

## SCCHA News

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### *From the President*

Hello Members,

Talking to you today about challenges: We just wrapped up Battle of the Barns, and a good time was had by all. There were several teams and some fun challenges. Come on out next year!

I'd like to challenge every member to support SCCHA events, either through participation or volunteering. Volunteering can be a lot of fun. I'd also like to challenge all of our members to consider joining the SCCHA Board of Directors. Very satisfying to know you are helping the club improve.

My next challenge is to ask you to keep a vigilant eye open. Let's make sure we are all being good SCCHA citizens on the showgrounds. There are warning signs on the grounds for various reasons. Sometimes it's something that keeps us in line with Santa Cruz County or our neighbors at Woods Cove. Sometimes it's safety, like the new sign on the mounting block that says no parking within 25 feet. Some people absolutely must have the block to get on their horse. Please leave plenty of room. Best to pull your rig forward past it.

*Next Member Meeting:  
October 15, 6:30 p.m  
at the Clubhouse*

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And then there’s water conservation. Please use buckets rather a hose when washing down your horse. And it’s not OK under any circumstances to wash vehicles or trailers on the show grounds. We spend hundreds of dollars every month on water to run the clubhouse and camp grounds and keep the arena dust down. It’s city water and it’s one of SCCHA’s largest monthly expenses.

Lastly, I challenge you all to have more fun! And I hope to see you on the trails or here enjoying your club.

*Karen*

## Feature Articles

### Like That Trail? Chances Are You Should Thank a Mountain Biker!

Almost every equestrian who enjoys riding trails has either experienced or heard of a harrowing encounter with a mountain bike. It’s fair to say that both riders and bikers should have a better understanding of and more consideration for each other. Fortunately, the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz (MBOSC) have been working hard to ensure that we all have safe, accessible trails whether we ride a horse or a bike.

Matt De Young, guest speaker at the September SCCHA member meeting, is the Executive Director of MBOSC. Matt’s family is comprised of avid horsemen and mountain bikers, and he hopes to accommodate everyone who wants to get outside on the beautiful trails his organization has helped build. MBOSC was founded in 1997 to support, preserve, and expand trail access and responsible mountain biking in the Santa Cruz area.

Matt outlined an impressive list of his organization’s accomplishments. In partnership with land managers and County officials, MBOSC has been preserving, planning, and building many great trails. Volunteers have given over 31,000 hours and raised over \$3 million for advocacy, design, construction, and maintenance of many miles of trails, which are enjoyed by bikers, hikers, and horsemen alike. MBOSC now has Class A engineers with expertise in erosion, water control, and bridge building, as well as the environmental and governmental processes necessary for access and protection of open space.

MBOSC has more than 2,800 members, including recreational riders, trail builders, racers, bike industry professionals, and general mountain bike enthusiasts who promote legal and sustainable mountain biking. In addition to sponsoring mountain bike events, MBOSC helps with SCCHA rides. This year they built, improved, and marked trails for the Fireworks Ride, including the new West Engleman trail. SCCHA’s website administrator, Lindsay Overton, is also a mountain biker and the Equestrian Liaison for MBOSC.

Watch for more exciting new trail projects by MBOSC. Work is ongoing throughout the County, and includes potential connections to new trails in the San Vicente Redwoods and the Cotoni Coast National Monument. Major improvements to badly eroded trails in Wilder Ranch State Park are also planned. SCCHA members can support the work of MBOSC with donations or by helping on “dig days.” For more information:



*Karen cutting the ribbon at the Arena Opening Celebration with Larry Wall and Howard Liebenberg, whose expert engineering made it possible!*



*Photo courtesy Silicon Valley Mt. Bikers. Check out their great video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kh2ISRQgli4>*



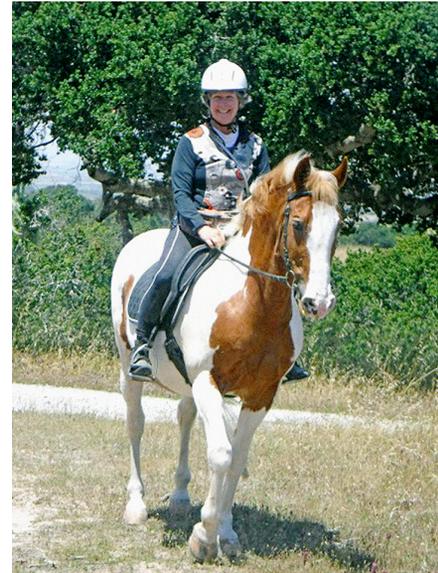
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<https://mbosc.givingfuel.com/donate>

