

Dear {Contact_First_Name}, Welcome to the club's updated Newsletter. In this issue you'll find a message from our club president, information on upcoming events, and some fun articles and pictures from members. We hope you enjoy it, and welcome your feedback. ~Robin



SCCHA NEWSLETTER

Quarter 1, 2018

From the President

2017 sure was a wet and wild year! It feels really good to reflect back on how well we all coped with the severe weather, road and trail damage, and cataclysmic wildfires affecting so very many families and animals throughout the state. SCCHA members stepped up to help their neighbors: some delivered groceries; some evacuated livestock; still others donated time, money and useful products to help those in need. Well done!

The club received a nice surprise in mid December: the Los Viajeros Riding club donated \$1000! The letter that accompanied this generous donation in support of trail recovery and maintenance is printed just under the "Member Meeting" section, below. Thank you Los Viajeros!

Now we can look forward to a fresh slate in 2018. The board decided to focus on some priorities for the year, using them to develop specific goals and events for 2018. The priorities are based on some great feedback from members (always a GREAT source of ideas!)

2018 CLUB PRIORITIES



IT'S HOT OUT THERE!



Give me some shade



Improve & expand campsites



Facilitate Donations

The discussion on how to best address these ideas is ongoing. More to follow at our Monthly Member Meetings (3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm @ the Clubhouse) and in future issues of the newsletter. I'll see you there!

MEMBER MEETING - Tuesday February 20, 6:30pm @ the Clubhouse

TACK SWAP! Dust off your "retired" tack so it can get a new job! We plan to open the clubhouse a little early, say 6pm, so folks have time to set up before the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: JEC BALLOU - A classical dressage clinician, trainer & local author, Jec will share some wisdom & stories. Bring your questions and plan to enjoy the discussion. **6:30pm**



Letter from Los Viajeros Riding Club, Dec 19, 2017

Dear Elise,

Our club, Los Viajeros, had the pleasure of spending an August weekend as guests at your facilities. Our members enjoy the convenience of shady pipe corrals, nice bathrooms and beautiful scenery that we experience there. We also appreciated the assistance from your members when planning which trails to take.

We know that last winter was especially damaging to the trails at Henry Cowell. When we rode in August there were many spots that weren't rideable. I'm enclosing a donation from LV for \$1000 that we would like to contribute to trail recovery and maintenance at Henry Cowell. If you get a chance, we'd love to hear how the trail recovery is coming along.

I am hopeful that our club had a favorable review from our SCCHA (sic) contacts after our visit. We would love to come again another year.

Sincerely,

Marcy Rosenberg, President Los Viajeros Riding Club

Fun SCCHA Holiday Party

As usual, our Holiday Party was packed with great friends, food and fun. Special thanks to Donna Rodoni for wrangling the kitchen and keeping the food flowing. We honored Claudia Goodman for her many years as newsletter editor with a tribute from Silhouette, the horse that trained Claudia.

We also gave special thanks to Val Riegel – a long-time board director, Recording Secretary, and head cook (with her husband Marc) for the Firework's 30/50 endurance ride. Val and Marc plan to move to the Oroville area.

Pictures from the Holiday Party

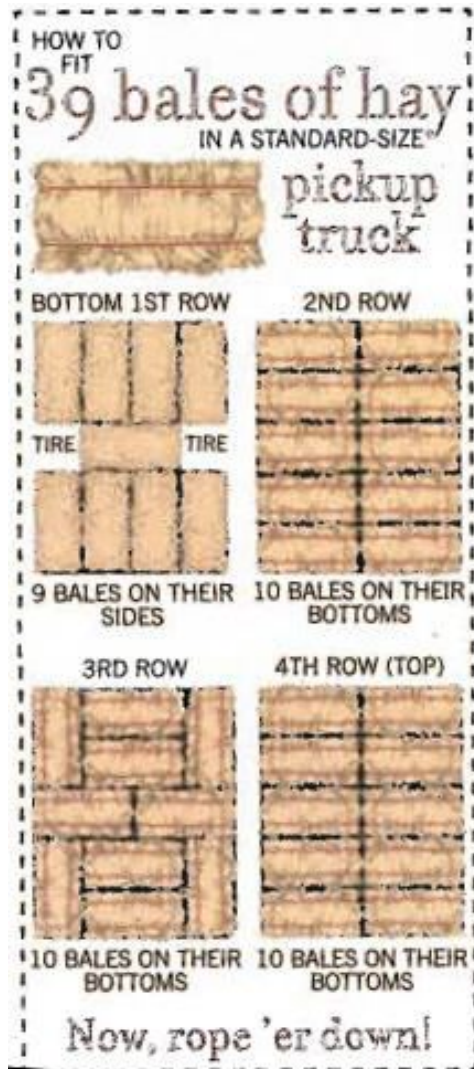


Sharing a Potluck FEAST!

Mary provided yet another wonderful video while everyone enjoyed dessert. This year the video was filled with memories from past years as well as 2017, a perfect way to end festivities!

Got Hay?

Here's a useful diagram for loading hay in your truck, courtesy of MaryJanesFarm.



Love the hat, Val! (Hmmm, don'tcha wonder what Mary is thinking?)



Have a story to tell?

- My first horse was named...
- How my horse saved me!



