

From RBR VP and bee advocate Sue Lafferty -  
Dear RBR Members,

A beehive was removed without incident on March 2 and was sent on to a farm, to pollinate the crops. Cool, eh? I asked if they could let us know where exactly they end up. I thought it would be fun to report back in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Sean, from [www.beecatcherssocal.com](http://www.beecatcherssocal.com) who picked them up, presented a pretty dire outlook for honeybees overall, and was happy to get our healthy wild hive.

He had to go through the roof of the tack room to get to the hive. There was just a small bit of honeycomb, he said about a week's worth which is about right.



He plugged up as many holes as he could in the immediate area. He pointed out all the openings where another hive could enter and strongly suggested that we plug them all up, as that space is perfect for a beehive. Good workday project!

He also said that some bees will stay around, those that were out foraging when the hive was taken. That made me very sad but he assured me that they would most likely find another hive to join.

If by chance the last of the bees don't clear out within a few days, we can call him and he'll come back and spray more of the stuff that neutralized the pheromones that the bees use to find their hive.

So we've got a good outfit to call if there's a next time.

When you discover a hive starting on your property, **please do not call an exterminator.** Instead please call a bee removal service who will safely remove them and take them to a place where they can thrive and help humans with food production. Please see link below for companies who do this service.

<http://www.losangelescountybeekeepers.com/swarm-removals/>

## New Members accepted at the March board meeting

Nancy Norris, the Valenta Family, Sam Schmitt, the McNary Family, the Fung Family, Aimee Davignon, Brigid Gray, George Wu, the Thatcher Family. Gerri Hazlet

## RBR Thanks You..

Sue Lafferty for bee wrangling. Jessica Stewart for spotting the sparks coming from a power pole and waiting for the first responders to check things out. For setting up the dressage court: KT Ginzton, Jill Olson, Nancy Reed, Nancy Rose, Gail Hackbarth Young, Marc Gibson, John Hedrick, Greg Hedrick Anna Armstrong. Greg Hedrick, Nick Larsen, Fred Pearce, Barton Jahncke, and Walt Meyers for maintaining the arenas. Everyone who helped at the Hunter Show, special mention to Carolyn Eberhard and KT Ginzton.

## About Volunteering:

Members are responsible for 10 hours a year of volunteer work or paying the \$100 opt out fee. Volunteer hours must be completed and recorded by 11/15/17 or members will be billed for the unworked hours. Volunteer hours are tracked on our TrackItForward site <https://www.trackitforward.com/>  
It's each member's responsibility to seek out volunteer work. We publicize volunteer events, and you can also ask about volunteer opportunities at our email address at [http://rosebowlriders\\_info@yahoo.com](http://rosebowlriders_info@yahoo.com).

## Calendar

More info at this link: <http://rosebowlriders.org/events>

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Horsemanship 101 for Five Acres

March 19<sup>th</sup> Spring Dressage Schooling Show (rain date 26<sup>th</sup>)

March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Dressage Clinic with Flora Jean Weiss

April 11<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting 6:30 pm Clubhouse

## Inter Scholastic Equestrian League

It was another great show for our Rose Bowl Riders/Myrtle Hill Farm riders at the Interscholastic Equestrian League held March 5th at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. IEL is a series of horse shows that offer show experience to young riders in grades 7 through 12. Each rider represents their school, and schools competing in IEL must have a competitive team. However, riders ride for their barn as well as for their school. Typically, there are four IEL shows throughout the season, but this year due to the rain and the equine virus in Los Angeles County, there will be only 3 shows. This was the second show of the season.

It was at this show that we said good-bye to graduating senior Katie Kelman. Every one of her rides at IEL were on Charisma, also called Willie. In the course of her IEL career, Katie has won an impressive 35 ribbons. Katie & Willie below:



Over all, Myrtle Hill Farm took home 16 ribbons in this highly competitive show. Our ribbon break down is as follows:

### **Novice**

Malena Marchettie – 11<sup>th</sup> in the Equitation Flat and 12<sup>th</sup> in the Working Hunter on Pie

### **Junior Varsity**

Anna McConnell – 10<sup>th</sup> in the Working Hunter, 10<sup>th</sup> in the Medals class, and 12<sup>th</sup> in the Hunt Seat Fences

Katie Kelman – 9<sup>th</sup> in Handy Hunters and 12<sup>th</sup> in the Medals class

Maisie Shapiro – 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in her two jumpers classes on Rein.

### **Varsity**

Brian Wolhaupter – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Varsity Working Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Varsity Hunt Set Equitation over Fences, and 11<sup>th</sup> in Varsity Handy Hunter on Rochambeau.

Amelia Enzminger – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Varsity Jumpers on Liberty.

Carolyn Pasqualetto – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Varsity Jumpers on Chaputino

## Rose Bowl Riders Winter Hunter Show

Somehow, in this very rainy season, Rose Bowl Riders managed to sneak in our Winter Hunter Schooling Show on February 26th. The show was held at our facility in the Hahamonga Park on a cold and damp day. Regina Antonioli served as our judge.

The purpose of our schooling shows is to teach our young riders how to compete in a horse show. At the RBR schooling shows, the riders compete in front of a US Equestrian Federation (USEF) registered judge. They learn when to start getting themselves and their horse ready before their class, and they learn how to work with a professional groom. In addition, they learn how to queue and behave at the gate before they enter the ring. Once in the ring, they learn how to work their horse in front of a judge. All of our riders are taught to win and to lose graciously. Practically all of the riders for RBR horse show team started their careers at one of the Rose Bowl Riders schooling shows.

However, none of the riders noticed the weather. After a one-hour delay to let the arena footing dry, the show was a go. We had an amazing 34 riders mount up and compete in 23 classes at our schooling show.

Congratulations to all of our riders!

