

VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

President's Message

Dear Members,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the 2024 Board members for their service and time and welcome the incoming 2025 Board members! I also want to thank all the members for your continued dedication to our Vista Palomar Riders equestrian club. Our club thrives because of the passion, camaraderie, and commitment of our members, and I'm excited for all that lies ahead in the coming year.

Looking Back – A Year of Success

Last year was filled with incredible events, from our well-attended trail rides to our sorting clinics, that helped sharpen both horse and rider skills. A special thank you to our fund-raising volunteers and event organizers who made Wagon Wheel and Kids 4 Country a huge success. Not only did we raise significant amounts of money for the club, but we were also able to donate a large amount to the Boys & Girls Club of Vista. We want to thank Julie Brown and Stephen Dunham's volunteer teams for their hard work and enthusiasm to keep our club strong.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

We have a fantastic lineup of activities planned for this year, and I encourage you to participate and make the most of these opportunities:

- **Extreme Cowboy Race & Beginners Clinic – March, 28-30:** Register for this event at www.extremecowboyassociation.com.
- **Cattle Sorting Clinic & Competition – April 25-27:** Clinic and competitions are for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders.
- **Kids 4 Country Fundraiser Gala – September 13:** Support the club while enjoying a night of fun, auctions, and live entertainment benefitting VPR and Boys & Girls Club of Vista.
- **Annual Wagon Wheel Weekend - October 3-5:** Gail Cantrell and her committee are putting together a fun filled weekend with lots of events.
- **Monthly Potlucks - Every third Wednesday of the month:** Check the dates and times on the VPR website calendar for themes and food selections.
- **Monthly Trail Ride - Every first Saturday of the month:** Check the dates and times on the VPR website calendar.

Stay tuned for more details and be sure to check our website and social media for event updates and sign-ups.

Club Improvements & Volunteer Opportunities

We are also making some exciting improvements to our facilities, including new arena footing and purchasing spectator bleachers for the sorting arenas. These enhancements are possible thanks to our dedicated members and generous donors. Also, a quick shout out to Lorinda Quatralo for donating the hitching post and picnic table up on the hill in the back five for all members to enjoy! If you'd like to contribute or volunteer, please reach out—we'd love your help!

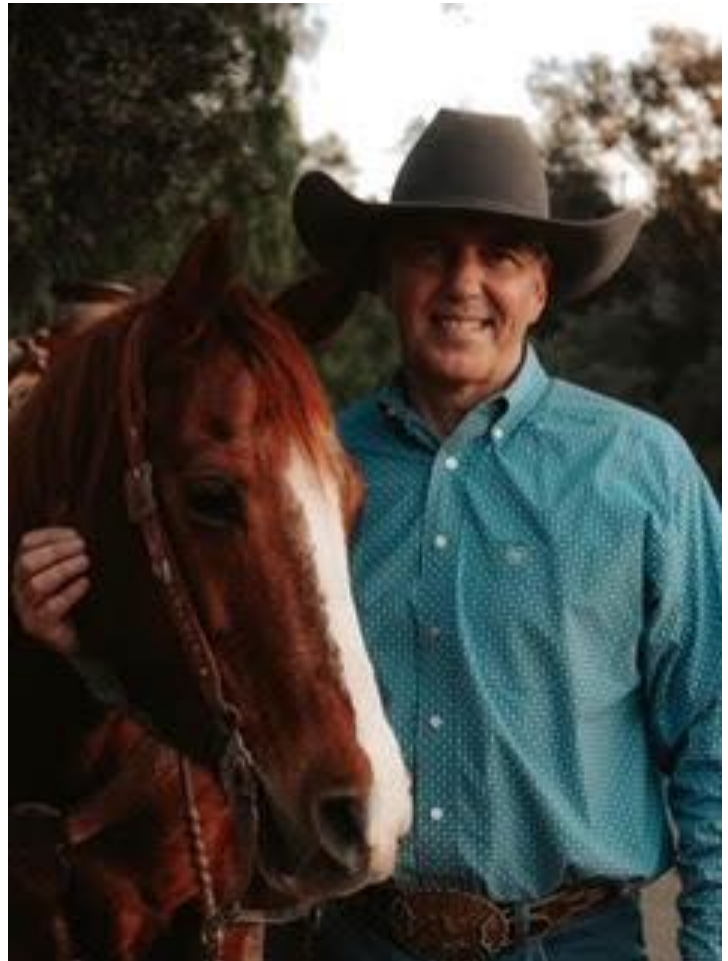
Thank You for Being Part of Our Community

We have grown our membership roster to over 300 members for 2 consecutive years and whether you're a lifelong VPR member or new to the club, your involvement is what makes our organization special.

Lastly, with the groundbreaking of the Bonsall community park development last month we want to reach out to our representatives via letters or email to build and include a staging area on DPR owned land at the West Lilac location approximately 1000 feet from the Bonsall community park. See the attached letter and map from Donna Hein with the names and email addresses to contact. Thank you Donna!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and out on the trails!

Happy trails,
Mario Denys
President, Vista Palomar Riders



Please share this information with the Board & Membership.

