

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RANGERS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years. We would like to start the new year by welcoming in our new Board of Directors. We have some returning to their positions, some returning but to new positions, and some few volunteers as well. Last year, participation in Gymkhana was down, Barrel racing had a great year, Mounted Shooting is growing, Drill Team had a good year, but lost a few riders at the end, so we are a smaller team starting this year. I am looking for any ideas that could help boost participation in all activities, including work days to fix things around the club. As we head into 2025 I am hopeful that we can work together to make our club great again! Food for thought: Sometimes it takes a lot more thinking about changes than to make the changes.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote all horsemanship, to sponsor horse shows, rodeos, race meets, and/or a combination of these entertainments. To promote club organized events.

To participate in activities pertaining to the welfare of the community.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: JANUARY 10 AT 7:30PM

JANUARY 2025

January 1 – Walt Bauer Award Opens
January 10 – SJVR Club Meeting
January 11 – Juniors Snow Trip
January 18 – Beach Ride
January 19 – Mounted Shooting Practice
January 25 – Tri-Tip & Clam Chowder
January 26—Club Work Day
January 26—Drill Kick Off Meeting
January 29 – Stockton Ag Venture

FEBRUARY 2025

February 1 – SJCHA Queen Contest Open
February 1 – SJVR Scholarship Opens
February 7 – SJVR Club Meeting
February 8 – SJCHA Crab Feed
February 15 – Junior Valentine's Dance
February 16 – Trail Ride
February 16 - Mounted Shooting Practice
February 22 – Ripon Parade



Club Meetings

We invite all club members to attend our monthly meetings! Meetings are typically held on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 PM, but be sure to check the club calendar for the most up-to-date schedule.

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

Get more involved in the club

Express interest in serving on the Board of Directors

Make a positive impact and help shape the future of our club

Your voice and ideas matter – we'd love to see you there!

If you have any questions contact our club president Jodi at 209-747-4952

Club Workday

I'm excited to take on the role of custodian for SJVR and become more engaged with the club. I'm also eager to share ideas for enhancing the clubhouse and grounds.

Of course, I'll need volunteers to help, but it will definitely be worthwhile.

We're gearing up for a work day at the SJVR clubhouse, and we need your help! Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the club, your time and effort will make a huge difference in improving our clubhouse and grounds.

When: January 26, 2025 10am-3pm

Where: SJVR Clubhouse

What: A variety of tasks, from cleaning to maintenance and landscaping – there's something for everyone! (Outdoor task will be weather permitting)

We can't do it without you! Please let us know if you can pitch in, and feel free to bring along family or friends who are interested in lending a hand.

Together, we can make our club an even better place for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Contact Ramie at 209-747-2643 to RSVP or for more info

Kitchen

We need your help to make our upcoming events a success!

We're looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen during club events, including barrel races and gymkhanas. Whether you have kitchen experience or just want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you on board!

If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Jeanne at 510-910-6372 Your support is key to making these events memorable for everyone!

Thank you in advance – we can't do it without you!



DINNERS

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Jeanne Homer
(510) 910-6372

Happy Birthday

Aiden Bickel
Patricia Boling
Deeana Horner
Amber Cunningham
Cathy Drinkwine
Georgia Carter-Castro
Haley Molleson
Jo Moore
Kate Pence
Talisa Perez
Naudia Gilliam

Bud Blankenship
Natalie Smith
Aubrey Borba
MacKenzie Basso
Alyssa Francis
Casey McKenzie
Riley Menefee
Jess Morrison
Bella Perez
Madison Radesic
Sophia Gilliam

Tri-Tip & Clam Chowder Dinner

January 25, 2025

Cocktails at 5pm—Dinner at 6pm

Adults \$30 & Kids 12 and Under \$15

Raffles, Family, Friends, Fun, and Great Food

1240 N Shaw Rd Stockton, CA



Please contact any member of
Spurs N' Lace Drill Team for tickets or
Jodi Marquardsen at 209-747-4952

