

UCSC Club News April 2024

Hey Everyone! April is already over and show season is here!

Our first show of the season was on April 20th. It went great! We had a large crowd participate! We added an In Hand class this year to the trail class and it was very well attended! Every one seemed to enjoy the course. Thank you to our judge, Ally Jones, for being there! The speed classes were very well attended as well!

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!

*** SPECIAL INVITATIONAL SHOW ***

Our next club show will be on May 18th. This show will start with our Special Invitational. We will have guest who are special needs come ride horses starting at 10:00. **IF YOU HAVE A SUPER SAFE HORSE AND DON'T MIND TO BRING IT PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL OR TEXT ME! 706-897-7407**

We will also be providing lunch to those that attend and help! Lunch will be served at 11:00. Its always a great turn out with a lot of smiles on the faces of everyone!

After our guest leave we will have our regular speed show. Signups start at 11:30 with barrel exhibitions starting at 12:00. Classes will start around 2:00.

*** DRILL TEAM ***

We had Drill Team Tryouts on April 14th. We had several girls tryout and practices began on Sunday, April 28. The practice schedule can be found on the website. Can't wait to see how they grow as a team and as riders!

*** YOUTH RODEO PRACTICE ***

Pepper Ledbetter is now offering youth rodeo practice at the arena. It has been going very well! The practice schedule can be found on the website on the club calendar. The next practice will be on Tuesday, May 7th. The arena will close at 4:00 for prep and practice will start at 5:00.

Practices will include events such as goat tying, chute dogging, mutton busting, team roping and breakaway. This is for YOUTH ONLY ages 18 & under! Remember 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 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

*** FUNDRAISER ***

The saddle club officers will be setting up at American Cowboy Store for their customer appreciation day on June 1st from 8:30 - 5:00 pm to sell rodeo tickets as well as boiled peanuts and possibly other stuff. :-)
The Drill team will also be in attendance to do some fundraising as well for new uniforms and equipment.

*** BATHROOMS ***

Starting immediately the main bathrooms will be locked unless we are having an event. We have been having multiple problems with people leaving huge unsanitary messes on the toilets and not cleaning up after themselves. So, there for the bathrooms will be locked and the porta potty will be available only. **IF YOU MAKE A MESS PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR SELF!** We do not have a "custodian". Your officers are the ones who have to clean it up. :(Gross!

Below are some reminders...

- * **If you turn on the arena lights please turn them off when you leave!**
- * Even though the lights 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!
- * 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! Those panels are not secured in the ground!
- * **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.

Reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns!

~ Kayla Murphy ~

UCSC Secretary