

# 49er's Saddle Club May 2023 Newsletter

May 16, 2023

Next meeting will be Monday June 12th, 6pm

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## MAY

The season has officially begun with our 1<sup>st</sup> Playnight of the year in the books. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to next Mondays Playnight. Michelle Stedham will post the 3 events and the rules on the 49er's Facebook Page and Playnight Event page so you have a week to practice before you play. Only \$3 for the entire evening and buckles and awesome awards will be given at the end of the series. Points will begin June 12<sup>th</sup> so join us for a summer of fun!

The facilities are in fantastic shape thanks to Atlas Sand and Rock delivering sand to our warm up arena, the roping boxes, and arena and thanks to our new Black Widow Arena Groomer. Our arena has never looked better so come out and enjoy the grounds and get your horses in tip top shape.

The new swingset is complete and the playground is open so you can enjoy your horses while the kids are in a safe fenced area with plenty to entertain them. We would like a volunteer playground attendant for our events. If interested (even if just for a few) We want the playground to be a fun and safe space for our kids, please contact Rena Cook 208-310-4148.

If anyone has any youth helmets they would be willing to donate to the 49er's we would greatly appreciate it. We would like to have several available to loan to kids who would like to participate in our events and don't have one. We will have an otter pop or prize for kids who wear a helmet for all 3 playnight events!

The Royalty girls and some of our rodeo girls will be carrying the flags for our rodeos this summer so if you are interested in being a flag bearer, Yolanda be scheduling a practice soon. Contact Rena Cook 208-310-4148 if interested in participating.

Buckin' Good Coffee Truck will be serving food and ice-cold drinks at all our CIRA and team roping events this summer so come and support this awesome business.

David Erickson is offering hour long roping lessons at the 49er's on Tuesdays at 6pm for a max of 6 people. The cost is \$40. If interested, contact Mark Cook at 907-385-2841 or Scotti or David Erickson.

Our cookshack will be open for most of our scheduled events. This year we will not be able to accept credit or debit cards but you can run a tab and settle up at the end of the event.

A friendly reminder to put away the practice poles and barrels when you are finished, always use the reverse barrel pattern for practice to preserve the ground, and if you are the last one there, close the gate when you leave.

Absolutely no horses are allowed beyond the gold fence surrounding the bleachers, cookshack, or playground area. We have several small kids running through there and that is their safe space.

Please remember to pick up all your garbage and throw away and remind your kids that use the playground area to clean up after themselves and put all the toys away when done using them. We do not have a grounds keeper or clean up crew and the volunteers already have a big workload.

Our royalty has been changing some things up so stay tuned for an announcement from our royalty director Yolanda Blackwell. They are planning a fall Omoksee and a Glow-In-The-Dark Barrel race and glowing horse and rider competition July 14<sup>th</sup>. More details coming soon.

Due to his busy schedule Hall of Fame Pole Bender Ken Smith has decided to reschedule the Jr. Rodeo Kids pole bending Clinic in August or September. We are so excited to offer this amazing opportunity to our kids as we see the impact he has had on the sport of pole bending. We will keep you posted.

If you see something you don't like or think you could improve, we would love to hear your ideas and will gladly accept volunteers. There is always work to be done and we'd love to have you.

Finally, get your memberships in! This year we expect an even larger number of kids to attend our Jr. Rodeo so I will need to know **in advance** if your kid will be participating so they can be added to the draw. There are membership forms on the 49er's gate, in the office at our events, and rodeo entry forms are available for download on our website [49erssaddleclub.org](http://49erssaddleclub.org).

The awards have begun to arrive and the buckles are in production now. We will be awarding 28 buckles for our rodeo series alone. Over 80 awards! Check out a few below:)

Let's have an amazing year and remember to support all our sponsors. They make all our events possible, and we couldn't do this without their continued support!

