



San Vicente Saddle Club Newsletter

16911 Gun Stage Road, Ramona, CA

April, 2008

President's Message

Howdy members!

Well Spring is officially here and we are ready to kick off our first organized event. Our annual Spring Fun Show is scheduled for April 13th at Casey Tibbs Western Center which will be a charity event. All the proceeds will go to Emergency Animal Rescue! I hope that we have a huge turn out to show our appreciation for this great charity that assisted several of our equestrian folks in a huge way during the recent wildfires.

Our next event will be the Poker Ride scheduled for May 31st at the International Equestrian Center. This is our clubs primary fundraiser and is an absolute blast! We will have a great catered BBQ with excellent raffle prizes and prize money for the best Poker Hands. Please reserve your spots early as it will be limited to 85 riders. You can download a flyer to either event on our website www.sanvicentesaddleclub.com.

We recently restored the Equestrian Memorial Board at the Western Center. I hope you all have a chance to take a look at it. I would also like to make sure our club continues to maintain and preserve it in the future.

Hope to see everyone who can attend our next club meeting in April.

See ya on the trail!

Randy

President – Randy MacRostie
Vice President – Dave Shanahan
Treasurer – Lily Voegeli
Secretary – Anita Meyer

**Club Meetings
2nd Wednesday
of Each Month
7:30 PM
SDCEA IEC Rotunda**

Important Dates

April

SVSC Monthly Meeting	Apr 9
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SDCEA Board Mtg 7:00 pm	Apr 22
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IEC: International Equestrian Center
CTWC: Casey Tibbs Western Center

Upcoming Events

Fun Show

Sunday, April 13th is the annual Fun Show at the Western Center. This year's event will be a fundraiser for the Ramona Chapter of the Emergency Animal Rescue. If you would like to help with this event, please call Ellen Pratt at (760) 788-2664 or email ellen.pratt@cox.net.

Poker Ride

Saturday, May 31, 2008 STARTING AT THE INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER CHECK-IN AT 9:00 A.M. • FIRST GROUP RIDES OUT AT 10:00 A.M. Come Ride the Trails Around San Diego Country Estates *Enjoy a Catered Barbecue**, Great Raffle and Possible Winning Poker Hand!* Cost: \$30 per Rider gets Lunch, 2 Raffle Tickets and 1 Poker Hand * **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENTRY FORM BY May 21, 2008.** The event will be limited to 85 riders, so enter early.

Questions may be directed to 760-789-1332 or 760-789-7665

Riders under 18 must wear a helmet ♦ No bareback riders ♦ No ponied horses with groups

Horse Camp

The first horse camp at Cuyamaca will be June 13 – 17, 2008 ...Watch for more information in the coming months.

New Members

Jessica Hahn & Daniel O'Leary
Shirley & Jeremy Davis
Diane Huff

2008 Show Dates

**San Diego Country Estates
Show and Event calendar**

International Equestrian Center

Hunter Jumper schooling show – April 27th
Dressage show – May 25th

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Annual Poker Ride, held at the IEC – May 31st

Casey Tibbs Western Center

Gymkhana show dates:

April 20th, May 4th, June 8th, July 20th, August 17th,
September 21st, October 19th.

Open show dates:

April 27th, May 18th, June 22nd, July 13th.

**Valle del Sol Adult Pony Club & San Vicente
Saddle Club Spring Fun show – April 13th.**

Dryland Distemper

Wanted to let you all know that there is a confirmed case of Dryland Distemper at the IEC. The horse has been quarantined and precautions are being taken.

Rodeo Volunteers Needed

We could use ushers for Friday, Saturday and Sunday . Any Saddle Club Members wanna help out at the Rodeo?

Contact: Jeffrey Merzbacher, M.Ed. merzbacherc@cox.net
16127 Poderio Court
Ramona, CA 92065
1.760.789.3508 Home. 1.760.207.1273 Mobile

Upcoming Ride

RECREATION CELEBRATION EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDE - MAY 10, 2008 in beautiful Sycamore Canyon.

The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation would like to invite you to enjoy a trail ride to celebrate recreation in our County Parks.

