

ROSE BOWL RIDERS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Roundup



After the Storms, a New Hahamongna

by Sue Lafferty



If you've been out on a trail ride or walked your dog through the Upper Arroyo lately, you may have thought you were on another planet. The recent rains have completely changed the topography of the entire area, and what was once a steeply cut arroyo is now a nearly flat, braided stream bed. Trees and bushes are completely submerged, and many of our lovely shaded trails are buried under layers of debris and mud flow. *What happened?*

Simple – the huge Station Fire burned so hot that it completely denuded the mountains of the plants that held the soil in place. We're all aware of the recent mud slides in our neighboring communities that have occurred as a result. So

what we're seeing out in the basin are the acres of topsoil, ash and mud that have been washed down by the ton during the rains. You'll notice that in places it's dark in color – that's the ash – and has a fine consistency. It's thick and sometimes acrid-smelling, and in some areas acts like quicksand to trap horse, rider and hapless dog walker.

It will take years for the Upper Arroyo to return to its former topography. Meanwhile, it's no longer an arroyo seco – a dry canyon. The streams are still flowing through. The hillsides are a vivid green and painted with wildflowers. The birds and wildlife that we love so much are still very active and abundant, and at least some of the trees will recover. Intrepid equestrians and hikers have already blazed new trails after very cautious and careful scouting around the more dangerous areas.

It was an exciting year, sometimes too exciting, one that reminded us of the dynamic nature of Hahamongna - the beauty, and sometimes the danger of this wild area. More than one horse and rider, and a couple of hikers found themselves mired in the muck. (The danger of quicksand still persists, so please beware!) It also reminded us of the vulnerability of this special area, and of the huge impact that human activity can have on it: the Station fire was the result of arson, after all. The need to protect and preserve this wonderful treasure is ever present. We at Rose Bowl Riders feel lucky and blessed to be a part of it.

If you haven't already, be sure to get out and explore this "new" Hahamongna, whether on horseback or on foot. And know that next year, it may again be shaped and carved and changed into yet another incarnation of an arroyo!

To see dramatic footage of Hahamongna during the storms, go to the Arroyo Seco Foundation's website: www.savehahamongna.org

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About Rose Bowl Riders

We are an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote responsible horsemanship and a love for horses. We offer clinics, trail rides, horse shows, play days, barbeques and breakfasts, community-based activities, and other events to our members and the public. For more information or a membership application, please go to the RBR website at www.rosebowlriders.org.

Interscholastic Equestrian League

by Kelsey Toms

Many of the girls from Rose Bowl Riders have been competing in IEL, or the Interscholastic Equestrian League. IEL shows encompass equestrian teams from over 60 high schools in Southern California in horse shows four times a year. The show is split into four levels: Novice (18" jumps), Freshman (2'3" - 2'6" jumps), Junior Varsity (3' jumps), and Varsity (3'3" - 3'6" jumps). There are classes in disciplines of Dressage and Hunters for these levels. Junior Varsity and Varsity levels also include Jumpers. The lower classes can have as many as 80 competitors broken into two sections competing. The competition is rigorous, but IEL is an experience not to be ignored. Malea Woods, Ashley Roberson, Tamara Thomas, Nadia Barulich and Sabrina Waller, all students at RBR, have taken trips to compete at the Hanson Dam Equestrian Center where IEL is held.

For me, IEL has always been pleasurable chaos. Those who have shown usually agree. IEL gives the kids here a taste of real showing. Juggling rings, trailering horses and early mornings are just a few of the elements of showing and the riders who participate from RBR can revel in it being only twenty minutes away (the drive is a little shorter than that though at 5:45 am).



Sabrina Waller riding El Tigre

As for school spirit, there is no lack of it at IEL. Like a jersey, each school designs a square saddle pad to represent their school. Watching a ring one can observe blurs of Westridge's forest green, Malibu's black and blue, and La Canada's white, red, and yellow. There are also tents purchased by each school perched around the Varsity ring proclaiming their affinity.