SJVR Crab Feed

March 15, 2025

Cocktails at 5pm—Dinner at 6pm

Adults \$65 & Kids 12 and Under \$35

Crab, Tri-Tip, Pasta, Salad, Bread, & Dessert

1240 N Shaw Rd Stockton, CA



Please contact any member of
SJVR board for tickets or
Jodi Marquardsen at 209-747-4952
Jeanne Homer 510-910-6372



4D BARRELS

2025 SCHEDULE

Contact Information:

Karissa Borba
(209) 543-5229

Facebook: SJVR 4D Barrels

April 19
May 3
May 8
June 12
June 21

July 26
August 7
August 16
August 21

September 6
September 11
October 4
November 1

2025 Buckle Series

- April 19, May 3, May 8, June 12
(or first 4 races of the year, if weather delays schedule)
- To qualify for the buckle, you must ride in at least 3 of the events.
 - Must be an SJVR Member before your first race to qualify.
 - Sudden Death at the 4th show for the Buckle!

Keep an eye on SJVR 4D Barrels Facebook page for the latest details, race times, pre-draws and race results.

Divisions:

- Open—Any Horse and Rider Combination
- Novice—Horse and Rider Combined LTE under \$1,000
- Youth—Any Rider under 18 years old
- Peewee—Any Rider under 8 years old and any leadline

4D Timing:

- 1D – Fastest time
- 2D – .5 seconds slower than the fastest time
- 3D – 1 second slower than the fastest time
- 4D – 2 seconds slower than the fastest time

This system creates an equal opportunity for every rider and horse. The best of the best get to compete directly against each other, while new riders still have the opportunity to win. It makes the sport thrilling for everyone!



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Ben Gibbons
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Facebook: Spurs N' Lace

If you are interested in joining
SJVR Spurs N Lace Drill Team contact:
Ben Gibbons at
(209) 321-2115 or beng@olives
Jodi Marquardsen at
(209) 747-4952 or bandit.t@comcast.net

Spurs N' Lace Drill Team Kick Off Meeting

January 26, 2025
Starts @ 3pm (1-2 hours)
SJVR Clubhouse

The meeting is a perfect opportunity if you have considered joining drill but have questions, want to know what to expect, need a horse, or have any other concerns.

Are you passionate about horses and looking for a thrilling new way to get involved with equestrian sports? Whether you're an experienced rider or just starting out, our team is all about building confidence, teamwork, and having fun while performing incredible precision drills with horses. Imagine riding in perfect harmony with others, performing synchronized routines at events, and being part of a close-knit, supportive group of riders who share your love for horses and the thrill of competition.

Teamwork & Friendship – Make lifelong memories while working with others who share your passion.

Develop Skills – Improve your riding abilities, coordination, and leadership in a supportive environment.

Fun & Challenging – Push your limits with exciting and intricate drill routines while bonding with your horse.

Community & Events – Perform at local shows, parades, and exhibitions—be part of something bigger!

We're looking for dedicated riders of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're ready to join or simply want to try something new, Spurs N' Lace welcomes you to join the fun and make a lasting impact.



PARADE

Contact Information:

Zack Rond
(209) 898-3247

2025 SCHEDULE

February 22—Ripon Parade

April 12—Oakdale Parade

May 10—Motherload Parade

May 17—Linden Parade

December 6—Manteca Christmas Parade

December 14—Christmas Caroling

Ripon Almond Blossom Parade

February 22, 2025

Riders will meet at 8am

California Freight Sales

251 Fourth St Ripon, CA 95366

Drill Team will be riding in the parade and welcomes our general membership to join. General membership dress code is, boots, jeans, button up shirt, and a western hat.

If you are unable to ride, we encourage you to come cheer on your fellow SJVR members.

Almond Blossom Parade Saturday 12 Noon - 2 p.m. approx.

