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Bonnie Robinson
LCHA Program Manager

November Program Features Equine Veterinary Services of Northern Colorado, PC


Dr. Stephanie Brault and Dr. Shawn Dixon of Equine Veterinary Services of Northern Colorado, PC, an ambulatory equine practice based in LaPorte, will present on two topics. Dr. Dixon, who is certified in veterinary acupuncture by the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, will give a presentation on acupuncture in horses. She will cover the history and origins of acupuncture, how it works, and what kinds of problems may benefit from acupuncture treatment.

Dr. Brault will discuss common veterinary issues that can arise on the trail. Ever wondered what veterinary first aid equipment you really should bring along on the trail to be adequately prepared for injuries or illnesses? Ever wondered how to properly care for emergency situations on the trail? Dr. Brault will address these questions and more.

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Date: November 4, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM until approximately 9:00 PM.

52 Riders! Record Poker Ride

Larimer County Horseman's Association 8th Annual Poker Ride on September 11th at Lory State Park was a huge success. We had a record number of participants (52). The weather was great and everyone totally enjoyed. We thank all of our sponsors for their generous contributions.

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A big thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped make our event a success!



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Program Director
Larimer County Horseman's Association

September Meeting An Eye Opener

LCHA held its first program meeting of the 2010/2011 program year on September 2nd with Randall Davis and his Mustang, Marvin, at Stonegate Ranch. Approximately 50 people attended the event; everyone had a great and interesting time. We were all extremely impressed with Randall Davis' talent in training Marvin the wild Mustang within 90 days for the Extreme Mustang Makeover this past spring. He was the Reserve Champion in the Extreme Mustang Makeover.



Photo by Bonnie Robinson

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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.

Dear LCHA Members,

Learning and education is a great gift in our country. It is a blessing to be a part of an organization that provides such opportunities. Thanks to the program committee for putting together the club's winter programs, and to the volunteers who make up your Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors. LCHA is a respected group of people in our county.

Looking at the membership list, classified ads, and the card shop, we have very talented teachers in our community. Get to know these members at programs, trail maintenance, trail rides, and clinics.

A fellow asked Ray Hunt when they would be done with the basics as he was getting bored and thought he was beyond this stuff. Here was Ray's response.

"Son, you never leave square one. You take it with you."

**Happy trails,
Kim Andrews
LCHA President**

Fall Clinic in Review

On Saturday, August 28th, LCHA had its third Fall Clinic, this time at Circle Back Farm in Loveland. The day was sunny and warm, and the event offered a relaxed atmosphere where participants received individual attention and auditors were free to wander between sessions. Below are some images from the event.



Photo courtesy of Kristen Schuett

Mike Brashear from Fort Lupton worked with young, unbroke horses to improve their skills from the ground. In this photo, he's refining this colt's balance in transitions between trot and lope.



Photo courtesy of Kristen Schuett

Emily Johnson from Boulder helped horses get over their fear of trailers by taking the focus away from the trailer itself and building confidence and willingness with groundwork. In this photo, she works with a young Arab

mare who was able to trot into the trailer on her own by the end of the session.



Photo courtesy of Kristen Schuett

Sean Davies from Fort Collins taught his participants how to improve communication with their horses, both from the ground and mounted. In this photo, he's demonstrating how to ask his mare to bend at the poll using only one rein.



Photo courtesy of Kristen Schuett

Kristin Schuett from Loveland enabled participants to cue their horses more softly by using more seat and less rein or leg. She also taught an outdoor session on jumping skills for trail riders. In this photo, riders are practicing their softer cues for bending and halting.

Also in attendance at the clinic was the Colorado Horse Rescue from Longmont, who shared information about

their organization and brought one of their toughest training cases. Their mare went home with a new attitude and is ready to build herself a more positive reputation back at the farm.

LCHA would like to thank the volunteers who kept the check-in process running smoothly, Circle Back Farm for hosting the event and providing such a nice facility, and the clinicians for sharing their time and expertise. Also, a welcome goes out to everyone who joined the club at this event!

Please enjoy and participate in all the activities that your club provides. We have worked hard over the years to provide you with trailer parking at trail heads and horse trails through the Larimer County Open Lands, City of Fort Collins, National Forest, and Department of Wild Life.

