



# LCHA Roundup

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## Camping with your Horses

People talk about camping with horses. Some have tried it, and others have talked about it but have not tried it, yet. Still others doubt that they could do it: They don't know much about it.

Note: We are talking about camping for which you ride your horse to a camp site, carrying the food and equipment you need.

In May we are privileged to have a two-part program, Tony Schock, our speaker, will give us "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly of Camping with Your Horses." A veteran of camping with horses will talk about the ins, outs, ups, and downs of camping with horses.

### May LCHA Program

#### Part 1: Zoom Presentation

Thursday, May 5

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Bonnie Templeton will send a Zoom invitation to all LCHA members.

#### Part 2: Live Demonstration

Saturday, May 7

9:00 AM to Noon

Chuck and Pati Morel's Arena

Contact: Tony Schock at 970-227-6320 to let him know how many will attend.

#### Part 1

Tony will talk about, and include a checklist of, the equipment needed to camp with your horse. His talk will include the equipment to use if you are taking more than one horse on a camping trip. He will also talk about camping equipment to use if you intend to take only one horse. He will show the equipment so that attendees can see what he is talking about. Don't be surprised if he includes a story or two of his experiences.



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## Part 2

On Saturday, Tony will demonstrate how to use the equipment on horses. Piece by piece, he will show how and where to place each item.

This is a demonstration on Tony's horses. Attendees do NOT need to bring horses. You only need to bring yourself. By the way, bring water and a chair.

So bring yourself. This promises to be very interesting and practical information for anyone who goes camping with horses or would like to try it.

## Getting There

To get to Chuck and Pati's place:

- Take Colorado 14 (Harmony Road) east (toward Ault) to Weld County Road 23.
- Turn right onto WCR 23.
- Take WCR 23 south to WCR 80.
- Turn left onto WCR 80.
- Take WCR 80 to the first left turn, which is Ran-geview Drive.  
Park in the cul de sac (Lakeshore court) by the arena.

## Lots of May Rides

After the two-part program on camping with your horse, LCHA has several rides scheduled for May. They cover a variety of terrain.

These trails offer a lot of fun and satisfaction, some beautiful scenery, and some interesting riding. Take a look.

## Bobcat Ridge Natural Area

The Cameron Peak fire destroyed large sections of this natural area. However, some hard work has restored the trails, and Mother Nature has also been working hard to restore the vitality and quality of the area, not to mention most of its beauty.

*See "Bobcat" on page 2*



*Some of the grasses and flowers have returned.*

## Details

**Saturday, May 14**

**Arrive at 9:30 AM**

**Ready to Ride at 10:00 AM**

**Your Ride Leader is Susan Kurzweil. Call 970-663-6738 to sign up for this ride.**

The trails at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area are primarily packed dirt, with few short areas of exposed rock. The trails include gradual ascents and descents. If we have had recent rain, you may encounter some narrow water crossings. There are a few wood bridges, usually on the hiking path. (Portions of the trails in this natural area limit traffic to hikers, bikers, or horses,)

This is a walk or trot ride. Bring your lunch and plenty of water.

## Eagles' Nest Open Space

This trail loop includes wide vistas, gradual hills, some steeper grades, the north branch of the Cache la Poudre River, and a bridge across the river. The scenery is great, the obstacles are easy, and the grades are few and also easy. The trails are packed dirt with few areas of exposed rock. The open space includes nearly 5 miles of trails.

*See "Eagles' Nest" on page 3*



The area across the bridge is closed until July

## Details

**Saturday, May 21**  
**Arrive at 9:30 AM**  
**Ready to Ride at 10:00 AM**

**Your Ride Leaders are Chuck and Pati Morel. Call 970-488-0041 to sign up for this ride.**

On the cliffs above the open space are two golden eagle nests. The eagles alternate their use of the nests.

From February through July, the area downstream of the bridge is closed to fishing and public access to protect the nesting area. Please stay on designated trails, respect seasonal closures, and observe Leave No Trace practices. Drinking water is not available at the trail head, so bring plenty for your day.

