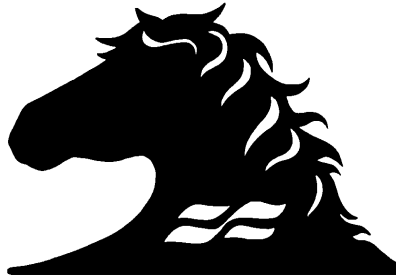


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CLUB MEETINGS
2nd Wednesday of Each Month
7:30 P.M.
SDCE IEC Rotunda

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MARCH 2006

President's Message

Howdy Members!

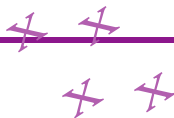
Spring is finally here and we're about to get another hour of riding time with the upcoming time change. I recently boarded my horses at the IEC during the past couple rain storms and let me tell you, it was nice not having to muck, shovel and move mud around for a change. The rates for a box stall are \$8.00 per day or \$119.00 per month. The Equestrian Center also pro-rated the monthly charge which really amounted to a significant savings. I want to extend a big thanks to Dinny at the IEC for making our boarding transition a smooth one. Oh ya, they will bill you on your homeowner's statement!

We just brought our horses home and they are very happy to be in their comfort zone. Now it's time to saddle-up, ride and evaluate our local riding trails to see if any maintenance or repairs need to be done. For those of you who get out soon, please take note of any areas that need trail clean up or repairs and report them at our next meeting.

Don't forget to bring your horses and family to the upcoming Fun Show at the Casey Tibbs Western Center on April 9th. It's going to be a good time for the Saddle Club and Pony Club members to show off their horse skills and have a lot of fun! We will also have BBQ and cold drinks available at the show. Next event, Poker Ride & Cuyamaca Camping! This is going to be very good year!

See ya on the trail,

Randy



A Hearty Welcome to...

New club members Diane Chapman, Terry Hamilton, and Susie Marcum. Welcome! x x

Munchie Hostesses

Volunteers have signed up to bring munchies to most of our 2006 meetings, but August is still available. Please contact Lily or Marcie if you would like to sign up. x x

April	Kat Pascarella
May	Lily Voegeli
June	Celia Shanahan
July	Sherry McClendon
August	OPEN
September	Connie Welke
October	Jeffi Wood
November	Susan Freemire
December	Christmas party!

Fun Show Postponed

As you know, our St. Patrick's Day Fun Show was rained out. The event has been rescheduled for Sunday April 9th and has been renamed the Spring Fun Show. Please show your support by volunteering to help or coming to the show to ride. Please contact Ellen at (760) 788-2664 to volunteer or if you have any questions. See you there! x x

RTA Tack Swap Meet

RTA's annual Swap Meet and Equine Exhibition will be held on Saturday April 8th at Holly Oaks Park from 8:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. They have offered us the chance to have a membership table at the event for free. Anyone interested in volunteering at the membership table for an hour or two please call Ellen at (760) 788-2664. x x

March 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 SVSC Meeting 7:30 p.m. IEC* Rotunda	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 SDCE Association Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. SDCE Inn	29	30	31	

*IEC International Equestrian Center **CTWC Casey Tibbs Western Center

April 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SDCEA Clean Up Day 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. IEC* and CTWC**
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 RTA Swap Meet 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Holly Oaks Park
9 Spring Fun Show 9:00 a.m. CTWC**	10	11	12 SVSC Meeting 7:30 p.m. IEC* Rotunda	13	14	15
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Home and Garden Tour

Get your tickets for the San Vicente Valley Club Home & Garden Tour to be held on May 13th from Mary Kafka (440-9030) or Kathy Ristow (788-7432). Donation is \$10.00. Tickets are also available at The San Vicente Inn. See the attached flier for additional information. x x

Non-Classified Ads

One 8 ft. x 10 ft. corral shade for sale, \$125. Please contact Mary at (760) 440-9030. x x

FREE: Two (2) HP inkjet print cartridges #26 if anyone could use them. Call Connie at (760) 788-8026. x x

FEED LEASE: R.S. Copperstone – Nine-year old chestnut Arab is looking for a good home for a feed lease. Interested, call Amanda at (760) 788-2885. x x

Cow Working Clinic

Chad Waldhauser will be holding a Cow Working Clinic on April 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Cow Horse Ranch, 19526 Rancho Ballena Rd. Ramona (Cow Horse Ranch is located just back of and west of Golden Eagle Farms on your way to Julian.) This clinic is designed for the average recreational rider to introduce you and your horse to cattle, in a controlled setting for a new experience that will be fun and enjoyable. The objectives are for you to learn how to move cattle as a herd and as a single cow, to cut cattle from a herd, to move cattle through obstacles as a team and how to hold a rodear. You will also learn the basic horsemanship skills needed by you and your horse to move cattle, which in turn will help build confidence and trust between you and your horse, making you a better team to accomplish tasks of all nature.

The cost for the day for horse and rider is \$150 and a \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot. You will be required to sign a Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement. There is a limit of 12 riders in the class. The charge for auditors is \$25. You will need to pack a lunch. (Water and lemonade will be on hand all day). For more info or to register, please call Chad at (760) 505-2334

Chad's Custom Cowboy does his best to meet your expectations. If for any reason you are not 100 % satisfied that your money was well spent, there is no charge—period. x x

Ramona Equine Network

SVSC member Kat Pascarella has started a new Yahoo group to improve communication between horse owners in Ramona. Some of the great benefits are to share information between the different equestrian clubs about events, trail rides, vet clinics, health issues, feed store specials, community events, volunteer opportunities, and other horse related stuff going on between friends and neighbors! To join the network, anyone can go to this link:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ramona_Equine_Network or send an email to:

Ramona_Equine_Network-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
If those don't work, you can email Kat directly at mommykat@cox.net and she can send you an invitation to join. x x

Just a Horse

From time to time, people tell me, “lighten up, it's just a horse,” or, “that's a lot of money for just a horse”.

They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for “just a horse.” Some of my proudest moments have come about with “just a horse.”

Many hours have passed and my only company was “just a horse,” but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by “just a horse,” and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “just a horse” gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's “just a horse,” then you will probably understand phrases like “just a friend,” “just a sunrise,” or “just a promise.”

“Just a horse” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

“Just a horse” brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of “just a horse” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not “just a horse” but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

“Just a horse” brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not “just a horse” but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “just a woman/man.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “just a horse” just smile, because they “just” don't understand. x x