Sincerely,

Kim Andrews

President of Larimer County Horseman's Association

Jack's Gulch Camping Trip

It's Saturday morning around 6:00 AM at Jack's Gulch equestrian campground and just cool enough to need a flannel shirt. A gentle breeze is whistling through the towering trees sending the fresh aroma of pine through the campground. I hear the horses letting me know that it is time to feed, water, and clean their pens. They have an uncanny sense of knowing that I am awake; their calls are replicated by horses from the neighboring sites. The pleadings continue until you hear the sound of the latch-chains clanging against the steel panels as other campers respond to their horses. Finishing the chores, it is time to head to the next site over, where the rest of our group is camped and we can begin assembling breakfast.

The menu is scrambled eggs with toppings of shredded cheese and salsa, and sides of bacon and sausages...all this plus fresh blueberry pancakes. OJ, coffee, and hot chocolate are available to wash it down. Food always tastes better when camping; I don't know if I'm just that much hungrier, but it may have something to do with the mountain air.

In keeping with tradition, we all ate like royalty. It was the sixth annual camping trip, yet the first year free of rainfall. We rode Fish Creek trail, which is in the Comanche Peaks Wilderness of the Canyon Lakes Forest District. True to its name, this moderate trail follows Fish Creek most of the way. The scenery changes often from being cloistered among trees, to being dwarfed by rock outcroppings, to having meadows open and expand in front of us, or to the occasional appearances of the panoramic Mummy Range in the nearby Rocky Mountain National Park. The ride is a fifteen mile round trip with an elevation net gain/loss of 1,633 feet.

From the equestrian loop, we initially rode down Flower's Road toward the west to a cutoff trail that leads to Little Beaver Creek Trail. Here we could feel the sun on our back as the day warmed rapidly. Pleasantly though, the air became cooler by degrees as we headed downward to Little Beaver Creek. Upon arriving at the horse ford, we allowed plenty of time for our mounts to drink and splash in the cold clean water. As much as my horse seems to enjoy the pressure of the current against his legs, I get the satisfaction of just hanging out with him.

Much of the annual snowpack is gone by mid-August. As expected, the creek was low, but you could see reminders of the damage by this year's higher-than-normal peak run off. There were many spots where piles of logs laid crisscrossed and jammed in a once free-flowing area. You could see where sections of the bank were recently carved and widened at the bends by the powerful rushing water. Other signs appeared in the form of uprooted and fallen trees spanning across the width of bed.

After leaving Little Beaver Creek we headed up a steep rocky incline to the junction for our destination trail. Now, winding along Fish Creek Trail, we passed through a small grove of Aspen trees. Their leaves were gently quaking, perhaps making peace with the soft breeze that caused the dust raised by the horse's hooves to swirl around and quickly disappear into the grass. For being late summer, it was surprising to see how green and tall the grasses were and there were still plenty of wild flowers to add color. Ken, the campground host, mentioned earlier that it had rained everyday for the past week, and almost daily this summer. We noticed a variety of mushrooms pushing their way up through the soil along the way. After about an hour and a half we arrived at the large meadow where we usually stop to enjoy lunch and let the horses graze. We had

gotten a late start this morning and decided it was best to continue on so that we could ride the entire length of the trail and be back to camp in time to help prepare dinner. We met the only other folks we encountered while on our destination trail after leaving the meadow. We talked for a few minutes with the other riders before going on. We rode through a few dense areas that gave the impression that the sun was dancing in and out of the trees. Next, we came to areas of downed trees and rocky portions until we reached the ford. Here the creek was only about ten to twelve feet wide. After crossing, we headed up and away from the drainage area and on to the west trail head which is directly across the road from Sky Ranch. We had a quick bite to eat before turning around and starting back. I don't know if the horses are just anxious to get back, or if it is something else, but it always seems to me like the ride is shorter going back.

After leaving Fish Creek Trail, we dismounted, gave the horses a little break and got the kinks out of our own legs, by walking down the descent back to Little Beaver Creek. This year the largest form of wild life we spotted, besides birds of prey, were the ground squirrels. There is one spot that as we pass through we can pretty much count on the horses wanting to stop and gaze in the distance at something they perceive. Maybe they are picking up scents from a mountain lion's lair or an odiferous bear's den being transported through the air. Who knows? Perhaps on another trip we will have the adventure of finding out. As we rode into the campground about six hours later, the other horses called out greetings, making it that much sweeter to be back.

