



# San Vicente Saddle Club Newsletter

16911 Gun Stage Road, Ramona, CA

April 2007

## President's Message

Howdy members!

I wanted to remind everyone the Valley del Sol Adult Pony Club & San Vicente Saddle Club annual Spring Fun Show is scheduled April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Casey Tibb's Western Center. Registration opens at 9:00 am with the show starting at 10:00 am sharp. This is a great event for everyone to show off their horsemanship skills and have a lot of fun.

It's the third year this event has been put on and has been a big hit with our members. I'm looking

forward to seeing everyone at this years show and will be volunteering my time setting up the arena and cookin up some hot grub for lunch.

For those of you who would like an opportunity to work and sort cattle, Saddle Club Member Chad Waldhauser is hosting a clinic May 6th at Hidden Horse Ranch. The clinic will be limited to 12 riders so reserve your spots early. For more information you can go to [chads custom cowboy horse](#)

[training and clinic's.](#)

Our annual Poker Ride has been scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at the International Equestrian Center. This event is our club's main fundraiser of the year and I anticipate a great attendance, so don't forget to mark your calendars! There will be excellent prizes, great food & fun for all! I guarantee it! More details to follow in next month's newsletter so stay tuned. On that note, I hope everyone had a happy Easter!

See ya on the trail!  
Randy



President – Randy MacRostie  
Vice President – Dave Shanahan  
Treasurer – Lily Voegeli  
Secretary – Sue Freemire

**Club Meetings**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**  
**of Each Month**  
**7:30 PM**  
**SDCE IEC Rotunda**

**Important Dates**  
**April**

SVSC Monthly Meeting	April 11
SDCEA Board Mtg 7:00 pm	April 24

IEC: International Equestrian Center  
CTWC: Casey Tibbs Western Center

## DRYLAND DISTEMPER INFORMATION

In an attempt to curb the misinformation that is circulating in the horse community, here is the information we have.

Last Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>, a horse at the IEC was diagnosed with Dryland Distemper. The horse was quarantined within ten minutes of the office being notified. His manure and soiled bedding was disposed of in black trash bags, separate from the general population's manure. Bleach baths were used by anyone exiting the barn where he was kept. The horse, at no time, left the quarantine area.

After being treated and seemingly responding, the horse passed away. After the veterinarian did an internal examination of the horse's abdomen, it is his opinion that the internal abscess, while small, weakened a vital blood vessel. The blood vessel ruptured, causing the horse's death.

We have no other reported or confirmed cases of Dryland or any other contagious disease at this time. If you or anyone you know has any questions please call Roo Alcantar, SDCE Equestrian Centers Manager at 504-6659.

## Club Meeting Refreshment Signups

We have a signup sheet for refreshments at our club meetings. This is who is signed up so far...we still need volunteers for May and August.

April – Marilyn

May –

June – Lily Voegeli

July – Barb McClanahan

August –

September – Connie Welke

October – Jeffi Wood

November – Sue Freemire

## There's a New Vet Practice in Town

Dr. Corine Selders, DVM, and a new saddle club member, was present at our last club meeting to notify club member that she is establishing her own practice and looking to establish a good clientele locally.

She discussed services and diagnostic equipment that she has available. Dr. Selders offered club members a 10% discount on services and vaccines, and the ranch call fee reduced to \$45.

Dr. Selders also graciously answered a few questions regarding equine medical issues at the meeting.

## Historical Reenactment Ride

Terry Hamilton of Ramona Trails Association was present at the last club meeting to talk about the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the San Antonio to San Diego Overland Mail Reenactment Celebration & Historical Ride. The second part will be held May 4-6, 2007 from Masson Valley Truck Trail to Los Vaqueros Camp.

The deadline to register is May 1, 2007.

She also noted –if anyone is interested in scouting areas of small sections for prospective new trails, volunteers are welcome.

## Upcoming Events

### Fun Show

This year's Fun Show will be on **April 29**. If you would like to volunteer to help, Ellen Pratt will be heading up the event for the Adult Pony Club, you may email her at: [ellen.pratt@cox.net](mailto:ellen.pratt@cox.net) or phone at 760-788-2664

### Poker Ride

The annual poker ride will be on **June 16**, hopefully cooler weather than last year's. Another great event...details to follow. If you'd like to volunteer to help out please contact Celia Shanahan: [dshanahan8@cox.net](mailto:dshanahan8@cox.net)

### Camp Dates

Our first campout of the year will be **Friday, July 6 – Tues July 10**. If you haven't been horse camping, you are really missing out! More details to follow.

## Cool Products

*Thought it would be fun to share any favorite or new products that members have found that they would like to share with the club.*

**Boa Boots** – I have found these to be a great alternative to shoeing my horse, especially when it comes time for those rocky terrains like you find at the Cuyamaca's. They seem to work well and the horse rides like they aren't even wearing them.

## Fun and Interesting Websites

Now that the hot weather is starting, snake season will soon be upon us. This website is a good reference for snakes that you may see:

<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/fieldguide/snak.htm>

## New Members

Kim Evarts

Jeff & Carrie Merzbacher

## Members Classifieds

### **Chad's Custom Cowboy Horse Training and Clinic's**

Please check out my web site for a new Clinic. This clinic will take our basic cow working and step it up a notch or two. It will also introduce you to the fast growing sport of Ranch Sorting. Don't worry it will still suit the beginner and those who want to get a little more advanced. Please take the time to check it out and please pass it on to your friends.

[chads custom cowboy horse training and clinic's](#)

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### **BOA BOOTS FOR SALE**

If you like your horse barefoot, but are going over rocky terrain, these boots work great! Have a pair of size 3, Boa Boots, brand new in box (they were too big for my horse), for sale. They come with gators (which helps with water/dirt getting inside) \$90, Mary, 858-486-2544 H or 858-395-5076 C

"When working with horses: you tell a gelding, ask a mare, and consult with a stallion."

- Unknown-

Please submit any classified ads, announcements, interesting websites or cool products you would like to add to the newsletter to Barbara McClanahan at robertmac@cox.net

Good evening.

I am a horse-aholic. I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of Horse-aholic Anonymous. Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK and don't really need any help. It is not easy to admit that you are a horse-aholic and it is even harder to bring yourself to a HA meeting for help. HA is here to assist you. I have some questions to ask. If you can answer YES to more than three of the following, you have come to the right place.

1. Can you say "sheath" in public without blushing?
2. Do you drive a big truck with a towing package when everyone else drives a real car?
3. Do you have more than one vehicle? One for you and one for the horses?
4. Do you spend your holidays going to shows, clinics and seminars when everyone else goes on a cruise?
5. If you do go away, is it to a riding vacation in Ireland or to the World Show?
6. Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make most doctors leave in disgust?
7. Do you consider formal wear to be starched jeans and freshly scraped boots?
8. Is your interior decorator State Line Tack?
9. Was your furniture and carpeting chosen with your horses in mind?
10. Are your end tables really tack trunks with tablecloths thrown over them?
11. Is your mail made up primarily of horse catalogs and horse magazines?
12. Do you get up before dawn to ride, go to horse shows, or clinics, but have trouble getting up for "work?"
13. If you do have dresses, do they all have pockets? Do those pockets often contain bits of carrot, hay, or sweet feed?
14. When you meet a new person do you always ask them what kind of horse they have and pity them if they don't have one?
15. Do you remember the name of their horse sooner than you remember their name?
16. Do you find non-horse people boring?

If you answered YES to one of the above, there is still hope. If you answered YES to two, you are in serious trouble. My advice to all of you with three or more YES's is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you, and know that your life will always be filled with good friends and good horses and it will never be boring.



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