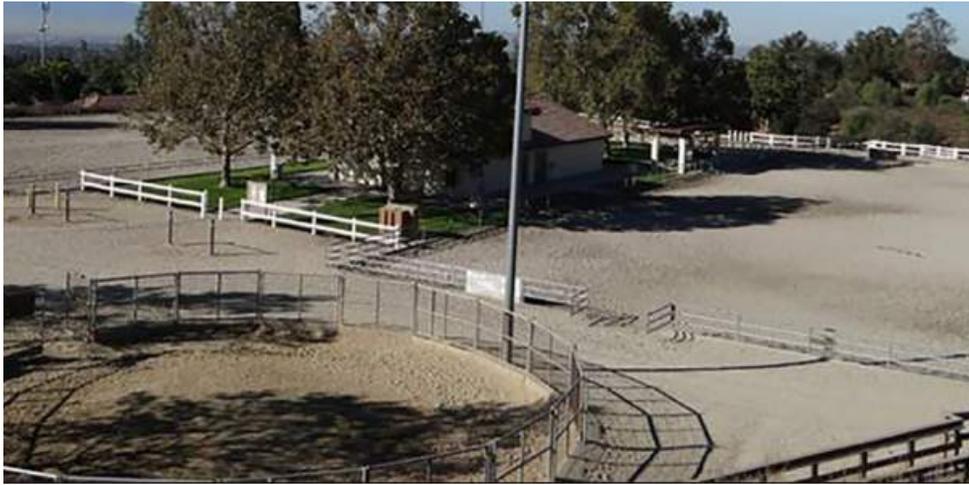
June 6th - Inland Communities Chapter, CA Dressage Society Show, Summer Breeze

September- ALRC Boots & Brews Event... Stay tuned for details!

October 17th - Inland Communities Chapter, CA Dressage Society Show, Autumn Leaves

October- ALRC Halloween Horse Event





Equestrian Parking Area:

In an effort to ensure safety and appropriate use of Equestrian Center, a lock at the entrance gate has been installed. All ALRC members have been provided the code. We ask that you lock the gate upon entering and exiting the parking area. For further questions, please contact (909) 238-8803 or email altalomaridingclub@gmail.org

Get Social with us! Alta Loma Riding Club



Heritage Park Equestrian Center

A general purpose equestrian facility available for Shows and Clinics!

Amenities:

- Show office & Clubhouse
- Concession Stand
- Restrooms
- Arena Lighting
- 2 Round Pens & 7 Paddocks
- South Arena 295' x 150'
- North Arena 220' x 90' (Dressage)
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- Hitching Rails & Water Trough
- Trailer Parking
- Trail Course & Trail Access

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Member Highlight

Sara Rubio, Newsletter Editor

Hi ALRC,

I'm so excited to be part of the club and to give back to our horse community. I've lived in Alta Loma since 2002, and my childhood home is just south of the Demens Channel Bridge. I still remember walking to Heritage Park and dreaming about having my own horse—little did I know my grandfather was already planning to send me one just a few months after we moved in.

From sixth grade through college, I spent tons of time riding my horse, Alcon, at Heritage Park and on the local trails. Fast forward to 2026, my husband and I now own a home here in Alta Loma and spend our days with our two-year-old pup, Nessa, and our nine-year-old OTTB, Theo.

I hope this newsletter helps bring our community even closer. We're so blessed to call this place home.



Thank you for reading!

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