IEL has been such a good experience for me, and I am thrilled to be able to compete next year as well as a Senior. The little traditions of Uggs, apple cider, and raffles keep riders and

their families coming back for more. It has taught me time management (not all announcers are as lenient as the ones at RBR I'm afraid), responsibility (I have been known to forget the most basic necessities), to deal with emergencies (broken boot heels, broken bridles, no crop, broken spurs, the list goes on and on), and more. I highly suggest researching the equestrian team at your high school. By horse show standards they are considerably low cost. Classes are just \$30 for jumping and \$45 for dressage tests. It is quite the experience and one that should not be missed!



Kelsey Toms riding Go Van Gogh

Letter from the President

It has been almost 60 years that Rose Bowl Rides has been located at the north end of the Arroyo in Pasadena. Rose Bowl Riders started out as a small riding group that would gather at the south end of the Arroyo and ride north to the Rose Bowl, where they would have breakfast at the Coffee Shop and then ride up into the Arroyo and foothill areas. They were involved in the advancement of new and better trails in the Arroyo Seco. Their objective was to encourage worthwhile horse activities in a beautiful, natural setting that adjoins urban surroundings. We are pleased that the city plans to maintain this ideal location for equestrians. The facilities today are enjoyed by many, from western to English riders. The expansion of lesson programs has increased the access and activities to more individuals in the community than ever before. We look forward to the new opportunities that the Pasadena Equestrian Center will provide. With the support of the city, I believe we will continue to be a facility that the community enjoys and admires.

Dale Thomas, *President*

1st Annual MACH 1 Walk-A-Thon

"Take a Walk Where the Wild Things Are"

by Erin Kelly

The change to daylight savings time did not deter 80 walkers and volunteers from showing up on a beautiful Sunday morning, March 14th to walk in the 1st MACH 1 Walk-A-Thon. Walkers brought donations collected from friends and family and registered to walk the 3.4 mile loop up to the JPL bridge, down to the Devils Gate Dam bridge and back to the Rose Bowl Riders Clubhouse.

USC and San Diego Chargers announcer Dennis Packer delivered all of the general announcements. MACH 1 volunteer, Cal Tech astrophysicist and former marathon runner Bill Latter shared a short motivational speech prepared especially for the event.

Registration opened at 8:00 a.m. with kickoff remarks and walk starting at 9:00 a.m. All walkers received a commemorative water bottle donated by Ad Concepts.

Penny Scott-Fox of Scott-Fox Dog Training was an event sponsor and many of her clients participated in the walk. A table providing training information was set up and Penny conducted a demonstration of scent "nose work" and rally training at the end of the walk. These are just two of the classes offered at her new center in Pasadena.

John Flanders of Flanders Co. manned a "photo booth" outside of Dr. Dotz's barn where walkers could have their picture taken before and after the walk.

Boy Scouts were on hand to move water to the break site on the trail where they also dispensed water to the walkers and dogs. Friends from the El Monte Police were stationed at key points along the trail to ensure walkers were all ok and stayed on the trail.

Refreshments including orange juice and Gatorade were provided thanks to various donations. Fresh bread was donated by Great Harvest Bread Co. in South Pasadena, apples were donated by Oppenheimer Produce and water was donated by KT Ginzton.

A 2nd annual Walk-A-Thon is planned for 2011 with hopes of growing the event over time.

