



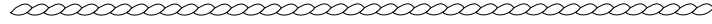
# LCHA Roundup

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LARIMER COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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## Breaking News: Grand Get-Together



(A.K.A Annual Meeting)

### Location Change

**Editor's Note:** The May issue of LCHA Roundup located the Annual Meeting at Rachael Cohen and Jim Burch's place near Berthoud. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to change the location to Raven's Roost Ranch. Thank you to Rachael and Jim for offering to host this meeting, and thank you to Sherry and Gary for stepping up to host.

### Fun

Have fabulous fun with your horse in the morning, and then have lunch and come to our annual get-together to talk about what LCHA is doing, where it is going, and who leads it.

**With only a short time before this grand get-together, START PLANNING TODAY to be there.**

### Location

Both morning and afternoon activities occur at

#### Raven's Roost Ranch, LLC

Take Owl Canyon exit off 1-25

Take NCR 9

Raven's Roost Ranch is at **16687 NCR 9**

Wellington, CO 80549

Hosted by Gary S. and Sherry V. Please help us plan by letting us know if you can come AM, PM, or all day: [sherryevaughn@outlook.com](mailto:sherryevaughn@outlook.com) or 517.852.3458 (text or call).

We have plenty of room to park a horse trailer or car, a covered arena, and areas to warm up, such as a large round pen.

*See "Schedule" on page 1*

*Schedule*



### Schedule

- **Saturday, June 20, 2026**
- **Day begins at 10:00 AM**
- **Picnic: about 12:30 PM**
- **LCHA Annual Meeting: about 1:00 PM**



### Events & Activities

#### Morning

Fun obstacle/poker challenge (in hand or riding with your horse), When you finish the obstacles, you receive an envelope that contains a poker hand. Winning poker hands choose prizes).

Jeopardy (style) challenge (2 teams- no horses). Winners choose prizes.

*See "Afternoon" on page 2*

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Afternoon

## Afternoon



Picnic lunch (food, beverages, and dinnerware provided)

The LCHA Grand Get Together (annual meeting) will include talk about issues for LCHA, our budget for 2026-2027, and our

need for new members of the Board of Directors, and for someone to step up to be our new Trail Maintenance Coordinator. We will also elect officers and members at large for our 2026-2027 board of directors.

Of course we will share some of the highlights of our previous year, and some great new ideas we have scheduled for this year.

Please bring your questions and your ideas to this meeting. With you, we are strong; without you, not so much.



## What to bring

- A sense of fun
- Chairs



## If you're bringing a horse

### Current Coggins test required.

ASTM approved helmet required. Signed liability LCHA/ Ravens Roost LLC liability release.

Biosecurity awareness, such as bring your own water buckets and gear.

Out of state horses, such as Wyoming, need a health certificate.

Please see your vet for Spring vaccinations.

We're looking forward to a relaxing, fun day together and hope to see you there!

See "Contact" on page 2

Contact

## Contact

We need to know how many folks will attend the morning activity, and – so that we have plenty of food – how many folks will come to the lunch.

**To sign up for the morning, the afternoon, or both, call sherry at 517.852.3458 (or text), or email sherryevaughn@outlook.com**

**Please let her know by June 15.**

# Official Notice of Annual Meeting

## Annual Meeting

The Bylaws of the Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) require

*"Annual Meeting.*

*LCHA regular members shall hold an annual meeting in June of each year, beginning with the year 1973. They shall elect Directors and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of Directors does not occur during the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall hold the election at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as convenient. "*

The Bylaws also require that all members "shall receive written notice stating the place, day, and hour of any member meeting. They shall receive this notice not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the meeting date. Exact timing of the notice shall be at the discretion of the President, or the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting."

**The Annual Meeting of 2026 is on Saturday, June 20. It occurs at 1:00 PM at Raven's Roost Ranch, 16687 North County Road 9, Wellington, Colorado. Directions to this ranch are in this issue of the LCHA Roundup in the article titled "Grand Get Together."**

See "All Members" on page 3

*All Members*

This meeting is for **ALL** members. In fact, the greater the number of members, the better we can know what members want from LCHA, and the better we can plan events.

The meeting is open to the public: again, more people, better meeting.

*See "Voting" on page 3*

*Voting*

## Voting

*"At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote by proxy:*

- *"The proxy must be in writing.*
- *"The member or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact must write, date, and sign the proxy. No proxy shall be valid after the meeting for which it was executed. "*

Don't let all the legality scare you. Come. Have fun. Play some great games. Chat with your friends, eat good food.and make new friends.

**It is really important for members to attend. Make your voice heard.**

See you there.