- Ride will stage from Hwy 67 Staging area, one mile south of Scripps-Poway Pkwy
- Ride out is at 10:00am and should last 2-3 hours
- Trail will be moderate, approximately 7 miles
- Riders must provide their own horse or mule
- Lunch stop at Goodan Ranch/Nature Center/Vendors-bring halter & lead rope
- There will be no charge for this ride
- Donations are accepted to support our parks and programs at : www.sdparkssociety.org

For more information contact Cheryl Wegner, Volunteer Coordinator at 858.966.1335 or at our website: www.sdparks.org

Cool Web Links

Check out the Flying Horseman! Amazing video!
<http://canecorso.com/lorenzo.htm>

This video is of Andreas Helgstrand and his 9 year-old mare, Matinee, at the World Equestrian Games. It is the Musical Freestyle Dressage competition, and they pretty much wiped the floor with everyone. Turn up the sound and watch this mare dance...she knows where the beat is.

<http://beboframe.com/FlashFrame.jsp?Size=S&FlashBoxId=3309347442>

Vet's Corner

By: Corine Selders, DVM
Dryland Distemper

Although it is early in the season for Dryland Distemper, we already have one case of it at the IEC. Here is a little review of the disease:

1. Dryland Distemper has many names (pigeon breast, pigeon fever, dryland strangles), but the bacterium is the same mouthful *Corynebacterium psuedotuberculosis*.
2. The disease is endemic in Ramona. It resides in the ground. Each year we may have a good year or a bad year. The bad years used to come in 7 year cycles – now it is every 2-3 years.
3. There are many different forms of Dryland Distemper:
 - a. External Abscesses – typically in the pectoral region – isolated large welts that are left alone to abscess and drain. The horse recovers easily.
 - b. Ventral/Inguinal External Abscesses – typically on the lower midline of the belly and in the sheath or mammary gland region. These are more serious. Antibiotics, typically a combination of a gram-positive antibiotic such as penicillin or SMZ's, and an iodine based antibiotic to carry the gram-positive antibiotic into the abscess, such as rifampin or sodium iodide are used to treat the disease.
 - c. Internal Abscesses – Very serious, can cause fever, lethargy, colic. Should be treated aggressively with the above protocol. Blood tests and ultrasound should be used to monitor progress of treatment.
 - d. Ulcerative Lymphangitis – Typically seen in the legs, can cause very large “elephant”legs. Also needs to be aggressively treated as noted in (b). The horse is at risk for recurrence and for not returning to full work. In addition, legs should be cold hosed, dried, and wrapped daily. Also the horse should be treated with Banamine. Handwalking to encourage lymphatic drainage is also recommended if the horse is able to walk well.
4. Standard health maintenance protects your horse – by keeping your horse healthy with good feed, proper vaccination, current dental care, consistent deworming program, clean living environment, and fly control may help prevent Dryland Distemper. A good immune booster – mineral/vitamin supplement, red-cell/lixotinic may also help.
5. Transmission of the disease is still largely unknown. It does not seem to be directly infective. Some theories are that the bacterium invades a horse with superficial wounds and the horse may become infected when it rolls on the ground. Another, more popular theory is that the flies or biting insects transmit the disease by picking up the infective pus from the ground or from an infected animal, and then flying to the next animal and transmitting the bacteria. Incubation period is 3-4 weeks, but it may take weeks or months before we notice an abscess of appreciable size.
6. Once a horse has recovered from the dryland distemper, there is a transient immunity that can last a couple of years. However, some horses never develop a titer to dryland distemper and since their immune system did not adequately fight the disease, they may be susceptible to dryland distemper the following year.

The bacterium is quite hardy. It can last up to 55 days in the environment. This is why properly disposing of bedding/manure, practicing good hygiene, and fly control are important aspects of prevention.

Member Classifieds

HORSES FOR SALE:

Morgan Cross Mare 13yr 15.2hh – Former Lesson Horse! \$1800

I have been mentoring a 14yr old who saved her money to buy a horse. She called me this week because they just diagnosed her mom with acute cancer. She needs to find a home for her horse (she just bought two weeks ago) because the family just can't have a horse right now.

