



# R-RANCH AT THE LAKE NEWSLETTER

## R Business Hours

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Every Day 9:00AM-5:00PM

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**MAINTENANCE (707) 806-3311**

DAILY 7:30AM- 4:00PM

**LODGE (707) 806-3249**

Sunday- Friday 9:00AM-10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM-11:00PM

**STABLES (707) 806-3159**

DAILY 7:30AM-2:00PM

**STORE HOURS**

Friday-Monday 9:00AM-5:00 PM

CLOSED Tuesday-Thursday

## ROA Share Sales Drive

ROA Share Sale Drive and Promotion -

- Prorated Annual Assessment for 2026
- No transfer fee (\$600 Value)
- 4 guest passes (valid until 12/31/26)

To help market the ROA Share Sales Drive-  
A \$100 Owner and Employee finders fee  
for New Owners that qualify and purchase  
an ROA share.



**2nd Quarter: April, May, June 2026**

# Board of Directors

**PRESIDENT: Lon Goetsch**  
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# Important Updates



Please pay attention to all posted signage around the Ranch for the latest updates on events and operations.



The best way to keep up to date is to sign up for R Ranch emails and make sure to add R-Ranch to your contacts so you never miss important notices and announcements. Sign up on the website or [office@rranch.info](mailto:office@rranch.info)



Our garbage dumpsters are now located in the laydown area near the sewer dump station. This keeps the trash and clean cardboard dry.

Please watch your speed and **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!** The speed limit is **10 MPH** on the Ranch including vehicles, E-Bikes and Golf Carts. Remember, you must be 15 or older to drive golf carts anywhere on R Ranch!



# Calendar of Events

## April

18th: 2nd Quarter Board Meeting    Lodge/Online    10:00am



## May

2<sup>nd</sup>: Horsemanship - Intro to Basics Adult Stables 8:00 - 10:00 am\*

9<sup>th</sup>: Horsemanship - Intro to Basics Under 18 Stables 8:00 - 10:00 am\*

16<sup>th</sup>: **Pool Opens!**

22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> **Memorial Day Weekend** Festivities

23<sup>rd</sup>: Pancake Breakfast Stables Fundraiser

30<sup>th</sup>: Overnight Ride and Camp Crystal Lake Stables\*

## June

13<sup>th</sup>: Horsemanship - Intro to Riding (Adults) Stables\*

13<sup>th</sup>: Tie Dye T-Shirt Making

18<sup>th</sup>: Horsemanship - Intro to Riding (Under 18) Stables\*

20<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day Weekend BBQ Rib Cookoff and Potluck

\*See Stables Update for full description of events.

Stay tuned for more Summer activities.

## **Important Dates for 2026**

Quarterly Board Meetings:

April 18, July 18, October 17

New Owner Focused Meetings:

May 16, November 21

Annual Owners Meeting:

August 15

# Ranch Spring Activities

## April 18<sup>th</sup> Owner Board Meeting in the Lodge and On-Line



Have question? a suggestion? Want to hear more about what is happening at R Ranch? Come to the board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## May 9<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day Brunch from 11:00am to Noon in the Lodge.



Enjoy a buffet style brunch with both breakfast and lunch options. Come enjoy some time at the Ranch and treat mom to brunch. Watch for pricing and sign up information coming soon to your inbox.

## May 16<sup>th</sup>: Pool Opening!



The day everyone looks forward to...The pool will open for the season on Saturday the 16th!

## May 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



The official start of the Summer Season is just around the corner. Join us for a fun filled weekend to kick-off the summer of 2026, fun activities include kids crafts, lawn games, bingo, horseshoe tournament plus music and dancing with a band, pancake breakfast and more. Watch your inbox for more info.