## Busy June

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If you have ideas, comments, or questions about LCHA, horses, the horse industry in Larimer County, or this newsletter, send them to the editor.



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*See "Sundance" on page 4*

*Sundance***Saturday, June 6****Trail ride at Sundance Guest Ranch**

Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle 10:30 AM

Bonnie May is trail ride leader: 970-217-1113

Rain Date for this ride is Sunday, June 7

See the article *Great Ride at Sundance Trail* in this issue

**Friday, June 12****Board of Directors Meeting**

Location Zoom,

7:00PM

**Friday, June 19****Trail ride at Blue Mountain trail head**

Arrive 10:30 AM; in saddle 11:00 AM

Charles Ables is trail ride leader: 831-601-3167

**Saturday, June 20****ANNUAL MEETING**

Raven's Roost Ranch.

16687 North County Road 9

Wellington, CO

See the article *Grand Get Together* in this issue.

**Friday, June 27****Trail ride at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area**

Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle 10:30 AM

Jean Beucler is trail ride leader: 970-223-1159

**Notes:**

All LCHA members and their guests are welcome at trail rides. Since all trail ride attendees must be members, guests may join LCHA as full members or temporary members at the trail head.

LCHA members, guests, and the public are welcome at any Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Meeting. However, only LCHA members may vote.



In early June, we have a very special opportunity to ride at Sundance Trail Guest Ranch. In later June, we have a very special time to get together at our annual morning clinic and afternoon picnic. We also have scheduled two trail rides (more information in this issue).

## Great Ride at Sundance Trail Guest Ranch

It's fun. It's quiet, except for the chatter of riders and horses' footfall on the soft earth, on the leaf carpet, or on the hard rock. It's beautiful, with deep forest and spectacular mountain scenery. Did I mention that it is beautiful? It is.

If you have not ridden at Sundance Trail Guest Ranch, you have missed a fabulous ride. If you have ridden there before, you will agree that it is an idyllic place to ride.

Sundance Trail property opens into Forest Service land. Trails lead through gentle sloping woodlands and into deeper forest bounded by hills and rock outcroppings. For part of the trail, a small creek bubbles its way, giving a melody to the peace of the valley. It is peaceful. It is restful.

*See "Don't Fall Asleep" on page 5*

### *Don't Fall Asleep*



But don't go to sleep. The trail crosses hill shoulders offering spectacular views of the mountains to the west. All too soon, the trail turns back toward Sundance Trail property, and you arrive at your starting point, having had a mind-blowing ride.

Is there a better way to ride in such a setting than to ride with friends? Come, find out:

**Sundance Trail Guest Ranch  
Saturday, June 6)  
Arrive at 10:00 AM  
Be ready to ride at 10:30 AM**

**The rain date for this ride is Sunday, June 7.**

**NOTE:** Sundance Trail Guest Ranch is under new management. They have this request:

***Anyone who hasn't been on property before will have to complete the safety orientation. To be in the saddle by 10:30 AM, if you have not ridden at Sundance before, you should arrive around 9:30 AM to complete the orientation.***

It is a video, and is easy to watch.

*See "Ride" on page 5*

### *Ride*

## Come and Ride

You have several choices on this ride.

### Horses

- Ride your own horse
- Ride A Sundance Trail Guest Ranch horse.

Costs: If you ride

Your horse -- \$12  
A Sundance horse -- \$55

**NOTE:** If you ride your own horse, you must provide a Coggins Test.

### Lunch

- Bring your own lunch
- Eat a Sundance Trail Guest Ranch lunch

Costs:

Bring your own lunch -- No Charge  
Sundance Trail lunch -- \$15

## Sign Up

Contact Bonnie May (970-217-1113). **Be sure to sign up at least one week before the ride; that is, sign up no later than Saturday, May 30.**

Why? Sundance Trail needs to know in advance how many horses to have available. They also need to know in advance how many lunches to fix.

LCHA needs to know who plans to come so that, in case of dire circumstances that require us to cancel the ride, we can inform all those who signed up **before** they drive to Sundance Trail.

## Directions to Sundance Trail Guest Ranch

The ranch address is 17931 W County Rd 74e, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

*See "Directions to Ranch" on page 6*

## Directions to Ranch



- Take I-25 to Exit #269 (Route 14).
- Go west on Rt 14 into Ft. Collins until it feeds into Route 287 North.
- North on Route 287 about 20 miles to County Road 74E – Red Feather Lakes Road.
- Turn left at the Forks onto County Rd 74E – Red Feather Lakes Road. (Landmarks are the Livermore Post Office and what used to be the Forks Restaurant.)
- Drive 17.8 miles. Our sign and gate are on the left hand side.
- Our gate is kept closed for the horses. Come on in, and please close the gate behind you!

