

# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RANGERS NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into February, it's exciting to see our calendar filling up and our club staying so active. From trail rides and mounted shooting to parades, fundraisers, and work days, there's truly something for everyone this month. It's always great to see members coming together, whether it's in the arena, out on the trail, or volunteering behind the scenes. Events like the Ripon Almond Blossom Parade, Paint and Poker Night, and our upcoming practices and work day remind me how much this club thrives because of its people. Your time, effort, and willingness to pitch in are what make SJVR such a special place. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our club, programs, and fundraisers, and a big welcome to any new members joining us this year.

I hope to see you out at an event soon, and as always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have ideas, questions, or just want to get more involved.

## 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: FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:30PM**  
**FEBRUARY 2026** **MARCH 2026**

February 7 – Trail Ride  
February 15—Mounted Shooting Practice  
February 21—Ripon Parade  
February 22—Work Day  
February 28—Paint and Poker

March 14—Trail Ride  
March 15—Mounted Shooting Practice  
March 21—Easter Playday  
March 28—Crab Feed

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## *Happy Birthday*



**Donald Bowman  
Tabatha Camden Mercer  
Darla McCallister  
Dominic Petersen  
Camila Torres**

**Shannon Brown  
Cassie Camden  
Norman Nather  
Genola Scott  
Rebecca Wihl**

## 2026 Membership Dues Time

Membership dues are still only \$30 for adults and \$5 for juniors.

Members who are 65 years or older and have been members for 15 consecutive years become life members and no longer pay annual dues. Being a member saves you the \$5 non-member fee each time you ride in our events. As an adult, if you ride six times during the year, you will have paid for your adult membership. As a junior, riding in just one event will pay for their annual membership. Juniors must sign up with an adult member.

Our membership drive runs from January through April 1st. Membership forms are available online at [sjvr.info](http://sjvr.info), just click on the Forms tab at the top of the home page.

Membership dues can be paid by mail, in person at any meeting or event, or on Venmo. Membership is not complete until we receive your membership form, so if paying by Venmo, be sure to email your form or mail it to our P.O. Box.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Jeanne Homer  
SJVR Secretary

A photograph of two people riding horses on a beach. The person on the left is a woman in a dark jacket, and the person on the right is a man in a dark jacket and a blue cap. They are riding along the shoreline with waves in the background.

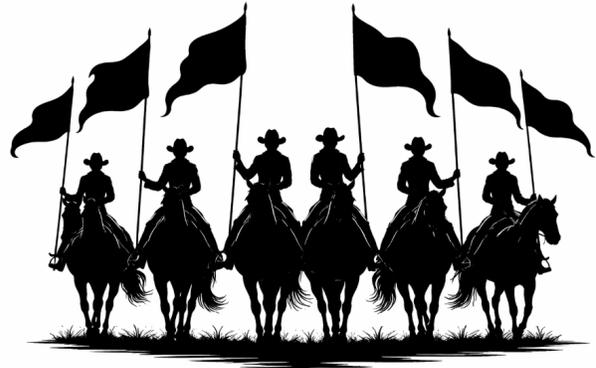
# DRILL TEAM

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Spurs N' Lace is ready to kick off the 2026 season with a great mix of returning riders and some new faces. This year, the team is excited to have a novice trotting team practicing Sundays from 12 to 2pm, along with a mixed lope team practicing Sundays from 2 to 4pm and Tuesdays from 6 to 8pm.

Practices have already started on foot, focusing on the basics, learning maneuvers, and getting a jump on the new drills.

The team is really looking forward to the year ahead and truly appreciates the dedication and commitment of our drill masters, Ben and Jodi. A big thank you as well to everyone who came out to support us at the Tri-Tip & Clam Chowder Dinner. We hope to see you all at our February Paint and Poker fundraiser.