Clinics with Linda Horrell

by Nancy Rose



My name is Nancy Rose and my horse is Sue's Song. Sue's Song is a 7 year old Polish Arabian that I board here at RBR. Not only am I a continuous student with our Western trainer, Julie Unamuno, but I am also a student with Linda Horrell who comes to RBR on a monthly basis. Linda is an incredible Western-Pleasure style trainer. I have had about 4 sessions with Linda and have gained more insight each time. She has so much to offer whether it is starting you with ground training or in the saddle. You will find each time a closer relationship and trust is gained between you and your horse. Linda offers the tools for you to find the softer, easier ways of communication between you and your horse as well as ways to strengthen your confidence and your horse's confidence and trust. Linda has the ability to personalize each lesson specifically to your issues at hand. She has assisted me in the problem areas not only with Sue but my own horse-handling and riding skills. I feel a good teacher will help your horsemanship abilities soar by being your eyes on the ground. Linda is definitely a top instructor and is well worth the experience. Thank you Linda for sharing your experience! For more information about lessons with Linda, contact Sally Sandor at (323) 662-8085.



Top photo: Sue's Song

Bottom photo: Julie Unamuno and students in an afternoon lesson

2010 Horse Shows

A big THANK YOU to everyone you helped to make the Winter Hunter and Spring Dressage Schooling Shows a success! Both shows had many outside barns participate, beautiful sunny weather and best of all, no falls!



Our Volunteers were:

Betsy Coles, Malea Woods, Cynthia Kiser, Ruth and Carolyn Pasqualetto, Heidy and Katie Kelman, Bonnie, John and Greg Hedrick, Ashley Roberson, Suzanne and Tamara Thomas, Chloe Cockrum, Sue Lafferty, Kelsey Toms, Vicki Nigra, Katelyn Woodward, Angela Sarni and Rebecca and Raquel Ruiz.

Our Sponsors were:

Catherine Chorness, Shannon Griffin, The Moser Family, Cheryl Ginzton, The Huffman Family, Bristol Bay Belle and Sue Lafferty, Jeff Powell, The Pasqualetto Family and Robin Reardon.

We would also like to thank Glenda McElroy of Cornerstone Dressage for generously lending RBR lovely spring decor for the dressage court.



We are only able to do these shows with help and sponsorships from the RBR membership and community so we thank you for your continuing support!

Top photo: Ribbon girl Kateri Fuentes awards Katie Kelman & Dolly with a blue ribbon.

Bottom photo: Rebecca Ruiz & Willie win blues in both their dressage tests

Annex Plan Staff Guidelines Approved!

At its March 8, 2010 meeting the Pasadena City Council approved the final version of the Guidelines for staff to use in implementing the Master Plan for the Hahamongna Annex. The Guidelines were drawn from the recommendations of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee and other City Commissions and were strongly supported by the community in attendance at the Council's February 1 meeting at which the Annex Plan was adopted.

At the February 1 meeting, the minutes reflect that the Council approved the Annex Plan and included "the advisory bodies' recommendations, as amended." At the March 8 meeting, however, the Guidelines were adopted separately, although the Council did clarify that the Guidelines were Plan "conditions of approval."

One of the most controversial aspect of the Plan was the proposed removal of 70 non-native trees. The Guidelines now state that every effort will be made to minimize tree removal in the Annex. The direction given to staff is reinforced within the language of the Plan itself which has been changed to state that "every effort shall be made to minimize native and non-native tree removal in the Annex. Any replacement trees required as a part of an Annex project should be of a native species. Any tree removals shall be done only on a per-project basis and only as Annex projects are funded and implemented."

The other very controversial aspect of the plan was the northern "corridor" which began life in the Annex conceptual plan as a 50 foot wide road/greenway to the JPL west parking lot. The Guidelines now specify that only a 10 foot wide (maximum) bikeway is to be built along the northern perimeter of the Annex and that it shall be designed in such a way that it "does not lend itself to becoming a road."

Two of the recommendations relate to developing a vision and mission as well as a management and operation plan for the future environmental education center. Staff recommendations will be presented to the Hahamongna Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Other recommendations may appear dry and technical but they are critically important to the future of Hahamongna and the Annex. These include studying the removal of the

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Planned Development zoning from a portion of the Annex, a study of including Hahamongna within the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance, the review of Conditional Use Permits by the Hahamonga Advisory Committee, and a requirement for further project-level environmental review as projects are implemented on the Annex.

