



Horses In the Arroyo Play Day is August 20th!

Rose Bowl Riders' Horses in the Arroyo Day celebrates the long tradition and history of an equestrian presence in the historic Pasadena Arroyo and has been a popular event since its inception in 2006. The festivities include games on horseback and foot, a barbecue, tack sale to benefit Rose Bowl Riders and a silent auction benefiting the **Rose Bowl Riders Charitable Organization**. Come and play, eat, cheer on your friends and family, and give back to our Club.

A perfect opportunity to earn more volunteer hours this year!

There are lots of tasks, big and small, needed to run this event. Grillmaster, ribbon wrangler, kitchen duty, clean up and many other jobs are available. To sign up to volunteer and look at the list of available duties, click the TrackItForward link to the event here:

<http://www.trackitforward.com/site/80321/event/84186>:

To see the class list and premium as well as the forms to donate to the silent auction and the tack sale, please click here:

<http://rosebowlriders.org/events/horses-in-the-arroyo-day>

New Bylaws to be Approved by Membership this Year

by Board President Ingrid McConnell

What's going on with the bylaws?

RBR's bylaws subcommittee, along with the governance committee and the 2016 board of directors have developed a new, improved, comprehensive set of bylaws to replace the 1991 Constitution and Bylaws that have become outdated. To request a PDF: mailto:rosebowlriders_info@yahoo.com

What are bylaws, anyway?

Bylaws are an organization's operating manual. They help the board govern and follow the law.

What's changed in the new version?

The new version specifies three membership classes (individual, family and honorary), and that each membership gets one vote. The board of directors will be reduced to 9 (from 11) with 4 officer positions (from 6). Board service will extend to staggered 2 year terms (vs. 1) and term limits (max of 6 consecutive years) will be implemented. Also when we have our annual meeting, members will be able to participate by proxy if they can't make the meeting; this will help us achieve a quorum (20%) and ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote. We'll switch to written ballots (vs. voice) and instead of floor nominations, a group of members can submit alternate candidate recommendations in advance. We've added standing finance, governance and nominating committees to help the board do its job with additional advice and expertise.

Since RBR no longer has regular monthly meetings, we've removed related provisions while trying to strike a balance between powers of members and the board they elect

to govern the organization. Members will elect the board, approve any bylaw amendments, and must agree to the dissolution of the club. We've specified that if the club is dissolved any net assets will be donated to an equine-related nonprofit chosen by the membership.

How do the new bylaws become effective?

For the proposed bylaws revision to be effective, the members will have to approve them by a 2/3 vote at a meeting with a quorum (20%) present. Stay tuned and please plan to participate in this important meeting!

Who has worked on the bylaws?

This bylaws revision has been a team effort! It started several years ago with former and current board members Maura Thorpe, Ann Regan and Bonnie Hedrick. The current governance committee, Shannon Griffin, Kristyn Gonnerman, Ingrid McConnell, Rebecca Ruiz and Gail Young worked closely with the Board of Directors to come up with a board-approved version. Member attorney David Enzminger has provided valuable legal advice along the way. It really has been a team effort and we believe the bylaws are a positive step forward for our organization.

To whom should I direct questions about the bylaws?

We welcome member input and suggestions to this iterative process. Please reach out to any member of the governance committee listed above, the board of directors, or just email us at rosebowlriders_info@yahoo.com

Welcome New RBR Member Approved at the July Board Meeting

Dave Natzic

The membership roster is accessible from RBR's WildApricot site.

Kudos!

- Trainer Katie Ginzton for cleaning out the drainage ditch with some of her students.
- Everyone, especially Gail Young and Vitalio Gramajo, our "horsekeeper extraordinaire", who checked on all horses multiple times and made sure everyone had plenty of clean water during the extreme heat last month.
- David Enzminger for thoughtfully reviewing <again!> the latest draft of the new Club bylaws.
- Member Anna Armstrong, who boards her mare at Encanto in Duarte, would like to thank those who generously offered transport in case she needed to evacuate for the San Gabriel Complex fire.
- Patty Sue Jones, who contacted the City regarding weed abatement on the east side of the property's border fence. They came right away to clear the weeds, and thanked her for bringing the issue to their attention.
- Walt Meyers and TSC kids for more weed control.

Natural Horsemanship Clinics Scheduled

Parelli Natural Horsemanship Instructor Susan Nelson will hold lessons at RBR this year. The first one will be held August 7th from 9am-11am. Cost will be \$100 per clinic for Rose Bowl Rider Members and residents of the City of Pasadena, all others will be \$110. Other clinics to follow October 9, November 20 and December 18. If you are interested in attending please contact Nancy Rose (626) 437-4101

5 Acres Program + Horsemanship 101 = Fun

by Patty Sue Jones



Eclipse's 14 year old rider trots around the arena bareback, wearing a helmet and a smile. "When I first came to RBR I was nervous, scared, and didn't want to be around horses. Then I got used to being around creatures taller than me. I got used to the fact that they're not going to hurt me. I got more comfortable riding and started enjoying it. And now I really want to RIDE!" Her sentiment is echoed other youths from 5 Acres, a local group home.

Currently the children, ages 8 to 14, ride in a two hour session several times a month. Funded by Rose

Bowl Riders Charitable Organization, the outreach purpose is to provide free horseback riding to an underserved community. Trainer Bruce Gaither provides enthusiastic and encouraging lessons with horses and tack provided by Myrtle Hill Farm trainers Greg Hedrick and Katherine Ginzton.



Five Acres Rehabilitation Specialist Ryann Esqueda accompanies the youth to RBR and praises the program. "Everyone relaxes when we get to RBR. Riding is an opportunity that these youth would never have otherwise and their behavior has changed for the positive. School grades are up and it gives them hope, raises self-esteem and gives them something to look forward to. Riding at RBR is the highlight of their week."



Calendar

July 17th New Member Orientation 2pm

July 18th through 22nd Horse Camp for ages 9 and older. 9am to 2 pm

July 23rd RBR Youth Advisory Council meeting noon

July 25th through 29th Horse Camp for ages 8 and younger. 9 am to 2 pm

Tom Sawyer Summer Riding Camp June 13th through August 19th (Mon. – Fri.) The Upper arena will be in use for lessons between 10 am and 3 pm

Susan Nelson Natural Horsemanship Clinics:

Aug. 7th, Oct. 9th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 18th – All 9am – 11am

No Board of Directors meeting in August.

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More info at this link:

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