Mountain bikes are **not** allowed. Dogs are allowed, on leash.

## Getting There:

- Take Highway 287 north from Fort Collins to Livermore. Take Red Feather Lakes Road (C.R. 74E) west for about 1/3 mile. The entrance is on the south side of the road.
- Follow the road about one mile to the trail head parking.

## Red Mountain Open Space

This open space features deep crimson and tan rocks, rolling grasslands, and sandy washes in

15,780-acres in northeastern Colorado. From the trail head, hikers, bikers, and horseback riders can explore over 15 miles of multi-use trails, and then access the trails in two adjacent protected areas that are part of a much larger vision — the Laramie Foothills Mountains to Plains Project — which protects over 55,000 acres of ecologically and culturally diverse landscape.

## Details

**Friday, May 27**  
**Arrive at 9:30 AM**  
**Ready to ride at 10:00 AM**

**Your Ride Leader is Tony Schock. Call 970-227-6320 to sign up for this ride.**

*See "Red Mountain" on page 4*

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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.

*Red Mountain*

Some of the first humans in North America resided here over 12,000 years ago, and people have lived and worked this land since. Out of respect for these cultures, collection of any artifact is strictly prohibited. It is up to each of us to help preserve the ecological and cultural integrity of this area.

Most of the trails are packed dirt, or loose sand. Depending on how dry the weather has been, you may encounter shallow water crossings.

Groups using the trails at Red Mountain Open Space may not exceed 12 heartbeats; that is, no more than 12 people or six horses and riders.

No dogs allowed.

## Getting There

**From Fort Collins:** Take State Hwy 1/Terry Lake Rd to CR15 (aka the Waverly turn off) - go north (left) on CR15, turn west (left) on CR78, turn north (right) on CR17, turn west (left) on CR80, turn north (right) on CR19 (pass gravel pit on left), turn left on CR21. Go over several cattle guards, traveling about 7 miles on CR21 which will end at the trail head parking area.

**From I-25:** Take the Owl Canyon Road exit and head west. Owl Canyon Road is also CR70. Go north (right) on CR15, turn west (left) on CR78, turn north (right) on CR17, turn west (left) on CR80, turn north (right) on CR19 (pass gravel pit on left), turn left on CR21. Go over several cattle guards, traveling about 7 miles on CR21 which will end at the trail head parking area.

## Special Ride – Sundance Trail



Sundance Trail Ranch sign visible from CR 74E - Red Feather Lakes Road

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 a splendid place to ride.

And what better way to ride in such a wonderful setting than to ride with friends:

**Sundance Trail Guest Ranch**  
**Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)**  
**Arrive at 10:00 AM**  
**Be ready to ride at 10:30 AM**

## Riding



You can ride your own horse;; shoes or hoof boots recommended.

*See "Riding" on page 5*

### *Riding*

Or you can ride a Sundance Trail horse. Their horses are very well trained, and they know how to take care of all levels of riders. If you want to ride a Sundance Trail horse, please sign up for the ride at least two weeks before the ride: Monday, May 16.

The ride will be approximately 2 hours. After the ride we will meet up for lunch.

### Lunch

You can bring your own lunch, or you can buy a lunch from Sundance Trail. They fix some delightful lunches.

### Cost?

Yes, there is a minimal cost:

Ride your own horse	Bring your own lunch	\$5 trail access fee
Ride your own horse	Buy a Sundance lunch	\$12
Ride a Sundance horse	\$45 to ride the Sundance Trail Horse, + \$12 to buy the lunch.	Total \$57

PS - You might want to bring some extra cash along to tip the wranglers.

### Sign Up

The LCHA contact person for this ride is Bonnie May (970-217-1113). **Be sure to sign up at least two weeks before the ride; that is, sign up no later than Monday, May 16.**

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 requires us to cancel the ride, we can inform all those who signed up before they drive to Sundance Trail.