Everyone pitched in to do the final prep of fixings for the taco-rito bar (Joy just recently coined that word junction) and as usual we ended up with enough taco and burrito ingredients to feed double. Near a generous campfire, we sat down to enjoy our meal and conversation. Being just two days away from full moon, we had plenty of moonlight for early evening. It always amazes me how much closer it seems that we are to the moon and stars; yet at an altitude of 8,200 feet, we are just shy of a mere 3,000 feet closer.

With our bellies full and darkness advancing we cleaned dishes then headed over to a neighboring campsite. An invitation had gone out to all in the equestrian loop to join a campfire sing-along. By this time the moon was below the horizon and flashlights were in order. We were supplied with printouts of words to many of the songs, and sang to guitar

accompaniment. We consumed some consumables, laughed, and shared horror, oops, I mean **horse** stories until the cold drove us to bed. What a way to top off our camping trip of 2010. All of the time and preparation was well worth it.

Gary York

"Homegrown LCHA"

The LCHA participated in the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade on Wednesday, August 4th. This year's theme was well suited to the club as it was "Homegrown," and boy are we ever. Our club has been active in Larimer County for close to 40 years now. WOW! It seems like just a few years ago we were celebrating 30 years. Time zips by.

At any rate, we had a great group of riders and walkers with 9 people on horseback and 4 people on the ground. THANK YOU so much to each and every one of your who participated.



Yep. Homegrown. Here are our intrepid parade riders for 2010. Notice the yellow leg wraps, yellow shirts (oops, who is that in red?), yellow saddle blankets, and rump blankets on the horses.

Photo by Jillian L'Ecuyer

The horses were phenomenal, even the 3 "first time parade participants". We waived, we laughed, we chatted with folks in the crowd (OK, I have to admit it was Susan Moore Lawrence - our famous radio personality - who did most of the chatting with folks in the crowd. I swear she knew someone on each and every block), and we enjoyed every second of it.

Honorable mentions have to go out to 3 of our parade participants. First off, to the Hopkins boys, Robin and Daniel, who were troopers participating in their first parade. You guys ROCK! I also have to give a shout out to Kathy Porter who was riding her new horse, Tom, in his first parade. You guys are such a great pair. We hope to see you in more parades.

Just a reminder, if you didn't have the chance to participate in a parade this year, there is always Christmas Caroling on Horseback. It's a great environment to really see how your horse does on the streets because there aren't hundreds of people sitting on the curb. :) Stay tuned for an announcement about that in our next Newsletter.

HAPPY Trails!

Jillian L'Ecuyer

Horsin' Around in Northern Colorado

A List of Horse Events in the Region

October 9 9AM - 12:30PM

Trail Obstacle Clinic,
Marty Marten

October 23 9AM - 12:30PM

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Christmas Caroling on Horseback in Berthoud

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!

Mark your calendar. Christmas Caroling in Berthoud is December 4. We will meet at noon at Turner Middle School parking lot and leave for the Nursing Home at 12:45. We will ride through the streets of Berthoud to the Senior Apartment complex with several song stops on the way. When we return to the school parking lot, we will have a tailgate party with hot drinks and Christmas goodies. More information in the November newsletter.

Calendar of Events

The Trail Ride Coordinator is TJ Newport (970-397-6986). If you would like to suggest a trail ride location, or if you would like to lead a trail ride, call TJ.

Sign In

If you intend to participate in a trail ride, please notify the ride leader(s):

For A Trail Ride On ...	Notify the Ride Leader(s) by ...
Saturday	Wednesday evening
Sunday	Thursday evening

For any trail ride, be ready to ride at the time shown on this schedule, unless otherwise noted.

Events in 2010

Date	Day	Event	Location	Contact	Time
Oct 7	Thurs	Become Your Horse's Perfect Partner , Emily Johnson	4H Building, The Ranch	Bonnie Robinson 970-217-1113	7 to 9 PM
Dec 4	Sat	Christmas Caroling on Horseback	Berthoud	Kay Thomson	Noon
Dec 5	Sun	LCHA Christmas Party	TBA	Susan Kurzweil 970-663-6738	TBA

Trail Maintenance Schedule for 2010

Day/Date	Trail	Arrive
Sat/ Oct 9	West Ridge	9:00 AM

LCHA is still seeking persons who will lead trail maintenance trips on Mill Creek and West Ridge trails. Both are in Horsetooth Mountain Park.

