



LCHA Roundup

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LARIMER COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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New, Different, Fun



On a partly cloudy, cool, lightly breezy morning, trailers arrived at Ravens' Roost Ranch for a day of fun with horses.

Fun with Obstacles

The fun started with horses going through obstacles in the arena.

- Pool noodles
- Maze
- A draw bridge (now, that's cool)
- bridge
- Slickers -- take a slicker off the pole, if in hand or in saddle, go around a pole at the other end of the line, and return to put the slicker back where you got it
- Poles -- pick up some colored ping pong balls in a feed scoop, ride the poles carrying the scoop and balls, and return the balls to their original container

While some horses moved through the obstacles, others waited outside the arena.



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Once they entered the arena, and horses/riders could try the obstacles: any order, any time, no judging, just fun. Some of the horses hesitated at the draw bridge, others at other obstacles, but with patience, most riders were able to overcome the horse's hesitation.

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Obstacles

When riders had completed all the obstacles they wanted to complete, they rode to a mail box, opened the box, and took out an envelope. Envelope contained a poker hand. Best hand won a prize.

Fun with Jeopardy

Do you watch Jeopardy on TV? Then you know how it works.

We had two teams, with one person on each team responsible for using a buzzer and for keeping score.

We had a category list on a large paper sheet; for example, War Horses, Stars on TV, etc. Behind each category were questions (clues) to be answered.

Under each category were points: 200, 4000, 600, 800, and 1000.

A team could pick a category and a number of points; for example, War Horses, for 800 points.

The person working the category list then turned to sheets behind the list to find the clue/question for that category/points.

When anyone from either team thought she/he had the answer, the team captain pushed the buzzer, and the team member then gave the answer. If the answer is correct, the team gained points: If the answer is wrong, the team loses points and the other team has a chance to give an answer. If nobody has an answer, the game goes on without either team gaining or losing points.

Example:

Team 1 says War Horses, 800 points.

The emcee then finds the question/clue; "Who was the horse ridden by Ulysses S Grant?"

A team 1 member indicates he has the answer.

Team 1 captain pushes the buzzer.

Team 1 member says "Cincinnati."

The answer is correct, so team 1 gains 800 points.

Team 1 gets to call the next Category/points, and the game continues.

We had some great answers, some questions/clues that left all of us wondering, and all of us having a great time.

We played Jeopardy until lunch time.

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Lunch and Meeting

Lunch and Meeting

We had a wonderful selection for lunch; for example, pulled pork, fried chicken, brats, mac and cheese, salads, desserts (cakes, chocolate muffins, brownies), and beverages. We had a variety of crackers and cheeses. Someone also brought ice cream and fruit pops (still frozen thanks to dry ice), and someone else brought watermelon. Several of the offerings were gluten free. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault.

As soon as everyone had eaten, we gathered in a large (25 people) circle for the meeting. Susan Kurzweil led the meeting, speaking of stewardship, LCHA history, and an impressive list of LCHA accomplishments over its 54 years. We then heard about our evacuation team and temporary shelter, followed by our budget. We learned that, at last, hooray, we have new Trail Maintenance Coordinator.

When talk of our current status (trail rides, educational programs, etc) and plans for the 2026-2027 year, ended, we had our election of officers and Members at Large for the Board of Directors.

And then it was time to break up, clean up, and prepare to go home.

We all think the day went extremely well.

So Who Got Elected?

Proposed Ballot for LCHA Board 2026-27 – Election at Annual Meeting June 20, 2026

Officers

We elect four officers for the following program year -- June 1 through May 31.

President -- Susan Kurzweil

Vice President -- Rachael Cohen

Secretary -- Sherry Vaughn

Treasurer -- Pati Morel

According to the Bylaws, the immediate past president is a member of the Board of Directors.

Other Board Members

All other Board members are elected to the Board as **Members-at-Large**.

Charles Ables

Jean Beucler

Thomas Hargis

Karen Muehler

Annette Price

Gary Sibert

Deb Schauermann

Bonnie Templeton

Hugh Templeton

At its first post-election meeting, the Board then appoints the elected Members at Large to the Committee Chair positions.

NOTE: Since the ballot showed no contest for any given officer, the election occurred by unanimous consent (acclamation).

Things To Do In July



Wednesday, July 8 Trail Ride -- Eagles' Nest

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

Contact Jean Beucler 970-223-1159

Friday, July 10
Board of Directors Meeting
Harmony Library,
4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins, CO 80526
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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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.

July 18

Saturday, July 18

Trail Ride --Lady Moon

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

Lunch on trail

Contact Charles Ables 831-601-3167

Notes:

All LCHA members and their guests are welcome at trail rides. Since all trail ride attendees must be members (insurance requirement), 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.

New Trail Celebrated



A Path for Community and Nature

June 13, 2026

On Saturday, June 13, an absolutely perfect weather day, a ceremony at Timnath Community Park (absolutely gorgeous, by the way) marked the completion of the Poudre River Trail. Ten speakers gave remarks telling the story of the original vision of the trail to its completion. See Actually Brief

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Actually Brief

(And believe it or not, although many of the speakers were politicians, all of them kept their remarks brief and to a point.) After the speeches, the mayors went to a spot near the trail and, instead of cutting a ribbon, joined sections of a ribbon together.



