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JANUARY 2019



CALENDER

- Jan 1—New Years Day
- Jan 25—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Happy New Year!

Wow, where has this past year gone and will this next year move as fast?

The December meeting was a lot of fun. The clubhouse was decorated and some yummy food was brought by all those who attended. The best part was the toys that everyone brought for the Spark of Love toy drive. I unfortunately didn't get any pictures of anything, but the pile of toys was appreciated by the firemen, and they told me to tell those in the club "Thank you".

We had a fun ride through the Christmas lights, having over 20 horses, most of which were also decked out in lights too. See Barbs article for more information.

If you are one of those who likes to get up early on January 1st and watch the Tournament of Roses Parade, be sure to look for our very own Cary Westcott, who will be driving the Chinese American Heritage Foundation float. Divers and spotters get hidden pretty well, but its fun to try and see if you can spot them.

We are working on having some fun events this year, so be sure to check your newsletter each month and follow us on Facebook for the latest updates. I try very hard to give everyone plenty of notice for upcoming events so we can all plan accordingly.

Here is to a bright and enjoyable new year

Amanda

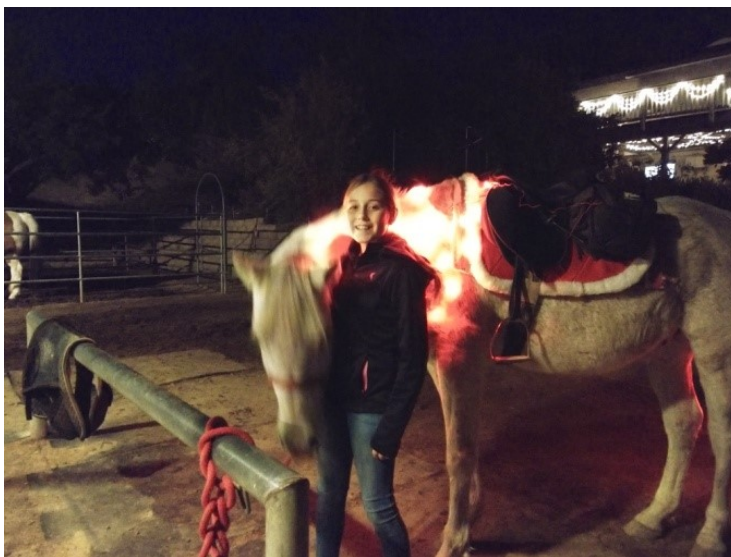
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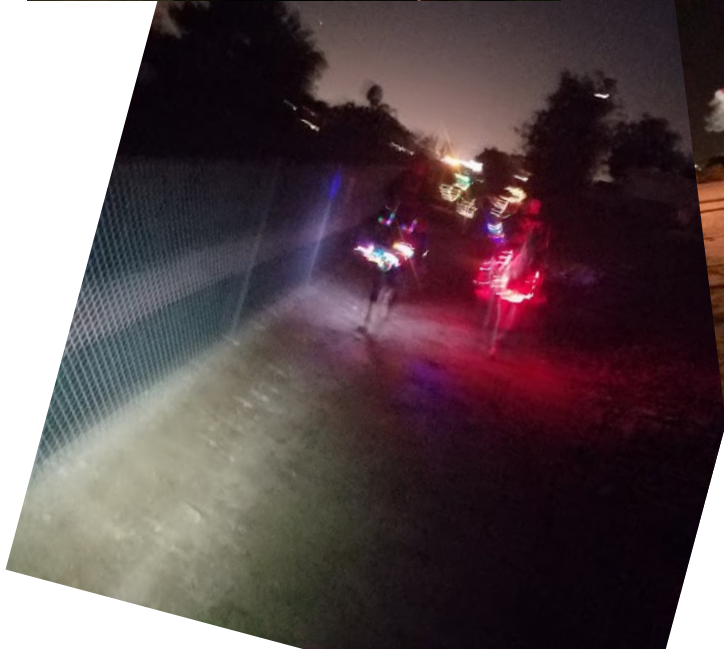
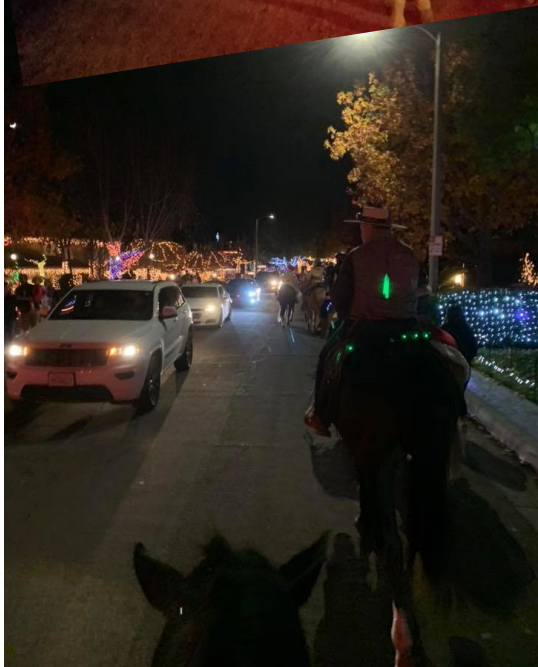
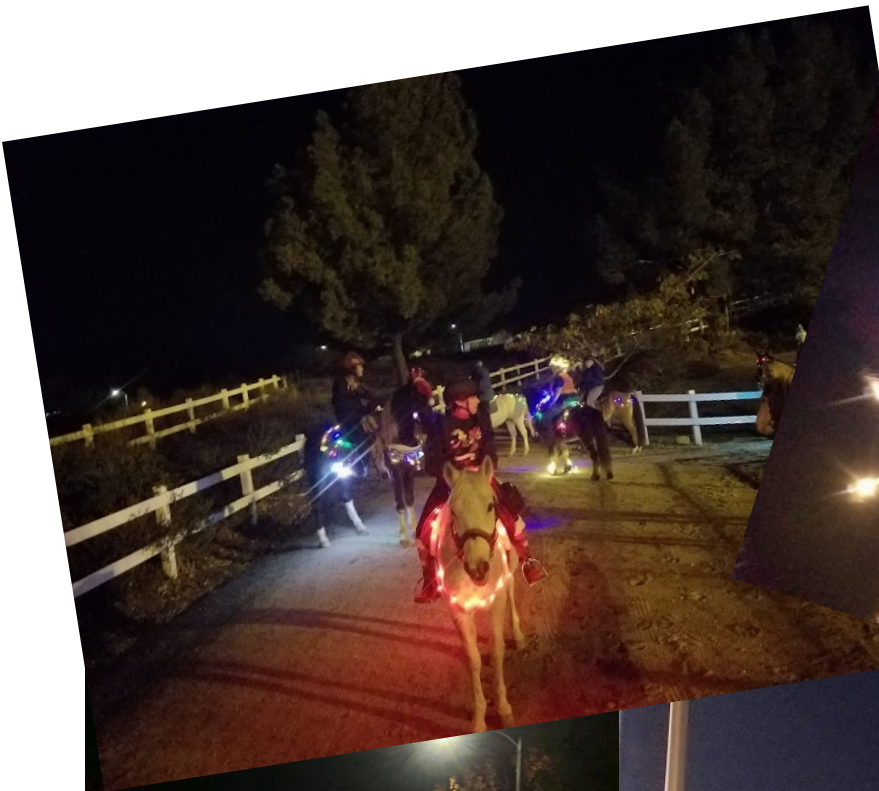
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Local Trail Rides With Barb De Witt and Pharaoh