*See "Directions" on page 5*

### *Directions*



### Directions to Sundance Trail Guest 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!

When you arrive, come through the red gate. (Please close the gate behind you.) Follow the sign pointing left to the lodge. We will park in the same place as we did in previous years (the west pasture).

# LCHA Membership

## Membership Year Starts on June 1

### New & Returning Members



### It's our 50th Anniversary year.

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:

- 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
- Exposure for Business Members
- Lending Library (books and videos on anything "horse")
- 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 \$24 per year for an individual or \$36 per year for a family – well worth it for anyone.

Ask your friends. Ask your neighbors. Ask anyone.

Let's get some new members.

See "Want You Back" on page 6

*Want You Back*

## 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 above.

You don't really want to miss all this, do you? We don't want you miss it, 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.

## 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.

## Pay Membership Online

The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. **It is time to renew your membership for the 2022-2023 membership year**

See "Options" on page 7

## Options

### Payment Options

Members have options for paying membership dues:

#### 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 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 or give it to a Board member.

#### 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.
- You will be returned to the web page when done.

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.**

## LCHA Elections in June

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) is a very active organization. To fulfill its three-fold mission – Advocacy, Community, and Education – LCHA offers a variety of activities. Fulfilling the mission requires people who will step up and manage those activities, making sure they are interesting, helpful, and effective not only to our members, but also to the equine industry in Larimer County and to the public. These people comprise the Board of Directors.

*See "Officers" on page 7*

## Officers

### Officers

The membership elects four officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer



### Members at Large

The membership also elects as many as 15 members at large. At its first official meeting, the elected members of the Board of Directors appoint the various chair persons from among the members at large. Ideally, we have more Members at Large than we have chair positions so that someone is available to handle other issues as they arise. These are the current chair positions:

- Emergency Evacuation Coordinator
- Membership Manager
- Newsletter Editor
- Program Director
- Temporary Shelter Coordinator
- Trail Maintenance Coordinator
- Trail Ride Coordinator
- Web Master

Occasionally, one person manages more than one chair position; for example, one member of the Board manages the Large Animal Evacuation Team, and edits the Newsletter. Also, another Board member ensures that LCHA maintains its good standing as a tax-exempt organization with the federal and state governments, maintains the LCHA e-list (LCHAMember on Google lists), and other jobs.

*See "Open Spots" on page 8*

## Open Positions

Theoretically, in every year, ALL positions are open.

**Any member can nominate any other member to any position on the Board.**

Also, any member can volunteer to be on the Board, but volunteers must be elected by the membership or accepted by elected Board members at a Board meeting. If you would like to volunteer, or if you would like to nominate someone, you can call Bonnie Templeton (970-622-0982) or Susan Kurzweil (970-663-6738).

The Board has created a Nominating Committee to name persons, and to get their permission to be nominated, to be included on the ballot for the next election. Someone from that committee may contact you, asking if you would consider serving on the Board.

**Please don't automatically say no.** Give it some serious thought.

Also, many of the people currently on the Board will keep their position(s). However, if you would like to take over a position, or to help with a specific function, say so. You may not be the manager right away, but you could assist in many ways. Step up, and speak out.

Another thought: Yes, Board responsibilities mean some work, but they also mean you make more friends, and that you can make more of a difference and have more fun than you would if you remain only on the sidelines, or inactive. You get more out of your LCHA membership if you become more active.

## Next Election?

**The next LCHA election occurs on Saturday, June 11, at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch.**



This election is part of the annual meeting, which happens at the annual picnic, at which LCHA provides a boxed lunch, plates and utensils, and condiments. It is a good idea to bring a chair. Be there. Have a good meal. And Vote!

See "Floor" on page 8

## Nominations from the Floor?

Who do you think should be our next President or Vice President? Who do you think would make a good member of the Board of Directors?

