

Union County Saddle Club News
September, 2023

September has been a whirlwind starting off with the NBHA/Lonnie Marcus Memorial Barrel Race. This event was a shining moment for the Club from start to finish. Many people stepped up and donated money or enlisted businesses and individuals to donate money which raised not only \$3500 in added money, but also money that went straight to the family. Individuals also donated desserts and the dessert auction itself raised \$4400.00. We appreciate all of those involved in planning and working the event, our auctioneer, Trent Kerr, and everyone who donated. It was all a very evident outpouring of the love people had for Lonnie and have for Mary.

The following weekend was our second Special Invitational Show of the Year along with our speed show. This was another shining moment for the Club. Members and friends stepped up to the plate and brought safe horses and volunteered to load our guests on horses and walk beside them. Everyone had a fun time and we appreciate those who volunteered as well as those who organized the lunch.

Our next Open Horse show will be October 21st and will include the trail class and speed events. Trail class sign-ups will begin at 8:30 am and competition starts at 9:00 am. Speed events will start no earlier than 2:00 pm.

In November, our winter barrel series will start with shows on November 11 and 18 and December 16 and 30. This will be a buckle series for the Open Class. These shows will include classes for peewee, open, youth, a helmet side pot and poles. The club will donate \$500 in added money to each show. Exhibitions will run from 10:00 am – Noon with competition starting at 12:30 pm.

The Nomination Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve as Concession Chairperson. This person would be responsible for securing food trucks, individuals, or groups to provide concessions for each of our events to include horse shows, NBHA, GJRA, etc. The concession chairperson does not have to do the cooking! We already have vendors lined up for a couple of next year's events and Kayla Murphy has done an outstanding job of securing vendors and putting together a list of food trucks in the area. Kayla has many other responsibilities in the Club and we need to take this one off of her shoulders. Won't you please help???

Until next time, ride safely!
Nanon Russell, Secretary