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February, 2011

## Pot Luck Desserts & Friendship

### LCHA February Program

February 3, 2011

7 until 9 PM

The Ranch/Larimer County Events Complex  
McKee 4-H Building

Bring your most favorite dessert to share. We all love that home cooking!

We're going to get into groups and have fun getting to know each other a little bit better while enjoying some yummy desserts. Topics of conversation to include

- fun
- scary
- lessons learned
- happy days
- surprises
- trail happenings
- accidents
- why I own (a particular breed of horse)

and whatever else you might want to include about times with your horses.

Please feel free to bring a few your favorite horsey photographs.

Chris LeDoux background music included!

Guests and new members are always welcome and remember, there is NO charge for LCHA Program meetings.

We'll provide complimentary beverages.

Questions?

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## Two Programs in One

### Larimer County Horseman's Association March Program

March 3, 2011

7 until 9 PM

The Ranch - 4-H Building  
Fort Collins Room

**We have 2 exciting presentations for our March/2011 program!**

### Miniature Horses

Ben & Robbie will introduce us to their passion, The Miniature Horses & Pura Vida Ranch.

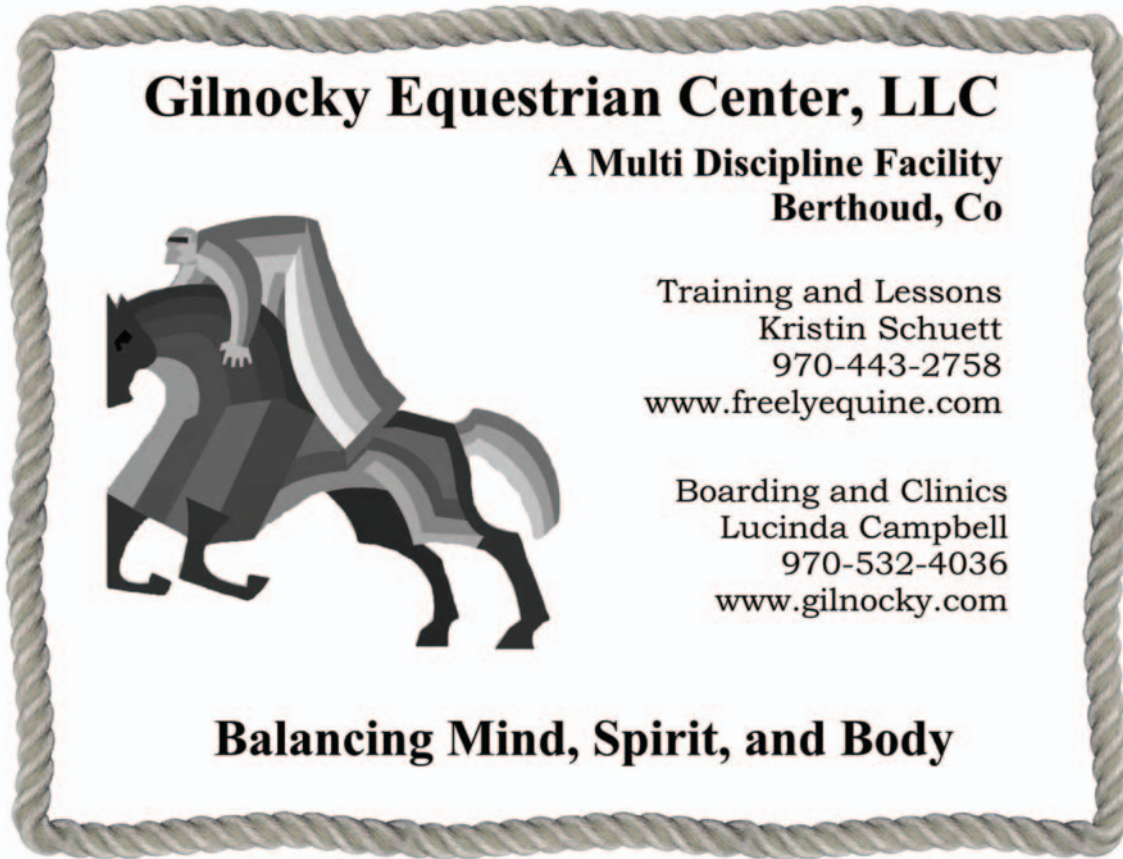
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Ben and Robbie will present to us the history, evolution, breed standard and use and future of the miniature

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## *Draft Horses*

### **“Considering the Draft Horse in a Light Horse World”**

Bud Walsh is both a light and a heavy horse owner.