## May 23<sup>rd</sup>: PANCAKE BREAKFAST STABLES FUNDRAISER



Bring your family, friends and your appetite to the Lodge for a delicious pancake breakfast. We do all the cooking! All proceeds go to helping care for our horses. Come hungry and stay awhile, we'd love to see you all there! Want to volunteer to help out? We are looking for kitchen wranglers to help prepare and serve breakfast. Please reach out to Jenny in the front office, or send her an email to [officemanager@rranch.info](mailto:officemanager@rranch.info).



## June 13<sup>th</sup>: TIE DYE T-SHIRTS

Come make your own Tie Dye T Shirt with us in Friendship Park on Saturday at 2:00pm. Cost is \$5 per shirt.

## June 20<sup>th</sup>: FATHERS DAY BBQ RIB COOK OFF & POTLUCK DINNER



Fire up the grill and bring your best recipe- it's time for our Father's Day BBQ Rib Cook-off! Whether you're a backyard pitmaster or just love a good challenge, compete for bragging rights, and the title of R Rib Champion followed by a potluck dinner. We'll keep the fun going with horseshoes, bocce ball, music and good company. Gather your ingredients, bring your flavor, and let's celebrate Father's Day with great food, friendly competition, and ranch vibes. Watch your inbox for more info and signups.

Stay tuned for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Elections, and Labor Day festivities.



## DONATIONS NEEDED for Fun and Games!

Ping Pong Paddles

Mini Golf Clubs (preferably the rubber coated ones)

Tether Ball (for R Tot Lot)



## Horsemanship - Intro to Basics

This clinic is designed to guide riders through the essential foundations of safe and effective horse handling—from catching your horse in the paddocks to proper tacking techniques and mounting with confidence. Whether you're just beginning your equestrian journey or looking to refine and reinforce your existing skills, this clinic offers valuable, hands-on learning in a supportive environment.

Ideal for those working toward earning a trail card, hoping to join a camp out, or anyone eager to deepen their understanding of horse care and fundamentals, this session emphasizes safety, awareness, and best practices every step of the way. While tailored with beginners in mind, riders of all levels are encouraged to participate—because there is always something new to learn and every great horseperson benefits from revisiting the basics.

Join us to build confidence, strengthen your skills, and elevate your horsemanship.

\*\*Trail cards are offered to Children 14 and up but this is a great opportunity for all ages to learn!

**May 2nd - Horsemanship Intro to Basics (Adults) Clinic time : 8-10 AM**

**May 9th - Horsemanship Intro to Basics (Under 18) Clinic time : 8-10 AM**

## Camp out at Crystal Lake

This exclusive overnight campout is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of horse packing. Participants will enjoy a scenic trail ride into Crystal Lake, where we'll set up camp and spend the night alongside the horses.

This event is designed for **intermediate to advanced riders** who are comfortable handling horses in a trail environment. If you're unsure whether your experience level is a good fit, we encourage you to reach out—we're happy to help guide you. If you would like to attend on your personal horse, you will still need to register. We will have alternate personal horse accommodations for the night.

Hikers are also welcome to join this adventure—please be sure to register as a hiker so we can plan accordingly.

**May 30th** - All riders will need to meet down at the stables by 3:30PM to drop off personal items. The ride will leave at 5PM.

**Watch your inbox for signups and more information.**



## Horsemanship - Intro to Riding

Join us for our Intro to Riding Clinic—where foundational knowledge meets real riding experience! In this hands-on session, we'll build on the basics and take your skills into the saddle. You'll learn essential riding techniques, safety practices, and how to confidently handle a variety of trail situations with practical problem-solving approaches.

Whether you're new to riding or looking to refine your technique, this clinic is designed for all levels. It's the perfect opportunity to gain confidence, improve your skills, and become a more thoughtful, capable rider on the trail.

**June 13th - Intro to Riding (Adults)**  
**Clinic time: 8-10 am**

**June 20th - Intro to Riding (Under 18)**  
**Clinic time: 8-10 am**

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**June 27th** - All riders will need to meet down at the stables by 3:30PM to drop off personal items. The ride will leave at 5PM.