### A sneak peek at some of the rodeo awards!



## 49er's Schedule of Events

### Summer Playnights

Will be every Monday beginning May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. There is no separate award fee and just \$3 per member / \$5 for non-members We are looking for buckle sponsors for each age division. Beautiful buckles and awards to 3<sup>rd</sup> place for every age division.

Please contact Michelle Stedham 425-422-0186 *Points for buckles and awards begin June 12th. August will be for make-up dates due to cancellations. Printable sponsor form available.*

### Thursday Night Barrel and Pole Series

June 8<sup>th</sup>      June 22<sup>nd</sup>      July 6<sup>th</sup>      July 20<sup>th</sup>      August 3<sup>rd</sup>      August 17<sup>th</sup>

Money added and awesome buckle and award series. Beautiful buckles and awards for each Division in the Open. Buckles for Youth, Senior, Novice, and Peewees in both Barrels and Poles. **The Big 3 Barrel Race will be August 25<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Lisa Hawkins for more info 509-780-1828

### Junior Rodeo Summer Series

Scheduled Wednesdays 6pm. This year we are adding an additional age group. 8 and under, 9-11, 13-15, and 16-18. The Rodeo will consist of Dummy Roping/Breakaway, Goat Tail undecorating/Goat Tying, Pole Bending, and Barrel Racing. Trynity Prichard will be kicking off each of our rodeos singing the National Anthem. *Rodeo dates subject to change Contact Mark Cook 907-385-2841 or Rena Cook 208-310-4148*

June 14<sup>th</sup>      June 28<sup>st</sup>      July 5<sup>th</sup>      July 26<sup>th</sup>      August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dummy Roping - Chelby Smith      Breakaway - David Erickson      Goat Tying - Jackie Smith  
Barrel Racing - Lisa Hawkins      Pole Bending - Stephanie Patterson      Office - Rena Cook  
Announcing - Amberlea Doyle      Cookshack - Yolanda Blackwell      Misc - Karen Parvin

Our event directors will be looking for several volunteers for this season rodeo. We will need parent volunteer timers, flaggers, barrel and pole setters, gate keepers, and office help etc.

### A couple new events added to our calendar

**Friday Night Lights Jackpot team roping** hosted by Tyler Smith June 23<sup>rd</sup> the day before CIRA Rodeo at 5:30pm. Contact Tyler Smith 541-561-0069

**Our royalty director Yolanda Blackwell** is planning some of our super popular **Glow in the Dark barrel races July 14<sup>th</sup>**, and a **Fall Omoksee Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Our royalty girls and a few of our rodeo contestants will be packing some beautiful sponsor flags during our 5 rodeos this year as well as the American flag and our 49er's flag. They will also be running the cookshack during our 5 jr. rodeos this year so come and support them.

You may see our awesome royalty girls practicing carrying their flags and their arena run in our beautiful arena. We are excited for all the awesome events we have planned this year!

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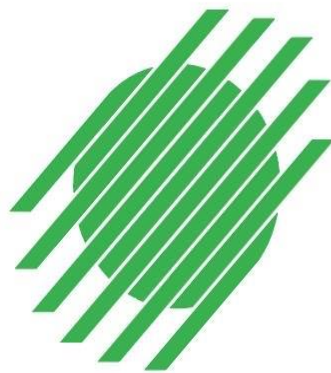
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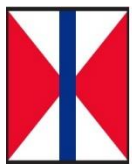
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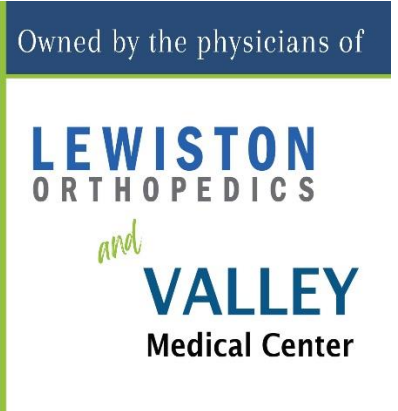


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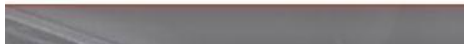
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