In the past, people at the annual meeting/picnic have nominated other people from the "floor" of the meeting. The nominees have frequently felt pressure to accept the nomination even when they really preferred not to accept. In some cases, they found out that they liked serving on the Board, but in other cases, they soon resigned, leaving the Board short of members to guide one or more of LCHA activities.

So, Yes, you can nominate a person from the "floor" of the meeting. But please talk it over in advance. Be sure that the person you are nominating is OK with the nomination before you say anything. We do not want to put people on the spot, making them uncomfortable. We'd like service on the Board of Directors to be a positive experience for all.

## Trails

Robert Moor, in his book, *On Trails*, observes "The core function of any trail is to connect. The root of that word, from the Latin *connectere*, means to "bind together" or "to unite."

Moor also remarks, "Among all living things on Earth, humans are, as far as we know, uniquely rich in what we call culture – art, stories, rites, religion, communal identities, moral wisdom – and our trails have grown to reflect this."

Here in Larimer County, we are blessed with many trails. Some of these trails are simply paths that animals have made when going from one place to another. Some are trails that humans have made to travel from one area to another. Such is Lion Gulch Trail. Men and women walked the trail to the road, and then hitched a ride to Lyons to work, to sell goods, or to get supplies.

See "Lion Gulch" on page 9



*Lion Gulch*

## Lion Gulch Trail

The trail still exists, and is popular for hikers and equestrians. Here are a few facts about the gulch and its trail:

3 to 3.5 miles long, depending how far up Homestead Meadows you go

1374 feet in elevation gain

Dogs allowed, ON LEASH

Named "for its healthy mountain lion population"

Trail head on US 36 12.7 miles from Lyons, 8 miles from Estes Park.

## The Trail



*Parts of the Lion Gulch Trail weave through forest.*

So why are we talking about this trail? More than 20 years ago, LCHA adopted the Lion Gulch Trail, providing trail maintenance 3 times each year.

Then the Pandemic started. Guess what? in 2020, USDA Forest Service closed the trail to all users, including LCHA maintenance crews. No maintenance occurred on the trail.

In 2021, the trail opened again, but we still have not maintained it due to lingering concerns about Covid-19.

Now it is time to start maintenance on Lion Gulch Trail. An LCHA trail maintenance crew will work on Lion Gulch Trail.

*See "Time" on page 9*

*Time*

## Details

- Saturday, June 4
- Meet at the trail head at 9:00 AM
- Work until 3:00 PM (or until we complete the project we have been working on)

## What to wear/bring:

- seasonal clothing
- work boots
- gloves
- rain gear
- insect repellent
- sun screen
- water
- your lunch (and snack food if you wish)
- back pack or fanny pack
- your sense of humor
- your sense of good stewardship of the trails we can use

**Contact:** Hugh Templeton at 970-622-0982 or [hughtmpltn@gmail.com](mailto:hughtmpltn@gmail.com)

## What NOT to Bring

- Dogs
- tools (we supply the tools)

## Directions to the Trail Head

### Directions:

**From Loveland,** take US 34 west toward Estes Park. As you leave the Big Thompson canyon, turn left onto Mall Road (first left after you leave the canyon; a mini-golf place is on the left of US 34).

Follow Mall Rd. until it intersects with US 36. Turn left onto US 36 (away from Estes Park). Follow US 36 about 8 miles. The trail head is on the right side. If you get to Pinewood Springs, you went too far.

*See "From Longmont" on page 10*

*From Longmont*

**From Longmont**, take CO 66 west until it joins with US 36. Go through Lyons on US 36, and follow US 36 toward Estes Park. Go through Pinewood Springs on US 36. The trail head is about 3 miles north-west of Pinewood Springs on US 36, on the left side of the road.

Remember: We can make a difference to this trail, to its many users, and to ourselves by being responsible for the safety for all users, and for the beauty of Lion Gulch Trail.