**Watch your inbox for signups and more information.**

# Board Update

## Fellow Owners,

As we welcome the spring season, the Board is filled with optimism for the year ahead and thrilled to share recent progress, guided by the excellent work and dedication of our staff. We extend our sincere appreciation to Ranch Manager, Brandon Hankes, for his comprehensive Quarterly Report, which underscores the energy and positive direction of the Ranch.

## Building a Strong Team and Property

The Ranch is actively gearing up for the high season, with seasonal staff being hired and arriving through May. The impact of our current team is already noticeable:

- **Maintenance:** Aaron and our newest maintenance team members, Mike and Patrick, have been diligently managing a significant workload of ongoing maintenance, repairs, and new projects, resulting in tangible improvements across the property.
- **Stables:** We are particularly excited to welcome Sophie as our new Lead Wrangler and her team. Sophie brings a fresh vision and experience to the stables, which are shaping up to be an especially enjoyable part of the ranch this year. We are, however, still in need of additional horses, and encourage owners to share any opportunities they may come across. We also need volunteers at the Stables. Please reach out to Sophie to see how you can help.
- **Sales & Outreach:** Brennan Swanson has stepped into the Sales Lead role and is also managing our social media, which is already improving our outreach and communication. He is focused on establishing strategic local partnerships, developing tour systems, implementing a “Customer Response Management” system for inquiries, and—supported by the Management and Board—launching a Spring Sales Drive. **All of you remain our best sales people, please encourage friends and family to join us as new Ranch Owners!**

## Enhancing the R-Ranch Experience

The Management and Board are actively exploring new outdoor recreation opportunities to enhance the experience for current owners and attract new ones. This includes evaluating the possibility of repurposing the dirt track area for mountain biking, considering dirt biking as a seasonal activity in the late fall and winter season. Additionally, we are looking at a unique opportunity to allow licensed owners-only hunting access to the nearly 700 acres of adjacent BLM land through the north gate. This is a process that involves formal planning and your input. More to come!



# Board Update, continued...

## Cabins and Critical Deadlines

We recognize the urgent need to address the cabins, particularly with the county deadline set for the end of the year. Due to current budget constraints and staffing limitations, Management plans to prioritize repairing as many cabins as possible, while placing a few on hold and demolishing those beyond repair. This is a major undertaking, and we are actively calling on our community: Experienced carpenters or builders who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise are strongly encouraged to reach out to the Ranch Manager, [RanchManager@rranch.info](mailto:RanchManager@rranch.info).

## Community Events and Elections

Thanks for joining us at the Crab Feed and Easter Events. Allison, the R Staff, and a host of volunteers put together a great time for everyone. The Board is thrilled with the proactive efforts to increase community engagement and would like to highlight two key upcoming items:

- **Pancake Breakfast Fundraisers:** Please join us for two pancake breakfasts (eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancakes) this season, which will serve as fundraisers for the barn. Your Board has already volunteered to help cook and serve.
- **Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday)**
- **Labor Day Weekend (Saturday)**

**2026 Board of Directors Election:** This year, three (3) Board seats—currently held by Steve, Rachel, and Nancy—are up for election at the Annual Owners Meeting on Saturday, August 15, 2026. If you have ever considered serving, now is the time to get involved!

- Intent to Run Form Deadline: Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
- Eligibility: Must be an R-Ranch owner for at least 3 years and be in good standing (current on assessments and not under disciplinary action).

We remain committed to creating an environment where owners can truly enjoy the property and leave the outside world at the gate. We encourage your continued participation, whether through volunteering, supporting events, or considering a Board role.

Sincerely,

Lon, Steve, Rachel, Nancy, and Peter  
R Ranch at the Lake Board of Directors



We are pleased to report that our seasonal staff has been hired and will continue arriving through May. We're building a strong team for the upcoming season, and I'm optimistic about what we will accomplish together.

