

Union County Saddle Club News
April, 2017

Our first open horse show of the year is over and many thanks go to those who helped set barrels, work the sign up booth, and open and close the gate! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Congratulations to Miss Hinsli Dease for winning the 1D! A special thanks goes to our ground crew of Gerald Patterson, Damon King, Jason Larkin, and Steven Keen for the superb job they do of keeping the ground in excellent condition for our participants! It was great to see some new western and trail class participants!

Our next show is the Special Invitational/Open Horse show on May 15. We need many volunteers to help our special needs guests mount and dismount horses and walk along beside them while they ride. These guests always have such a good time and it just warms the hearts of all of those who help out. The Front Porch will be providing concessions and I still can't say enough about the deliciousness of their chicken on a stick! The Special invitational show will begin at 9:00 am and sign-up for the open horse show will begin at 11:00 am followed by warm up barrels at 11:30 am.

Please check our calendar at unioncountysaddleclub.org to keep up with the arena schedule for riding. Next weekend, Josh Peebles will be hosting a sorting clinic all day on Saturday, April 29. Spectators are welcome for this event with a charge for watching the clinic.

The new bathrooms have been an excellent addition to the arena when events are being held. They are locked at all other times, however one porta toilet is being left on the property for use by riders who come to the arena to practice. Plans are to install a cable across the driveway going into the back field to keep loiterers out of that area and a gate to keep horses and people out of the area where the tractors are parked. Both of these improvements are designed to improve safety at the arena.

The rodeo is scheduled for June 16 and 17th. Many volunteers are needed to help place flyers in businesses, sell tickets, and park cars. Please contact Art Miller at artmiller@windsteam.net or me at unioncosaddleclub@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer. This is a huge event for the Saddle club as well as a huge fund raiser helping us to continue with arena improvements and to facilitate the running of our shows.

Until next time, ride safely!
Nanon Wiles
Secretary