



ON THE CALENDAR:

2/9 **RBR BOARD MEETING (ZOOM)**
6:30 pm

2/27 **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**
9am

2/28 **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**
11am

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6:30 pm

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6:30 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had a bit of a bumpy start to our new year, but with history on our side, there was a peaceful transfer of presidential power. Family and friends are getting vaccinated, and we enjoyed some desperately needed rain. I trust that all of you have remained hopeful and healthy during

this seemingly endless pandemic. Thank heavens the RBR has been able to remain open to every one of our riders and their families. It is such a gift to be able to drive to the barn, take a deep breath and leave routine and responsibilities behind to visit and love on our equine friends. In the last newsletter I asked any of you would be willing to share how the Rose Bowl Riders Equestrian Center has enhanced your lives, especially living with the constraints of the Coronavirus.

This is from a new member and grateful mama:

“What a respite from the stress and anxiety. Training with Katie on Diva and Dolly has helped (my daughter)

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relax, connect to nature, forget about the current circumstances that we're all dealing with and just be a kid - free, fun while building her confidence at the same time. She's in love with riding. I hope she does it forever"

"Training at RBR makes (our daughter) feel like she's on top of the world. Mrs Katie helps her ride while pointing out colors and counting. We want her to stay "on top of the world" and RBR riding is helping her grow her confidence which I hope will carry her through the rest of her life."

These are little glimpses of joy aren't they? I know that many of you could share stories from your own experiences that would delight, encourage and teach us the value of horsemanship. Whether young, or experienced, a beginner, or long time horse person, I thank you for all the ways you continue to support, learn and love all that the Rose Bowl Riders has to offer our community. This month alone, we have had dozens of individuals and families attend our New Member Orientations. If you are brand new to the RBR, please introduce yourself and enjoy this fabulous community of horse loving friends.

The Board has approved a new budget for 2021. Our treasurer, Henry Shapiro has been a huge asset to our board of directors for this past year. Along with the finance team they have given us a very clear picture of our financial future. We know for certain that we must be extremely careful as we manage our finances. Earlier this month, the board decided we would collect our dues without raising our fees, but to be fully transparent with you all, we may need to make some changes before 2021 comes to a close. YES, we are hopeful for clinics, shows and our August play day to return and we want to be able to bring you back to volunteer!

Don't forget that picking up manure counts towards your volunteer hours. If you would, please make sure your hours are counted on the website by clicking on **"Track it Forward"**.

As we begin a new year together at RBR, please take a minute to remind yourself and your participating family members that we have clear expectations for all of us to adhere to as we spend time enjoying the facility. If you see or hear something that doesn't sound or feel quite right, please don't hesitate to speak up. If you have any concerns or specific comments for the RBR leadership team, please don't hesitate to email us.

In a book I have come to read and re-read, called "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse". There are many simple, yet beautiful drawings to delight every reader and some thoughtful dialogue between the boy and his animal friends. "Nothing beats kindness", said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things". And, "Sometimes", said the horse, "sometimes just getting up and carrying on is brave and magnificent." YES, these are wise and so true. May we offer and receive the kindness from our honorable horse friends and give every human we encounter that same grace.

See you at the barn,



Nancy Norris - RBR Board President



THANKS & KUDOS

- **Vitalio and Osman Gramajo** for fighting the cold weather, rain, hail, in an effort to keep our equine friends safe and happy.
- **Dylan Farr** for being there when we need him for emergency repairs!
- **Gari Merendino** who placed all the sandbags before the rains came
- To **Isai**, at the City of Pasadena who brought the sandbags with a 24 hour notice

WATER METER PROJECT COMPLETED



The City of Pasadena has completed the water meter project. RBR now has a hydrant that will measure the water we use, specifically for the water truck. The other water meter is next to it, in a box. The top can be lifted to view our water usage for the REST of our property. This will be a new expense for the RBR. We know that

the health of our horses is paramount but we must not be careless with our water consumption. Once we get our first “bill” we will let you know how we are doing! Thanks for your patience during the construction on the property.

THANK YOU HEATHER!