Aaron, along with our new maintenance team member, Mike, have been doing an excellent job. They've taken on a significant workload that includes ongoing maintenance, repairs, and new projects, and their efforts are already making a noticeable impact.

We've also brought on a highly motivated sales professional, Brennan Swanson, who has stepped into the sales role and has developed a sales strategy to find new owners. In addition, he also manages our social media presence, helping us improve communication and outreach.

At the stables, we welcome Sophie as our new Lead Wrangler. Sophie brings both experience and creative ideas, and we're looking forward to seeing her vision come to life. The stables are shaping up to be an especially enjoyable part of the ranch this year. That said, we are still in need of additional horses to replace our aging herd, so please keep your eyes and ears open for any opportunities.

Regarding the cabins, we have not yet made the progress we had hoped for. Due to limited staffing, we have been unable to complete work in-house, and budget constraints prevent us from hiring contractors. Moving forward, I plan to focus on repairing as many cabins as possible, placing a few on hold until funds become available, and demolishing those that are beyond repair.

It is important to note that the county has set a deadline for the cabin project for the end of this year, which adds urgency to our efforts. With that in mind, any experienced carpenters or builders who are willing to help are encouraged to reach out to the Ranch Manager.

We are exploring additional outdoor recreation opportunities to enhance the current experience for current and potential new owners both on and near the property. Mountain biking has been suggested by several owners, and we could evaluate the possibility of repurposing the current proposed dirt bike area for that use. Dirt biking could potentially be shifted to a seasonal activity utilizing existing horse trails, where appropriate. Although the board has not fully committed to this idea the possibility is there. We really need to hear from the ownership as to what they want.

Additionally, the nearly 700 acres of BLM land adjacent to the Ranch presents a unique opportunity. We are considering a system that would allow licensed hunters access through the north gate, away from the main Ranch, for use of that land. This would be limited to owners only, with no guests permitted, to ensure safety and controlled access.

We remain committed to growing the R-Ranch community. Our goal is to create an environment where owners can leave the outside world at the gate and fully enjoy the property.

We welcome ideas and participation from motivated individuals who want to contribute to expanding our outdoor recreational offerings—from horses and hiking to hunting and biking. Our use permit does allow for an archery range, and if there is sufficient interest, we may look at incorporating one at the north end of the property.

Finally, we are in need of event organizers and volunteers to help energize and engage our ownership community. With the right involvement, this Ranch has the potential to provide incredible experiences for generations to come.

# From the Office

We are so excited to kick off the summer season! The office has been buzzing with preparations, and we can't wait to see all of you back here.

Our Growing Team Please join us in welcoming some new and returning faces:

- Debbie Walker will be back in the office! Her return will ensure a smooth transition into our busiest season.
- The Stables Team: We are thrilled to welcome Sophie Wood as our new Lead Wrangler, alongside Patrick Daniel and Rae Connors. They have some wonderful ideas for the barn this year. We also look forward to Emma Johnson joining the Stables team on May 1st.
- Maintenance: Mike Sagami has joined our maintenance crew and is already doing a fantastic job.



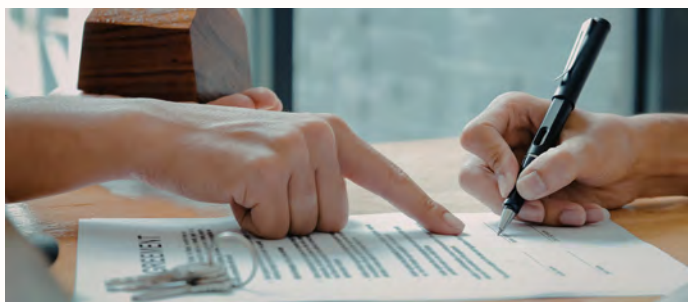
## Reminders to Speed Up Your Arrival:

Before You Arrive, help us stay organized, please ensure you sign your Hold Harmless Agreement and the Owner Information Book acknowledgement upon your arrival. If you'd like to get a head start, you can download these forms from the member portal of the website or we can email these forms to you in advance. Simply visit [rranchathelake.com](http://rranchathelake.com) or contact us at [office@rranch.info](mailto:office@rranch.info).

