



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

March 2020 Newsletter

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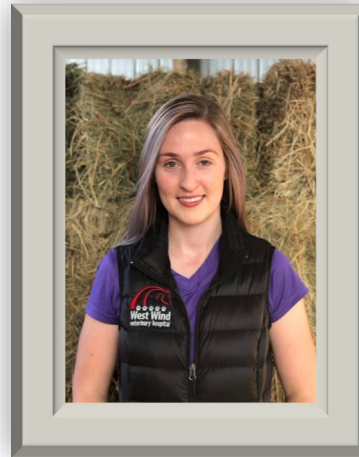
ATRA was established in 1973 for people interested in recreational riding & driving.

2020 Club Executive

President: Alexys Mishak
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ATRA is a non-profit family oriented organization that encompasses a variety of equestrian activities that promote safe horsemanship, ongoing education and responsible use, maintenance and development of trails.

March 19 - General Meeting Guest Speaker: Dr. Laura Perry



Dr Laura Perry is from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where she grew up riding and competing reining horses. She obtained her Bachelor's of Science (Honours) at Cape Breton University. She graduated with her DVM degree from the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island. Dr. Perry loved PEI so much she stayed another year to

complete a Post Graduate Diploma as a large animal intern at the AVC. Laura decided to venture west and joined the WVVH team in the summer of 2019. Laura enjoys internal medicine, lameness and working with the Standardbred Race horse industry. In her spare time, Laura enjoys riding her horse Cookie, pottery, paddle boarding and reading.

Also joining our General Meeting will be a representative from the Little Warriors organization

little warriors

Between 1978 & 2019, ATRA's 41 Cancer Rides have raised \$1,322,380. For this years Ride we have chosen to support Little Warriors as our charity.

ATRA Trail Ride for Little Warriors - May 9th, 2020

ATRA meets 7pm the 3rd Thursday of the month Jan-Apr/Sept-Nov upstairs at Kirk United Centre, 13535-122 Avenue, Edmonton.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting. Website: www.atra.ca

Membership for the calendar year is \$20 single, \$35 family.

Riding members must have current ATRA and AEF memberships.

Past Events



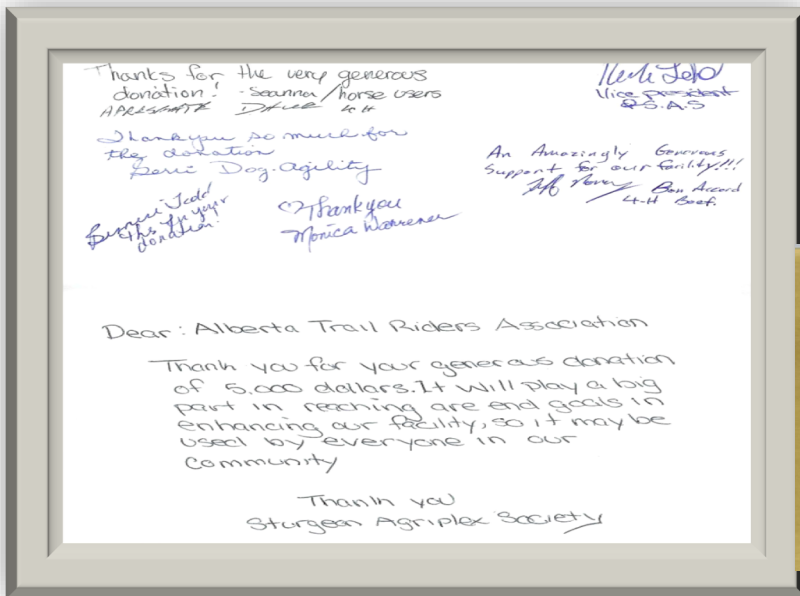
FOESA - Annual General Meeting February 15, 2020

Murray Few seen here presenting Friends of the Eastern Slopes with a donation Cheque on behalf of ATRA in the amount of \$5000. Monies will be used for equestrian trail maintenance.



FOB - Annual General Meeting Feb 8, 2020

Pictured above are Doug King and Ken Zelt presenting a cheque on behalf of ATRA for \$5000 to Jim Shewfelt, President of the Friends of the Blackfoot. The monies will be made available to Parks staff to purchase materials to address some of the current poor conditions on parts of the Wapiti Trail.



A 'Thank You Note' from
Sturgeon Agriplex Society
for the ATRA Donation of
\$5000



Past Events

ATRA and the Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival



The 30th Canadian Birkie Ski Festival held at the Blackfoot Grazing Reserve welcomed 1,355 skiers to the Edmonton area from February 7-9, 2020. Registrants arrived from 10 Canadian provinces and territories, eight U.S. states and six other countries. Over 300 people signed up for the 55 kilometre races. The oldest skier registered for Birkie Saturday was 95 years old and the youngest, four years of age. This year ATRA hosted 2 food stations, Blackfoot 1 and Blackfoot 2; both catered skiers skiing the 55km race.

