



January-February 2012 Newsletter

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Fostering Amateur Team Penning And Team Sorting Sport Competition

A New Year and A New President

I would like to congratulate Stew Moore on becoming the VPA President for 2012. We also have some great new board members that have stepped up. Special thanks to Sherri Kayson, Brad Price and Larry and Linda Saarloos for joining the board.

Thank you for allowing me to be at the helm for the last two years. It has been quite a journey and I was fortunate to have so many great board members that each contributed to helping our club run. This is also my last article for the newsletter as that also gets passed on to the new President. I would like to thank Lee Anne Edie for helping me these past four years organize, publish and distribute the news-let-ter.

I would like to give special thanks to Ron Morales and Margaret Mang for their many, many, many years on the VPA board, including stints as President. Even though Ron and Margaret will no longer be on the Board, they have been and are still invaluable assets to our club.

Of course, it wouldn't be me if I weren't able to poke a little fun at the many folks that I gave nicknames to in my articles the last four years. I gave myself the most grief cause if

one cannot make fun of themselves it's hard to do to others. I appreciate your good sense of humor. I probably had a few favorites - you know who you are!

It's time to renew your membership. The renewal application is included in this newsletter or a copy can be downloaded from our website at www.syvpa.com. Print or copy it and mail to the VPA P.O. Box.

It's also time for us all to fine-tune our game! Please come and support the Penning Clinic scheduled February 26. All the information is located on Page 5 of this newsletter. Please note the new hotline phone number and reservation deadline.

Have a great 2012 and THANK YOU again for allowing me as President to make some good judgments and some not so good, though all of them were enjoyed.

Ride VPA, Ride!

Steve Golis
Past President



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All members are welcome to attend the VPA Board meeting held monthly the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM, Rabobank Conference Room, Solvang. If you plan to attend, confirm date & time with a board member.

Event Reservations

This year we have a new hotline phone number and registration deadline. Reservations are required by **5:00 PM** the Wednesday prior to each event.

You may call the hotline at (805) 245-1845

OR

Email: vpareservations@yahoo.com

Remember, you must make your reservations *no later than 5:00 PM* the Wednesday prior to the event! (Be sure to send email reservations early enough so they are received by the 5:00 PM Wednesday deadline. Any emails received late will not be counted! All emails received in time will get a reply confirmation.)

All events will be held at the Gerald Williams Memorial Arena at the Williams Ranch in Buellton, CA. Directions are available at www.syvpa.com under Event Info. Check-in time is 8:00 AM.

Dates are subject to change. In the event there is a date change, the website page will be updated. If it's a short notice change, VPA Members will be notified via Email (please make sure VPA has your current email address). If you do not have email and you want to be notified of changes, please contact the VPA Reservations person, Tracy Ward, and let her know so she can phone you.

Penning & Sorting Events: \$50 – per person, per team

Unless otherwise noted, you must be a current paid member to participate in all VPA Events.

Penning Season

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Penning Clinic		
February 26		10 AM - 2 PM
Penning Event #1		
March 11		9 AM - END
Penning Event #2		
April 15		9 AM - END
Penning Event #3		
May 20		9 AM - END
Penning Event #4		
June 17		9 AM - END

Sorting Season

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Annual Draw Sort Party		
July 15		9 AM - END
Sorting Event #2		
August 19		9 AM - END
Sorting Event #3		
September 23		9 AM - END
Sorting Event #4		
October 21		9 AM - END
Sorting Event #4		
November 11		9 AM - END



Congratulations

To the graduating class of 2011

Novice to Limited

Scott Latner | Ellen Levine | Keri Morales
Stacey Nance | Larry Saarloos | Gordon Statler

Limited to Open

Cindy Adam | Chris Burns
Vicki Janssen | Stew Moore | Marla Sprowl

Open to Limited

Lloyd Godlis *

***If you wish to petition the VPA Board to ride in a different division, you need to do so by contacting Sherri Kayson at 805-452-3110**

SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR HORSE OUT OF TROUBLE

by Dennis Moreland / excerpt from article in America's Horse January-February 2012

Everywhere you go, you see horses tied incorrectly. If the lead rope is too low or too long, the horse can get a foot over the rope. Remember "tie to the eye," so that your lead rope is tied to the fence at about the horse's eye level. And leave no more than 18 to 24 inches between the knot and the horse's halter.

Make sure you're tying to something solid that won't break if your horse happens to spook. The only exception to that is if you have a horse that may set back. In that case, just wrap his lead rope around the fence; don't tie him with a knot. It's better to have a loose horse than one that's thrashing and possibly hurting himself.

When you have to tie to the horse trailer, make sure you find a safe spot. Don't tie around trailer door latches, where a horse could get his halter hung. And don't tie around the wheel well where it's possible for a pawing horse to get a hoof stuck between the tires.

A few more notes: When a horse is tied up, do not duck underneath the horse's neck, because that could cause a wreck. Take the extra seconds to safely walk around behind your horse.

And, if your horse is tied to the arena—like you'll see at many ropings—do not leave your halter tied to the fence as you bridle your horse and ride away. Someone can ride by, catch his toe in the halter, and the storm is on. Untie the lead rope from the fence.