We're looking forward to a great summer.

Best regards,

The Ranch Office Team



# Winter Ranch Wrap-up



## SUPERBOWL FOOTBALL POOL



Congratulations to those who won in the football pool, and a big thanks to Lon & Sheri Goetsch for donating their winnings back to Activities.

## CRAB FEED

The Crab Feed had a great turn out once again. Thanks to all who bought tickets and joined us for a great evening. We appreciate all your support of R Ranch Activities. Thanks to "R" Servers who did an excellent job serving you all, they all made a good amount of cash thanks to your generous tips!

A huge thank you to those who helped in making the Crab Feed a great success: Grae Darlington, Brandi Brown, Taylor Durant, Claudia Salas, and Roxanne Bardwell, Jenny Thompson, Brandon Hanks and Lon and Sheri Goetsch. Susie Castella did an awesome job selling tickets for the 50/50 Raffle, raising a total of \$400, Chrissy Leard was the lucky winner of \$200 and was kind enough to donate half of it back to the Activities Fund. Thanks Chrissy!!



## EASTER EGG HUNT



Although we were prepared for a larger turnout, with over 2,000 filled eggs ready to be hunted, we had a great group of kids hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny that rode in on Captain. It's safe to say that those who attended had a great time and found plenty of candy and prizes. Thanks to those who donated candy and/or filled eggs and to all of R Staff who helped with hiding the eggs. We hope you all had a Happy Easter!

Ranch Activities are provided as part of the amenities offered to Owners, as always we encourage you to attend, have a great time and support them as much as possible. If you have any ideas for new, fun activities at R Ranch or even better, if you would like to volunteer to help plan or execute new activities, we encourage you to reach out with your ideas. Additionally volunteers are always needed, appreciated and welcomed, if you are interested in volunteering your time to help with upcoming Activities please reach out to Allison in the store or by sending an email to [allisonperry@ranch.info](mailto:allisonperry@ranch.info).



# Committee Chairs

**Looking to participate in a committee at the Ranch? Here are your committee contacts:**

**Boats:** Albert Sanchez,  
[boatcommittee@rranch.info](mailto:boatcommittee@rranch.info)

**Cabins:** Need Volunteer, [cabins@rranch.info](mailto:cabins@rranch.info)

**Campground:** Tom Spruitenburg,  
[campground@rranch.info](mailto:campground@rranch.info)

**Equine:** Sheri Goetsch, [equine@rranch.info](mailto:equine@rranch.info)

**Finance:** Stephanie Botts,  
[treasurer@rranch.info](mailto:treasurer@rranch.info)

**FireWise:** Lon Goetsch, [firewise@rranch.info](mailto:firewise@rranch.info)

**Pool:** Chrissy Leard, [pool@rranch.info](mailto:pool@rranch.info)

**Events/Activities:** Allison Perry  
[allisonperry@rranch.info](mailto:allisonperry@rranch.info)

*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*



# Volunteers & Helping Hands

Volunteers are often needed and are always welcomed! The Ranch extends a special thanks to those of you who are willing to help out where help is needed, it is very much appreciated!

We would like to extend R heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our owners that show their love for the Ranch and for their continued support through volunteering and/or assisting with with projects, events when and where they can.

**The Equine Committee** has been working with wranglers to keep horses dry, fed and watered and now they are all working on their summer bodies and shedding their winter coats. Thank you to the owners that have been helping us groom our herd. We have also moved a few horses into paddocks to give everyone a little more space. We will be planning some paddock/round pen improvement days and will work with the management team on keeping shelters in good repair. We are also working to help the ranch find some new horses for owners to ride as some of our older horses begin their a much deserved retirement. We will also discuss creating an obstacle course for training for trails in the coming months.

