

# SHORELINE RIDERS, INC.

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## Dates to Remember

(Depending on shelter orders)

**There are no current events planned at this time due to County Covid-19 Restrictions on gathering, groups and non-essential business or travel.**

COVID Restrictions: Despite numerous complaints to the Board and multiple requests to “open” the arena we must follow County Health Orders and Guidelines. The arena is OPEN for MEMBERS ONLY, provided you follow County Guidelines and Guidelines posted on the property. The Board of Directors met Via ZOOM on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss possibly opening up to more members at a time and allowing more leniency for individual lessons and/or group lessons. Unfortunately the same day a new order came out rolling back some restrictions. The Board has issued a new compliance guideline as follows (this varies slightly from posted signage):

Update 6/26/2020

### MEMBERS ONLY ON THE GROUNDS

1. No more than 12 **individual** riders in the arena, must maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing at all times. (The county recommended 10 feet for our purposes and though they restricted social bubbles to no more than 6 they said for our purpose 12 is acceptable on an individual socially distanced basis.) No gatherings, no group activities, no travel for recreation over 50 miles. Only exception is “family unit, same household”.

2. Use of any equipment, tables, clubhouse, restrooms, etc. **is prohibited**. (Yes you may bring and use your own equipment and take it home but do not share with others who are not members of your own household).

3. No one-day memberships and no guests allowed per COVID restrictions.

4. You must spray all areas you have contacted with disinfectant i.e. locks, gates, wheel barrow, manure forks, etc.

5. Masks are required any time social distancing cannot be maintained.

6. Individual lessons only will be allowed, Members only! NO GROUP LESSONS AT THIS TIME. The only exception to this is members of the same household i.e. siblings, couples, parent/guardian and child. Group lessons are not allowed as the County is discouraging any “gatherings” of any kind and there are many interpretations of a “Social Bubble”.

7. Do not ask other members to exit or deny entry to the arena for the purpose of exclusive use such as Lessons, filming, etc. (See more on lessons below.)

**ANY ONE IN VIOLATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION WHICH COULD INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION.**

Be courteous and use your horsemanship skills when dealing with other members and sharing our space. Don't be an arena hog, spend your hour or two and get moving so others can enjoy as well. There are rarely more than 5 or 6 people on the property or in the arena at once so a restriction of 12 riders is not that big a deal! Please quit complaining about the restrictions, the Board of Directors is not willing to risk a \$10,000 fine or loss of our insurance by ignoring a county ordinance.

LESSONS: Anyone who deems themselves a professional horseman/woman, is taking on clients (members only allowed) for pay and would like to use the facility for such purposes must:

A. Have a certificate of insurance naming Shoreline Riders, Inc, as additionally insured and a copy of such sent to SRI. If you need details please contact Stacey Bradley for more information.

B. Allow other members to use the facility at the same time. If exclusivity is required you may petition the Board with the details and a rental fee will be required. You must also allow ample time to notify the membership of such activity so as not to have members turned away unaware.

**FUND RAISER:** At this time since all of our events are canceled for an undetermined time we are still going ahead with our Rodeo Raffle. We are calling it the Save the "2021 Rodeo" Raffle. Since the tickets had already been printed up and our very generous donators agreed we figured what the heck! If we bring in \$1000 it will be that much more than we were going to get this year at this point. If anyone is interested in selling tickets please contact Janet (964-4667, 367-0322), and pick up a packet. The Drawing will be Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> so all tickets and monies must be turned in and accounted for by Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MAINTENANCE:** Since our income is limited we do not have a lot of maintenance planned at this time. We have had a couple of water emergencies to deal with and do plan to fix the roof on the tractor shed/hay barn. However, there is a ton of yard work that needs to be kept up. We have not planned any official work days due to "no gathering" and social distancing but if you get an hour or two sometime please feel free to weed whack, brush trim, mow or what have you. The property is getting pretty over grown and looking kind of shabby.

#### NO TRESPASSING MEMBERS ONLY

You will see these signs going up on the gates and fences in the next week or so. We have had issues with people coming onto the property when people are there. One of our neighbors (across the street with the big huskies) has been driving in and out when some of our younger members have been riding. He has been demanding access to the property in case of a wild fire, wants the combination and has harassed some of our board members at their places of work as well. Please remember to spin the numbers on the lock when you Enter - so no one can swing by and read the combo. The Board will be contacting him and asking him to refrain from entering the property but just to be safe:

**Tumble the combo numbers when you enter!  
Feel free to close the gate while you are there.**

From the editor:

Your Board of Directors would like to thank you all for your patience in these difficult and unusual times. They have been combing through the 38+ pages of County Health Orders, reading weekly updates, going through whatever information is available and even calling the Health Officer to ask specific questions pertaining to our club and situation. Yes - other counties are operating differently, they are not Mendocino County. Yes - other venues within our county are opening up to more events and activities. They are willing to take a risk that we are not. We appreciate the support of many of our members and the help in finding information regarding activities that can be conducted within the county guidelines.

There have been a lot of negative comments, side discussions, and accusations that the Board of Directors is not looking after the welfare of the club as well over the past few months. My personal response to this is - Elections are coming up in January - you need to volunteer. I for one am completing my second term as an officer and will not be running for any office next year. We have three officer positions that are completing their second terms and will need to be filled for sure, possibly all four plus the 8 other Board Members.

Sorry I have been delayed in getting a newsletter out. There has not been much to report.

The arena looks good. Thank you to those who are maintaining the footing. Hopefully we will have more updates soon!

**Go out and Ride!**