## *Battle of the Barns* September 28, 2019

A big THANK YOU to Carol Kelley and crew for such an enjoyable event! This participant summed it up best:

*"Hi Carol, thank you so much for such a fun horsing around Saturday!! The girls had a blast and our little last minute team ended up taking 2nd place. Sorry we didn't get to meet but maybe another time. I just wanted you to know how much we loved it. Thank you so much for keeping it simple. Rina"*

Eleanor Banner Anderson's terrific photos captured the action. Here are a few, including the entertaining Encore Vaulters:



Lindsay Overton and Miller: Liaisons for MBOSC and SCCHA!



More fun BOTB photos from Jan:



The Color Funtastics



The Desperate Horse Wives



The Fiesta Follies

## A Big Shout Out to Our Obstacle Challenge Volunteers & Donors

The Obstacle Challenge was a great success over Labor Day Weekend. SCCHA hosted 49 participants from all over California... Including some great SCCHA riders!

The event worked because of our loyal volunteers who gave their time and talent to make everything happen. Volunteers did it all: directed parking, got folks registered, opened the gate, judged, set up & re-set obstacles, tallied scores, managed prizes & the raffle, and served a wonderful meal Saturday evening. We even had a volunteer who spent 2 days taking photos for everyone!

Lots of folks donated gifts to the raffle. General Seed & Feed donated gift certificates for kids who won their Junior Division. *Thank you for your support!*

Next time you see them, please thank these folks for helping SCCHA host a great event: *JoMarie Faulkerson, Donna Stidolph, Rachel Salata, Kip Witter, Ellen Liebenberg, Rene Turnbull, Jiji Mellon, Jill Haueter, Patsy Wilkes, Elise Levinson, Larry DeYoung, Pat Duran, Abe Hazburn, Liz Riehl, Robin Musitelli, Nancy Cole, Laura Mathews, Karen Bish, Lis Fraser, Meadow Comeau, Sheryl Germany, Rachel Shupe, Russell Beggs, Kristin Praly, Debra Kuetell, and Tricia Dalton.*

### What's Next?

Many SCCHA Members have been enjoying the new and improved footing out in the large arena. We've heard lots of compliments from folks racing around during Redwood Riders' gymkhanas, those using the arena to enjoy the Obstacle Challenge, as well as members simply riding in the arena while visiting or camping at the showgrounds. Combined with the shade sails installed in early summer, the large arena was the centerpiece of this year's Battle of the Barns, where an official "opening ceremony" was followed by a parade of horses and day full of fun games on horseback.

So, what's next for our beloved showgrounds? Well, the coffers are a bit low after fixing up the arena...but we still have ideas! The cross-country field area may be our next upgrade. The grounds committee has made progress reducing the varmint population out there, an ongoing task which is absolutely critical in order to consider using that area again. While those efforts continue it's time to gather ideas & make a plan.

Here's a few ideas gathered so far: Shall we build a new cross-country course with jumps? Shall we build a trail course with obstacles? Build a trotting and/or carriage path? Can we possibly blend these ideas? Long term maintenance is important too, especially difficult as the club does not own a tractor nor implements for such a large field. Do we have volunteers or must we hire out to re-build and maintain the field? How much will all this cost and how will we pay for it?

**We need you!** The SCCHA Board is forming a committee to consider alternatives for the field area. Members are invited to join the



The Shupe Troop



Team Coffee

Photos of some of the Obstacle Challenge volunteers:



Donna Stidolph (Judge, seated); Larry DeYoung (Gate)



Rachel Salata (Judge); Elise Levinson (Crew)



Jill Haueter, Jiji Mellon (Crew); Ellen Liebenberg (Judge)



Rene Turnbull & Kip Witter (judges)



Sheryl Germany (Photography)



committee to develop a plan that will benefit the most members, and that is viable to both build and maintain long term. Now is the time to speak up and help make the next big improvement to your club!

