

Union County Saddle Club News  
October, 2023

The year is drawing to a close, but we have a lot going on with the Saddle Club! Before we get into what's to come, let's look at what just happened. The last open horse show of the season was October 21<sup>st</sup> and what fun the costume contest was even though there were only six competitors! Congratulations to our winners who were Decker Tincher for Most Original, Hadley Payne for the Creepiest, and Hannah Allison for the Funniest.

Now that our regular horse show season has come to an end, those who are receiving awards will be announced soon. Please mark your calendar for the end of the year awards banquet on December 9 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Community Center at Butternut Creek Golf Course. You must make a reservation to attend and more information will be forthcoming regarding how you can do that. We also need donations of new unused door prizes. If you have a business connection that would like to donate a door prize or you would like to donate one yourself, Art Miller will be coordinating this effort and can be reached at [art11miller@gmail.com](mailto:art11miller@gmail.com).

We appreciate very much our Nomination Committee this year for presenting a slate of nominees for Officers and Chairpersons for the 2024 calendar year. The only contested positions are our Board positions. We are in a unique position of having all four Board positions becoming vacant at the end of the year due to the unexpired term of Dawn Ware needing to be filled and Kayla Murphy's position which has one year left since Kayla will be your new Club Secretary. The other two positions are the normal vacancies that would occur due to the two year staggered terms ending. Your nominees for the four Board positions in alphabetical order are Jennifer Payne, Kelly Rutter, Larry Chambers, Mark Collins, Shane Murphy, and Tim Henry. We really appreciate all of the hard work done by our Board members as we navigated through several issues in the past year to include drafting of drill team documents, rule changes, redoing the website, and dealing with no concession chairperson.

Since an election is necessary and will be held at the November 16 meeting, an opportunity for absentee voting is also necessary. **Absentee voting will be available for those unable to attend the November 16 meeting on November 9 at the arena sign up booth from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.** Cheli Collins and Nanon Russell will be there to accept your absentee ballots which will be cast as outlined in the UCSC Bylaws and Constitution. It is always a good position to be in when we have so many people willing to serve in leadership positions for our Club!

Please remember our Winter Barrel series begins on November 11 with additional shows on November 18, December 16, and December 30. This will be a buckle series and you must be a

member of the Club to be eligible for end of the series awards. Applications will be available at the sign up booth on November 11. Please see our Facebook Post for additional details.

**Please note we will have our annual food drive for the food pantry at the November 11 show. Items currently needed are canned corn, green beans, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, cereal and cookies.**

Thank you to Shane Murphy for making repairs and cleaning up the arena bathrooms this past week after they were vandalized.

Until next time, ride safely!

Nanon Russell  
Secretary