

## President's Letter for RBR Newsletter: April

Dear Members:

*Be an advocate for horses in the Hahamongna!*

We love having horses in the Arroyo - both at Rose Bowl Riders and Tom Sawyer Camps! As the City of Pasadena moves to negotiate license agreements directly with both of our organizations, we members and horse lovers can advocate to our City representatives (council members, committee members and City staff) to let them how we are connecting people to horses and nature every day!

**Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm** is the next meeting of the Hahamongna Watershed Park advisory committee, at the "City Yards" (233 W Mountain, Rm 255, just east of the 210 exit). This committee's members make recommendations to the city council and want to ensure that the City's decisions (in the park) directly benefit the citizens of Pasadena. In fact, a key part of the committee's purpose is to develop a plan for public outreach and community involvement - which is exactly what Rose Bowl Riders is already doing with our equestrian programs and volunteering ethos.

Not everyone understands horses and their myriad of benefits, so I encourage you -- or your child -- to consider coming to a committee meeting (or using other channels to reach out to City decision makers and thought leaders) and in your own voice describe how Rose Bowl Riders and/or Tom Sawyer Camps are benefitting the Pasadena community.

These meetings are held bimonthly and have a public comment period at the start of the agenda. Check ahead if you plan to go - the meetings are notoriously canceled.

*Owl Box Project May 13th - Thank you to our donors; more still needed!*

We are still collecting funds for Avedis Tufenkjian's Eagle Scout Owl Box project.

Thanks to those who have already donated, at press time:

Aimee Davignon

Angela Lowell-Schade

Ariel Wisch-Schute

Marianne Wright

Sue Stenzel

Tom Sawyer Camps

A big thanks to all our members who support our club in countless ways. Hope to see many of you at our upcoming work day!

Ingrid McConnell

## RBR's IEL Graduating Seniors



From left Katie Kelman, Carolyn Pasqualetto, Raquel Ruiz

In last month's newsletter, we saluted one of our graduating IEL (Interscholastic Equestrian League) riders, Katie Kelman of Westridge HS. Katie and Charisma (Willie) had a long and successful career together at IEL.

This month we say goodbye to two of Katie's best friends, Carolyn Pasqualetto and Raquel Ruiz.

Carolyn started riding at Rose Bowl Riders right after she turned 6 years old. Sweet Pumpkin was her first horse/love. She rode Prancer, Cherokee, Johnny, Tess, Cece, Vinnie, Bubba, JJ, Zodiac, Santos, and finally Chaputino. Besides riding in IEL for 6 years, Carolyn has also participated in shows in Santa Barbara, Huntington Beach, Del Mar, Flintridge, LAEC, and Menlo Park .

Carolyn started IEL in 7th grade on Vinnie while riding for Polytechnic. She won Reserve Champion in Freshman jumpers on Vinnie, then Champion on Bubba in JV jumpers. Last year, Carolyn place 4<sup>th</sup> in the Varsity Jumpers for the season at IEL. She currently rides for Mayfield HS in Pasadena. Her first Champion ribbon was again

on Vinnie in Santa Barbara in Jumpers. She also won the 1.1m Jumpers at Menlo Park in 2016.

Raquel started riding at 6 years old at Tom Sawyer Camp, then when summer ended, she was referred to Katie Ginzton of RBR. She met Carolyn who had started about six months before. Her first leased horse was Cherokee who saved her from a rattle snake by pushing her out of the way, then the adored Flip who would take off when spooked; loved the disobedient El Tigre except when he'd rear, had a good run with Eclipse who showed incredible manners, had crazy bucking/kicking sessions with Apollo the pony, and loves good looking Hank!

Raquel, who rides for La Salle HS in Pasadena, has done it all at IEL: equitation, hunters, jumpers, and dressage. Along the way, she has won ribbons in all of these endeavors.

Raquel went to numerous Santa Barbara shows, Flintridge Shows, and Thermal. Lots of good show ribbons, and lots of fun doing the Flintridge Horse Show Tandem show - USC football players, Charlie's Angels, Ghostbusters.

The Rose Bowl Riders equestrian team will miss these girls when they leave for college in the fall. Best of luck to all of them.