**Contact Heather Shupe to join the Field Course Committee:**

[shrksupe@gmail.com](mailto:shrksupe@gmail.com) Please provide your phone number and possible availability for meetings October-January. To accommodate everyone some meetings will be held by phone conference, others will be at the clubhouse.

**Trading  Post**

**Looking for a great home** for my deceased friend's pet dog. He's a healthy, sweet 6-year-old neutered male chihuahua (photo on right). Email Tricia: [idratherbridin@yahoo.com](mailto:idratherbridin@yahoo.com)

**Horse Boarding:** at my home on Empire Grade in Bonny Doon. I have space for a horse or two at my home. Horses live together as a small herd with the freedom to run and move at all times. Round pen and small arena. Personalized care, peaceful clean environment, option to clean to offset board cost. Full care is \$450/month. Call Lisa 831-818-3375.

**Horse for Sale:** Sweet TWH mare, 17 years old, black, 14.2 or 14.3. Smooth and forward, does everything you ask. Excellent trail horse. Natural horsemanship, trailers, ties, trims, bathes, no issues. She's a family member's horse; I'm helping out. I have too many horses or I'd keep her for sure. She can be leased and boarded at my home, or adopted to the right situation. Give me a call: Lisa 831-818-3375.

**Looking to buy:** portable corral panels for camping with the Club. [sccowgirl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sccowgirl@sbcglobal.net) or text 831-212-4635.

**For Sale to Loving Forever Home:** *Luken For An Invite (Flynn)*, Flashy dark brown 2018 AQHA gelding Reg#5873080 (photo on right). Top breeding as an all-around prospect. 5-panel DNA test N-N. 15.1 hands at 16 months; should mature 16+ hands. Healthy, correct conformation, and great disposition. Would like to find someone experienced with young horses, preferably knowledgeable with natural methods. Flynn will make be a special partner, whatever your discipline. For price, videos, or more information, please contact: [palmviewfarm@comcast.net](mailto:palmviewfarm@comcast.net)

**For Sale:** *Lauriche Dressage saddle* 18", black, made in England, 2500.00 OBO. *Multiple snaffle bits:* french key, regular, gag style, 5.00 each. *Courbette leathers* : 30.00 black. English irons- 2 pairs 10.00 each. *Dressage girths* (black) Wintec 15.00, Leather 42/44" 40.00. *Misc:* A/P saddle pads, dressage pads available. Ursula can be reached at 831-818-9866 or [alamarana00@gmail.com](mailto:alamarana00@gmail.com) Sorry, no texting available.

**For Sale:** SR endurance saddle from Steve Ray in OR. Mint condition, 15" seat. Doesn't fit my new horse. Steve can adjust it for your horse. Asking \$2,000 OBO. Text Shahla for photos: 831-535-8070.

**For Sale:** Schleese saddle, HK model, mint condition. 17 1/2" seat, black, custom cover, adjustable tree. Minor adjustments can be made by Schleese

## Field Course



Committee

Sweet pup needs a home



**Flynn:** Now 17 months and stunning!

Company for your horse. The visit our area often. Paid \$6,000, asking \$4,500.  
Text Shahla: 831-535-8070.

**For Sale:** 10 year old Rocky Mountain mare. 14.3H, gentle, very good with kids, sure-footed on trails and creeks. Easy trailering, natural healthy foot trim, never had shoes. Has been to three Linda Tellington clinics (her favorite mare for demo). Likes camping, has been to Jack Brooks, Roaring Camp. Very sound, UTD on all shots and dental. Looking for special home with room to roam. \$11,000 OBO. Text Shahla for video and pictures: 831-535-8070.



## October 2019 Events

Oct 15	Member Mtg: Crossing the Rainbow Bridge	FloresLorraine@gmail.com
Oct 19	BCH Event: all paddocks & grounds reserved	shirleyjras@gmail.com
Oct 28	SMHA Halloween Poker Ride: Gilroy	shores.org

★ For more details and a complete list of 2019 events, see SCCHA website.

***Ideas? Suggestions? Stories? Photos? Want to advertise?***

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