



Dear Empty Saddle Club Members, Families and Friends:

Our 27th annual Cowboy Days is taking place **September 28TH – 30TH, 2018!**

ESC's first annual **Queen Contest** will be held on Sunday, Sept 23rd. This contest will focus on our Western Heritage and the girls ages 13-20 will be judged on equitation, horsemanship, and public speaking. It will be a one day contest with the winner to be announced on Friday night, Sept 28th. For more information, please contact Lisa Nguyen at "cowgirlje@yahoo.com; or at 310-926-1500.

All-Around Award for Adults, Youth and Junior

To compete for the All-Around Award, you must sign up before the start of the first event you are riding in. **Adults: sign up before 2:00 on Friday**, unless you only want 1 point for cutting. (Cutting will be on Friday at 3:00. See attached for more info) **Youth/Jr: sign up before noon on Saturday**, if competing for all-around. See event schedule for details. **New this year:** Jr and Youth all around will include "ranch sorting".

Friday Night

This is a fun evening, so please feel free to invite your friends and family to join us. Happy Hour starts at 6:00pm along with our opening ceremony and crowning of the Queen Contest. Taco dinner will be served at 7pm, and come listen to one of our favorite local bands, the **Catalina Kings**, we will also have the popular **Table Horse Race!**

Saturday

Saturday will include the **R4R Team Roping, and Gymkhana events**, Enjoy shopping at our vendor booths and another favorite, a demonstration from our friends at PM2 Dog Agility. Lunch will be available for purchase.

On Saturday night, enjoy a mouth-watering dinner catered by Stonefire Grill, while listening to some great western music. **Please RSVP for dinner by Sept 19**, \$20 per person (\$25 at the door). Our annual silent auction will be ongoing throughout the evening, so please come and see all of the unique and often "exclusive" treats and treasures that are available. Please come help support our wonderful club.

Sunday

Sunday's event will be **Trail and Ranch Sorting**, followed by the much anticipated "**All-Around Cowboy**" awards. The Adult winner will receive a certificate for a beautiful trophy saddle made by Corriente Saddle Co, which was generously donated by Zigrang Construction, and the all-around winners of the Youth and Junior divisions will take home beautiful buckles generously donated by some of our members. We will also enjoy performances by The Happy Hoofers, and our local Jr. Drill Team. Lunch will be available for purchase.

On behalf of the entire Cowboy Days team, we wish you all the very best and good luck! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Moen, Event Chair
310-466-4656 / k.moen@verizon.net

2018 COWBOY DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change)

Friday, September 28th

2:00 pm	Sign-ups close for Cutting and Adult All-Around entries (except point only)	
3:00 pm	CUTTING (<i>non-members must sign up by 9/14</i>)	Cutting Arena
6:00 pm	Happy Hour, Opening Ceremony, Charro Roping	Lawn/Clubhouse/Roping arena
	Cutting awards & Crowning of the Queen. Auction opens tonight	
7:00 pm	Taco Dinner	Lawn/Clubhouse
8:00 pm	Bidding for Horse Race/Table Horse Race	Clubhouse

Saturday, September 29th

7:30 am	Coffee & Doughnuts	Kitchen
9:00 am	Team Roping (sign ups close 8:30)	Roping Arena
11-2:00	Dog Agility Demo	Lawn/Clubhouse
11:30 – 2:30	Lunch (available for purchase)	Kitchen
12:00 pm	Sign-ups close for Kids and Adult Gymkhana	Roping Arena
1:00 pm	Kids and Adult Gymkhana	Roping Arena
6:00 pm	Happy Hour, Dinner & Silent Auction	Lawn/Clubhouse

Sunday, Sept 30th

8:00 am	Breakfast (available for purchase)	Kitchen
7:00 -8:45 am	Trail Warm up(5 mins on obstacles)	Show Arena
8:30 am	Sign-ups close for yth/Jr Trail	Show Arena
9:00 am	Trail- walk thru Youth & Jr	Show Arena
9:15 am	Trail – Youth then Jrs	Show Arena
10:45 am	Sign-ups close for Adult Trail	Show Arena
11:00 am	Trail – walk thru adults	Show Arena
11:15 am	Trail – adults	Show Arena
11:00 am	Happy Hoofers then Jr. Drill Team Presentation	Roping Arena
11:30 am	Sign-ups close for Ranch Sorting	Roping Arena
12:30 pm	Ranch Sorting	Roping Arena
11:30 – 2:30	Lunch (available for purchase)	Kitchen
3:00 pm	Awards	Roping Arena

Note: Awards for each event will be presented at the conclusion of the event with the exception of the All-Around awards, which will be presented around 3:00pm on Sunday.

