



LCHA Roundup

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LARIMER COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

August, 2010

Member Meetings Moved to Thursdays

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) meetings are always on the first Monday of every month. Right?

Well, not quite. If the first Monday happens to be Labor Day, we don't meet on the first Monday; we meet on the second Monday. If New Year's Day arrives on a Monday, LCHA meets on the second Monday of that month. Confusing?

Perhaps. There has been a marked decrease in attendance for those meetings that do not fall on a first Monday. Do people forget the correct date? Maybe. That's a shame. Some really fine programs have occurred on those dates.

The Board of Directors has discussed the matter more than once. Some said that perhaps we should keep the traditional meeting times; after all, it is hard to change a pattern that has been around for years. Also, it puts the meeting *in* the work week. Others said they had heard from friends that changing the meeting night would make it easier to remember the meetings, and that the change probably would not reduce attendance. Besides, Thursday is close to the end of the work week, and it should not bother members to meet on that night.

So the Board voted to change LCHA meeting nights to the first Thursday of each month. This bears repeating:

LCHA meetings will now occur on the first Thursday of each month.

The first LCHA meeting of this Fall will be on Thursday, September 2 – before Labor Day this year.

Watch this newsletter for more information.

What do you think? Do you prefer First Mondays or First Thursdays? Send your feedback to the newsletter editor (970-622-0982 or hught@lpbroadband.net). It will show up in the newsletter (if you give permission). Let us hear from you.

Thanks

This is one of the really great activities we support. It is the best chance all year to present LCHA to the public, to let them know we exist, and that we are a great group. We also have a good time talking to folks who walk by, telling them about LCHA and our horses, and just enjoying the conversations we find ourselves in. We depend on our volunteers to make our Fair appearances a positive experience. Sign up, and have fun while supporting LCHA.

Guaranteed Beautiful Scenery and Fun!

6th Annual LCHA Camping Trip at Jack's Gulch Campground Friday, August 20th - 22nd

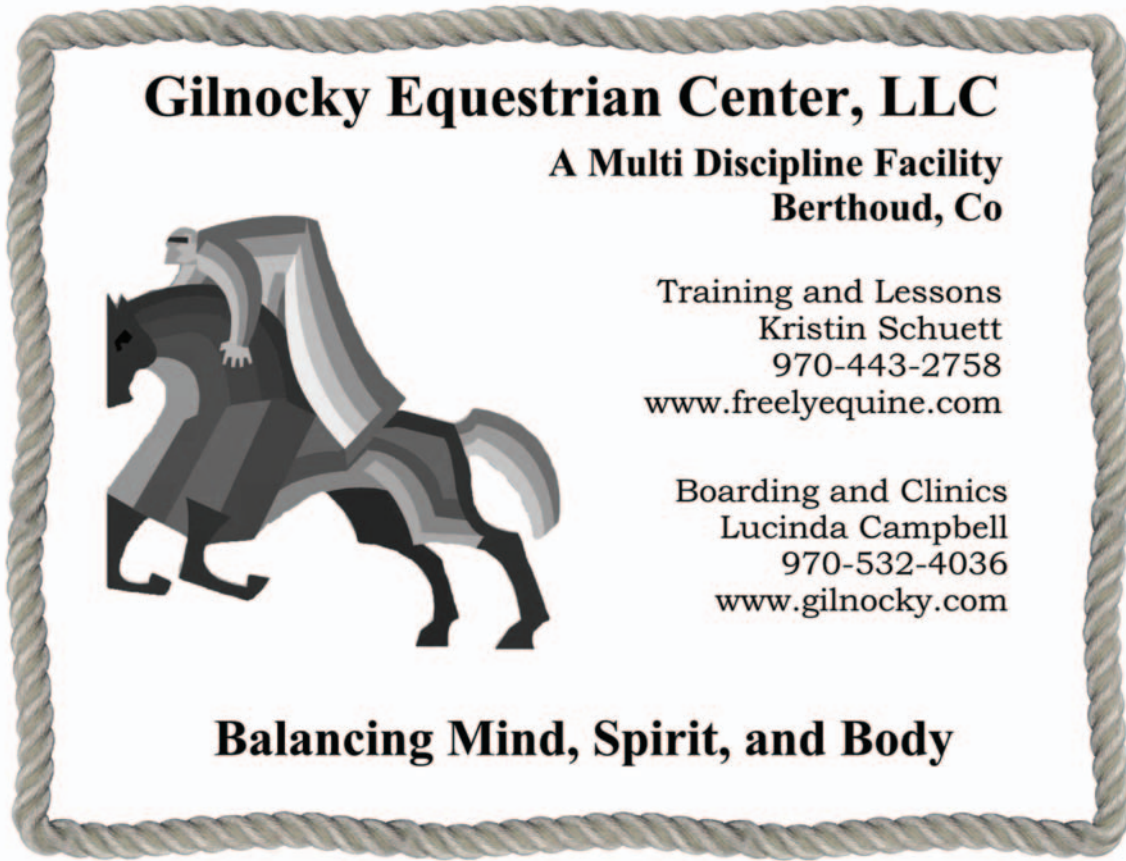
If you have never been camping with your horse, maybe you should try: It is a great, enjoyable experience. This camping trip was designed to introduce riders that have never been camping before, so this is an easy, no-worry way to get started. As a bonus, you will enjoy an abundance of wonderful scenery in the Comanche Peaks Wilderness located in the Roosevelt National Forest around the Pingree Park area.

