

UCSC Club News January 2024

Hey Everyone! January sure has been a cold one! BURR!! Hope everyone has stayed warm!

With as cold as it has been the arena ground will and has been frozen. Shane has done a great job keeping the ground in riding condition but please be careful when temps are below freezing. The ground can get super slick! We will send an email if the arena were to be closed due to the ground being frozen.

We ended the 2023 year with a bang! Our Winter series was held in November and December and was a huge success! Great turnout at all 4 shows. We gave buckles to all the first place winners in each division. We also had our annual awards banquet. As always, a great time was had by all who attended! Thank you Alysia for all your hard work on the banquet!

At our November 2023 meeting we elected the officers for 2024. Officers are as follows....

Board - Jennifer Payne - Chairperson

Shane Murphy

Larry Chambers

Mark Collins

President - Art Miller

Vice President - Pepper Ledbetter

Secretary - Kayla Murphy

Treasurer - Mary Marcus

Show Chair - Vanna Chambers

Publicity Chair - Alysia Hargus

Ground/Equipment Chair - Shane Murphy

Concession Chair - Kelly Rutter

All officers' contact info has been updated on our website. Thank you to Jennifer Payne for doing a great job in keeping our website updated!

Thank you to the outgoing officers for everything y'all did to help the club succeed! Don't y'all be strangers! We look forward to still seeing y'all around the arena!

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!

This season we will be having a new series added to the calendar.... The Summer Sizzler Barrel series! This will be a jackpot held on Friday nights on May 31, June 14, July 12, August 2 and August 9!

***MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE ***

If you haven't already renewed your membership for this year please don't forget! We would love to have you back as a member in 2024! You are welcome to do so on our website via paypal OR new membership forms are available at the arena. A new form box and lock box have been installed by the arena light timer. You can fill out the form and put it along with the money in the gray lock box or mail it...whichever way is easier for you. :)

***Equine Health Expo ***

Our annual coggins clinic is scheduled for March 23, 2024. This year we are trying something new! Dr. Hargus with Animals R Us will be giving coggings and other vaccines like she did last year. We will also be offering several other equine services.... chiropractor, massage, freeze branding, PEMF, Kinesiology taping and Cryotherapy! All of these services will be on a prebook basis for the most part. So be on the lookout for a google form to save your spot!

A few reminders to start the new year....

* **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.

* 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 at the end of the arena!

* **If you are not a member you are required to pay \$10 per trailer per day to ride at the arena.** Please put the money in the lock box by the light timer or in the box as you come in the driveway. We monitor who rides at the arena and keep a list of current members. If you ever have a question as to if you are a current member please ask! We would love for you to join! :-)

* Keep dogs on a leash at all times

* **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 ~