

# Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association

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Dear SYVEA Members & Supporters,

Please find attached your 2026 Membership renewal forms. As per our insurance requirements, all riders and competitors must be current regular, family, junior or competitive members for each year. Further, revenue from our annual membership helps to support the daily operations and infrastructure maintenance of the facility we all treasure. In a California environment which has seen a number of equestrian facilities throughout our state be closed, preserving and enhancing our Equestrian Center is more important than ever.

2025 has been a busy and successful year for our Center; our hardworking volunteer teams have organized multiple Cutting and Reined Cow Horse events—huge thanks to Lisa Lyons, Dani Burkitt, Cheri Baldacchino, Nancy Hunsicker and Mary Stevenson along with their entire team. Our Cutting & Reined Cow Horse events have been generously supported by a number of local sponsors, enabling us to raise the funds required to improve our footing, purchase a new flag and upgrade our sound system. Tracy Woodward & her team have hosted 2 highly successful Youth Gymkhanas, with more to come in 2026. VPA has held numerous well attended Sortings & several Clinics, plus generously contributed funds towards building our Cattle Shade Shelter, Santa Barbara Fiesta put together a wildly popular Stock Horse Show *and* supported our Cutting Series, Pony Club has hosted several Dressage Schooling Shows & Jump 4 Fun events and our local 4H held several events. Santa Barbara Cattlewomen held their 1<sup>st</sup> Sip N Paint Fundraiser in the Big Green Barn, from which several attendees donated their creations—hence the colorful décor on the walls in our upper level toilets. Lisa & Joe Come have donated the beautiful new lights in our meeting barn. Most exciting, Iron Horse Auto Body of Santa Barbara & Buellton created and generously donated a beautiful “Cowboy Bar” trailer which has greatly enhanced the spectator experience at our Cutting & Reined Cow Horse events. Huge thanks to our Top Level Back Wall sponsors in 2025 which include the Crist Family, Russ Allen, Landon Equestrian and Rancho La Loma. We couldn’t do this without your support!

Our significant upcoming needs & projects include replacing the roof over the small barn which houses our toilets along with essential storage and—drum roll please—creating a permanent cutting pen which will greatly improve our ability to host Cuttings and Clinics throughout the year. We are actively soliciting donations of both funding and materials right now and hope to have both projects completed prior to spring of 2026. Please contact Nancy Hunsicker 805-895-1924 [nlehunsicker@gmail.com](mailto:nlehunsicker@gmail.com) if you would like to support these much needed improvements!

With deepest appreciation for your support,

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