

L.V.G.A. TIMES

And...We Are OFF!

So, September 18 has come and gone and LVGA is off and RUNNING! Our first event was at night and turned out to be an exciting and very well attended LVGA! Yes, we had some first event jitters, hiccups and the electrical failure of our P.A. system! (Since been replaced) But we got through it and witnessed competitors from the very young to the very “not so young” (no offense) and both young and experienced showed us right from the start, that this was going to be a fun 2021-2022 season!

Hard to believe how fast October 23rd and 24th came! Beautiful weather and a fast track resulted in some amazing performances! Three events already with our fourth Gymkhana scheduled for Sunday, November 28th at 9am!

We can't wait!!!



Why Gymkhana?

Gymkhana has been described as an “action packed, precision sport of the equestrian world. It’s one of the most exciting family oriented equestrian sports in the world.” Those are not my words. Those are the words of others in the horse world! Gymkhana challenges the rider to be skilled at several levels. “Pole Bending” has been called the “equalizer”. Rotating events challenge the rider to adapt to patterns not seen very often. Barrels take us back to traditional racing where skill, speed, and technique combine for times sometimes separating riders by only tenths of seconds. Gymkhana also involves riders from the very young to the very, very experienced. It also teaches discipline, sportsmanship and the importance of proper care for horses!



Fund Raising

This is the first year in three years that we have had a full Board of Directors. Many of our Directors have donated their own money to keep LVGA alive. We have been operating with three to four board members. We now have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Arena Director and an Assistant Arena Director! We have doubled our membership and are looking forward to continued growth.

Although we all contribute a sponsorship fee of \$100 dollars, you can avoid that fee and help LVGA out tremendously by seeking out sponsors. We can raise funds through barrel and buckle sponsors, banners, ads and outright donations! If we all do a little, you'll be surprised at the results! And the year end awards can be BIG!

LVGA SPOTLIGHT!

We will be shining the spotlight on many of you this season. Especially to encourage the younger riders to keep on coming back! For our first edition of the LVGA TIMES though, I thought we should spotlight the Henderson Saddle Association! H.S.A. has hosted LVGA events for several years. Many HSA members participate in LVGA or at the very least, do Time Only runs to fine tune their skills. The members of H.S.A. enjoy our events and many come out and watch the entire competitions. Both H.S.A. and LVGA are 501c-3 Non-Profit organizations and we are a great fit to their mission and ours. This year, the Board of Directors at H.S.A. have donated \$1000 to LVGA by reducing our arena fees. We are beyond grateful and look for many more years of promoting this great life-style together. Our LVGA members and families support our Cook-Shack and respect the facility! Thank you Henderson Saddle Association!



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