If you would like to read the Guidelines in their entirety, go to http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/council_agenda.asp and click on March 8. The Guidelines are Item 10 on the Agenda. For more background information, click on the link for the Agenda Report. If you are a well-organized and dedicated Hahamongna fan, you might want to print a copy of the Guidelines and keep them in a safe place for future reference.

From the **Friends of Hamamongna** blog:
<http://fohwp.blogspot.com>

RBR Hosts Long-Distance Rider

On Tuesday, March 2nd Rose Bowl Riders had the great pleasure of hosting long-distance rider Linny Kenney, her horse Sojourner and support driver Walter Rowland. It has been a lifelong dream of hers to ride cross country and now, at age 28 she has finally had the opportunity to begin to realize it. She, Sojourner and Walter started in Santa Monica, California and will finish in Bath, New Hampshire. When asked about her horse she says "Sojourner is an amazing horse and a magnet for people. Riding him is a symbol of endurance and fulfilling a dream, but he also makes it easy for people to talk. Horses are magic that way as I'm sure you know."

Along with her beautiful, custom handmade leatherwork which she crafts and sells along the way, she is supported by the Long Rider's Guild and Outfitters Supply and Ricochet Ridge Ranch. Linny says "The ride is going to be documented and I am talking to different people gathering stories about family with a focus on divorce and getting through it. I want it to be an uplifting documentary in the end - something that shows the strength of the family unit and something that shows people who are going through a divorce that they're not alone."

You can follow her ride across the country and read her experiences on her blog at www.linnykenney.blogspot.com. We thank her for visiting RBR and wish her the very best along the way!

Summer Horse Camp

Horse Camp is back! Trainer Katherine Ginzton's Myrtle Hill Farm will be holding two special sessions of week-long Horse Camp at Rose Bowl Riders during August 2010.

The first session, for children 9 and older, will be August 2-6. A second session, for children 8 and under, will be August 9-13. Cost is \$400 per session. These sessions will fill quickly, so don't wait!

To find out more, download the Horse Camp Flyer and Application at www.rosebowlriders.org, or call Katherine at 818-516-5008.



Well rested, Linny Kenney and Sojourner ride out of Hahamongna Watershed Park and head east.

School Horse Spotlights:

Katherine Ginzton's Myrtle Hill Farm Cherokee



Cherokee is one horse that especially stands out in the line-up of lesson horses in RBR trainer Katie Ginzton's Myrtle Hill Farm. Can you spot him in the photo above? He stands out not only for his unique Appaloosa coloring, but also for his kind and willing nature and seeming endless patience with riders of all levels. Carolyn Pasqualetto says she loves Cherokee because "he's very sweet and calm and gives Raquel Ruiz kisses by licking her on the face!" Cherokee is a great teacher for beginner students in particular but has plenty of spunk to still pop over a few cross rails now and then! He also gets pretty lit up when pointed at barrels and poles at the Horses in the Arroyo Play Day! Angela Sarni notes that Cherokee is "good for young riders because he doesn't spook so much." Some of his given nicknames are "Cherry" and "Marshmallow". He is and always will be a student favorite. Come by and visit him in the lesson horse barn!



Julie Unamuno's Arroyo Canyon Jack



Jack is a 14 year old paint gelding, and has only been at RBR for 3 months. Nora Jung (above) has been doing lots of ground work and is having a great time building a special friendship with Jack. She likes to ride him bareback and give him baths. Nora would very much like to show Jack in Western Pleasure classes. Jack enjoys lots of hugs and likes peppermint candies along with apples and carrots.

Nora says "When I ride Jack I try to stay relaxed because then we have a good lesson and he is really smooth to ride. He teaches me how to be more relaxed."



Mountain Man

by Doug Larner

I have been participating in Mountain Man Historical Reenactments for over 25 years.