The Campground


Jack's Gulch Campground has an equestrian loop for horse campers only. There are five sites, each of which has four metal 12' x 12'pens. You will be able to sleep like a baby because you won't have to worry about your horse pulling a disappearing act during the night.

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We have reserved two sites out of five (all we are allowed to reserve in advance), and the other three are on a first-come, first-served basis. So right now we have eight pens for horses. If the other spots are available when we get there, and if we need them, we will try to secure them according to how many people will be camping. The use of the pens will go to the first eight people to sign up.

If we are unable to get the other spots, then the rest of us must camp in the forest just outside of the campground. Joy and I usually camp in the forest when we come up for a weekend. You just have a longer walk to the restroom, but you are closer to the trails.

There is a cost for those who stay in the campground; the fee for the two camp sites is \$134 for two nights which will be Friday and Saturday night. That cost will be divided by the number of people for the two sites, if the maximum of eight people sign up, then the cost would be \$16.75 per person for both nights.

Great Food

We have a potluck for all the meals and we eat like Kings and Queens. This gives us plenty of time to socialize and make up stories. For the evening meals we sit around the campfire and consume consumable. If you play a guitar, bring it with you so we can all pretend that we can sing and howl at the moon.

Most people usually drive up on Friday morning – some in the afternoon. The LCHA ride is on Saturday. We'll ride up Fish Creek amongst the Lodgepole and Ponderosa pines with many Aspen groves mixed in along the way. We will stop for lunch at one of grassy meadows on the trail. This ride is eight miles one way and is rated moderate; the elevation gain is 1,633 feet. The ride takes around five to six hours round trip depending on how often we stop to enjoy the scenery. This will be a walk ride unless there are enough riders for one group to ride a little faster. There will be a maximum of three groups of six riders in each group, as Fish Creek is in the Comanche Peak's Wilderness where any group is limited to twelve heartbeats. The groups will be separated around twenty minutes apart. No dogs are allowed on the camping trip as they would have to be on leash. Also, some horses aren't used to being around dogs.

Come up early on Friday and go for a short ride through the large Aspen grove near Bedspring Springs before supper. Or, on Sunday go for a ride on Little Beaver Creek before you leave. The Fish Creek Saturday ride is the only LCHA sanctioned ride.



Matt and Butter in a meadow

I hope you will join us. Be sure to bring your camera with you.

Please RSVP by August 11. I will email all the camping info to everyone around the first of August.

Enjoy your summer, horses, and trails!

Gary York 970-203-0144 or my.stall2@gmail.com

Time to Renew Memberships

The Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew your membership for the 2010/2011 program year.