These are the Staging Areas that we discussed at DPR's presentation on Feb. 19th (at VPR).

Craig recommended the West Lilac location for an Equestrian Staging area. It is only 1000 feet from Bonsall Community park, **on land owned by DPR**. Those present at the meeting had a chance to ask questions, and it was the general consensus that West Lilac would be a good location for a Staging area for us.

We will need letters (emails) of support. You suggested that VPR membership vote on this, so I am supplying the information on both sites to you & the Board. **One letter can go to Jim Desmond and to DPR as both have asked for the Equestrian support of this plan. Email addresses are listed below. One letter of support from VPR would be great, please list the current membership on the letter, individual letters are also welcome.** In Closing we have Jim Desmond's support. He made that clear at the Groundbreaking Ceremony in his speech to the public & to DPR. Let's make this happen now. Questions call or email me. Thank you! Donna Hein 760-533-4184 donnahein@att.net

Via Montellano site: This site is not owned by DPR, it is owned by California Department of Transportation. Ownership would need to be transferred to DPR. **CalTrans hydroseeded this area with coastal sage this will create problems for DPR when or if they take ownership of this site.** It is Mitigation land. The site has loud traffic noise & is close to RT76. There may be a problem with run-off from the hill in the rainy season. **Hopefully sometime in the future this will become a 2nd staging area for us. At this point it is problematic. We need a site now, and the West Lilac site has the best chance of becoming an Equestrian Staging Area in our lifetime.**

West Lilac site: It is only 1000 feet from Bonsall Community Park, on land owned by DPR. (see photo blue pin in the location)

Location: West Lilac Staging Area (33°17'42.0"N 117°12'55.9"W). This site is on the same side of West Lilac Road as the Bonsall Community Park & ½ Mile from Ocean Breeze Ranch. (see photo below)

We think this is a great location close to the Bonsall Community Park. It has trail access without the need to cross the river. Currently there is a 5-mile loop on sandy trails. Several new miles of trail will be added in the near future. It is centrally located within the San Luis Rey River Park. It has a flat area above the surrounding grade with Shade trees.

One Email Address to:

Jim Desmond
Supervisor, Fifth District
jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov

CC to the following:

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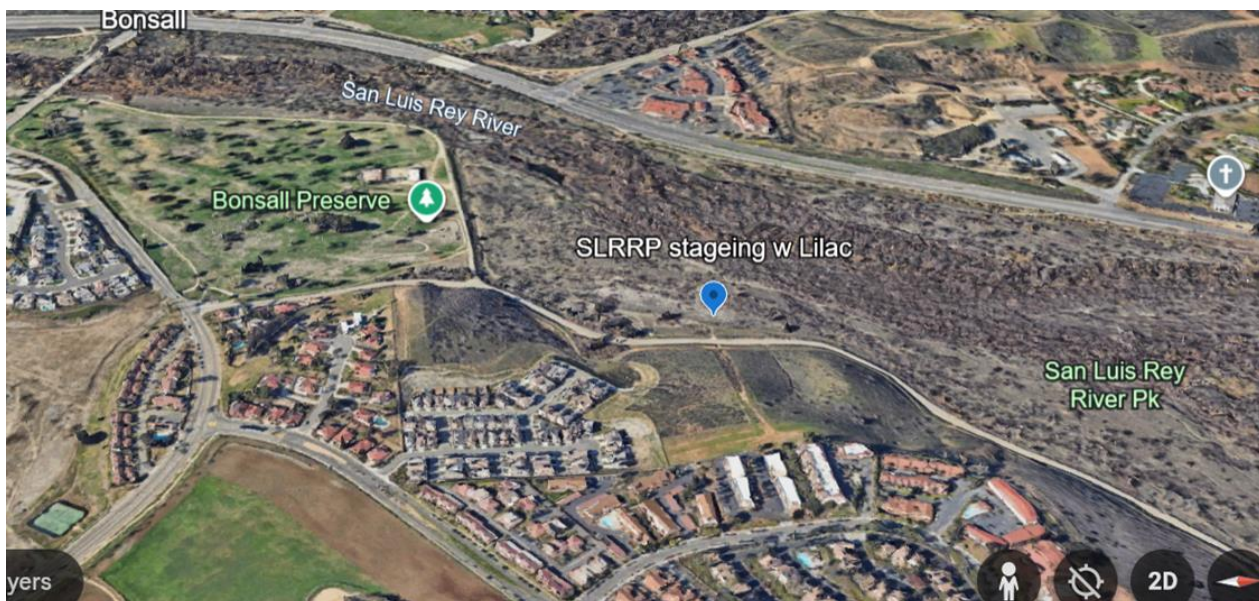
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EXCITING EXTREME COWBOY CHALLENGE COMING TO VPR!

March 29-30, 2025

Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Racing Association (EXCA) is an obstacle challenge where the horse and rider are judged as they maneuver over each obstacle. The course is timed, and an algorithm adds bonus points to the overall score. The goal is to complete the course quickly with good horsemanship. In March, the Pacific Coast Cowboy Challenge will be held at VPR and is sanctioned by EXCA. The courses will be in the main arena and spectator friendly. If you enjoy trail riding, obstacle courses, or want to test your skills, EXCA is great fun!