More than 50 years of vision, collaboration and investment among local governments, agencies, funders, and community partners who worked together, have come to fruition. The trail along the Poudre River corridor now connects Northern Colorado communities diagonally from Bellvue to Greeley, providing 45 miles of continuous, paved, multi-use trail that runs east and west of I-25 connecting communities and open spaces.

Editor's Note:



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Respect

RESPECT THE TRAIL

In order for everyone to enjoy their trail experience, there are proper manners for all trail users to exhibit.

- Stay to the right & never use more than half of the trail.
- Use caution approaching others with a friendly greeting, or bell.
- Yield: Faster yields to slower.
- Be respectful of others regardless of activity, speed or skill level
- Your dog is welcome on the trail with a lead attached. Pack out waste.
- Know trail etiquette and follow trail rules
- Remember, the trail is for non-motorized use only.

Respect the resources: Look at wildlife from a distance, leave wildflowers and plants for others to enjoy, and stay on the designated trail.

The Poudre River Trail is open to the public, but most of the adjacent land is private property. Please be respectful to property owners who allowed the trail to cross their property.

Practice the "Leave No Trace" principles. Be sensitive to the area, stay on existing trails and pack out at least as much as you take in.

NoCo Alerts

When an emergency arises, such as a wildfire or other event, you want information about it: where is it? How big is it? Does it affect me? How?

You want an alert system.

Larimer County has an alert system: NOCO Alert. The system shows information about events that may affect your home, workplace, family's schools and more. It may be information that does not directly affect you. Alternately, it may inform you that you need to take action, such as **mandatory evacuation immediately**, or **voluntary evacuation** (you need to get ready to evacuate if notified. You receive the notifications via phone calls, text messaging, e-mail.

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Alerts



This system is free for county residents who want to receive it. To receive alerts, sign up.

Online -- Go to **www.nocolaert.org** and create an account. You choose the location. You choose the device.

Text Message -- Text **NOCOALERT to 888777**

Receive all emergency alerts sent in Larimer County via text only. Text and data rates apply.

Smart Phone App -- Download the Everbridge app and receive push notifications when you enter an alert zone.

Social Media -- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Follow us on social media! Emergency alerts will be automatically posted on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

You can visit **www.nocolaert.org** to learn more about

- Emergency alert map
- Community alerts and resources
- IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System)

Of course, if you see or are involved in an emergency situation, call 911.

King Soopers Helps LCHA

Kroger, owner of King Soopers, has a Community Rewards Program. The program helps fundraising by donating to local organizations (including LCHA) based on your shopping. All you need to do is shop at King Soopers and use your Sooper Card at check out.

Here is how to link your Sooper card LCHA.

1. Create a Digital Account (if you don't already have one).
 - Go to the King Soopers web site
 - In the upper left corner of the page, look for **Sign In**.
 - If you don't have an account, click **Create Account**, and follow the steps on your screen.

Once you have created/signed in to your account,

2. Scroll to the bottom of the page, find and click **Community Rewards**
3. Where it says
Search for your organization, click **here**.
4. Enter the name or NPO of the organization you want to support:
 - Larimer County Horseman's Association
 - or
 - EY697
5. Click **Save**

Your selected organization will also display in the King Soopers Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

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.

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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:

- 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.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A lot of folks have already renewed their 2026-2027 membership. Are **YOU** one of them? Great.

However, are you among those who have NOT renewed your membership? Don't forget us. It's not too late. Renew right away.

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
- 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
- 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.

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Processing Payments

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 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 2nd 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.

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Immediate Past President

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.

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. 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

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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 or go to our Facebook page for more information at 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

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Why

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.

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.

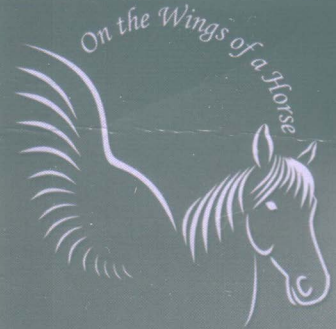
These programs involve in-person meetings. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot guarantee that viewers will see items shown by a presenter. We recommend attending these programs in person,

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

LCHA Board Of Directors Meetings

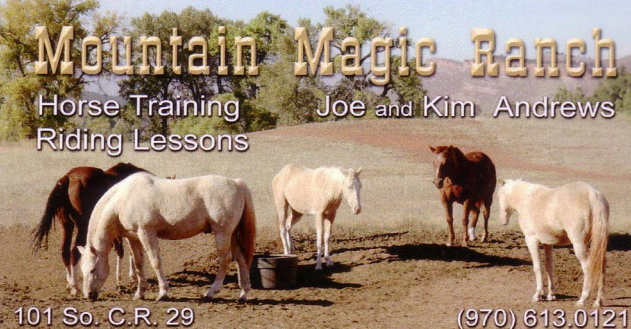
The Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors meets on the second Friday of every month, except December. The 2025 Annual meeting was on June 21. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

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