The holiday season is an amazing time of good cheer with family and friends. This includes fun and festivities with our Alta Loma Riding Club. On Tuesday evening, December 11, a group of 23 horse and riders were seen from near and far as our lighted and decorated horses rode from Heritage Park to Thoroughbred to take in all the beautiful sights and sounds of Christmas. I think we were almost as much of an attraction as were the houses with their spectacular display of Christmas lights. We were so fortunate to have riders from Canyon Creek Ranch, Glenlock Stables, Greystone in Upland, and even from as far as Norco and La Brea. It is so fun getting to know new people, making connections, and sharing our wonderful town with others. After our leisurely ride of an hour and 45 minutes, we returned to Heritage Park where Rick had prepared hot coffee, hot tea, and an assortment of sweets to finish off our evening. An extra special huge thanks goes out to Martha Cowan and Brandon Berg for volunteering to do pooper-scooper duty so the residents would be happy to welcome us back, year after year.

I do not have another Club ride planned yet, but I love to help explore out local trails with anyone who would like to find new places to ride. Please feel free to call me if you want a guide, or if you just want a companion to ride with you. My time is very flexible because I only substitute now that I am retired.





Quarter Horse Racing Foundations

Homo Sapiens love speed and as a result horse racing has been around for as long as we discovered we could ride like the wind. Referred to as the "Sport of Kings", racing horses was a favorite pastime since the ancient times. Horses belonging to the God Odin and the Giant Hrungnir in Norse mythology were pitted against one another in a races.

But there is one member of the equine family that is especially known for its speed and agility for short spurts, and that of course, is the Quarter Horse. The American Quarter Horse is famous for its speed at short distances, but it's conformation lent itself perfectly to the working cow horse. Originally the quarter horse was bred by men primarily for match racing to make extra money. One family, the Alsup Clan made it into a big business in Missouri from around 1860 to 1880. The Alsup foundation stock were muscular, kind and very fast.