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- Tales from the Trail
- Member & family profile (including all your pets!)
- Photos & Stuff

Send Newsletter items to **Robin** by the 25th of each month: manemome@gmail.com



Obstacle Clinic & Challenge
 March 17 ~ 18, 2018
 SCCHA Showgrounds, 1145 Graham Hill Rd, Santa Cruz

Saturday Obstacle Clinic \$30 Adult / \$20 Youth

- ♣ Judges will demonstrate, then coach you through obstacles
- ♣ OK to try obstacles InHand (leading your horse)

Sunday Obstacle Challenge Competition \$45 Adult / \$25 Youth

- ♣ 12-16 Obstacles, some based on those used in Saturday's Clinic
- ♣ Prizes for: Advanced; Intermediate; Novice; Youth; In Hand; Assisted Rider
- ♣ This event is sanctioned by the CSHA Obstacle Challenge Program

Sign up @ www.sccha.wildapricot.org/events
 Call Heather for more info: 408 348.9512

CLUB CALENDAR ~ *Events sometimes change, CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL*

Feb 20	<u>SCCHA MEMBER MEETING & TACK SWAP</u> 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse Guest Speaker: Jec Ballou
Mar 17-18	<u>OBSTACLE CHALLENGE & CLINIC</u> Contact: Heather Shupe 408 348.9512 • All paddocks reserved
Mar 20	<u>SCCHA MEMBER MEETING - ELECTION NIGHT!</u> BOARD ELECTION & MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 6:30pm at the Clubhouse
Apr 7	<u>MEMBER WORK DAY AT SCCHA</u>

	Contact: Bonnie StoeHN 831 457.2224
Apr tbd	WESTERN EQUITATION SCHOOLING SHOW Central California Coast Western Equitation Association
April 28-29	<u>ADULT WEEKEND WITH JEC BALLOU</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dressage Arena and 14 paddocks reserved
May 4-5	<u>RIDE FOR RELAY</u> Contact: Mary Sullivan-White 831 704.7374 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All paddocks & both arenas reserved</i>
May 20	<u>MEMBER WORK DAY AT SCCHA</u> Contact: Bonnie StoeHN 831 457.2224
Jun 1-3	PONY CLUB TETRATHLON RALLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>One arena reserved Saturday for this event</i>
June 2-3	<u>ENDURANCE 201 CLINIC AT HARVEY BEAR PARK</u> Sponsored by Quicksilver Endurance Riders (our partner for the Fireworks Ride!) More Info: https://nwarhol.wixsite.com/clinic
Jun 16-17	<u>WORKING EQUITATION CLINIC WITH KRISTA KOENIG</u> Contact: PJ Myatt 831 458.3132 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>15 paddocks reserved</i>
Jun 23-24	REDWOOD RIDERS California Gymkhana Association
Jun 29 - July 1	PONY CLUB D-CAMP #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>2 paddocks + both Arenas reserved Fri-Sun</i>
July 14	<u>FIREWORKS ENDURANCE RIDE</u> Contact: Debbie Bosco 831 227.4960 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All paddocks, campground, x-country course reserved</i>
TBD	Poker Ride, benefiting Wild Horse protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Event in development - Call Bonnie to help! 831 457.2224</i>
Aug 4-5	KID'S PLAY DAY EVENT @ SCCHA Contact: Robin Musitelli manemom@gmail.com
Aug 17-18	Tri-City Horsemen's Association Camp-out & trail ride
Aug 25-26	REDWOOD RIDERS California Gymkhana Association
Sept 13-16	<u>BUSTER McCLAURY HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC</u> Contact: Bonnie StoeHN 831 457.2224
Oct 20-21	WORKING EQUITATION SCHOOLING SHOW Central California Coast Western Equitation Association
Oct 26-28	<u>RICKY QUINN HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC</u> Contact: Lisa Boyer 831 359.3796

Nov 3-4	WORKING EQUITATION CLINIC WITH KRISTA KOENIG Contact: PJ Myatt 831 458.3132 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 paddocks reserved
Dec 9	SCCHA Holiday Party at the Clubhouse

Hint: Get lots more information on the club's [Event page](#)



It's easy to renew online!

1. Go to www.sccha.wildapricot.org
2. Log in
3. Click on your name & follow the instructions to renew

You can also renew at a Member's meeting: Feb 20 & Mar 20, 6:30pm

TRADING POST

- **Free to a good home.** Black and Decker Electric Lawn Mower and grass catcher. Very good condition. City paid me to remove my lawn so the mower needs a new yard to beautify. Call Donna **831 588-2642**
- **In search of Volunteers!** Help Wanted at SCCHA's March 17-18 Obstacle Event. We need judge's helpers, kitchen crew, arena crew, & a raffle organizer. Lunch Saturday is provided for Volunteers. Call Heather at **408 348-9512**
- **Two paddocks in SLV** (10x20 and 20x30) with covered, raised stable. Paddocks are sunny and warm with good drainage and afternoon shade. Larger area for grazing + a few trails for riding on a beautiful ridge overlooking the San Lorenzo Valley. Feeding and mucking included. \$350 and extras available. Contact Noah standridgefamily@gmail.com **239 777-7145**

Items listed on the Trading Post are from SCCHA Members only. Members can e-mail trading post item details to shrkschupe@sbcglobal.net no later than the 25th of the month.

Suggestion Box

Members are welcome to contact any board member with suggestions or to volunteer for club events. All good ideas are welcome!

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