

Message From The President Ingrid McConnell

“Let the rain wash away all the pain of yesterday...” (and the sand and footing and roads of RBR...)

Ever wonder who fixes our rutted out roads after every storm?



Please make sure to thank Greg Hedrick for constantly battling the elements and keeping our roads (and arenas) usable.

Introducing a New Member to Member Classified Page

We've set up a page on our Member Portal (Wild Apricot) where members can post and look for stuff for sale. [Here](#) is the link - you don't even need to log in to access or post, so it's really easy. Two of us have already listed a couple of items for sale (saddle, breeches) so take a look! Send us any feedback or suggestions to make it better or more usable.

Regular Garden Volunteers & Weed Patrol Needed Now!

To balance our budget, we've cut back on our gardening service and developed detailed instructions for volunteers to fill in. A lot of the work is regular weeding, since the rains will bring up lots of unwelcome sprouts. This is an easy way to get your volunteer hours... many hands make light work! See Anna's article for more info.

Best-Practice Horsekeeping

Happy 30th birthday to Nick and Cody! These two old guys are living proof that RBR is the best place for a horse in greater LA and their owners take wonderful care of them. As part of our strategic plan initiative, our upcoming license agreement negotiations with Pasadena, and because we want all horses at RBR to live as long and as happily as Nick and Cody, we are updating our horse keeping standards. We're going to ensure that all horses are exercised or turned out at least three times per week, have

clean, scrubbed water buckets and sufficient sand or shavings so they can lie in a soft bed and don't have muddy stalls. In addition, we can't have urine and manure runoff from our wash racks and stalls, as these harm the sensitive environment around us.

Some of our resources can be found on the *Boarding Information* page of the member website, as well as our own veterinarians, and *Cherry Hill's Horsekeeping Almanac*.

New Stalls Planned

We're working to convert the tractor storage area in the historic barn to 2 new stalls. But first, we need a covered structure for our tractor and muck cart, and we'll probably need to get a permit from the City for this. Stay tuned and let us know if you can help with this process.

The new Gardening Committee is looking for volunteers!

Hello everyone, and happy rain (once again)! It's great for the trees, plants, and wildflowers, though not so good for riding, and it means we will have a healthy crop of weeds this year!

For years RBR had a mow-and-blow type gardening service, very competent but expensive. Now that we have no lawn to mow and prefer to have no blowers kicking up dust, hardening soil, and spewing exhaust, we have hired a new gardening company to monitor the irrigation systems (yes, we will need them some day!), check plant health, and do some pruning and weed removal. However, they will only be coming once a month to keep costs down.

This is where you all come in! Contact me for a list of tasks available.

RBR will provide larger tools such as shovels, hoes, rakes, brooms, buckets and wheelbarrow; we ask that you bring your own hand tools and gloves if you need them.

I look forward to working with all of you to make Rose Bowl Riders beautiful, safe, functional, and a healthy habitat for our native plants, insects, birds, and other critters, as well as people and horses!

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RBR Thanks You..

Greg Hedrick, Nick Larsen, Fred Pearce, Barton Jahncke, and Walt Meyers for maintaining the arenas.

Calendar

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

Feb. 18-19 Flora Jean Weiss Dressage Clinic (Stay tuned for possible rain delay)

Feb. 24th Art of the Horse field trip 9 am.

Feb. 26th Winter Hunter Schooling Show Volunteer [Here](#)

March 1st Art of the Horse field trip 9 am

March 11 & 12 Carin Bannos Dressage Clinic

March 14th Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm Clubhouse

March 19th Spring Dressage Schooling Show (rain date 26th)

Susan Nelson, Parelli natural horsemanship trainer, is available for weekly classes starting in April. Please contact Nancy Rose (626)437-4101 within the next month so we can get a head count. We will be doing 2 hours of in the saddle and 2 hours of ground work, each class is \$100 for RBR Members and Pasadena Residents, all others are \$115. Need to sign up prior to March 20th as only 6 people/horses per class.

Help us save trees and money by consenting to email notices!

If you don't need to receive official RBR/RBRCO communications (e.g. meeting notices) by mail, please consider agreeing to email communication by printing and signing the form on the Wild Apricot site and sending it back to us by mail or email:

[Email Consent Permission Form](#)