

POWAY VALLEY
RIDERS ASSOCIATION
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Dear Prospective PVRA Member:

Welcome to the Poway Valley Riders Association! The following information outlines the membership process, and we hope it helps orient you to the variety of equestrian activities available to you and your family.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

1. Submit a completed membership application along with a \$100 check (made out to PVRA) for the initiation fee to PVRA, P. O. Box 77, Poway, CA 92074-0077.
2. Sign a Release of Liability & Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of all family members.
3. Within 4 months of submitting an application, work a minimum of 4 hours at some club-approved activity (attend a regular meeting and a work party for 2 hours minimum).
4. Pay the pro-rated yearly dues as calculated by the Membership Chairperson.
5. The Board will vote to formally approve your membership.

NOTE: Until you have been approved as a member of the PVRA, you will not be able to acquire points earned in any of the PVRA Horse Shows.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Once all of the above requirements have been met, your name will be added to the mailing list and the phone tree. A gate key will be issued to you (it also opens the restrooms).

The PVRA monthly newsletter is called *PVRA Horse Tales*, which is published on the PVRA web-site at the beginning of each month. In it you will find articles about club activities, the treasurer's report, minutes from the previous month's meeting, membership updates and notices about upcoming events. All PVRA members are invited to attend club activities published in the *Horse Tales*.

If you are looking for work opportunities, call the "Board Member of the Month" listed on the monthly calendar page in the *Horse Tales*.

A Roster is published annually in the late spring, and the complete PVRA By-laws and Operating Rules are included in it. Please take time to thoroughly review the Operating Rules and acquaint yourself with the By-laws. After the initial membership year, dues are billed annually by mail, and will include charges for any outstanding work hours from the previous year (see "Work Hours in Arrears" on the following page).

WORK HOURS

Working members of the PVRA participate in club activities to satisfy work hour requirements. The four hours per month (48 hours per year) can be satisfied in a number of ways. Be sure to sign a work hours log at each activity in order to get credit for it. If you work on the grounds at other than an organized work party, a Board Member must sign the log.

Attending the General Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month satisfies 2 hours (but be sure to stay until the end of the meeting to sign the work hours log!). Watch the *Horse Tales* for the location of the meeting each month.

Work parties are held periodically at the club grounds for general maintenance or to prepare for an event.

All club-sponsored horse shows need people to man the gates, work in the chuck wagon, present awards, act as timers, etc. Find the Horse Show Chairman's name on the premium published in the *Horse Tales* and they can tell you what needs to be done.

Established committees occasionally have openings for members interested in serving in this way (see the inside cover of the Roster for a complete list).

WORK HOURS IN ARREARS

You will be billed periodically for any work hours not completed at the rate of \$12.00 per hour for family memberships, and \$6.00 per hour for singles. Work hours may be accumulated and carried over from month to month, but not beyond the Current year. However, beginning in 2010, each Member is required to complete 20 of the required 48 work hours by the end of July; failure to do so will cause that member to be billed for the uncompleted work hours at the above rates. If you plan to concentrate your work hours later in the year, please alert the Work Hours Chairperson ahead of time.

PVRA SUBGROUPS

A list of active PVRA Subgroups is published on the inside cover of the Roster. Contact names and phone numbers provided will direct you to the person in charge of each group. Feel free to call these individuals directly for further information about how to get involved.

PONY CLUB - The Pony Club is a unique Subgroup in that it has separate and additional organizational and fee structures. It is for young English equestrians ages 8-25. Maintaining your PVRA membership in good standing is required in order to participate in the Pony Club.

Sincerely,

Membership Chairperson