



San Vicente Saddle Club Newsletter

16911 Gun Stage Road, Ramona, CA

March, 2009

President's Message

Howdy members!

Our annual Fun Show is scheduled for April 18, at Casey Tibb's Western Center. This is a charity event and all the proceeds will go to the Cornerstone Therapeutic Riding Program and Leg-up Ranch. This is going to be a great time for all who participate and attend. Flyers and registration forms are available on our website www.sanvicentesaddleclub.com.

Our annual Poker Ride is scheduled for May 9, at the International Equestrian Center. This is our club's main fundraiser, so be sure to tell all your friends! It will

be catered as usual and will have great raffle prizes along with silent auction packages. We will be working on grooming all of our great local trails to make the ride a safe and pleasant one. The flyer will be available on our website shortly.

We just recently had 6 new hitching rails built and delivered to the Equestrian Center. They will be installed at both centers and will be a nice improvement to tie your horse in a safe manner. I'm hoping our equestrian management can have all the rails installed by the end of this month.

We will be scheduling work parties one Saturday a month to work on certain trails that need clean up, along with our equestrian centers (re-paint and beautify as needed). This is a way our club gives back and supports the great amenities available for all of us to enjoy.

I hope to see everyone our next club meeting on March 11, 2009 at the Rotunda located in the I.E.C at 7:30 pm.

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
SDCE IEC Rotunda**

Important Dates

March

SVSC Monthly 3/11
Mtg 7:30 pm

SDCEA Board 3/24
Mtg 7:00 pm

IEC: International Equestrian
Center
CTWC: Casey Tibbs Western
Center

Fun Show

This year's fun show is going to be held on Saturday, April 18th. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Cornerstone Therapeutic Riding Program and Leg-Up Ranch. You don't need to be an experienced rider to participate in this fun event!

Poker Ride

Our annual Poker Ride has been scheduled for May 9th at the International Equestrian Center. If you have an interest in volunteering for our clubs main fundraiser you can e-mail Celia Shanahan at dshanahan8@cox.net.

Horse Camp

The first horse camp of the year will be June 25th through June 29th. The cost per horse will be \$55, and 45 corrals will be available. The \$55 cost per horse includes a catered BBQ on Friday night, and visitors can enjoy the meal for \$10. If people wish to trailer in for a day ride, they must coordinate their visit with Lily. Watch your emails for further details from Lily as the date gets closer.

New Members

Deborah & Richard Reaza
Jan Fleetwood
Deborah & Ashley Coane
Suzanne Stewart

Interesting Web Links

This wonderful lady does bracelets as tributes to pets that have passed... Her first horse bracelet was in honor of Flash. The website is petluvbracelets.com. They are very nice and I am sure the others from the saddle club that have lost a pet friend would love to honor their memory with this bracelet!

<http://www.petluvbracelets.com/index.shtml>

If you come across any interesting horse related websites and would like to share them with our members, send a note with the link to: farmgirlbarb@hotmail.com

Cool New Products

Saddle Club Discount Offer Extended!

Last month a representative from Bucket Guardian™, spoke at our club meeting. Due to an overwhelming response, Bucket Guardian™ is now extending the saddle club discount offer of the service of cleaning and coating your buckets for you to save time and labor. There is a five-bucket minimum, with the normal retail price of \$20 per bucket; Bucket Guardian™ is offering a 25% discount to SVSC members only, \$15 per bucket. Also, be sure to ask about the Blanket Guardian™ service. Contact your local representative Ben Joseph at 858-472-8756 or email at bnbguardian@live.com Offer now ends April 30, 2009!

NOTE:

Bucket Guardian™ would like to donate a free 5-bucket coating to a worthy cause. Please nominate either an individual with special circumstances or a charity to: bnbguardian@live.com

If you come across any cool products and would like to share them with our members, send a note with the link to: farmgirlbarb@hotmail.com

Other Equestrian Events

Vallecito Days

March 27, 28, and 29, 2009

Vallecito Regional Park, 37349 County Route S-2,
Shelter Valley, California

Come experience the stage station and life in the West as it was in 1858. Ramona Trails Association is pleased to be sponsoring the equestrian portion of this celebration with California State Parks, San Diego County Parks, and Backcountry Horsemen-San Diego Unit. There will be activities for all to enjoy for the day or the weekend. Tour the original sod house that served as the stage station and a rest stop for many a traveler on their way West. There will be several historical groups and displays both in the stage station and around the camp. On Saturday, the riders will come into the Vallecito station just as they would have over 150 years ago. Saturday evening will feature a delicious catered dinner and additional guest speakers. Camping is available for equestrian and non-equestrians from Friday thru Sunday. Space is limited and by reservation only. Everyone is encouraged to dress in 1860's period attire.