After May 31, members have a 60-day grace period to renew memberships. If a member has not renewed membership after the 60-day period, LCHA removes the person from the membership list. That person can no longer attend member-only trail rides and can no longer receive LCHA discounts from merchants who offer them.

Renew now. Don't lose your membership. Don't miss the fun, the information, and other perks that your membership offers. To renew your membership, send your membership dues check (payable to "LCHA") to this address:

Larimer County Horseman's Association
P.O. Box 270375
Fort Collins, CO 80527
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- Individual \$24
- Family \$36
- Business \$40
- Club \$36

It is a good idea to write "Membership Renewal" on your check.

See you in 2010/2011 LCHA.

Fall Clinic Details

This year's clinic will be Saturday, Aug. 28th, at Circle Back Farm in west Loveland. The clinic is open to LCHA members and the public, and offers topics in groundwork and mounted work for gaited, English, and western disciplines. Thirty percent of all proceeds from the clinic will help support the club.

Participants must register and pay in advance, and Early Bird rates are available through Aug. 11th. Participant rates increase \$5 per session after that date, but auditor rates do not change and auditors do not need to register in advance.

All horses brought onto the property must have a negative Coggins test dated within one year of the clinic.

To register for the Fall Clinic, go to the club's website at www.larimerhorseman.org and use the link on the home page under the photos. There you will find the clinic schedule, cost, and location, along with the registration form.

Look. In the Park

The time is just about here, right around the corner, just over the next hill, just around the bend. Are we there yet? What is it?

The 8th Annual LCHA Poker Ride!



- Saturday, September 11th
- \$25.00 donation per person,
- Lory State Park, Eltuck picnic area (\$6 Park entry fee)
- 10:00 AM registration opens: 10:30 AM the ride event begins.
- Questions and RSVP Bonnie Robinson (970-215-1142).

Obstacle? What Obstacle?

LCHA Training Event Eases Horses Past Obstacles

Yep. Nine riders heard how to get their horses past those obstacles they might meet on the trail:

- Bridges (yipes!)
- Narrow spaces (ugh!)
- A tarp (or area where the surface changes color)
- An inflated ball (eek!)
- Barrels (or tree trunks?)
- A bicycle (pesky -- we see them on the trails with us all the time).

Jillian L'Ecuyer and Kay Thomson led the event, stressing an approach-retreat, calm and easy-going approach to help our

horses understand that these obstacles are OK to be near, to pass by, and to cross over.

Jillian demonstrated the technique with her own horse, moving from one obstacle to another as the group of riders – without their horses – followed. The participants then ground worked their horses at each obstacle until the horses relaxed and could negotiate the obstacle with ease.

Finally, it was time to mount up. Participants and horses had a good time working through or around the various obstacles in the arena. The “narrow space” obstacle was a pile of hay bales arranged next to the fence to make a narrow passageway. The horses frequently tried to stop to sample the hay as they passed through the area.

At the end of the training session, each rider rode through the arena negotiating the obstacles. Jillian awarded prizes to those whose horses did best in this final ride.

All the riders and their horses learned some valuable lessons regarding some of the obstacles they may meet out there on the trails we all ride.

Thanks to the riders who participated in this training event:

- Toni McConnell
- Andee Bauer
- Cary Ford
- Susan Kurzweil
- Grace Robinson
- Elisabeth Reinersmann
- Marisue Wells
- Hugh Templeton
- Marla Wieck

Thank you to our leaders:

- Jillian L'Ecuyer
- Kay Thomson

Found A Loose Horse?

Have you found a loose horse?

Do you know who it belongs to?

Can't find out who owns the horse?

What should you do?

Call the brand inspector.

Chances are that the horse, even if not branded, has had a brand inspection. Therefore, the brand inspector's office may be able to identify the horse and locate its owner.

In Larimer County, call the Fort Collins brand inspectors' office at 970-490-1764.

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Rachael Cohen— preparing the newsletter for mailing.