Being involved in both worlds, Bud will talk about the background of the major draft breeds and their history in the United States. He will go over their establishment in today's environment and the growing use of the draft horse in farming & ranching as a supplemental source of power. In addition, he will discuss draft horse use in advertising and competition, as well as breeding of the draft horse.

Remember that membership to Larimer County Horseman's Association is not required to attend our program meetings. Please feel free to bring your guests. As always, there is NO fee or charges to attend.

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## *Hellooo Members!!*

WOW, there is a lot going on for you this year! Just look at that calendar of events. Balance out your schedule to enjoy some of everything. Try a new trail, try riding with a different trail leader. How about a training event, fund raiser, and try your hand at trail maintenance. Volunteer with a committee, stretch your mind, enhance friendships develop a partnership with your horse.

*“Every movement you ask the horse to make there is a position that you can be in that you steal no energy from your horse. To where he doesn't have to push you or pull you; you rob him of no energy. There is a point of center, a balance point while riding. Like two currents of a stream going in opposite directions, a point where there is no current, right in the middle, this is what you should*

*be thinking about.”*

Buck Branaman

*Happy Trails,  
 Kim Andrews  
 LCHA President*

## *Fascinating! Another Way Our Horses Help Us*

### *April Program*

Thursday, April 7th, 2011  
 Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm  
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### *Editor's Note:*

These are large claims. Can this program meet them? How do horses fit in? Are you curious? Come to the April LCHA meeting to satisfy your curiosity. Remember, LCHA meetings are open to everybody – you do not need to be a member to attend. AND, there is NO fee to attend.

See you there.

## *I'm Proud To Be an LCHA Trail Minder*

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In 2010, Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) planned 9 trail maintenance trips; 3 on Lion Gulch Trail (managed by the USDA Forest Service), and 6 other trails (managed by Larimer County Department of Natural Resources).

I am proud to say that in the three planned trips, LCHA trail maintenance crews repaired, cleaned, and generally took care of Lion Gulch trail. I have said it before, and I will repeat it here: Our Lion Gulch trail maintenance crews are among the very best in the state.

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LCHA consistently has crews who care for the heritage, the beauty, and the safety of the trail. These crews – all volunteers – have worked hard to repair Mother Nature's ravages and the wear and tear of many users. We have rerouted short sections of the trail that have become dangerous, and we have removed obstacles that prevent users from passing. And we always keep

an eye out for ways to keep the trail as pristine and beautiful as possible.

Many of the users who see us at work on the trail take a moment to chat, and to thank us for our work.

I am proud to be part of LCHA's trail maintenance crews – what I call our “trail minders.” You can be proud of our trail minders.

Other organizations I have belonged to (including one that has over 20,000 members worldwide) have “special interest groups (SIGs).” These are groups within the membership of the parent organization consisting of persons who have a strong interest in one special aspect of the parent organization's mission. For example, in the Society for Technical Communication (an international organization for the support of technical writers and the improvement of technical writing), a special interest group (SIG) centers around writing online help systems for computer applications.

For LCHA, I think we could have a trail minders' SIG. It would be a group of persons who are strongly interested in one part of LCHA's mission: trail maintenance. These persons would support our trail maintenance in work and deed:

- Word – Talking others into joining us on trail maintenance trips by letting them know what we do, the fun we have when we do it, and the great sense of satisfaction we get for a job well done.
- Deed – Participating in trail maintenance with our crews, whether it be on Lion Gulch or any other trail we agree to maintain.