I would like to thank the following ATRA members who came out to volunteer. Dwayne Westacott, Dave Lawrence, Carolyne Wolfe, Allison Downer, Tracy Campbell, and Jim Armstrong. Each volunteer received a Birkie buff.

Submitted by Cam Stevenson



Past Events



A fabulous sunny day for our Sleigh Ride and Wiener Roast at the Landal's Sat Feb 22. Special thanks to Duane and Lucille for sharing their lovely home & land.



Tribute:

To old and new members of ATRA

A member of long standing, Harvey Nelson, has passed away on December 7, 2019 and we wish to notify the membership of his upcoming celebration of life to be held on:

April 18, 2020 - 1 pm

at

Moyer Recreational Complex in Josephburg

Harvey was a member for many years, served on the Board for about 6 years and was President for the year 1997. At that time he was awarded a lifetime membership.

He was actively involved with the Cancer Ride and was the top \$\$ raiser for many years.

When ATRA celebrated its 25th Cancer Ride, Harvey took first place, again, and was the recipient of the trophy saddle donated by Welsh's Saddlery.

ATRA has raised in excess of \$1,322,000 for the Cancer Society, and a sizable portion of that was generated by Harvey.

Harvey was an avid trail rider, especially in the mountains, taking his team of well trained Morgans and his wagon to pack in to the outback camps.

After his double lung transplant on July 6, 2011, Harvey was the instigator in 2012 of the fund raising rides for Second Chance, where they have raised approximately \$525,000. These funds have been dispersed to various recipients such as the Transplant Unit at U of A Hospital, providing travel and living accommodations in the U of A area for recipients and their families and the Transplant Olympics.

~ Respectfully ~

Sharon Breitkreuz

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	2020 MOUNTAIN RIDES & EVENTS	Details Contact
March 19	<i>ATRA General Meeting - Guest Speaker: Dr. Laura Perry</i>	
March 21	<i>ATRA Trail Ride: Blackfoot - Staging area tba</i>	<i>Allison</i>
April 16	<i>ATRA General Meeting - Guest Speaker - Lisa Harrison</i>	
April 24 - 26	<i>Mane Event - Red Deer - ATRA booth in trade fair</i>	<i>Maggie</i>
May 9	<i>Fundraiser Ride - ATRA Trail Ride for Little Warriors</i>	<i>Cindy/Allison</i>
May 15 - 17	<i>Wierenga Flats - May Long Weekend Campout</i>	<i>tba</i>
July 5 - 12	<i>Hummingbird Mountain Camping Trip & Maintenance</i>	<i>tba</i>
July 18 - 26	<i>Castle Area - Mountain Camping Trip</i>	<i>Lisa</i>
Aug 1 - 9	<i>Yaha Tinda Mountain Camping Trip</i>	<i>Allison</i>
Aug 16 - 23	<i>Sandy McNabb</i>	<i>Lisa</i>
Sept 4 - 7	<i>Drayton Valley Riverside Trails Camping Trip</i>	<i>Cindy</i>

DATE	2020 CLINIC SCHEDULE	COST P/PERSON
<i>Apr 23,30 May 7,14</i>	<i>Dustin Grams - 4 week series Horsemanship, Obstacles, Barrel Racing, Flag & Buffalo work - 4 2hr sessions - Rolly View</i>	<i>\$140</i>
<i>May 2 - 3</i>	<i>Laverne Schmidt 2-Day Trail Skills & Obstacles - Onoway</i>	<i>\$120</i>
<i>May 5 - Jun 9</i>	<i>Greg Czech - Trail Ready Sessions - Thorsby - Evenings</i>	<i>\$185</i>
<i>May 23, 30 Jun 6</i>	<i>Greg Czech - Basic Horsemanship - Cardiff 3 hour sessions - time tba</i>	<i>\$208</i>
<i>Jun 12,13,14</i>	<i>Bob Klassen 1-Day Obstacle Course - Courier Park</i>	<i>\$75</i>
<i>Jun 20 - 21</i>	<i>Greg Czech - Spring Tune-up & Trail/Mountain Obstacles Prep - Leduc - time tba</i>	<i>\$130</i>
<i>Jul 3 - 5</i>	<i>Scott Phillips Liberty Clinic / Progressive Horsemanship. Full Days - East of Rocky Mountain House</i>	<i>\$221</i>

Calendar Events are also on our website: www.atra.ca



**Just a friendly reminder
to renew your 2020 Club Membership!**