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

Annual Meeting Elects 2009/2010 Board of Directors

The 2010 annual meeting featured a barbecue (our cook was Paul Thomson -- Thanks, Paul, for the tasty burgers) and potluck. The crowd was lively -- about 20 attended (we also had as many as 20 no-shows -- what's up with that?). The food was great, the camaraderie was warm, and the atmosphere relaxed. We then elected the officers and Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 program year:

President	
Vice President	Ted Newport
Secretary	Susan Kurzweil
Treasurer	Gary York
Immediate Past President (Bylaws put this position on the Board without election)	Jillian L'Ecuyer
All other persons were elected as Members at Large. The first meeting of the Board will appoint members to the various chairmanships.	
	Andee Bauer
	Joe McClellan
	Debbie Mulder
	Susan Pitner
	Rachael Cohen
	TJ Newport
	Bonnie Robinson
	Toni McConnell
	Hugh Templeton
	Bonnie Templeton
	Mike Triplett

We hope you will give them your support through this next year.

Editor's Note: At the annual meeting, we had no candidate for President. However, at its first official meeting, the Board of Directors elected Kim Andrews as President.

Horsin' Around in Northern Colorado

A List of Horse Events in the Region

Aug. 7 9AM - 12:30PM

Aug. 24 9AM - 12:30PM

Aug. 21 9AM - 12:30PM

Sept 19 9AM - 12:30PM

Sept 25 9AM - 12:30PM

October 9 9AM - 12:30PM

October 23 9AM - 12:30PM

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- Kristin Schuett Lighter Cues for a Balanced Ride
 Intro to Jumping on the Trail
- Debbie Garfield Identifying Your Gaited Horse's Gaits
 Correcting Your Gaited Horse's Gaits

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PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE; AUDITORS MAY PAY AT THE EVENT.
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Calendar of Events

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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
Aug 4		Ride in Larimer County Parade	Loveland	Darla Hollingshead	TBA
Aug 6 - 10		Larimer County Fair	The Ranch	TBA	TBA
Aug 20 - 22	Fri, Sat, and Sun	LCHA Camping	Jack's Gulch	Gary York 203-0144	Arrive Friday Evening; leave Sunday
Aug 28	Sat	Fall Clinics	Circle Back Farm, Loveland	Kristin Schuett	Grounds open at 9:15 AM Event starts at 10:00 AM
Sept 11	Sat	Poker Ride (LCHA's main fund raiser)	Lory State Park Eltuck Picnic Area	Bonnie Robinson 970-215-1142	Arr 10:00 AM Ride 10:30 AM
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/ Aug 21	West Ridge	9:00 AM
Sat/ Sept 18	West Ridge	9:00 AM
Sat/ Sept 25	Lion Gulch Hugh Templeton, 970-622-0982	8:30 AM

Trail Maintenance Schedule for 2010

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

LCHA is currently 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
August							
Aug 1	Sun	Lone Pine, Lower Road LCHA members only Reminder. You must have a Colorado Department of Wildlife Habitat Stamp to participate in this ride.	TJ Newport 970-397-6986	W/T	6 riders	9:30	10:00
Aug 15	Sun	Hermit Park LCHA members only	Pat Carey 970-224-4532	W/T	6 riders	10:00	10:30
Aug 21	Sat	Fish Creek	Gary York 203-0144	W/T	no limit	09:30	10:00
September							
Sept 11	Sat	Poker Ride, Lory State Park	Bonnie Robinson 970-215-1142	Rider's Choice	Unlimited	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Sept 11	Sat	Soapstone, Red Mountain Trail LCHA members only	Ted Newport 970-397-9591	W/T/C	6 riders	8:30	9:00
Sept 12	Sun	Red Mountain LCHA members only	Pat Carey 970-224-4532	W/T	6 riders	10:00	10:30
Sept 19	Sun	Mt Margaret LCHA members only	Bonnie Robinson 970-215-1142	W/T	no limit	10:30	11:00
Sept 26	Sun	North Fork Trail out of Dunraven Glade: Fall Colors LCHA members only	TJ Newport 970-397-6986	W	6 riders or 12 riders	9:30	10:00
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							
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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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.

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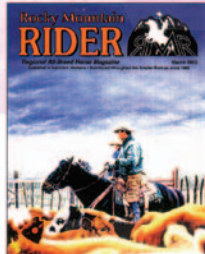
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