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th 2018

TACO DINNER

Opening Ceremony, Crown the Queen, Silent Auction opens

Get ready for some delicious Tacos, and all the fixin's. We will have many choices available, including something for our "Vegan" friends, plus all the condiments that go with them.

Dinner tickets may be pre-purchased for \$15.00 (for adults and children). Dinner tickets purchased after September 19th are \$18.00. **No refunds after September 19th!** We encourage you to pre-purchase, so we can plan enough food for everyone!

Please take a moment to complete the form below and mail it (or drop it off) to the following address today!

Please send your RSVPs by September 19th 2018 to:

Empty Saddle Club
39 Empty Saddle Road
Rolling Hills Est., CA 90274
Attn. Cowboy Days

Your tickets will be held at the door.

Yes, I/we plan to attend the Cowboy Days Dinner on Friday, September 28th, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

We will need ____ Tickets at \$15.00/each

RSVP's after September 19th ____ Tickets at \$18.00/each

Make Checks payable to: Empty Saddle Club

OR Please charge my ESC member account (members only):

Member Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th 2018

**DINNER CATERED BY “STONEFIRE GRILL”
SILENT AUCTION (Auction closes at 8:00)**

MENU: BBQ Tri-tip, BBQ Chicken, salad, sides and dessert!

Dinner tickets may be pre-purchased for \$20.00 (for adults and children). Tickets purchased after September 19th are \$25.00. **No refunds after September 19th!**

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RSVP's after September 19th, ____ Tickets at \$25.00/each

Make Checks payable to: Empty Saddle Club

OR Please charge my ESC member account (members only):

Member Name: _____ Amount: \$_____

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS 2018

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS _____

CLASS FEE

AMOUNT

ALL AROUND CHAMPION: (Youth and Jr. includes Sorting, Gymkhana & Trail)

OPEN ALL AROUND	\$250 (all events except roping **)	_____
YOUTH CHAMPION (12 & UNDER)	\$120	_____
JUNIOR CHAMPION (13-17)	\$120	_____

** (The roping event is part of the all around, but you pay the entry separately, through R4R)
(Please notify us if you are taking the “point only” in any event)

CUTTING:

ESC MEMBER	\$75	_____
NON MEMBER	\$175 (includes cattle fee)	_____
JACKPOT	\$100	_____

TEAM ROPNG: **SEE R4R FOR SIGN-UPS 3 for \$40**

GYMKHANA: (includes all 3 speed events)

ADULT	\$45	_____
YOUTH (12 & under) As of Jan 1, this year	\$30	_____
JUNIOR (13-17) As of Jan 1, this year	\$30	_____
LEADLINE	\$30	_____

RANCH SORTING:

OPEN (3 draws/teams)	\$120	_____
NOVICE (doesn't count for All Around)	\$60	_____
JACKPOT (Open Division Only)	Included in entry fee	_____

TRAIL:

WARM-UP (5 MINUTES PRACTICE ON OBSTACLES)	\$10	_____
ADULT	\$40	_____
YOUTH (12 & under) As of Jan 1, this year	\$40	_____
JUNIOR (13-17) As of Jan 1, this year	\$40	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

JACKPOT: Jackpot fees for cutting are in addition to the class fee and do not count toward All Around Champion.

FOR STALL RENTALS CONTACT: John Arbuckle; (310) 345-2995 \$25 per day per stall. Availability is limited.

**** ALL NON-MEMBER CUTTERS MUST PRE-REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 19th. LIMITED ENTRIES.**

LATE FEE \$20.00 PER CLASS FOR ALL OTHER ENTRIES AFTER SEPT 19TH.

A \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE ADMIN FEE WILL BE CHARGED, FOR ANY CANCELLATIONS ON OR AFTER 9/25. (NOT applicable for cutting, as we have to order cattle in advance.) NO REFUNDS AFTER 9/25.

SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM, YOUR CHECK AND RELEASE FORM (if applicable) to:

**Empty Saddle Club – Attn: Heidi Furer (310-373-0915)
 39 Empty Saddle Road
 Rolling Hills Est., CA 90274**

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB, INC.

RELEASE, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned, in consideration for use of the premises of the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., and/or participation in Cowboy Days does hereby consent to, acknowledge, release and agree to indemnify the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, members and guests from any liability arising from use of the premises of Empty Saddle Club, Inc. and/or participation in Cowboy Days and represents and understands that:

(Initial)

_____ I recognize that horses, horse activities, cattle and any combination thereof, are inherently dangerous and are likely to cause grievous personal injury or death.

_____ I voluntarily and with full knowledge of the above risks of injury, death or damage, wish to voluntarily assume them and the danger they impose on me.

_____ I release the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, members or persons on its grounds from any alleged liability occasioned from injury, death or damage to me from negligent action or inaction while I participate or spectate at any horse activity, event or competition.

_____ I agree to indemnify and defend the Empty Saddle Club, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, agents, members or persons thereon from any and all liability including judgments or settlements, expense or costs, including attorneys fees, as a result of negligent action or inaction alleged to have been committed by or to me while on its premises.

_____ I fully understand and acknowledge, agree and consent that the provisions of this agreement will apply to my heirs, assignees, or any person seeking legal redress on my behalf. Further, that this document will remain in full force and effect until I submit an executed written revocation of it to the Board of Directors of the Empty Saddle Club, Inc.

_____ I have fully read and understood each of the above paragraphs initialed by me and voluntarily agree to abide by and acknowledge same. I further understand that nothing stated to me orally shall be used to contradict, vary or alter the agreements, acknowledgements and consents expressed herein by me.

Arena Rules

We have just a few rules. Please read each of them and initial. Thank-you!!

1. _____ The arena director has the final say in all matters pertaining to the activity taking place in the arena.
2. _____ We love your dog, but would prefer that you leave it at home. If you must bring it, keep it on a leash that doesn't exceed 6 feet and keep it tied outside the arena. If you dog barks, you will be asked to leave.
3. _____ Our cattle work hard. Only use them for the activity that you are participating in. No extra cutting or running them up the fence, etc. Also, please do not put your horse in or around the cattle when they are in the arena pens.
4. _____ No running of your horse on the club grounds outside of the arena.
5. _____ All fees should be paid prior to participating in the activity.

6. _____Any assistance you can give in setting up, numbering cattle, putting horn wraps on or putting away cattle, etc. is appreciated!

Thanks again, your cooperation is appreciated.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____(H) _____(W) e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Date: _____

For minors:

Name of minor: _____

Name of parent: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____(H) _____(W) e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Date: _____

2018 EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS

GENERAL RULES

1. All ESC members in good standing and guests are welcome to all events.
2. The Event Directors may disqualify any entrant and their decisions are final. The Event Directors may refer disputes to the Event Chair.
3. Western attire only. Cowboy hats (or riding helmets) and collared shirts required for all events unless specified differently by the events director.
4. All contestants who are competing are eligible for the All-Around Cowboy Award. Event placing will be scored on a scale of 10 to 1 (e.g. 1st place = 10pts, etc.) and points totaled for each contestant competing for the All-Around Cowboy Award. Should the competition end in a tie for the All-around, the Event Chair will determine the tie-breaker event to be held.
5. To compete for the All-Around Cowboy Award, the contestant must participate in at least two cattle events. The All-Around score will be the total score of all events entered. A contestant not finishing in the top ten of any event will receive one point for entering. (Only the highest point earned, per event, counts towards the All Around) If you are entering an event on more than one horse, only one entry counts towards all-around points. This must be declared prior to the start of the event. (Example; if you ride more than one horse in the trail class, you must declare which horse goes towards all around points)
6. All Around Youth and All Around Junior Cowboy Awards will include, Gymkhana, Trail Class and **Sorting**. (Participants must enter “open” sorting, if going for All Around. (Can not enter Novice sorting)
7. Youth is defined as 12 years old and under and Junior is defined as individuals aged 13 to 17 years old. Youth and Juniors may use loaned or leased horses as well as family owned horses. They do **NOT** have to use the same horse in all events to be eligible for the all around youth and junior awards. (they can use multiple horses)
8. All Youth and Junior entrants will be required to wear approved helmets during competitions.
9. **All non-Empty Saddle Club members MUST sign attached 2 page waiver.**