**Note:** We will discuss trails again in the next issue.

## Building on a Partnership Through Softness & Feel

### A clinic for LCHA on June 11.

**Arrive at 10:00 AM,  
Ready to Ride at 10:30 AM  
Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch Barn and Arena**

**Maximum number of rider is 16**

**Clinic cost is \$40 per rider. Auditors can watch for free.**

**Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113 to sign up for this clinic.**

### The Instructor: Karen Burbank

Karen was born and raised in Massachusetts. Having grown up schooling in dressage, jumping, and competitive trail, her interests eventually led her to Colorado, where she earned a B.S. in Equine Studies from Colorado State University.

*See "Karen" on page 10*

*Karen*



In her final years as an undergrad, Karen became involved with CHA, first by attending a combined clinic, followed by achieving her Master Instructor Certification just two years later. She has been a speaker for both regional and international CHA conferences in the past. Over the years, Karen has managed two dressage facilities, wrangled at four guest ranches, been a small and large animal vet tech, and has taught countless lessons to aspiring equestrians.

Most recently, for the past ten years, Karen has been the Head Instructor, Lesson Program Coordinator, and Dude Ranch Vacation Specialist for Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch.

*See "Clinics" on page 11*

## Clinics

## Getting There



## Getting There

**PLEASE NOTE:** GPS units and mapping sites / applications (e.g., Google Maps, Apple Maps, Mapquest, etc.) can lead you astray if you use the mailing address to navigate to Sylvan Dale. Please see detailed directions below.

“Sylvan Dale is between mile markers 84 and 83 on US 34. As you near the Ranch from the east (Loveland) watch for the covered wagon on the right (north) side of the road. The wagon will signal that you are approaching the Ranch Entrance. Turn right (north) through the Ranch Entryway.

Once you have left US 34, do not turn left to go down the hill. Turn right into a flat, grassy area immediately next to the Entryway. Park in the flat grassy area. You and your horse can easily walk down the hill to the barn and arena.

*Different clinics in the Sylvan Dale Arena*

## The Clinic: Building on a Partnership Through Softness & Feel

Do you ever question why your horse reacts a certain way, whether it be on the ground or under saddle? Maybe you're having a few arguments on occasion, and questioning what to do next? Or perhaps you have a nearly perfect relationship with your horse, and are always looking for ways to improve your partnership?

Join us at the ranch to delve into the subtleties of softness and feel, starting with exercises on the ground and translating those to under saddle. In order to be supple, we must learn to be soft. In order to be soft, we must learn to feel.

Should be fun!

Happy trails

*See “Getting There” on page 11*

## Picnic: You're Invited



**Date:** Saturday, June 11

**Place:** Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch

**Times:** Arrive at 12:30PM. Eat at 1:00 PM.

LCHA members, this is for you – the annual picnic. Kick back, relax, and enjoy the food and the company. It is a great way to have a wonderful Saturday afternoon.

Yes, there is an important event scheduled for that morning – a clinic: Achieving Softness & Communication. Yes, you can attend the event AND attend the picnic. However, YES, you can come to the picnic without attending the ride.

*See “Lunch” on page 12*

## Lunch



LCHA will provide a box lunch with fried chicken (or baked chicken – your choice when you sign up) and two sides.

LCHA will also provide condiments, plates, cups, and utensils. LCHA will provide a beverage (lemonade); however, if you wish, you can bring your own beverage (no alcohol, please).

**SURPRISE! We will also have a large cake to celebrate our**

**50th  
Year.**



Tables are available, but it is a good idea to bring a chair.

What else can you bring? Your sense of humor. We have lots of fun telling our stories, making wise cracks, and telling jokes. We also trade information about ourselves, our horses, and our experiences. It is a great time to see folks you may not have seen in a while, or to meet some new folks (and we have lots of new folks to meet) and make some new friends.

Bring a friend. The picnic is open to the public, so your friend doesn't need to be a member.

Following the picnic, we will have the LCHA annual meeting, which includes election of officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and Members At Large of the Board of Directors.

*See "RSVP" on page 12*

## RSVP

### RSVP

**If you want to attend the picnic you must sign up. Please RSVP** to Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 or Susan Kurzweil at 970-663-6738 by Sunday, June 5.

