October 2026 UCSC Club News

Welp, October is already over and Fall is here! My favorite time of year! Makes for great trail riding!

● 2027 Membership

I'm going to start off with memberships. Memberships run per calendar year.. January to January. The board and officers met and decided The 2027 membership fee will be $100 if paid between January 1 and March 31. After that (April 1 to December 31) memberships will be $150. So get those memberships bought the first part of the year and save $50!

● UCSC BUCKLE Awards SERIES

Our last show of the season was on October 3rd. Final points have been posted on facebook. Our annual awards banquet info is below.

● Awards Banquet

Our awards banquet will be held on December 12th! Please note…. There is a location change. We are excited to have the banquet at The Union County Civic Center this year. More room to spread out. We are having Rib Country Cater the meal. I will be sending out an RSVP link this week to award recipients. **An RSVP is required!** After all award recipients have RSVPed I will send it out to the rest of the club. Each award recipient will be allowed 2 guests each for "Free". A couple examples … if "Sally" is getting an award she can bring 2 people with her at free of charge such as her mom and dad. Any additional guests coming with Sally will have to pay the club toward their meal including siblings. Or if Sally and her brother, "Alan", both are getting awards then both Sally and Alan can bring 2 guests each. We are asking that any additional attendees pay $15 per person to help cover the costs of the food. Grandma and Grandpa are welcome to come but they must pay for their meal and have an RSVP.

This year we are going to have two drives… A food drive and a toy drive. And if your business has anything they would like to donate for door prizes let me know and I can meet you to get it. ANY donation is appreciated! If you have any questions please ask.

● Tough Enough to Wear Pink Fall Classic

What a great turnout! We had some top notch horses and competitors in attendance and they did not disappoint! The arena record was broken not once but twice in the same day! Craig

Brooks ended up capturing the bounty of $400! Our arena record now stands at a smoking 15.503! Thank you to everyone who came out, entered your horses, donated a dessert, helped or just was there supporting!

- **Nightly Gate Closure**

We switched back to "Winter Hours" on November 1st! Which means the gate will be closed at 8:00 pm sharp like we did the last 2 winters. So riding hours will be from 9:30 am until the gate closes at 8:00 pm. Be sure to check the calendar before coming down to ride to make sure the arena is open for riding. The calendar stays updated on the website! Link is below!

- **TUESDAY NIGHT ROPINGS**

Matt Pankey will be bringing his cows to the arena on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** for roping practice. Since fall/winter is upon us …The arena will close at 4:00 pm so Shane can prep the ground. Ropings will be from 5:00-7:30. The gate will still close at 8:00 sharp on those days. Remember you must pick up all trash before you leave. **EVERYONE MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE CLUB TO PARTICIPATE! The $10 non member fee DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ROPINGS!** The online club calendar will be updated weekly on Sunday afternoons. Be sure to check it weekly as to the happenings that coming week. Any questions please ask.

- **Lessons at the Arena**

If you are giving lessons at the arena you ARE required to be a member **AS WELL AS** the people receiving the lessons! Liability reasons!

- **CLUB CALENDAR**

Be sure to watch our club calendar for arena closures, club meetings and events! You can now subscribe to the calendar! It will since our club events to your calendar on your phone.
www.unioncountysaddleclub.org/calendar

- **MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS**

Our monthly club meetings are on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm! Please Join us! We would love to have you there! (No meeting in December)

- **As always… Reminder of our Arena RULES**

- If you turn on the arena lights please turn them off when you leave! Do not run the lights during daytime hours if it is sunny outside!

- 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....

- Do NOT tie any horses to the loose panels in the warm up area or run out! Those panels are not secured in the ground and will move if a horse sets back on the halter!

- No horses on concrete areas.

- Help us to keep our arena clean from trash! Please clean up after yourself and your kids!

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

- We have a practice set of poles, cones and barrels out for you to use. The poles and cones are located between the bleachers near the middle of the arena gate. If you break a pole or other equipment please tell us so we can fix it. Don't just leave it without saying anything.

- If you move barrels, use the poles and cones or open gates please put everything BACK where it belongs for the next person to use!

- The security cameras are monitored so please help us with following the rules. We know who comes and goes. :)

- Please do not let your kids climb on the tractors!

Reach out with any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,
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