**Your Campground Committee** is continuing to work with maintenance on improving sites, trimming trees and repairing road erosion.

If you use the cabins and would like to help drive the efforts of that committee, we are looking for a Cabin Committee Chair. Soon, we will be getting a committee together to clean, paint and repair the Red House soon. Let's do more!

# Boat Committee

## Boat Committee updates and reminders

For the boat yard, we are planning a major cleanup and weed abatement effort. We anticipate scheduling this work soon, pending dryer weather, and will announce the exact date soon. We also plan to repaint some areas and fix boat numbers.

**Finally, a crucial reminder: Please ensure your 2026 boat registrations are clearly displayed on your boats, and copies of these registrations are brought into the office as soon as possible.**



# Stables

## It's the Perfect Time for a Ride

Check out the special activities for the stables in the coming months including clinics, the pancake breakfast and overnight camping at /crystal Lake.

Not a rider but still looking for ways to get your horse fix? Our horses love to be groomed. If you have a couple of hours, we have a couple of shedding ponies and horses that would love to be brushed and taken on short walks.

The herd works hard for us and deserve some pampering.

Sign up sheets will still go out promptly at 7:00am each morning!



## Spring FireWise Committee Update

As we move into the critical transition of spring into summer, the FireWise Committee is proud to report on significant steps taken to enhance the fire resilience and safety at the Ranch. These efforts reflect the dedication of both R-Ranch staff and our invaluable volunteers.



## Fuel Reduction Initiatives

- **Brush Clearance & Pile Burning:** Throughout the winter, Aaron and Owner volunteers have been diligently building and burning piles to eliminate ground fuels across the Ranch. Owners can continue to support this vital work by adding dead and downed fuels to the piles being built throughout the Ranch.
- **Grazing Program:** Our innovative, nature-based approach continues with Napa Pasture Protein grazing a widening perimeter around the Ranch. Additionally, our own herd of sheep are acting as "4 legged groundskeepers," free grazing around the barn, lodge, and cabins.

## Partnership Success

We owe a huge thanks to our ongoing partnership with Napa FireWise, which provided funding for a significant fuel management and access project.

- **Dozer Work:** Five days of dozer work were coordinated, covering over five miles on the west side of the Ranch.
- **Safety and Access:** This project improved access for Firefighters from Capell Valley Road to Red Mountain, Crystal Lake, and the Ranch Trail above the Campground. This expanded fuel break provides critical driveable access in case of medical emergencies or rescues.

## Your Help is Needed!

As the grass continues to grow and dry out, our focus shifts to defensible space and volunteer work parties. Line trimmers are available for all owners to clear weeds from around the campsite. Please use caution to avoid damaging RV's from loose rocks. We are actively planning more volunteer day projects, including a focus on clearing combustible fuels from around our Ranch Buildings. Improving defensible space will continue throughout the Summer.

More volunteers are critical to our continued success. We are always seeking new members to join our committee to help us continue to improve fire resilience at the Ranch. Please contact us to join and help: [FireWise@Ranch.info](mailto:FireWise@Ranch.info)

# R Ranch Website

Please check out the new website! Join the members only area and make reservations, send work orders and requests and more - all on line. [www.rranchatthelake.com](http://www.rranchatthelake.com)



# R Instagram

If you have not followed R Instagram page(s), please head on over and give us a follow to stay up-to-date on what's going on around here! The Stables has a separate Instagram account, however, both accounts collaborate. Be sure to follow both accounts at: [@rranchnapa](https://www.instagram.com/rranchnapa) and [@rranchstables.com](https://www.instagram.com/rranchstables.com)



# R Facebook

Please head on over and give us a follow to stay up-to-date on what's going on around here!  
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