Parade Route: Circles Historic Ripon on Main Street & 4th Street. Almond Blossom Festival Parade starts at Stockton Ave. and 4th Street, along 4th Street to Vera Ave. to Main Street, then continues on Main Street to Nourse Ave.

Please RSVP with Zack at 209-898-3247 if you plan to attend



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LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK!

- SJVR is looking for feedback about Gymkhana.
- * What would you like to see as end of the year awards?
 - * If you attend Gymkhanas, what would you like to see done differently (Schedule, Night Shows, Different Prizes, Less Shows, Etc)
 - If you do not attend Gymkhanas, why not and what would need to change for you to attend?

2024 RESULTS

LEADLINE

Champion—Savannah Beeck
Res Champion—Jessa Monroe

FUTURE CHAMPIONS

Champion—Madison Beeck
Res Champion—Charlotte Haggard

DIVISION 1 SR

Champion—Erika Perdue

DIVISION 1 JR

Champion—Natalie Smith
Res Champion—Abigail Trigo

DIVISION 2

Champion—Kenzie Perdue

DIVISION 3

Champion—Chance Perdue

2025 SCHEDULE

April 27
May 4
June 14

June 22
July 12
August 2

August 9
August 23
September 13

September 20
September 27
October 5

October 18
October 25

The 2025 Gymkhana season will be a 12 show series, however listed above are 14 dates. This is to help participants plan head for cancelled/rained out events. If we do not experience any cancelled dates during the season then October 18 and 25 will be cancelled.

Additionally, we will allow each rider to pick one date to ride for double points. This can be any show but riders must sign up for double points at the start of the day.

To qualify for end of the year awards, riders must ride 10 shows on the same horse.



MOUNTED SHOOTING

2025 SCHEDULE

Contact Information:

Lisa Botelho-Sima
209-479-9406

Practice Schedule

January 19	May 18	August 17
February 16	June 15	September 21
March 16	July 20	October 19

Guns, cowgirls, cowboys and horses it doesn't get more exciting than that! Mounted Shooting is a fast growing sport that appeals to many riders.

Like any new discipline, it's important you take the time to properly learn the ins and outs. Mounted shooting has loud sounds and popping balloons, so your horse will definitely need some training before you jump in.

Training a Horse for Mounted Shooting

How do they handle the environment?

A good mounted shooting horse needs to be okay with loud sounds.

You'll want to get a feel for this before you start a run.

Try a dry run.

Trot your horse through the pattern and shoot the gun, but without any bullets. It'll give you both an idea of what to expect.

Follow a trained horse.

Go slow at a trot and follow behind a seasoned horse as the rider shots and pops balloons.

Then, shoot with a seasoned horse nearby.

Now's your turn, but make sure to have a pro next to you for support.

Find Knowledgeable Help

Come out to a SJVR Mounted Shooting practice and get help



JUNIORS

2025 SCHEDULE

Contact Information:

Ashley Drinkwine
(209) 689-5158

Facebook: Juniors
Valley Rangers

- January 11—Junior Snow Trip
- February 15—Valentines Dance
- April 13—Easter Play Day
- September 7—Patriotic Play Day
- October 26—Halloween Play Day

As we look ahead to the new year, SJVR's Junior Program is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. Ashley has several playdays planned, creating fun and engaging activities for our juniors. She will be seeking volunteers to help at upcoming events such as setting barrel races. We're also thrilled to bring back a Junior Board of Directors, offering leadership and growth opportunities for our junior members. With many more exciting initiatives on the horizon, we can't wait to see what the year brings and are eager to continue building a strong, vibrant community for our juniors!

Ashley is eager to hear any ideas or feedback from both Juniors and their parents about the club's program. Your input is valuable as we work to make the Junior Program even better, ensuring it meets the needs and interests of all involved. Please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions as we strive to create a fun and engaging experience for everyone!