I would like membership in the Trail Minders SIG to involve at least two maintenance trips per year. We would certainly encourage all our members to participate as often as possible, but we would reserve SIG membership to those who participate at least twice per year.

And I think LCHA needs to proclaim that we are proud of our LCHA Trail Minders. We can use the newsletter, announcements in meetings, and other means (for example, a poster for the booth at the Larimer County Fair).



I want the LCHA Trail Minders to continue to be the "go to" group for Larimer County Department of Natural Resources or for the USDA Forest Service. Larimer County has already suggested that it might ask us to assist them on some different trails that need attention.

And I want all of us – especially those who help us maintain the trails – to be able to say, "I am proud of our LCHA Trail Minders."

## Additional HERDA Information

### Happy NY to our LCHA members.

The January LCHA newsletter featured an article on HERDA. I thought those interested in the subject might want to know there will be more information at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo (RMHE) in March.

Thanks to Robin at Mustang Hollow Ranch for the following update.

*Keith Jacobson*

### Hi Everyone

Dr. Rashmir, the #1 HERDA research vet in the country, is going to speak at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in Denver, Colorado on March 11-13, 2011. If anyone is interested in making a tax deductible donation for her travel, accommodations and educational supplies please send your contribution to:

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Mail to:

Dr. Ann Rashmir  
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Please note "RMHE Travel" on your check.

She doesn't have a fund for speaking engagements so I'm trying to get enough money together to make this happen. This will be an excellent opportunity to educate many novice horse owners on this terrible disease.

Happy Holidays!

Robin and Penelope

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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.*

## 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 2011

Date	Day	Event	Location	Contact	Time
Feb 3	Thurs	<b>Pot Luck Desserts &amp; Friendship</b>	The Ranch McKee 4-H Building	Bonnie Robinson (970) 217-1113	7 to 9 PM
Mar 3	Thurs	<b>Miniature Horses</b> , Ben and Robbie of Pura Vida Ranch <b>Considering the Draft Horse in a Light Horse World</b> , Bud Walsh	The Ranch McKee 4-H Building Fort Collins Room	Bonnie Robinson (970) 217-1113	7 to 9 PM
Apr 7	Thurs	<b>Phoenix Rising</b> , Alisha Adrian This is a demo program with horses in an indoor arena.	Wilder Nest Retreat, Loveland/Masonville, 9144 N. Glade Road (at Firethorne Rd)	Bonnie Robinson (970) 217-1113	7 to 9 PM

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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.



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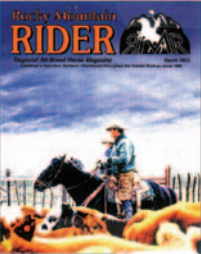
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*Trail Maintenance Pictures – The Work We Do*

Before/After	Comments
<p data-bbox="61 369 151 401">Before</p> 	<p data-bbox="922 579 1498 810">The trail has a significant berm – a ridge of earth that built up on the downhill side. The berm prevents water from draining properly across the trail. Notice the spots on the right at which we cut into the berm as we start to remove it so that rain or snow melt can drain across the trail and not run down the trail, creating a gully-like effect (which you can see in this picture).</p>
<p data-bbox="61 1083 134 1115">After</p> 	<p data-bbox="922 1335 1498 1440">Now you can see that the trail side is just slightly lower than the trail tread, allowing water to run freely off the trail. Good work!</p>



*Trail Maintenance Pictures - The Work We Do*

Before/After	Comments
<p>Before</p> 	<p>Here the trail is very rocky. People have tried to walk around the rocky area because it is dangerous to try to navigate through the rocks. This makes the trail unnaturally wide.</p>
<p>After</p> 	<p>Here you can see (It is not easy) that we have removed some of the rocks on the left side of the trail, making it easier to go up the little hill. We have also blocked the right side of the trail so that people can't widen the trail any further.</p> <p>All LCHA members can be proud of the work we do on trails.</p>



*39 Years of Service*

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