The bridge to the Quarter Horse is usually traced back to "Old Fred", a palomino foaled in 1894 in Missouri. At 15 hands, he was used as a freight horse hauling supplies from Kansas City to Denver. A rancher spotted him working in harness and bought the stallion on the spot because of his tremendous overall muscularity, huge hindquarters, rather long back, deep shoulder and slightly downhill build, the classic shape of a short course winner.

Old Fred turned out to be a potent breeder and no matter what he was bred to, the result was a short-distance runner. He was bred to be a quarter mile racehorse and how he wound up as a harness horse is a mystery, His pedigree traces back to the Alsup horses.

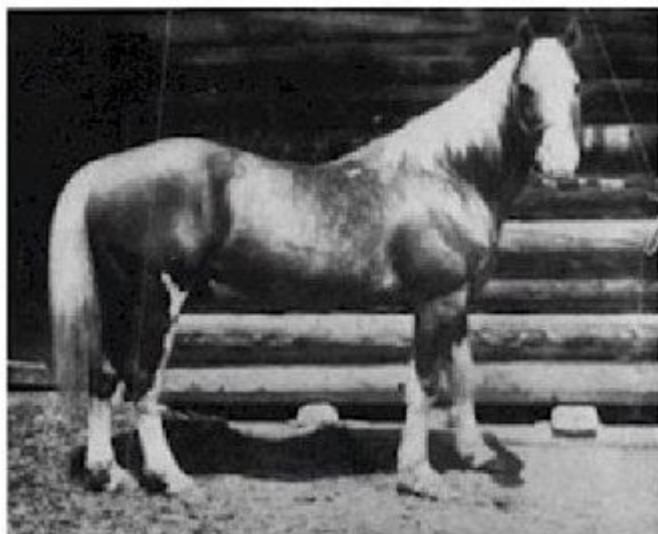
Printer, born on a farm in Kentucky, was the result of a muscular mare that was stolen from a farm in Virginia and when the owner found her, she had given birth to a big, vigorous colt. The farmer demanded payment for the 6 months he had cared for the mare and took the colt in payment. Printer won so many match races that he became a popular stud and at 29 was still covering mares for his owner. Printer was a deep bay, 15.2 hands. His withers were thick and low and his hind legs straight, almost to deformity. He was described "as too wide in the breast and his fore-legs really straight seemed actually bowlegged from their excessive development. His muzzle was small and clean, but his jowl was as large as a hogs, the muscles in his forehead parted in a triangle over eyes and passed downwards in fold as large as a lady's wrist. His chest was deep, his barrel round, his back the shortest imaginable, even in proportion to his general length, which was not great; and his loin arched and broad. The hind legs only seemed rather small to propel and equilibrate such immense powers before, but they were clean and compact rather than destitute of muscle." Turf Register 1842 (Thus, the "bulldog" conformation.)

So the Quarter Horse started as a race horse, but his muscular power and low center of gravity, high weight for height (which is helpful in roping larger steers and bulls) and good disposition deemed it an excellent prospect for working cattle.

The Quarter Horse and the Thoroughbred are inseparable and anyone who claims that their Quarter Horse has no Thoroughbred blood is simply misinformed. There were two 19th century Thoroughbreds that were most responsible for the development of American short-racers: Sir Archy and Little Janus. Sir Archy was by far the most popular sire of his day and his name appears in the pedigree of nearly every Americana bred Thoroughbred, Saddlebred and Quarter Horse.

So, Hooray for the Quarter Horse and his speed, agility and kind disposition.

Wikipedia, Equus, and various internet searches were used for the content of this article.



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Rental Rates

- \$150/6hr—including both arena and grounds fees
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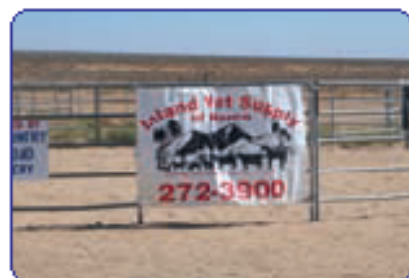
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For more info call Diane 760-900-9498

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(Enter one class and each additional class is discounted \$10.00).

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Call Diane for availability 760-900-9498.

Water for Horses and Porta-Potty Provided.

Contact Showchair Diane Pitzler to receive your Entry Forms. LIMITED ENTRIES. Complete Entry must be received by Monday, April 8, 2019.

Send in Entry form, signed waivers (Gray Stone Ranch and RRT) and payment. MUST be received by Diane Pitzler to be considered "ENTERED". **Entries close April 8, 2019 or when classes are full. NO full entry refunds. Rain or Shine!**

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