SJVR's Adopt-a-Family

SJVR's Adopt-a-Family program was a success again this year, thanks to the generosity and support of our incredible community. With your donations, we were able to bring holiday cheer to families in need, ensuring that they received the essentials and festive gifts that made this season brighter. The outpouring of kindness has been overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful for each and every contribution. Your selfless giving has made a lasting impact, and together, we've truly made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Thank you for your unwavering support and for helping us spread joy this holiday season!



TRAIL RIDES

2025 SCHEDULE

Contact Information:

Ben Gibbons
(209) 321-2115

January 18—Beach Ride
February 16—Trail Ride (Location TBD)
March 22—Hogan Poker Ride
April 5—Trail Ride (Location TBD)
May 23-25—Pack In
August 9—Night Trail Ride (Location TBD)
October 11—St Judes Poker Ride
November 8—Trail Ride (Location TBD)

Beach Ride at Fort Funston

January 18, 2025

10:00 AM – Meeting in Lathrop at Denise’s Farmers Market 905 S. Manthey Rd to caravan

11:30 AM – Arrive at Mar Vista Stables 2152 Skyline Blvd, Daly City, CA 94015.

Assuming parking is available, we will park where Skyline dead ends.

The ride will go down Fort Funston’s sand bluffs onto the beach.

Following the ride, a BBQ lunch will be provided.

Ride Length: Approximately 3-4 Hours Ride Level: Easy-Moderate

RSVP to Ben 209-321-2115 or Jodi 209-747-4952

SJVR Trail Riding Etiquette

SJVR encourages riders to attend as many club trail rides as possible. It is mentally, emotionally and physically beneficial for all horses and riders.

We want to ensure that we are following trail etiquette to keep everyone safe.

Group rides will have a trail boss/lead rider and a drag rider/end rider. Staying between these riders help to ensure the path ahead is safe and nobody is left behind. Additionally,

riders need to stay together as a group to ensure everyone makes it back together. Lastly, we want to ensure rides are courteous to one another, respect hiker, and leave no trace.

SJVR Trail Program

SJVR trail program allows participants to earn awards for trail riding but tracking hours spent ride. Participants in the Trail Ride Program can accumulate

hours for annual awards at different levels of recognition as long as they do not have a break in both the San Joaquin Valley Rangers membership and the Trail Ride Program.

Sign up forms and more information are available at SJVR.info under Trail Riders.



Jr. Queen
Madisyn VanDykhuizn
Teen Miss
Madison Radesic
Little Miss Queen
McKenna Baker
Little Miss Princess
Bailey VanDykhuizen
Court
MacKenzie Stewart
Serenity Reno

2025 SCHEDULE

January 26—Stockton Ag Venture

February 8— SJCHA Crab Feed

March 5—Lodi Ag Venture

2025-2026 SJCHA Royalty Contest

Application are being accepted February 1 to April 2.
Applications are available on SJCHA's Facebook Page
April 2 at 7pm at SJVR—Queen Contest Orientation
April 26 at 10am—Queen Contest Horsemanship
June 7 at 5pm—Queen Contest Dinner

Walton Bauer Award

Time to nominate people in our community for the annual Walton Bauer Award. This award was created to honor the memory of the Late Walton Bauer, is presented to a member of the San Joaquin County Horsemen's Association who is always Helpful, friendly, and a hard worker. It should be a person you feel you can always count on. This can be a person Who helps within your club and/or within the San Joaquin county horsemen's association. There are many members out there who deserve this award, So please submit their names. Forms are available at SJVR.info under Forms.

Submit your nomination by completing the form and returning it by giving it to a county horsemen's association representative, Mailing it to SJCHA, (P.O. Box 5403, Stockton, ca 95205), Or email it to sjcha1956@gmail.com



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Drill Team Facebook: Spurs N' Lace
Juniors Facebook: Junior Valley Rangers
Mounted Shooting Facebook: San Joaquin Valley Rangers Mounted Shooters

Club meeting minutes are available upon request.

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