Jules has been a lesson horse for teens in Del Mar for the last three years, prior to that she was used as a trail horse. She can go English or western, use any bit. She has been on an Annual Vet Care program and is UTD on everything. Her feet were just trimmed with barefoot-mustang roll and has been barefoot for years. Complete dentistry will be done before going to her new home. Jules will come to the fence to greet you and has a very happy nature. Recently has been ridden in town Ramona with no problems with cars, dogs, etc. Acute medical diagnosis forces family to sell this wonderful horse. I am trying to help sell this horse so the family doesn't have to deal with this sad event too. Contact: Christine 760-703-4860 or email Christine@WhyFloatTeeth.com

Jackson, Tennessee Walker, about 15h, 10 yr. old, Liver Chestnut

Price of the horse is not important as a good home where he will be ridden. Feed lease considered. Jackson has been on group rides to Cuyamaca. trailers, clips, ties and is good to the vet and farrier. He needs more confidence when alone and we do everything slower with him. Seems to work better. He sidesteps pretty fast when startled and he needs to get used to unusual objects. Loves women more than men. We are not riding at this time and have not regularly for some time.....It's just not fair to the horse!

Call Tony at 760-715-2667. or e-mail back at tony.powell1@cox.net

Regu-Mate

Is anyone trying to breed a mare, having trouble and had your vet prescribe Regu-Mate? If so, you know it's a hassle to get and is expensive. I was trying to keep my older mare in foal last year but it didn't work out. The result is that I have more than half (probably closer to 2/3) of a 32 Oz bottle left, which I paid \$225 plus shipping for late last summer. It doesn't go bad. Anyone need it? I'd like to try to recover some of my cost on it if possible.....\$75 for more than half a bottle seems pretty fair, right??. Please contact me directly. cynthia@dorst.us or 760/331-7757

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

The Horse's Handbook

Now you know why your horse acts like he does...

Author Unknown.

CHEWING: Make a contribution to the architectural industry.... chew on your stall wall, the fence or any other wooden item.

DEATH: When one of your best turn-out friends has gone to the Great Pasture in the Sky, your human attendant will require much comforting, as they themselves fear that they will go next. Humans are instinctively afraid of death. Offer your comfort by making deep hacking and wheezing coughs, that produce voluminous amounts of phlegm. Your human will be greatly comforted, knowing that he's not the next one to go.

DINING ETIQUETTE: Always pull all of your hay out of the hayrack, especially right after your stall has been cleaned, so you can mix the hay with your fresh bedding. This challenges your human, the next time they're cleaning your stall - and we all know how humans love a challenge (that's what they said when they bought you as a two year old, right?).

DOORS: Any door, even partially open, is always an invitation for you and your human to exercise. Bolt out of the door and trot around, just out of reach of your human, who will frantically run after and chase you. The longer it goes on, the more fun it is for all involved.

FARRIER: The farrier is an object on which you can take out your frustration without danger of limiting your food supply.

FRESH BEDDING: It is perfectly permissible to urinate in the middle of your freshly bedded stall to let your humans know how much you appreciate their hard work.

GROUND MANNERS: Ground manners are very important to humans; break as much of the ground in and around the barn as possible. This lets the ground know who's boss and impresses your human.

HOLES: Rather than pawing and digging a BIG hole in the middle of the paddock or stall and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

IMPROPER SHOES: Your human attendant will often risk his safety by wearing shoes that might not provide full protection from hazardous ranch situations. You can correct (not punish) this behavior by applying pressure to the unprotected foot. Humans are known to move away from pressure, but only after making loud noises. Keep pressure applied until your human responds correctly to this cue.

NEIGHING: Because you are a horse, you are expected to neigh. So neigh - a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting the barn and communicating with other horses. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing you, "Neigh, neigh, neigh..."

NUZZLING: Always take a BIG drink from your water trough immediately before nuzzling your human. Humans prefer clean muzzles. Be ready to rub your head on the area of your human that you just nuzzled to dry it off, too.

RAIN: Humans are generally little busy bodies, like beavers, which need to constantly build and modify. During the rain, stick either your head or butt beyond the reach of your roof. Your human will instinctively (being the stimulus/response creatures that they are) move you to a new stall, and make a new roof for you later.

SHOEING: Humans are creatures driven by instant gratification. After a good foot trimming or shoeing, trot smartly around afterwards to show your human how nice the shoes fit. The next day, drag one foot when you walk, to provide your little busy body with yet another project to work on.

SNORTING: Humans like to be snorted on. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family horse, to accommodate them.

VISITORS: Quickly determine which guest is afraid of horses. Rock back and forth on the cross-ties, neighing loudly and pawing playfully at this person. If the human backs away and starts crying, swoosh your tail, stamp your feet and nicker gently to show your concern