## Spurs N' Lace Paint & Poker Night

February 28, 2026

Drinks at 5:00pm—Paint at 6:00pm

Poker \$25 buy in for 2 hours

Open Bar only \$25

Paint: \$40 / each

Additional Details post on Facebook Event



# TRAIL RIDE

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## 2026 EVENTS

February 7  
March 14  
July 18  
August 1  
October 4

Our Fort Funston Beach Ride on January 10 was one for the books. We caravanned out from Lathrop and made our way to the coast, where riders were treated to incredible ocean views and cool coastal air. The group rode down the sand bluffs and out onto the beach, making for a fun, challenging, and rewarding ride that kept both horses and riders engaged. The moderate 4 hour ride gave everyone plenty of time to enjoy the scenery, good company, and the unique experience of riding along the shoreline. Afterward, the group wrapped up the day with a well-earned BBQ lunch, sharing stories and laughs before heading home. It was a great day of riding, camaraderie, and memories we won't forget.

### **SJVR Trail Program**

Trail riding provides an opportunity for you and your horse to enjoy time outdoors beyond the arena. By enrolling in the trail riding program, participants may earn awards based on the number of riding hours completed. The annual membership fee is \$25 per person. To join, please complete the registration form available on the SJVR website under the Trail Program section and submit it to Mary to ensure your inclusion. Payment should be sent to the club, with a clear indication that the funds are designated for the Trail Program. Details regarding yearly awards and program requirements are also available on the website.

Participants are responsible for tracking their riding hours using the honor system. Hours will be updated monthly and included in the newsletter, with awards handed out at year's end.

Let's get out there and enjoy the ride!  
For more information contact Mary at 925-858-4435



# JUNIORS

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SJVR Juniors program has several events and fundraisers set up for 2026. Including the Easter Playday, serving at the Crab Feed, and much more. We also invite you to save the dates for our future fundraising events, including Music Bingo on April 25th and May 15th, and two thrilling 7D Barrel Races organized by our juniors on July 24th and October 30th. Further details will be shared soon.

## Easter Play Day

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Sign Up at 10am

Our Easter Playday will kick off with an exciting Easter egg hunt, followed by a meet and greet with a special guest. We'll then enjoy a mix of new and favorite playday events, wrapping up the day with a delicious potluck lunch. It's sure to be a fun-filled and memorable day for everyone!

Please bring a dozen filled eggs to join our Easter egg hunt and a potluck dish for our lunch.

## Juniors Fundraiser

SJVR Crab Feed - March 28, 2026

The SJVR Juniors will be serving at the SJVR Crab Feed, and all tips received will help fund junior events and play days. We ask servers to dress in black pants, white shirts, and to tie back any long hair. All juniors should arrive at 3pm for pizza before the event. With a sold-out dinner expected, we encourage families to purchase their tickets soon to ensure they don't miss out!

We also greatly appreciate any raffle prize donations.

Please RSVP to Ashley at 209-689-5158 if you are able to help serve.



# PARADE

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## 2026 EVENTS

April 12—Oakdale Parade

May 16—Linden Parade

December 5—Manteca Christmas Parade

December 13—Christmas Caroling

### **Ripon Almond Blossom Parade**

February 21, 2026

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



# SJCHA

**Jr. Queen**  
Hailey Petersen

**Teen Miss**  
Madison Radesic

**Jr. Princess**  
Madacyn Schoonover

**Teen Princess**  
Addison Siemietkowski

## **SJCHA 9th Annual Crab Feed**

February 14, 2026

Micke Grove Park

Tickets \$70/pp

Crab, Tri-Tip, Pasta, Veggies, Salad, Bread

For Tickets Contact:

Della 209-982-1699

## **2026-2027 SJCHA Royalty Contest**

Sr Queen: Ages 17-21

Jr Queen: Ages 14-16

Teen Miss: Ages 13-11

Little Miss: Ages 8-10

Applications are being accepted February 7 to March 16

Applications are available on SJCHA's Facebook Page

April 1 at 7pm at SJVR—Queen Contest Orientation

April 18 at 10am—Queen Contest Horsemanship

June 6 at 5pm—Queen Contest Dinner

For questions contact Darla McCallister 209-992-7927

## **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](mailto:sjcha1956@gmail.com)



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**Barrels Facebook:**  
SJVR 4D Barrel

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