

PALOS VERDES MULE & DONKEY DAYS 2010

The Empty Saddle Club is a private club formed in 1935 that is located in Rolling Hills Estates which is about 20 minutes south of LAX. The club sits on 14 acres and has three excellent arenas—roping, cutting and show. There is a round pen and two hot walkers. The club also has a commercial kitchen, club house, and a full bar with a liquor license.

Rolling Hills Estates is one of three cities that make up the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The area has over 75 miles of trails, and you can ride from the Empty Saddle Club to the Pacific Ocean. Although horses are not permitted on the beach, the views are magnificent.

The mule and donkey population is small on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. There are 4 mules and 1 BLM donkey on the Empty Saddle Club grounds—probably less than 8 mules on the entire peninsula. This event will provide a unique opportunity to show the equestrian community in Palos Verdes the capabilities and versatilities mules and donkeys.

Friday, September 24, 2010:

Palos Verdes Mule & Donkey Days will officially start with an afternoon trail ride. If time permits, we will ride to see the sun setting over the Pacific Ocean. Upon return, the club will be hosting its usual end of the month TGIF. This is a pot luck so bring something to contribute. The bar will be open and we will try and have a band. Starting around 7:00 pm, people will gather in the club house and have dinner and drinks. After dinner, we can gather around the fire pit.

Also, there will be an Open Barrel Racing Practice and Jackpot open to all levels. 4D payout cash only, no checks. Start time 7:00 pm. Entry fee \$30.00. Added money \$100.00.

Saturday, September 25, 2010:

Saturday we will run all of the cattle events except cutting which will be held Sunday morning. We plan on having an open Team Roping and an open Team Penning both with jack pots. Each open event will have mules and horses in the teams; mule teams may be permitted. The format of the open events will be decided the morning of the show depending on the number of participants. All of the events will be concluded by 4:00 pm so that the competitors can attend the Steve Harris Memorial Charity Event.

Steve Harris was an empty saddle club member who died in a tragic horse accident at the club. Unknown to most club members, Steve spent much of his life donating to a children's cancer clinic at Harbor UCLA Medical Center. When Steve died, his brother Jeff created the Steve Harris Memorial Charity to continue to raise money to support the hospital. Each year, the charity hosts an event at Empty Saddle Club to raise money. This year, there will be a catered dinner, live auction, and a live country western band. This is a first class event that everyone will enjoy. Most people will be dressed in casual western attire. A dinner ticket will be included for

each contestant that enters more than 4 classes.¹ Additional dinner tickets can be purchased by contacting Vic Otten at 424-634-0397.

Sunday, September 26, 2010:

Sunday's events will include Cutting, Halter, English, Jumping, Western, Trail and Gymkhana. It will be a long day but we will run the event as fast as possible so people who have to travel can leave at a decent hour. Judy Wright will be judging.

Cattle Events—Please Read:

Empty Saddle Club maintains an average of 80 head of cattle. The club has designated herds: a roping herd, cutting herd, and penning herd. Two of the AMA events included are Steer Stopping and Ranch Steer Stopping. The Empty Saddle Club's cattle director is concerned with using the roping herd for the Steer Stopping and Ranch Steer Stopping events—his fear is that it will ruin the team roping steers. True or not, we need to respect his wishes.

Because of this, we may use the cutting or sorting cows for the Steer Stopping and Ranch Steer Stopping. This will depend on the decision of the cattle director at the time of the event. **THESE MAY NOT BE STEERS OR HAVE HORNS!** I have spoken with the AMA cattle director and have been informed that this is within the AMA rules and has been done before. We will do everything we can to use the roping herd but ultimately, it will be the decision of the ESC cattle director.

Stalls:

There are very limited stalls for rent at the club. Please contact Vic Otten prior to the event for pricing and availability.

Camping spaces:

As most of the available parking space on the club grounds will be needed for the Steve Harris Memorial Charity Event, it is essential that you let us know in advance if you will need a camping space prior to the event. There will be room for everyone but we need to plan accordingly.

Alcohol:

As Empty Saddle Club has a liquor license, it has to follow ABC rules. The main rule that we have to enforce is not allowing people to bring their own alcohol into or around the clubhouse bar. Alcohol around your trailer is fine.

¹ Only 1 ticket per contestant. For example, if Vic Otten entered two mules in the show, he would only be entitled to 1 ticket.

Directions:

Coming from Northern and Central California: 405 south to Crenshaw Blvd (exit 39). Head towards Torrance. Turn right and travel for approximately 5.7 miles. Turn left onto Rolling Hills Road and travel for about .4 miles. The 3rd left is Empty Saddle Road.

Coming from Southern California: Take the 405 north and exit onto the 110 freeway south. Exit on to Pacific Coast Highway. Turn right onto PCH. Travel for approximately 7 miles. Turn left onto Crenshaw. Turn left onto Rolling Hills Road and travel for about .4 miles. The 3rd left is Empty Saddle Road.

