

Union County Saddle Club News  
August, 2023

It was great after a two month hiatus to have our August open horse show with the trail class and the speed events. The show was a lot of fun and our volunteers who helped to make it happen are very much appreciated!

If you've visited our website lately, you have noticed huge changes in the appearance and amount of information that has been added. Thanks to Jennifer Payne for this redesign and for taking over the administration of the website! It is fabulous and you will notice we have changed to Google calendar for posting daily updates on when the arena is open and what events are taking place.

September is going to be a huge month for the Club as we start off on September 9 with the Lonnie Marcus Memorial Show combined with NBHA. Added money for this show is \$3500 which has come from many people and businesses donating in memory of Lonnie. Also included will be a dessert auction. Please consider bringing a cake, pie, cookies, etc. that can be auctioned off. All proceeds from the race and auction will go to Lonnie's family as well as any funds donated that exceed the \$3500.00. We look forward to this being a spectacular event! For classes and show times, please visit the event post on the Club's Facebook page.

The very next weekend on September 16 will be our Special Invitational/Speed show. We had great participation at our May show from our members who brought safe horses and volunteered to walk along beside our special guests as they rode around the arena. We already know of several horses and people that will not be able to make this show who participated in our May show. With that being said, we need horses and people to make this show another success! If you can help, please let us know at [unioncosaddleclub@gmail.com](mailto:unioncosaddleclub@gmail.com). Horses will need to be saddled and ready to go at 10:00 am. Our guests will ride until 11:30 am and then lunch will be served. This event means so much to our guests and you are sure to be touched by their enthusiasm as a volunteer.

It is the time of year when our nomination committee is hard at work identifying a slate of Officers to run as Officers/Board members for 2024. The qualifications for serving as an Officer/Board member are in the Constitution and Bylaws on our website at [unioncountysaddleclub.org](http://unioncountysaddleclub.org) under the Forms and Documents tab. If you wish to serve and feel you meet the qualifications, please contact Rusty Russell at 229-881-2417, Pepper Ledbetter at 706-897-5608 or Cheli Collins at 470-234-0637.

Starting in November, our winter barrel series of four shows will kick off. Dates are November 11 and 18 and December 16 and 30. Please continue to check our Facebook page for more details on these events as they are posted.

Thanks to the County officials for providing an inmate detail to paint the railing around the arena and clean up under the bleachers. Both of these projects made a big difference in the appearance of the arena! We also appreciate County employees for their recent efforts and plans for killing weeds, bringing in more gravel, and taking down the playground equipment which has become rotted and unsafe.

Until next time, ride safely!

Nanon Russell  
Secretary