

## UCSC Club News

### April 2025

**WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS!** We are off to a great start in the number of members we have! Pushing 350 already! Yay!

First off...I posted this on the facebook page but want to send it out in the newsletter as well. If you saw Last week's newspaper it touched base on the changes that have been made this year.

I do want to say Mr. Collins and Mr. Hughes have been very good to work with. Communication has been stellar with them and their staff.

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As of April 1st, The club has leased the arena and grounds from the county. We want to keep y'all informed and be as transparent as possible...

Which means.... We as a club are responsible for paying ALL expenses... monthly the club will be paying out the following... power, water, internet, porta potty, trash, XM radio, tractor maintenance/repair/fuel, mow our grass and any other expense that comes up such as show expenses....

Yearly we are responsible for paying insurance, non profit renewal, lease to the county, website maintenance & domains, awards, and more.

Members... Your officers are trying our very very best to keep the club going so you and as well as us can continue to come and ride as well as contribute back to the community the way we always have. We are trying hard to be the best we can possibly be.

So, when we say please help us to save money we are not saying it to be mean or anything! We truly need to be conservative about the money we spend! BUT We have to have your help with not running the lights during the daytime especially when it is sunny! We are not changing the way the club is ran. We may have to do some fundraising here and there but other than that we will OPERATE AS NORMAL.

Previously the club was paying monthly rent to the county. When we crunched the numbers it was better in the end for us to lease. And we feel going this route will be the best for the club.

But all of that to say... WE GOT THIS!

- **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY**

If you know any business who would like to work with us, reach out ...

For example, if you own a food business and would like to advertise with us in exchange for providing food for one of our special invitational events let us know! We Usually feed a total of 40 ish people. This number includes our special guest riders, their families and our volunteers.

- **CLUB CALENDAR**

Be sure to watch our club calendar for arena closers, club meetings and events!

[www.unioncountysaddleclub.org/calendar](http://www.unioncountysaddleclub.org/calendar)

- **PLEASE JOIN OUR CLUB TEXT MESSAGES AND STAY IN THE KNOW**

We will send out texts for arena closures, show dates, etc. This is the quickest way to be alerted! You are also able to reply with any questions. Sign up by Texting 81010 to @unioncosa

**YOU MUST DOWNLOAD THE APP TO RECEIVE TEXTS. OTHERWISE IT WILL BE AN EMAIL.**

- **UCSC BUCKLE Awards SERIES**

Our first show of our 2025 was on April 19th. The trail obstacle classes were our largest attendance to date! Our speed events were also attended also! Congrats to Dennis Loudermilk for running a 17.406 on Money Won getting close to the arena record of 17.292 Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our Next show is May 17th! It will not include the trail obstacle classes this show. Exhibition barrels will be from 12:00- 1:30. Sign up starts at 11:30. Running classes will start at 2:00.

- **SPECIAL INVITATIONAL SHOW**

Our special invitational show will be May 17th! We will need super super broke horses for our guests to ride from 10:00 - 11:00 am. If you have a horse that fits the bill please reach out to me. Lunch will be provided for our guests as well as our volunteers at 11:00 am.

- **SUMMER SIZZLER JACKPOTS**

Join us this summer for our summer sizzler jackpot series! It will be held on Sundays this year! Mark your calendars for June 1, June 8, June 29, July 13, and August 10. Start time TBA!

- **BLAIRSVILLE PRO RODEO**

Our Annual rodeo will be held on June 20 & 21, 2025! Keep an ear out closer to time! We will be looking for people to help with parking and a few other things!

- **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!

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

- 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 OR During the daytime if it is sunny. 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.
- 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!
- 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 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.
- Remember, if you are an adult please be a good example and role model for our youth. Little eyes are always watching.

Reach out with any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,  
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