In March of last year, the board approved to hire Heather Kodama to assist our organization with some operational support. Unbeknownst to us, she became a key part of RBR as we headed into lockdown due to the outbreak of Covid 19. Heather was the key liaison with the City of Pasadena as we closed down and then slowly, safely and carefully began to reopen. Thanks to her vigilance, the RBR has been able to remain open despite the constant changes in LA County. Heather has assisted in some long overdue stall construction and has been working tirelessly on moving our arena maintenance forward. The City of Pasadena has stalled our work with extra demands, but Heather has kept the project in front of them, providing all the paperwork and endless details needed to keep the project from being shut down. Heather has completed her time as a paid contractor, but has agreed to continue serving the RBR and donating her volunteer hours until the arena footing has been maintained to a higher standard.



Heather loves riding with MHF and serving at the RBR. Please make sure you thank her for her months of hard work!

ROSE BOWL RIDERS JUMPING CLINIC WITH TRAINER RICHARD SPOONER: December 19-20, 2020



Written by Carrie Dilley

Richard Spooner is an internationally successful equestrian. He competes in the sport of show jumping on the West Coast of the United States and in Europe. He is a multi-Grand Prix Champion rider, and he has been named Pacific Coast Horse Show Association Grand Prix Rider of the Year on 12 occasions. Richard has the nickname “The Master of Faster” in the jumping arena.

We were honored to have Richard spend the weekend at RBR for our 2020 Jumping Clinic where he shared his “Pearls of Wisdom” with our members, by explaining the importance of stringing together every action during a course, and approaching the fences with confidence and encouragement for your horse. He took the time to help riders of all levels to be thoughtful about her riding from every aspect, including tack positioning, body posture, and mental connection with the horse. With a patient and intentional style, Richard provided words of encouragement and constructive critique to advance each participant to a new level of her riding. This was an experience our riders walked away from yearning for more.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kelly Bernal

Sandra Betts

Brennan Family

Casani Family

Julie Chan

Cho Family

Chong Family

Mei Fei

Rachel Feldman

Monica Gordon

Goldsworthy Family

Gruaz Family

Mathisen Family

Montoya Family

Nakamura Family

Spence-Newhouse Family

Quiroga Family

Randy Repp

Soto Family

Babette Sparr

Tatum/Davis Family

Miaoqi Zhu

MINI WORK DAYS ARE COMING.....

To facilitate on-going COVID related distancing orders as well as requirements of barn maintenance and volunteer hours, we have decided to hold mini-work-days. So instead of having two 5-6 hour work days twice a year, we will have one mini-work-day per month on the first Saturday starting March 6th, 2021. Your volunteer coordinators for each job area will be present at the barn on this day and will help guide you with the jobs and ensure we follow the distancing and sanitizing protocols.

Please remember to fill out the online COVID specific waiver available on our website before coming for a mini-work-day - <https://www.rosebowlriders.org/>

Please follow these COVID guidelines -

1. WEAR MASK AT ALL TIMES!
2. MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY MAY WORK TOGETHER.
3. IF WORKING IN GROUPS - NO MORE THAN 5 PEOPLE PER GROUP.
4. MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 6-FEET FROM FELLOW HUMANS AT ALL TIMES.

If you have any questions, please contact Shivani at shivani.air11aqua@gmail.com or Heidi at heidibabcock@gmail.com

For questions regarding gardening jobs, please contact Samantha Sisk at sammysisk@gmail.com



FASHIONABLY WARM!



WELCOME NEW HORSES



We are so happy to welcome **Dusty** into our family! He is a 6yo Quarter Horse gelding. He was a reining show horse in his previous career, and now a forever family horse, so loved by Nadine, Samantha, and Stella.



Indigo is the newest member of the Ladekarl family. She is a 7 yo Dutch warmblood from Holland. She was 2nd at the 6yo Dutch warmblood jumping championships in 2019 and will be Sarah's new partner in the show ring. The entire Ladekarl family looks forward to spending more time with their new loving horse.



HORSE PLAY

VINTAGE CORNER



The daring Terry and Ronny Akins of the Onondartka Drill Team perform at RBR's 9th Annual Horse Show on May 5-6, 1956