Comments, questions or concerns, contact Vic Otten at yjotten@cox.net or 424-634-0397.

RELEASE, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned, in consideration for use of the premises of the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., and/or participation in Palos Verdes Mule & Donkey Days 2010 does hereby consent to, acknowledge, release and agree to indemnify the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, members and guests from any liability arising from use of the premises of Empty Saddle Club, Inc. and/or participation in Palos Verdes Mule & Donkey Days 2010 and represents and understands that:

(Initial)

_____ I recognize that equines, equine activities, cattle and any combination thereof, are inherently dangerous and are likely to cause grievous personal injury or death.

_____ I voluntarily and with full knowledge of the above risks of injury, death or damage, wish to voluntarily assume them and the danger they impose on me.

_____ I release the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, members or persons on its grounds from any alleged liability occasioned from injury, death or damage to me from negligent action or inaction while I participate or spectate at any horse activity, event or competition.

_____ I agree to indemnify and defend the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, members or persons thereon from any and all liability including judgments or settlements, expense or costs, including attorneys fees, as a result of negligent action or inaction alleged to have been committed by or to me while on its premises.

_____ I fully understand and acknowledge, agree and consent that the provisions of this agreement will apply to my heirs, assignees, or any person seeking legal redress on my behalf. Further, that this document will remain in full force and effect until I submit an executed written revocation of it to the Board of Directors of the Empty Saddle Club, Inc.

_____ I have fully read and understood each of the above paragraphs initialed by me and voluntarily agree to abide by and acknowledge same. I further understand that nothing stated to me orally shall be used to contradict, vary or alter the agreements, acknowledgements and consents expressed herein by me.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address:

Phone: _____(H) _____(W) e-mail:

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Date: _____

For minors:

Name of minor: _____

Name of parent: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Address:

Phone: _____(H) _____(W) e-mail:

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Date: _____

2010 Class List & Schedule

Judges:

Performance, Working, Trail & Halter Judge: Judy Wright

Show Representative: Anna Arnold

Friday, September 24, 2010 4:00 pm:

Trail ride and TGIF party (Pot Luck).

Barrel racing practice and Jack Pot. 4D payout cash only, no checks. Start time 7:00 pm. Entry fee \$30.00. Added money \$100.00.

Saturday, September 25, 2010 8:00 am (Roping Arena):

1. Steer Stopping
2. Ranch Steer Stopping
3. Team Roping
4. Team Roping (open, 1 mule/1 horse or mule teams; 50% of entry fee will be paid back in open cattle jack-pot classes)*
5. Cattle Sorting
6. Cattle Penning-- 3 Man
7. Cattle Penning – 3 Man (open, draw pot open; 50% of entry fee will be paid back in open cattle jack-pot classes)

Saturday 5:00-11:00 pm

Steve Harris Memorial Charity Dinner, Auction & Dance.

Sunday 8:00am (Cutting Arena):

Halter Classes

8. Two Years Old & Under
9. Mature Mules (3yrs+) Under 14.2
10. Mature Mules (3yrs+) 14.2 and Over
11. Jennets
12. Geldings
13. Jacks

Break

14. Bridled Cutting
15. Green Cutting

(Show Arena)

16. Bridled Western Riding
17. Green Western Riding
18. Bridled Western Pleasure
19. Green Western Pleasure
20. Donkey Pleasure (E/W)
21. Amateur Western Pleasure
22. Bridled Western Trail

23. Amateur Western Trail
24. Green Western Trail
25. Donkey Trail (E/W)
26. Novice Trail

*****Break*****

27. Bridled Warm-Up Hunter 2'-2'6" Max
28. Green Warm-Up Hunter 18''-2'
29. Bridled Working Hunter 2'6''-3'
30. Green Working Hunter 2'6" Max
31. Bridled Jumper 3'
32. Green Jumpers 2'6" Max
33. Bridled Hunter Hack 2'6" max
34. Green Hunter Hack 2' Max
35. Amateur Hunter Hack
36. Bridled English Pleasure
37. Green English Pleasure
38. Youth 6-17 English Pleasure
39. Amateur English Pleasure
40. Coon Jumping

*****Break*****

41. Keyhole
42. Youth 6-17 Keyhole
43. Donkey Keyhole
44. Keyhole (open)
45. Pole Bending
46. Youth 6-17 Pole Bending
47. Donkey Pole Bending
48. Pole Bending (open)
49. Single Pole
50. Youth 6-17 Single Pole
51. Donkey Single Pole
52. Single Pole (open)
53. Cloverleaf Barrels
54. Youth 6-17 Cloverleaf Barrels
55. Donkey Cloverleaf Barrels
56. Cloverleaf Barrels (open)
57. Speed Barrels
58. Youth 6-17 Speed Barrels
59. Donkey Speed Barrels
60. Speed Barrels (open)

***All "open" events subject to change. Decisions on how to run these will be decided on the day of the show depending on the number of participants.**