We need to know how many box lunches to order, and how big the cake needs to be.

### Lots of Fun. Lots of Good Food

This is one event you really won't want to miss. See you there.

### Getting There

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## Official Notice

### 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. "

*See "Bylaws" on page 13*

### Bylaws

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 2022 is on Saturday, June 11. It occurs at 1:00 PM at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch, 2939 N County Rd 31D, Loveland, CO.** Directions to this ranch are in this issue of the *LCHA Roundup* in the article titled “Picnic: You’re Invited.”

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.

## 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. Eat good food. Have fun. Play some great games. Chat with your friends, and make new friends. It is really important for members to attend. Make your voice heard.

See you there.

## King Soopers Community Rewards

Do you know about King Soopers Community Rewards? If you have a King Soopers card and shop at King Soopers, you can designate a small portion of your payment to be donated to an accepted charity. The charity must have a 501c(3) designation with the IRS. LCHA is a 501c(3) organization. There is no cost to you. This is similar to the Amazon Smile program that we told you about in January.

Earlier this year, we applied to King Soopers to be listed in their program. They accepted us. The only problem is that when they entered LCHA in their accepted list, they listed us as Larimer County Horseman’s Organization (not Association).

To sign up

- On your computer (It’s easier on a computer than a phone) go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>.
- Sign in or create your account if you do not already have one.
- Click on **Name** in upper right corner.
- Click **My Account**.
- Click **Profile**
- Click **Community Rewards** on left menu.
- Scroll down to search line
- Search for **Larimer County Horseman’s Organization**  
(There are over 1100 charities listed, so searching is the best way to find it.)
- Click **Enroll**.

LCHA will receive a check quarterly for the amount of all of our donations combined.

If you have questions, contact Bonnie Templeton (970-622-0982) [templetb@gmail.com](mailto:templetb@gmail.com).

## Test Your Hay?

All of us feed hay to our horses. Some may grow some of the hay they use; others buy the hay they use, and still others both grow and buy hay for their horses.

No matter where the hay comes from, how much nutrition is in it?

### How Good Is *Your* Hay?

When it comes to selecting hay, many people know that good quality hay smells good, is soft, and has more leaves than stems. But how does this visual inspection match up with the actual amount of nutrients in the hay? How much crude protein or starch is in the hay? To find out, you need to take a sample of hay and do a hay analysis. A hay analysis provides a lot of useful information about your horse's forage. This information is important in making sure your horse has a well-balanced diet.



*Looks good, doesn't it. But HOW GOOD IS IT, Really?*

The key ingredients of hay are moisture, crude protein, acid detergent fiber (ADF), neutral detergent fiber (NDF), and digestible energy (DE). A hay analysis may also list vitamins and minerals that are present in your hay.

For an excellent article on hay analysis, go to <https://extension.psu.edu/understanding-a-hay-analysis>.

*See "Great Test" on page 14*

*Great Test*

## The LCHA Great Hay Test

Our Speaker for the LCHA January meeting, Serafina Churchill, recommended testing the hay you feed. Your Board of Directors decided to find out the nutritional level of hay that we use, so we are having the Great Hay Test.

We ordered 20 hay testing kits. If you would like to participate in the Great Hay Test, let Susan Kurzweil (our President) know. She will send a testing kit to you. It is in an envelope, which will include all the instructions you need.

Follow the instructions. Send the hay for testing. It may cost about \$30. Wait for the results.

When you get results, let Susan know. We will collect all the data, and put it into a spreadsheet that will show the various nutritional levels of hay throughout our county. **WE WILL NOT PUBLISH YOUR NAME WITH THE RESULTS.**

But we will have a good idea of how good the hay is across our county and surrounding areas. We will make the results available so you can see how good the hay is in various areas of the county, and you can talk it over with your veterinarian and discuss whether you need supplements for your horse(s).

