

Equine Desensitizing Clinic
by National Mounted Police Services Inc.
Sponsored by Tucson Saddle Club
February 1-3, 2019



The Tucson Saddle Club originally sponsored this clinic primarily to encourage more of its members to participate in the annual Tucson Rodeo Parade by helping them and their horses to gain the confidence to remain calm and safe in that kind of environment. But experience has shown us that it goes beyond that in making the rider and horse a confident in each other team. National Mounted Police Services trains primarily police mounted units, but also civilian mounted units to safely operate in any such challenging situations. They have trained mounted units that participate in the Mardi Gras parade among many other such environments. The clinic is a progressive two-day syllabus starting out at a low level and gradually escalating the challenges; as such, participation is necessary both days of the clinic. A third day at the front end of the clinic is offered as well. That day is an Equitation Day where the focus is improving basic riding skills and an introduction to some obstacles. These are two separate clinics but both will be held at the Pima County Fairgrounds. This clinic is far more than a de-spooking clinic. Bill Richey, the instructor, was a mounted police officer for 32 years and is an excellent horseman and instructor. This will be the fifth time we have hosted this clinic with over 100 riders having previously attended it. **See previous clinic videos at www.tucsonsaddleclub.com, under the "Coming Events" menu list and click on "Clinics". There is a lot of demand for this clinic, so apply early to avoid the waiting list!**

Slots for riders are limited to 18 in the main clinic on the 2nd-3rd. The Equitation Day on the 1st is limited to 15 riders. Cost is \$300 per rider for the two-day clinic. Due to firm costs for the clinician and site provider, refunds will **not** be made unless there is someone on a waiting list or other replacement to take that rider's slot in the clinic. (We've never had to refuse a refund). You can audit the clinic for \$25 a day with no requirement for a deposit or pre-payment and no limit to numbers of auditors. For insurance requirement purposes, all riders must be Tucson Saddle Club members, but can join the club to cover this requirement for only \$20 for single members, or \$30 for a family, and needs to be submitted by separate check with the application to attend along with a membership application which can be found at www.tucsonsaddleclub.com on the Forms page. Checks **must** be made out to **Tucson Saddle Club**. Club contact person Dan Simmons; (520) 977-8551 or sgtsimmons1@dakotacom.net.

Event will be held at the Fairgrounds covered arena near Houghton and I-10 in southeast Tucson and will be held regardless of weather conditions. Corrals will be available at a cost of \$12 a day and remaining overnight with full RV hook-ups is available for \$30 a day. Clinic starts at 8:00am sharp each day and ends around 4:00 – 5:00pm. Check in time is 7:00am first day to give you time to get settled and make class in a timely manner. Directions and other detailed information will be sent later.

Clinic Application

Name _____ Address _____

Ph. # _____ Email address: _____

Additional rider:

Name _____ Address _____

Ph. # _____ Amount per rider \$300; non-members add \$20 ea.; if family with above \$30 for membership dues. Total enclosed _____

Please check appropriate boxes: February 2-3 main clinic.
 Friday Equitation Day, February 1. (Cost adds \$60 each rider.)

Make clinic checks payable to **Tucson Saddle Club** (not to Dan) and mail with application to: Daniel Simmons, 373 N. Tequila Trail, Benson, Az 85602.

Make membership checks payable to **Tucson Saddle Club** and mail with membership form to: **Tucson Saddle Club, PO Box 30433, Tucson, AZ 85751, Attn: Treasurer. (Do not mail with clinic application; mail separately to treasurer as per membership form.)**