Trail Rides for 2010

Date	Day	Location	Leader	Pace	Limit	Arr	Ride
October							
Oct 2	Sat	Crozier Mountain LCHA members only	Susan Kurzweil 663-6738	W/T	3 trucks/ trailers	9:30	10:00
Oct 10	Sun	Eagles Nest LCHA members only	Pat Carey 970-224-4532	W/T	6 riders	9:00	9:30
December							

Trail Rides for 2010 (continued)

Date	Day	Location	Leader	Pace	Limit	Arr	Ride
Dec 4	Sat	Christmas Caroling on Horseback, Berthoud This event is open to the public.	Kay Thomson 970-532-2443	W	no limit	noon	12:45

W = Walk; T = Trot; C = Canter

Ride Limitations

Some LCHA trail rides have been large. When large numbers of people sign up for trial rides, the ride leader may take one or more of the following actions:

- Encourage horse pooling (if parking space is an issue)
- Limit the number of riders (if this happens, the ride leader will take people on a first come, first served basis, and then will create a waiting list and call people on the waiting list if someone else cancels)
- Depending on the nature of the trail and the experience level of the horse and rider, the ride leader may suggest that some riders not attend a specific ride.

All trail ride sign-ups are strictly on a first-come, first served basis.

Insurance Concerns

The LCHA Board of Directors discovered that our insurance company has been charging an additional fee for each event we sponsor in which non-members can participate. In Board discussions, we decided that we need to keep many of our events open to the public, but we also need to keep some events for members only to limit our insurance costs. Keeping the balance is important. Please notice that the calendar now marks some events **Open** and other events **LCHA Members Only**.

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Editor's Note:

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.

Policy: *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.

In Memory

Hello Friends,

This note is to inform you that we had Chip put down today. I realize that many of you didn't know Chip, but those of you who did know what a special horse he was.

He is the horse Kim wrote about in the foreword of our book "Experiences Along the Way." He is also the horse that became known as "The Big Red Caboose" during the years that Kim and I led a lot of LCHA trail rides. Often, people riding less experienced horses appreciated Chips ability to give their horse confidence crossing water or negotiating some other scary obstacle.

When he retired from trail riding, Chip became an excellent lesson horse. He helped many people, young and not-so-young, learn the joy of riding a horse that actively sought out the riders intention.

Two of my favorite memories of Chip are these:

1. When we paired him with a girl who had been in a coma following a severe accident. The girl still had some mobility and speech difficulties so Ferguson High School had sent two staff members to help her during the class. The staffers panicked when they saw Chip shoulder in to the girl as she was leading him. In fact, Chip had supported her when she lost her balance. When she regained her balance, Chip leaned away from her and they continued on.
2. When I used Chip for a very petite seven-year-old girl's first horse lesson. I wondered why Chip had his nose almost on the ground until I realized that Chip was holding his head where he would see the girl in the same perspective he would see me if I were leading him.

Chip was last ridden three years ago by my then eighty-two-year-old mother at a cattle working clinic. Chip quietly entered the herd, and gently guided two cows away from the rest. With the help of two other riders, Chip and my mom drove the cows around a predetermined course. My mom later told me how wonderful that experience was for her--bringing back memories of riding range for her uncle years some sixty years before.




Photo by Joe Andrews

Chip will be missed.

Joe A.


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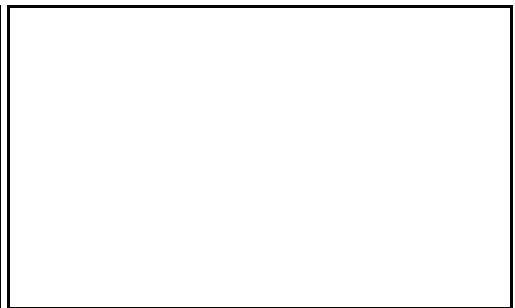
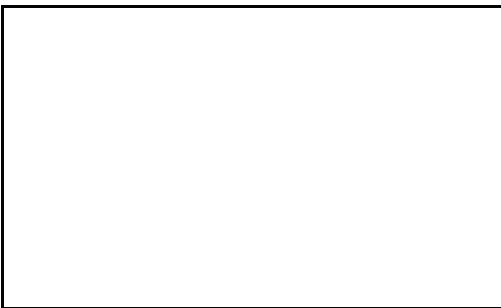
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