

All indications are that it is going to be a hot summer season. Use caution for both horse and rider on these extreme heat days. If the monsoons begin, be aware of the development of thunder storms and the possibility of lightening.

We are encouraging members will join us for pre meeting munchies and an opportunity to socialize with other members of the Association. It's a great opportunity to meet new members and gain information on current events and activities.

The recent fire on the Poway Grade is a good reminder to have an evacuation plan in place for your horses, whether at home or boarded elsewhere. It's important to understand that in the early stages of these events, access to your facility may be denied by the authorities or obstructed by responding apparatus and resources. A good emergency plan should include shelter in place options if possible and trailer exit only contingencies. There are many different resources available for monitoring the status of a fire. SDG&E and UCSD have developed a net work of cameras (@ alertwildfire.org) which provide real time visual status of what is occurring in most cases. There are several sites available that allow you to monitor the radio traffic of the incident.

We are one of numerous designated evacuation sites for the San Diego Humane Society (SDHS). In the event of an evacuation need, they may assume control of the facility as an evacuation site. We would most likely be activated for any fires other than the immediate area. Likewise, for a fire in the immediate area of Poway they would likely designate facilities north or south of us. As most are aware, they have used the Del Mar fairgrounds during the larger fires.

The Board is working on a PVRA evacuation plan for those instances where we are not a SDHS site. This will include a staffing plan, procedures for checking in and out, security and care of any animals received.

Several projects are underway on the grounds. The bleacher repair and footing work has begun and will likely take six weeks to complete. The announcer's booth stairs (west end of arena #1) should be complete by mid-August. Please use caution in these areas.

The annual Poway Rodeo is just around the corner. We need adult volunteers as ushers in the bleachers. Unfortunately, we have found that folks won't listen to younger ushers (such as the scouts) and found it necessary to try and have adults provide this service. If available please contact Nancy Kirchhofer.

Work is continuing on improving the PVRA website. Please pass along any suggestions for making the website most useful for you.

An "Authorized Equipment Operator" questionnaire is now available on the website. We are asking all existing and new operators to complete this questionnaire. For new operators, individual training and orientation will be provided individually as needed. If you have not already completed this questionnaire and submit it to board@pvra.com.

Work hours status is now posted on the website Mid-Year billings for unworked hours will go out as of July 1. Please contact Louann if any questions.

Thank you for your support of the Association and we look forward to seeing as many as possible at the July General Meeting.