## **New Members accepted at the April board meeting:**

The Al-Soufi Family, Sophia Hansen, the Solomon-Yu Family

## **RBR THANKS YOU..**

We had an excellent dressage show March 19th with enthusiastic riders and horses and our most wonderful Judge Anita Nardine! Thank you to all who attended, participated, volunteered and sponsored. YOU make these shows possible 😊:)

## **Thank you to our Dressage Show volunteers!**

Heidy Kelman, Nancy Reed, Alice Rossiter, Sue Lafferty, Marc Gibson, Shannon Griffin, John Hedrick, Greg Hedrick, Nancy Rose, Heidi Babcock, Anita Sohus, Belinda Tung, Phyllis Ginter, KT Ginzton, Phyllis Byrd, Ingrid McConnell, Kristyn Gonnerman, Gail Young, Carolyn Eberhard, Courtney Treweek, Tshering Bhutia & Michelle Newman.

## **And our sponsors!**

Heidi Babcock of Keller Williams Realty, Armstrong & Walker Landscape Architecture, Nancy Rose, The Andres Family, The Thornburgh Family, The Marchetti Family, Marc Gibson, Aimee Davignon, Savannah Rogan, Nilde Rivosecchi, The Yeh-Fung Family, The Pearce Family, The Enzinger Family, Carolyn Eberhard, Kristyn Gonnerman, The McConnell Family, Gail Young, Therese Reignier & Tania Owen.

Our **Garden Committee Chair Anna Armstrong** would like to thank her team of gardeners who worked so hard this month on the new gardening plan: Katy Ireland and her team of Boy Scouts spent hours working on cleaning up the area around the main entrance; and Richard Armstrong, Jamie McNary, Diane Berman, and Taryn Simone worked on the Clubhouse planter project. They used plants from our neighbors at the Hahamonga Nursery

## About Volunteering: May Volunteer Opportunities

Two of the last volunteer opportunities of the year are happening in May! Get your 10 hours in or look for an invoice in November!

May 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - Work Day. Light gardening, dead brush removal, painting, and general grounds cleanup.

May 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) - Summer Hunter Show. Registration, gate keepers, runners, ribbons, and food booth duty. We also need announcers!

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>

April 20<sup>th</sup> RBRCO Pizza Night Fundraiser at Round Table 4 to 9

May 6<sup>th</sup> Spring Work Day

May 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting CANCELLED Next one is June 13<sup>th</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup> Owl Box Installation beginning 10 am

May 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Vaccination Clinic 10:30 am

May 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Hunter Schooling Show





The Last Honest Pizza.™  
**Pizza Night Fundraiser**

**4pm – 9pm**

**Thursday April 20, 2017**

🕒 Rose Bowl Riders Charitable Organization 🕒

Offer Valid Only At:

**Round Table Pizza**

**502 Foothill Blvd., La Canada 91011**

(5 minutes from RBR)

Dine in the restaurant (put your receipt in the boot by the register) order online or call for take-out, or have it delivered. Call 818-952-1100 and say "RBRCO Fundraiser"!

Delivery areas include

La Canada, La Crescenta, Montrose, Altadena, and parts of Pasadena and Glendale.

**(Excludes discounts or coupons.)**



Rose Bowl Riders Charitable Organization provides free field trips to RBR for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Pasadena public elementary schools. Students tour the barn, see a jumping demonstration, and complete an art project.

The Charitable Organization also pays for their bus.

Each bus costs approximately \$150.

**Thank you for your support**

# Barn Owl Box Project at the Rose Bowl Riders

(Troop 4 Pasadena)

Boy Scout Eagle  
Project Fundraising



Hi, my name is Avedis Tufenkjian and I will be building several Barn Owl Boxes at the Rose Bowl Riders for my Eagle Project. These boxes provide a safe nesting area and **organic rodent control** without using harmful poisons and traps, solving the major rodent issue in the park among the horse stables.

I'm trying to raise \$600 to build and install the boxes. If you could donate any money towards my project, it would be greatly appreciated. **If you would like to donate please send your donation to Rose Bowl Riders.**