

UCSC Club News

March 2024

Hey Everyone! March is already over and show season is upon us!

We have a busy season coming up. Don't forget to check the Saddle Club calendar on the website for arena closures and show dates. We are always looking for volunteers to help our shows run smoothly... Helping as a gatekeeper or barrel setter is a huge huge help!

Our first show of the season will be on April 20th. It will include our Western Trail class as well as the speed events. This year our western trail class will include 4 divisions... In hand, Youth, Novice and Open. Sign ups will start at 8:30. The walk through with the judge will be at 9:00! I will be posting more info on the different obstacles on facebook in the event page closer to the show date.

We have placed a set of practice poles and cones out for anyone to use! They are located in between the bleachers across from the middle gate. Please take care of them and put them back when finished! We are trying to keep our other show poles, cones and barrels in great show condition so they will not be available for practice.

*** DRILL TEAM TRYOUTS ***

If you are interested in being a part of the Saddle Club Drill Team tryouts will be held on April 14 at 5:00 pm. You must fill out the Drill Team forms and bring it with you to tryouts. The forms are on the website. <https://www.unioncountysaddleclub.com/forms-documents>

*** YOUTH RODEO PRACTICE ***

Pepper Ledbetter is offering youth rodeo practice at the arena. He will be practicing events such as goat tying, chute dogging, mutton busting, team roping and breakaway. This is for YOUTH ONLY ages 18 & under! Practice starts at 5:00. You MUST be a member of Union County Saddle Club to participate. You do NOT have to be a member of any junior rodeo association. Be sure to check out the calendar for the April practice dates!

*** WE NOW HAVE REMIND TEXTS ***

UCSC signed up for REMIND! We will send out texts for arena closures, show dates, reminders, etc. Sign up and stay in the know! Text 81010 to @unioncosa

*** MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE ***

If you haven't already renewed your membership for this year please don't forget! This will be the LAST email you receive about club happenings if you do not renew. You will then be required to pay the non member fee of \$10 per trailer every time you ride at the arena.

We have a few ways to renew your membership!

Memberships can be renewed a few ways now...

1. paypal on our website
2. Membership forms are available at the arena. A new form box and lock box have been installed on the wall of the sign up booth by the arena light timer. You can fill out the form and put it along with the money in the gray lock box
3. Print the form and mail it to me
4. Venmo! sent via "payment between friends" - If you choose to use Venmo you must put the following in the comment section.... name, address, phone number, email address and member or members names

*** EQUINE HEALTH EXPO AND COGGINS CLINIC ***

Our annual coggins clinic and equine health expo was held on March 23, 2024. WE HAD A HUGE TURN OUT! There was over 100 horses that received services! Dr. Hargus with Animals R Us pulled coggins and gave vaccinations as well as performed castrations and floated teeth on site! Duane Poole did 11 Freeze Brandings. Vanna Chambers performed PEMF on 3 horses. Emily Richards also performed cryotherapy and massage. Dr. Ricardo Moll adjusted 8 horses with his Chiropractic services. He will be coming back in roughly a month if anyone is interested in his services.

Below are some reminders...

*** If you turn on the arena lights please turn them off when you leave!** Even though they are on a timer there is no reason they should be running for hours when no one is at the arena riding. We still have to pay a power bill....

* Please be courteous of others while you are riding. Lets share the arena so everyone can enjoy it!

* We know everyone has different riding styles and training techniques but please be mindful as to how you are treating your equine partner while at the arena.

* Help us to keep our arena clean from trash!

* Do not tie a horse to the loose panels in the warm up area or alleyway!

* Keep dogs on a leash at all times! Do not let them run loose at the arena!

- * If you move barrels, use the poles and cones or open gates please put everything back where it belongs!
- * Remember, if you are an adult please be a good example and role model for our youth. Little eyes are always watching.
- * **MOST OF ALL HAVE FUN!!**

If y'all ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out!

*** Remember To Make Every Day A Great Day!**

See y'all at the arena!

~ Kayla Murphy ~