## How Nutritious is *Your* Hay?

The LCHA Board started discussing this very subject at a recent meeting and decided to order some hay test kits and compare our results. Pati Morel and I will compile the information, and present it to the group. We will not identify whose pastures the results come from; however, we will be giving a general area like Southwest Loveland or North Fort Collins. So please email me and I will mail the test kits out. It looks like the test is \$30, which is pretty reasonable. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks so much,

*See "Susan" on page 15*

*Susan*

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LCHA President

## 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.
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**No matter how you do it, sign up.**

*See "Why" on page 15*

*Why*

## Why?

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader 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 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.

## Limit

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.

## Lunch?

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

*See "Education" on page 16*

## LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers a program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting. Until the Covid pandemic has ended, we meet by Zoom, since we cannot maintain social distancing in meetings in person, and we cannot use our meeting location, namely the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. 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 Tuesday of every month, except December and the month in which we have the Annual Meeting. The 2022 Annual meeting is on June 11, and will take the place of the monthly Board of Directors meeting. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

## Events for 2022

Events	Details	Contact To Sign Up
<b>Eagles' Nest</b>	Saturday, April 30 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly of Camping with Your Horse</b>  <b>Tony Schock</b>	Thursday, May 5 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Zoom Part 1 of a two-part series. Part 2 is on Saturday, May 7.	Tony Schock 970-227-6320
<b>Clinic: Packing Demonstration for Camping with Your Horse</b>	Saturday, May 7 Arrive at 9:00 AM Until 12:00 Noon	Tony Schock 970-227-6320
<b>Bobcat Ridge Natural Area</b>	Saturday, May 14 Arrive at 9:30 AM Ride at 10:00 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738
<b>Eagles' Nest</b>	Saturday, May 21 Arrive at 9:30 AM Ride at 10:00 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Pati and Chuck Morel 970-488-0041



Events	Details	Contact To Sign Up
<b>Red Mountain Open Space</b>	Friday, May 27 Arrive at 9:30 AM Ride at 10:00 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Tony Schock 970-227-6320
<b>Sundance Trail Guest Ranch</b>	Monday, May 30 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Trail Maintenance</b>	Saturday, June 4 Arrive at 9:30 AM Work until 3:00 PM	Hugh Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>Clinic: Achieving Softness &amp; Communication</b>	Saturday, June 11 (Rain date June 18) Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch Trainer: Karen Burbank 16 horses in clinic 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Picnic and Annual Meeting</b>	Saturday, June 11 (Rain date June 18) Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch Arrive at 1:00 PM Meeting ends around 3:00 PM	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738
<b>Lone Pine State Wildlife Area</b>  <b>Reminder:</b> You <b>must</b> have a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Stamp to participate in any ride on State Wildlife Area trails.	Sunday, June 19 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Lady Moon</b>	Saturday, July 9 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Mt Margaret</b>	Saturday, July 16 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Pati and Chuck Morel 970-488-0041
<b>Hermit Park</b>	Saturday, July 23 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Lynn Kohl 215-285-8227.

<b>Events</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Contact To Sign Up</b>
<b>Trail Maintenance</b>	Saturday, July 30 Arrive at 9:30 AM Work until 3:00 PM	Hugh Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>Fun Clinic: Medieval Games</b>	Sunday, July 31, Arrive 9:30, ride 10:00. Bring lunch. Auditors welcome.	Melissa Midzor (805) 312-1336
<b>Mount Margaret</b>	Saturday, August 13 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Pati and Chuck Morel 970-488-0041
<b>Trail Maintenance</b>	Saturday, August 20 Arrive at 9:30 AM Work until 3:00 PM	Hugh Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>Golden Gate State Park</b>	Saturday, August 27 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738
<b>Mount Margaret</b>	Saturday, September 10 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Poker Ride Lory State Park, Eltuck Picnic Area</b>	Saturday, September 17 Registration opens at 9:00 AM Rides start at 10:00 AM	Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>Lady Moon</b>	Saturday, September 24 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Hall Ranch</b>	Sunday, October 2 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Lynn Kohl 215-285-8227
<b>Bobcat Ridge Natural Area</b>	Saturday, October 8 Arrive at 9:30 AM Ride at 10:00 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738