There are divisions for every skill level – from beginner rider (Novice) to the highest advanced amateur (Non-Pro). Based on age as of January 1, there are two divisions for youth: Young Guns, ages 7-11, and Youth, ages 12-17. Pro is a division exclusively for professionals. Amateurs can compete against professionals in Open. The only division based on the horse, not the rider's skill level, is Green Horse, which is for horses of any age. This is a developmental opportunity as once a horse is ridden in any other division they cannot return to Green Horse.

Unique to this event will be a "Give it a Try" class for any rider age 7 or older that has never competed in Extreme Cowboy Racing. EXCA membership is required to compete, but not for this introductory opportunity. The judges are offering a riding clinic on Friday March 28 during which time riders learn how the obstacles will be judged.

All proceeds associated with the race will go towards the venue rental and competitor payout. Volunteering is a great way to learn more about EXCA, while enjoying watching the competition. Opportunities include scribing for the judge, resetting the course, gate personnel, timers, runners, etc. Of course, we welcome sponsorship too!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact VPR member, Tina Louise Icorn – Tina@YouCleverFox.com. You can also visit the Facebook page, EXCA South Pacific Region.

For more information on EXCA the rulebook can be found on their website, <https://extremecowboyassociation.com>



Maverick Hill Extreme Cowboys presents
PACIFIC COAST COWBOY CLASSIC

a triple point sanctioned EXCA obstacle challenge

March 29-30, 2025

Daily payout
enter one or both days

Clinic with the judges
March 28 - \$50

Judges

Karen Dallimore
Michael Raynor

In addition to the EXCA divisions, there will be a “Give it a Try” class for those who have never done an Extreme Cowboy Race

Location: Vista Palomar Riders
973 Little Gopher Canyon Road
Vista, California
Dry Camping & Stalls available

Registration, reservations
& questions

Tina Louise Icorn
562-310-0227

Tina@YouCleverFox.com

EXCA membership required

www.ExtremeCowboyAssociation.com

Maverick Hill Extreme Cowboys Entry Form

PACIFIC COAST COWBOY CLASSIC

March 29-30, 2025 Triple Point sanctioned EXCA obstacle challenge

Location Vista Palomar Riders 973 Little Gopher Canyon Road Vista, California, 92084

Rider's Name:	EXCA #:
Rider's Age:	Expiration Date:
Address:	
City / State / Zip:	
Telephone: ()	E-mail:
Horse #1 Name:	Breed:
Horse #2 Name:	Breed:
Horse #3 Name:	Breed:

ENTRY FEES

Division	Horse 1	Horse 2	Horse 3	Saturday	Sunday	Or Both Days	TOTAL
<i>If riding more than 1 horse, put the horse's name in the corresponding box.</i>							
GIVE IT A TRY <small>First time competitors only</small>				\$35.00	\$35.00	\$70.00	
Young Guns age 7-11yr				\$40.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	
Youth age 12-17yr				\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	
Green Horse				\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	
Novice				\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	
Intermediate				\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	
Ride Smart age 55+				\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	
Non-Pro				\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	
Pro				\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	
Open				\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	
CA DRUG FEE					Per horse	\$14.00	
CLINIC 3/28						\$50.00	
EXCA Membership	30 day	17 & under	Individual	Family			
	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$65.00	\$105.00			
ACCOMMODATIONS				HOW MANY	# OF NIGHTS	Cost PER NIGHT	
STALLS	(Clean	before	departure)			\$20.00	
DRY CAMPING						\$0.00	
PAYPAL: @TinaLouiseIcorn Please use Friends and Family Option Zelle: 562-310-0227 *CASH AT EVENT*						GRAND TOTAL	

For More Information contact Tina Louise Icorn 562-310-0227 Tina@YouCleverFox.com

MUST BE A CURRENT EXCA MEMBER TO COMPETE EXCEPT FOR GIVE IT A TRY

Challenge photos



Hello Members,

We look forward to seeing you at this week's potluck! Come join us for some Irish fun! Please see the attached invitation.

You can sign up here on what you plan to bring.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14x0_ycgha8f793OI9b66O4j5C8a0gzcsWx4y-SJCi5c/edit?usp=drive_link

See you soon!

Happy Trails,
VPR Board



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RECYCLING!

In 2024, the County has mandated that all businesses need to recycle into proper containers, or they can be fined. This is tricky for us since we don't have anyone at the club facility to be putting out the garbage!

Well - it appears that our members need a little help in this area anyway. We are designated "self-haulers" for our recyclables, so it isn't like your home recycling bin. We can only put in glass, aluminum, and plastic that we can bring to the recycling center.

The dumpster by the barn is only for green waste, and the one at the clubhouse is only for regular trash.

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Gail Cantrell



WANT TO GO CAMPING WITH YOUR HORSE?

You can camp almost anytime. There are just a few weekends when there might be a grounds rental. Just let me know if it's a day when you wish to stay over.

Gail Cantrell 760 519-0628



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