Another Special event in June is the Grand Get Together. See the article *A Grand Get Together* in this issue.

## More Riding

And for your riding pleasure, we also have these trail rides:

Blue Mountain trail head, Charles Ables is your trail ride leader  
 Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, Jean Beucler is your trail ride leader

See the article *June Events*, in this issue.

# Time To Renew Your Membership

Our Membership Year Starts on June 1 and goes to May 31.

## Already a Member? We Want You Back

**And it is time for renewal.**

Yes, it's true for the Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA).



The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Therefore, your dues cover the period from June 1 through May 31. Since many organizational years coincide with the calendar year, we tend to forget that the LCHA year differs. We also forget to renew our membership in May or June.

That is why LCHA sends a post card to members reminding them to renew their membership and continue to enjoy the many benefits of LCHA membership. Check out the list below.

You don't really want to miss all the benefits of membership, do you? We don't want to you miss them, either. We want you back. Renew your membership.

## Special Note

You can pay your renewal dues online with your credit card. See the article *Option to Pay Membership Online* in this issue.

## New Members

What a great time to recruit some new members. I'm sure most of us know folks who have horses, and who are not yet LCHA members. Why not ask them to join us? After all, LCHA offers a lot of benefits to members:

*See "Membership Benefits" on page 7*

## Membership Benefits



- Network with Horse People!
- Trail Rides (geared toward all levels of riders)
- Annual Picnic, Parades, Play Day, Camp Out, Christmas Party, Christmas Caroling on Horseback!
- Programs, Seminars, Training Activities
- Monthly Newsletter, "The LCHA Roundup," Online or in print

- Discounts with local businesses (see the Business Members list on the web site)
- Exposure for Business Members
- Trail Maintenance. Provide good stewardship of the trails we ride.
- Large Animal Emergency Evacuation Team.
- Temporary Shelter.

Note: For both the emergency evacuation team and the temporary shelter program, LCHA works with Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen.

You can take this list with you or add some positive points. Let folks know what you like about LCHA, and tell of a great experience you have had with us. Remember, it is only \$30 per year for an individual or \$40 per year for a family – well worth it for anyone. **Pay a little – Enjoy a lot.**

Ask your friends. Ask your neighbors. Ask anyone.

Let's get some new members.

## Business Members

There is an exception. LCHA is, as officially formed, a 501C3 business. When dealing with business members, we will no longer send a post card reminder. Instead, we will send an invoice (many businesses respond only to invoices) so that both LCHA and its business members can maintain records of the transaction.

## Renewing Membership

The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. **It is time to renew your membership for the 2026-2027 membership year**

### Payment Options

Members have options for paying membership dues:

#### Option 1 – Pay by Check

- Download and print the form from the LCHA web site at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org)
- Write your check.
- Send your check (for the amount listed on the form) with a membership form (A.K.A. "application form") to LCHA, P.O. Box 270375, Fort Collins, CO. 80527-0375 You can also bring your check to a meeting or the annual picnic and give it to a Board member.

#### Option 2 – Pay Online

- Go to the LCHA web site at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org)
- Click **JOIN** (on the top of the page)
- Then click **PAY ONLINE**
- Click **Tickets**
- Fill out the information form and click **complete order**
- You will see a button for additional questions. Please click the button and answer the questions so that we have complete information for your membership.

LCHA does not have the capability to process payments and provide security for your credit information. A third party company provides that service, for which it will add a small service charge. If you want to avoid the service charge, you can still pay by check or cash.

But don't forget. **We want you back.**

**BY THE WAY: You can also renew your membership (or become a new member) on June 20 at the morning activity with your horse, picnic, or annual meeting.**

# LCHA Board of Directors Needs YOU

As Vice President it is my job to put together the ballot for election to the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting in June. In order for LCHA to function we must have people willing to do the tasks that support our activities. So let me explain what is involved.

## Board Meetings

The Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month except for June and December. Meetings usually start at 7:00 PM (time is variable - depending on a variety of factors - may be in the morning).and last between one and two hours. Depending on various factors, meetings may be in person or by ZOOM.

The Board plans LCHA activities among other decisions.

## Board Members

In our annual meeting, we elect 4 **officers** and several other board **Members at Large**.

### Officers

The ballot lists the officers to be elected:

- President,
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer.

We do not elect the Immediate Past President, but the person in this position remains on the Board as stated in the by-laws.

