

Upcoming Events

-March 10-13 – Pat Mitchell Parelli Clinic
Beginning Level 1 Ground Skills

Main Arena/All day

-March 18 – Bill & Kim Ortamond Clinic

Main Arena/9:00 am-12:00 pm

Jumping Arena/12:00 pm-5:00 pm

-March 19 – Spring Schooling Show

All Arenas/All day

-March 26 – Spring Schooling Show Rain Date

-April 5 – Board Meeting

Clubhouse/7:00 pm

-April 7-9 - Pat Mitchell Parelli Clinic

Beginning Level 1 Riding Skills

Main Arena/All day

-April 22 – Vaccination Clinic & Work Day

9:00 am-12:00 pm/Main Barn- Clinic

8:00 am-1:00 pm/Work Day



Work Day & Vet Clinic

-On Saturday, April 22nd RBR will be holding its Semi-Annual Work Day and Vaccination Clinic. We will begin our work day promptly at 8:00 am in the Clubhouse with fresh coffee compliments of Fly Manglicmot of The Coffee Gallery in Altadena and plenty of healthy snacks to get you going! Susie Brown, our Dir. Of Grounds will have several projects for us to work on, including preparing the slope behind the Main Barn for planting and building a patio by the jumping arena. We'll stop around 1:00 pm to have lunch in the picnic area compliments of RBR! It's a good idea to bring gloves and some tools if you can. Remember to label anything you bring to ensure that you'll get it back! If you cannot make the work day you may either send a donation (be sure to note "Work Day Donation" in the memo of your check) to the P.O. Box or ask Susie for an alternate job.

-The Vet Clinic with Dr. Peralez will begin at 9:00 am by the Main Barn and continue until about 12:00 pm. RBR requires all horses boarded to be up to date on vaccinations *and* worming. Please be sure to sign your horse up by April 17th for the appropriate shots (Sign-up sheet will be posted later this month). If you are not sure which shots your horse is due for, call the office at (626) 446-8911 and check. Remember to bring your checkbooks! If you cannot attend please let me know so that I can be sure your horse gets the attention it needs. You may either give your checks to me to give to Dr. Peralez or mail it in advance to his office. If your horse is on a different vaccination schedule, please let me know as well.

April is Equestrian Safety Month!

-RBR has a great safety track record thankfully, but please take the time during the month of April to evaluate your safety practices in and out of the saddle. Below are some general safety tips for your perusal!

Around the Barn:

- o Be responsible and a good role model.
- o Never tie a horse with a stud chain hooked onto the lead rope.
- o When leading a horse, fold the rope accordion style in your hand. Never wrap or loop it around you.
- o Check the stirrups, girth, and general condition of your saddle before each ride.
- o Do a fence check of your entire stall perimeter on a regular basis.
- o Make sure the stall gate and latches are working properly.
- o Update your stall chart as needed so we have the latest emergency and feeding info. for your horse.

Check Your Tack Regularly - Make it a habit to give your tack a thorough safety check every few weeks. Look for worn leather, fabric and rust and pay particular attention to fasteners, such as Chicago screws. This is also a good time to re-check that the bit is fitting properly. Bit fit can change as leather expands and contracts over time.

On the Trail:

- o Carry a first aid and snake bite kit, matches, and cell phone with you.
- o Include some emergency rations such as granola bars and bottled water in your saddle bag.
- o Let someone know where you are going and when you are expected back or write it on the white board if no one is around.
- o Take a spare halter and lead rope along.
- o Consider taking an Easyboot along in case of a lost shoe.

-Remember that when you are on the trail you're not just representing Rose Bowl Riders, but the entire horse community. Be safe around hikers and bikers and if you have a moment, stop to let someone pet your horse. It will probably make their day!

-Don't be paranoid, but always think ahead and consider the possibilities of the situation. Keep an eye out for hazards. No one needs an astronomical vet or hospital bill to deal with and you'll be keeping both you and your horse safe!

Stay Alert - It's easy when you're plodding along, chatting to your riding buddies on a beautiful day to forget you're supposed to be actively "riding" your horse. You may become a bit of a back seat passenger. This can be very dangerous as your reaction time will be delayed by critical seconds. Stay alert and attentive at all times while riding. Not tense, but constantly aware of the environment, your riding surface, your peripheral vision, your distance in relationship to other riders and your horses responses to your cues.

Thank you!!

Thank you to the following people for their work around the barn!

- o Betsy Coles & Cyndisa Coles-Harris - feeding & cleaning for 8 days straight during Vitalio's much deserved vacation.
- o Jim Nigra – Hanging the beautiful flower baskets in front of the tack rooms.
- o Doug Larner – Putting a new clasp and chain on the box stall.
- o Michele Green – Watering the arenas.

Spring Schooling Show

March 19th (March 26th if it rains) will be RBR's second Horse Show of the year and we need your help! The Horse Show Committee is looking for volunteers (day of and before) jump and class sponsors! Please call Sue (626.808.8585) or Ariel (626.319.7824) or if you are interested!

Thank you in advance for your help!

Guests

Horses will be temporarily boarded at RBR in the upper guest pipe stalls as well as the Sun Pen for the Pat Mitchell Parelli Clinics and the Spring Schooling Show. Please see above for dates.

Arenas

Thank you to Sally Sandor, Tim McGhee, Elizabeth Hackman, Connie Flanders and Jim Nigra for dragging the arenas! Please take the time to help water the arenas when you're at the barn, especially on the days before it gets dragged. Sally Sandor thanks you for your patience in opening the arenas after the rain. They must be sufficiently dry and dragged before they can be ridden in after heavy rains to preserve the footing.

Helmet Fitting - Long hair should be secured at the nape of the neck rather than on top of the head. Place the helmet on the head so that the angle of the brim is about 10 degrees above a horizontal plane beginning at the back of the helmet. The helmet should fit equally all the way around the head without exposing the forehead or obscuring the vision. If the scalp moves when you rock the helmet up and down and back and forth and the helmet still feels comfortable to you, then it fits. The helmet must be fitted with the chin strap securely and snugly fastened.

Checking & Replacing your Helmet - Send your helmet to the manufacturer for inspection any time it sustains a blow that can be detected on the outside or anytime it touches the ground in a fall. Most companies will replace the helmet if its protective qualities have been compromised.

Boarder's Meeting

On Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm we will have our first Boarder's Meeting of 2006! Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Please bring with you any suggestions, comments, concerns or ideas you would like to share! All members are welcome to attend. See you there!

**I hope that some of this information has been helpful!
Happy and Safe Trails to you!**

Thank you *everyone* for your continuing efforts to keep RBR a friendly and beautiful facility!

Your Barn Manager, Ariel Wisch