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deserves
a tiara and a whip."*



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I was trained in Ocala Fla. taking Don Doran's Equine Sports Massage program and I have a background with some cranial sacral work and reiki levels 1 and 2. I use Dr. McLaren photonic therapy and ultrasonic therapy. Aromatherapy is used as well. Fee is \$ 75 per session.

Terri H. Law BSN
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Saddle for Sale

Western Saddle. Circle Y, 16-inch seat, full Quarter Horse bars, with all stainless steel fittings, in excellent condition. \$350.00. Please contact Melinda Barker at: inspectorbarker@sbcglobal.net

Horse for Sale

I have a beautiful Registered Arab Mare who needs more attention than I can give her.

She is 10 years old, 14.3hh, really sweet, needs to be finished. She lounges, ties, clips, u.t.d. on shots and wormings, holds head down to be bridled, stands still to mount. Walks, trots. She is a little spooky and would really like to be around other horses. Asking \$900.00 .

Any questions please email smurphy174@cox.net

Horse Hair Bracelets

If you are interested in having a piece of your horse with you forever, our member Scherry Ann makes horsehair bracelets, using hair from your horse's tail. She has many styles to choose from. If you are interested in having one made for yourself or even that special horse person in your life, contact Scherry Ann at: scherryann@cox.net or call her at 760-789-4838

ALSO.....

Scherry Ann makes Rhythm Beads for horses' necks. They include a "break away" design with a magnetic clasp so if the horse gets caught up, they will come off the horse. Contact Scherry Ann at the above email or phone for more information.

The Best Ride of Your Life

I can hear your footfall,
And smell you on every wisp of wind.
I'll carry you through all your sorrows
To whatever end.
I'll soar with you upon the breath
Of dreams we both embrace.
Together we will take by storm
This world that we must face.
Don't worry now...I've got your back,
And side-by-side we'll fight.
If one should falter on the path,
Then let us both take flight.
I'll bear you far away with me,
And shoulder all your strife.
Trust me and I'll take you on
The Best Ride of Your Life.

Scherry A. Clarke

The Perfect Horse

by Annamaria Tadlock

What is the Perfect Horse? I think most of us have daydreamed of it-- images of a majestic black stallion with a flowing mane and tail, or golden palomino mare with a perfect blaze come to mind. But I don't think that is the Perfect Horse. I think the Perfect Horse is more like the one that I rode as a kid on a ranch, a horse that is less of a fantasy and more of a teacher and friend.

The Perfect Horse isn't necessarily stunningly beautiful; In fact, he's probably gotten a few scars and dings from life. He's probably been hurt but lived through it, been scared but overcome it, and ready to teach his rider to do the same.

The Perfect Horse is not just arena-ridden. He will let you feel what it's like to gallop into the ocean waves, chase a neighbor's cows, or play tag on horseback.

The Perfect Horse will buck you off when you deserve it, but wait patiently for you to get back on.

The Perfect Horse has problems; He will teach you to deal with them. The Perfect Horse knows that you can't learn to be a skilled horseman if everything goes your way.

The Perfect Horse will challenge you, but only as much as you are ready to handle. He will teach you that you still have more to learn.

The Perfect Horse is tough; He will gallop when he's too tired, jump obstacles that are too high, and go up hills that are too steep. He can handle the results of your ignorance or youth. He will make you, years later, look back and shake your head in amazement, and think, "I can't believe he did that for me".

The Perfect Horse is not, however, a super horse. He may go lame or colic, or suffer from an abscess. He will teach you there is **more to horsemanship that just riding.**

The Perfect Horse will forgive you when you make mistakes, and expects you to do the same. He will try to ignore the tack that doesn't fit right, the confusing signals, and will do his best to please.

The Perfect Horse will not live on air. He will need food and water daily and a clean shelter to live in. He will teach you to work, but it will be worth it.

The Perfect Horse may not be the prettiest or the fastest, but he has the most heart. When he wins a ribbon, you know he really deserved it.

The Perfect Horse loves a good carrot and a pat on the neck. In fact, that is his greatest reward; A little treat, a little love, and appreciation is what the Perfect Horse lives for.

My Perfect Horse was-- and still is-- my little chestnut quarter horse, Quin, and I dedicate this essay to him. Your Perfect Horse may be different. He or she may be all of the above or not. He may be old or young, a pony or a draft horse. He may have more problems or more attributes. But if you're smiling, crying, or understanding as you read this, then chances are you too have known a Perfect Horse.

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