### Members at Large

All other Board members are Members-at-Large. When the elected Officers and Members at Large have their first meeting after the election, the Board as a whole makes committee assignments.

Many assignments involve organizing different tasks, such as Program Chairman, who organizes the educational meetings. However, anyone may contribute meeting ideas or help to find speakers.

*See "Other Tasks" on page 8*

### Other Tasks

Other tasks are not subsumed under committees. For example, we need someone with computer skills to take over some of the computer work, such as running Zoom or maintaining lists. I should not be the only one who knows how to do this. Are you computer savvy? I will train you and work with you on LCHA computer tasks. You might know some better ways to accomplish our goals.

## Don't Be Shy

Interested? Join us. Please contact Rachael Cohen, 720-273-4498, [rachaelecohen@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelecohen@gmail.com). We all work together to create amazing experiences for everyone. We need more people to keep going. Many hands make light work.

Rachael Cohen,  
Vice President, LCHA

## Email Solution

As you may be aware, there have been communication issues with LCHA email, specifically with using distribution lists.

Our solution: We have a replacement email service, Microsoft 365 for Non-Profits. It meets our criteria and has been tested with the Board.

We have 3 distribution lists:

- [Ichamembers@larimerhorseman.org](mailto:Ichamembers@larimerhorseman.org)
- [evac@larimerhorseman.org](mailto:evac@larimerhorseman.org)
- [board@larimerhorseman.org](mailto:board@larimerhorseman.org)

You can only send email to the distribution group(s) of which you are a member. For example:

- Everyone can send email to [Ichamembers@larimerhorseman.org](mailto:Ichamembers@larimerhorseman.org)
- The evacuation team can send emails to [evac@larimerhorseman.org](mailto:evac@larimerhorseman.org)
- The Board can send emails to [board@larimerhorseman.org](mailto:board@larimerhorseman.org)

*See "Email Question?" on page 9*

### *Email Question?*

If you have a question or problem, please contact Bonnie T., Rachael C, or Sherry V, (the Microsoft administrators)."



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**Larimer County Horseman's Association** is always looking for new members to join in the equestrian fun. Are you looking for some real horsey friends for rides, education, and community events? If so, we would like very much for you to join us. Check our website at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org) or go to our Facebook page for more information at [www.facebook.com/larimerhorseman](https://www.facebook.com/larimerhorseman) We are a non-profit and we also love new volunteers. Happy Trails!

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## Sign Up for Your Event

**Please! Please! Please! Sign up for events in advance (especially events that involve riding):**

- For any weekend ride, sign up by the end of Thursday before the ride.
- For any week day ride, sign up at least two days in advance.
- For some events, earlier sign-up may be required.

*No matter how you do it, sign up*

## Why?

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader or event coordinator can get in touch with you to let you know before you drive to the location. You won't use gasoline or time waiting for an event that isn't going to happen. Also, your event leader/event coordinator needs to know if anyone is coming: If no one signs up, the leader may cancel or reschedule the event. And, if you have any special concerns or circumstances (for example, it is your horse's first ride with a group), your leader can plan to deal with the situation in the best possible way.

## What's the Deal with "Limit"?

Wilderness areas, properties owned by the city of Fort Collins, and Red Mountain Open Space have a "12-heartbeat rule": A group cannot include more than 12 heartbeats when using trails in these areas. When riding our horses, the rule limits our groups to 6 riders (plus 6 horses with hearts) to meet the 12-heartbeat rule. However, if we have significantly more than 6 riders who want to ride, we can split them into 2 or more groups, each group including 6 riders (1 ride leader plus 5 others). The second group must leave the trail head 20 to 25 minutes after the first so that they do not merge with the first group.

When "Limit" is 4 horse trailers, it means that the parking space can hold only 4 horse trailers (tightly packed). However, we encourage "trailer pooling" if more than 4 people want to go on the ride. Actually, we encourage "trailer pooling" for any ride. The benefits are obvious.

*See "Lunch" on page 10*

### Lunch

## Lunch?

For all rides except the Christmas Caroling Hayride, bring your lunch (unless your ride leader tells you otherwise). You will have lunch somewhere on the trail.

## LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers an educational program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. In 2026, the first three meetings will be on Saturday mornings. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting. For evening meetings, we meet at the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. For Saturday meetings, we may set a different location.

These programs involve in-person meetings. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot

guarantee that viewers will see items shown by a presenter. We recommend attending these programs in person,

Before each educational meeting the LCHA newsletter, *LCHA Roundup*, will publish program details.

## LCHA Board Of Directors Meetings

The Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors meets on the second Friday of every month, except December. The 2025 Annual meeting was on June 21. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

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