Men and women with their families camp out for days, and participate in events trying to recreate the camp life and history that took place in the Western states from 1790-1840. These events are called rendezvous. The time roughly covers the return of Lewis and Clark from the Pacific to the period that settlers started moving along the Oregon Trail.

It was a time of the 'fur trappers'. The primary fur they trapped was beaver. The beaver 'plews' or hides were sent to Europe to be made into beaver top hats. The industry died in late 1840s when silk top hats became the rage in Europe.

In a modern-day camp, the skills used over 150 years ago include: starting fire with flint and steel, throwing knife or tomahawk, and shooting muzzle loading firearms in competitions by all participants. Cooking over a campfire and using Dutch ovens is the rule of the day. Candle lanterns and canvas tents are used and in a proper camp, no plastic or flashlights or modern gear is in sight. Some events give prizes for the best and most historically accurate camps.

Both of my children have participated since they were 4 years old. In recent years I try to attend rendezvous that include horses. The horse was the means of moving throughout the Rockies and transporting the beaver hide back east. The equestrian equipment that I use has to be of a style and materials that was used back then. I use a saddle pad called an epishemore. It is an Indian tanned buffalo hide about 3 by 6 feet folded in half. At the end of the day's riding it becomes my ground pad under my blankets. The saddle I ride in is a wooden carved tree covered with rawhide. The style is more Eastern or English but with wooden carved stirrups. The western style saddle that we use now is really a later period style. When I horse camp I use a wooden pack frame and canvas bags.

I have been demonstrating the tools, equipment and skills in schools, libraries, and for Boy Scouts for about 20 years.

I met some of the people involved with a home schooling group on the trail in the Arroyo and they asked me to do the Mountain Man demonstration program that occurred at RBR last year. About 60 kids

and 30 parents attended, some visiting our facility for the first time. Several of the children take riding lessons at RBR.

The Pasadena Star News did a great job of covering the Mountain Man demonstration event and talking to the kids, who seemed to really enjoy the two hour program.

Move over Ford!



And make room for our new John Deere tractor! It's shiny, new and runs like a dream!



Kids Corner



Flip drawn by Raquel Ruiz, age 10

How Cherokee Saved Me from Being Bitten by a Rattlesnake

By Raquel and Rebecca Ruiz

While I (Raquel) was putting Cherokee back in his stall in 2008, he began to act strange looking in the stall next to him. Then, out of the blue, he pushed me away and almost knocked me over, something he'd never done before. I was surprised until I saw a baby rattler slither under the nearby feed bucket. Carolyn and I slowly moved backwards to keep the snake in sight.

Baby rattlers are more poisonous than adult rattlers because they don't know how to control their venom. We didn't want us or any of the animals bitten. After quickly telling an adult, I led Cherokee out of his stall and the snake was captured. I will never forget how Cherokee saved me from being bitten!



Fiona Harding and Missy before their lesson.



Ashley Roberson and Harley "The Wonder Dog".



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events

MAY

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 16 Antonovich Ride** (see insert)
- 31 La Canada Memorial Day Parade**
 Join us on horseback or foot to celebrate the day. If you'd like to participate please let Nancy Rose know! (626) 437-4101.

JUNE

- 5 Vet Clinic and Workday**
 Handy folks, we need you! Paint, spread wood chips, plant roses, spruce up and clean up for all the spring and summer events. Jeff Powell, our Dir. of Grounds will have several projects, big and small, for us to work on all over the property.

 If you're not able to make the work day please contact Jeff: rosebowlriders_info@yahoo.com for a job to do on your own time or you can make a donation (any amount is greatly appreciated) in lieu of working. Checks can be sent to the P.O. Box address (please note "work day donation" on the check).

 The vaccination clinic with Dr. Peralez & Dr. Brown will begin around 8:00am and continue until about 11:00am depending upon the number of horses signed up. All horses boarded at RBR are required to have their shots updated.

Web Site: www.rosebowlriders.org

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