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<b>Sylvan Dale Ride and Picnic</b>	Saturday, October 15 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>Rain Date for Sylvan Dale Ride and Picnic</b>	Saturday, October 22 Arrive at 10:00 AM Ride at 10:30 AM Walk, Trot/Gait	Bonnie May 970-217-1113
<b>LCHA Christmas Party</b> <b>Location to be determined</b>	Day and Time to be determined	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738 Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982
<b>Christmas Caroling on Horseback in Berthoud</b>	Day and Time to be determined	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738 Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982

**Reminder:** You **must** have a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Stamp to participate in any ride on State Wildlife Area trails.

## Buy, Sell, List Your Service

The *LCHA Roundup*, this newsletter, contains a handy section called "Classified."

The Classified section includes **services** that are offered; for example, riding lessons, horse training, saddle cleaning and care, and so on.

It also lists horse related items that are for **sale**, or advises us of sales to begin. For example, one of our members made really nice rope halters and advertised them in the Classified section. Another member listed a sale of a group of horses. Even if you only want to find a good home for a horse, list it. If you are getting rid of extra items in your tack room, let us know.

Another use of the Classified section is **wanted**. Do you need extra hay, a recommendation for a good farrier or a vet in your area, or help with finding a really good trail that fits your style or is near your home.

*See "Resources" on page 19*

### *Resources*

## Resources

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) has a wide diversity of members with a very wide diversity of skills, thoughts, and resources. You can tap into these resources with the Classified section of this newsletter. You can also meet other members, and strengthen the community of LCHA.

Use our resources. Use our Classified section. It is Free to members.

Contact the editor at 970-622-0982 or [hughtmpltn@gmail.com](mailto:hughtmpltn@gmail.com) with your entry for the Classified section.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

**Horsemanship/Symmetry, Balance, Moving with your Horse.** Private lessons. Clinics on trail riding. Gaited horse. Cow working. Dressage. Ground work. Joe and Kim Andrews. 970-613-0121. [www.mountainmagicranch.com](http://www.mountainmagicranch.com)

**Leather Care Shop** Leather repair and restoration. Saddle, tack cleaning and conditioning. Leather Artist; crafts, pictorial, and custom horse commissions. Joe and Kim Andrews 970-613-0121

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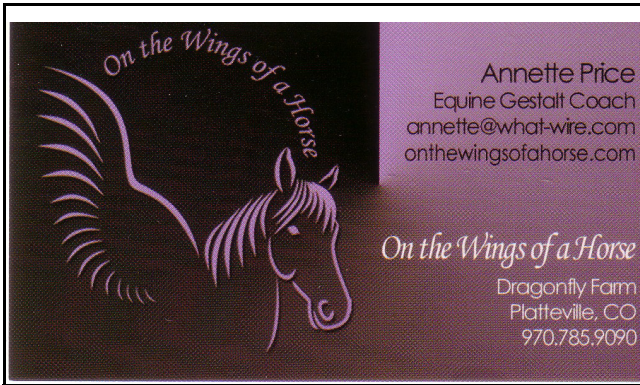
In the past, we have sometimes continued to publish classified information after an item is no longer useful;

for example, an item for a trailer for sale ran two months after the trailer sold.

*LCHA Roundup* (this newsletter) will run "for sale" classified items for two months. If the owner of the item for sale wishes to extend the classified item, she/he must contact the editor and request an extension.

Without an extension, *LCHA Roundup* will remove the item from the Classified section. This policy does not affect classified information for services offered.

## The Card Shop







**What do you call a horse  
that lives next door?**

**A neigh-bor.**

Parade



**When you are in deep trouble, say nothing,  
and try to look as though you know what you're doing.**

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