Renewal New Member

Paid \$ _____ Csh/Chk # _____

VALLEY PENNING ASSOCIATION P O BOX 396 SANTA YNEZ, CA 93460

MEMBERSHIP RELEASE, WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR _____

Each regular member and each junior member must have a waiver on file to participate or compete.

Check box if contact information is unchanged, fill in your name below.

Please print legibly to allow us to keep accurate / current records:

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Street / P O Box _____ Alternate Phone _____

City & Zip _____ Email _____

Current VPA Division Rating (Opn, Ltd or Nov) _____ Desired Rating _____

Indicate which: New \$100 _____; Renewal \$50 _____; Junior \$5 _____; Day Fee \$10 _____

Please read and initial each paragraph below:

I am aware and fully understand that horses and livestock are unpredictable and dangerous. I realize that placing myself or my family members in this environment, on the Property upon which this event will take place, either as a participant or a spectator, creates a hazardous situation and a risk of injury to person and property. (initials) _____

I understand that participation in team penning, team sorting and other equine activities are particularly dangerous and that serious injury or death of riders or horses is possible. I also understand that riders expect to be injured from time to time. (initials) _____

I realize that profession instruction cannot prevent serious injury or death to people or horses while working around, handling or riding horses or ponies. (initials) _____

In consideration of allowing me to participate, ride, handle horses, receive instruction, engage in equestrian activities and/or be a spectator at this event, I agree to release Valley Penning Association, the owners and leasees of the Property and the operators of this event, their employees, agents and assigns, from any liability or responsibility to me or my property, for accident, damage, injury or illness to person or property. (initials) _____

I assume all liability no matter how catastrophic, or the cause, for the unavoidable risks inherent in all equestrian (and livestock) related activities, which risk shall include but not be limited to bodily injury, physical harm or death to person or property. (initials) _____

I also agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Valley Penning Association, the owners and leasees of the Property and the operators of this event, their employees, agents and assignees, against all claims, demands and causes of action (which includes court costs and attorney's fees) prosecuted for my benefit. I agree that this release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever whether known or unknown and expressly waive any benefits of California Civil Code Section 1542 which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which, if known by him, must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor." (initials) _____

Valley Penning Association, the owners and leasees of the Property and the operators of this event, their employees, agents and assignees have my permission to initiate emergency first aid treatment for myself and my children in the event such treatment is considered reasonable, such determination may be made of their sole discretion. (initials) _____

I specifically and knowingly agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever whether known or unknown Nancy L Williams and Jerry Williams Jr dba Williams Livestock and Nancy L Williams, an individual, John and Jacqui Williams, individuals, Rodney and Holly Williams, individuals, Jerry and Sandra Williams Jr, individuals and Parks Ranch, LLC. I expressly waive any benefits of CCC Section 1542. (initials) _____

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN ME AN VALLEY PENNING ASSOCIATION AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND/OR LEASEES AND THE OPERATORS OF THESE EVENTS, THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND ASSIGNEES AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Date: _____

Member's Signature: _____ Junior DOB _____

Junior Members (10-16 on Jan 1st of current year) or Regular Member at 17. Please have parent or guardian complete below.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

TEAM PENNING CLINIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

with

Brad Price, Chris Pankau & Wild Willy Chamberlin

hosted by the

VALLEY PENNING ASSOCIATION

to be held at the

GERALD WILLIAMS MEMORIAL ARENA

~~ SADDLE UP FOR FUN ! ~~



All skill levels welcome.

Open to VPA members & non-members.

This is a terrific opportunity to get you, your horse & your team tuned up for the upcoming Penning season.

Learn the subtleties of moving & reading cattle.

One on one instruction from some of the areas best clinicians.

All the practice you and your horse can handle with multiple goes!

Dust off yourself & your team mates; fine tune your penning positions.

***** \$65 per person *****

{includes lunch: burgers/chicken burgers & extras}

10:00am

{check in time 9:15am}

Reservation Hotline : (805)245-1845

or email vpareservations@yahoo.com

Reservations close at 5pm Wed. Feb 22nd

Need to form a team~ contact a board member: or use the message board @ SYVPA.com



LOCAL HORSE FEEDING

- VACATIONS
- HOME LATE
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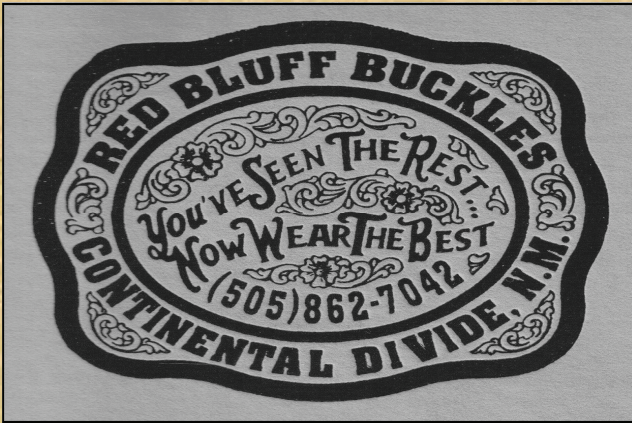
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2012 Renewal Membership application

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