2018 EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS
CUTTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
SIGN-UPS CLOSE 2:00 PM (Members & All-Around)
EVENT STARTS AT 3:00 PM

RULES:

1. NCHA rules apply, modified as scoring (Must wear a cowboy hat).
2. Priority for entry will be Club Members then guests
3. Top 10 of first run, will move to 2nd round (final).
4. Drawings will be held immediately after signups close.
5. All contestants entered will receive one point towards the All-Around Award. (If entering on more than one horse, you must declare what horse counts towards all around, prior to start of event.)
6. For those entering the jackpot class, the payout within that class will be determined between those contestants, per NCHA payout rules.

CREDIT

Herd work, driving a Cow, Setting Up a Cow, Loose Reins, Working Center of Arena, Degree of Difficulty, Amount of Working Time, Amount of Courage.

PENALTIES

- a) 1pt. – (miss) losing working advantage
 - b) 1 pt. – reined or visibly cued
 - c) 1 pt. - noise directed to cattle
 - d) 1 pt. – toe, feet or stirrup on the shoulder
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- a) 3 pts – hot quit (quitting the cow when it is not completely stopped OR turned away from the rider)
 - b) 3 pts. – cattle picked up or scattered
 - c) 3 pts. – spur in shoulder
 - d) 3 pts. – second hand on reins
 - e) 3 pts. – pawing or biting cattle
 - f) 3 pts. – failure to make one deep cut (once deep into herd for cut)
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- a) 5 pts – horse quitting a cow
 - b) 5 pts – losing a cow
 - c) 5 pts. – changing cattle after a specific commitment (a switch)
 - d) 5 pts. – failure to separate a single animal on the cut
 - e) 5 pts. – back fence (when cow runs back to the back fence line near herd)
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- a) 60 pts. – if horse turns tail
 - b) 60 pts. – if falls to ground

******CUTTING DIRECTOR ******
Bob Luty

FORMAT FOR CUTTING

There will be one full go for everyone.

We will bring back the top 10 for a final go (top ten horses and includes ties at tenth place.)

For those who qualify for the Finals, the Finals score will be the only score counted for cutting placements and awards. The finals are a brand new class and awards are based on the finals score only. NO SCORES will be combined to determine an award.

Points for All-Around will be given, based on Final scores only. First place gets 10 pts, second place gets 9 pts, etc.

Depending on the number of entries and cattle, the NCHA challenger format may be used. In pertinent part, two minutes per contestant rather than the standard two and one half minutes. There is no limit on the number of cuts. The format will be announced before the event starts.

For those electing to rein or two-hand, they should so announce BEFORE riding to the herd; they will be assessed a three (3) point penalty in total. If they fail to so announce, they will be assessed a penalty after point for each time reining and three points for each time a second hand is on the reins.

2018 EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS
TEAM ROPING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
Roping starts at 9:00 am

This year our roping will be run by the R4R organization, as it will be the last of the 2018 Saddle Series roping at ESC.

Memberships are available on site. If you are not a member of R4R and want to rope, you are more than welcome to join us! The cost is 3 for \$40.

Please contact John Arbuckle for more details

*****ROPING DIRECTOR*****
John Arbuckle
310-345-2995

2018 EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS
GYMKHANA EVENTS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
SIGN-UPS CLOSE AT 12:00 PM
EVENT STARTS AT 1:00 PM

RULES:

1. Participation in the Youth Gymkhana Events is open to individuals 12 years old and younger
Participation in the Junior Gymkhana Events is open to individuals 13 to 17 years old
(Based on age as of January 1st this year.)

Class order will be: Youth, Juniors, Adults then leadline, in each event.
2. There will be three events (subject to change), run in the following order: Pole Bending (Poles
2) Cloverleaf Barrel Racing and Speed Barrels.
3. Contestants may enter each event only once and will “Go” in sequence as determined by the
event director.
4. Each contestant will be timed for each event. The contestant with the best-combined total time
for all three events will be the winner of the Gymkhana. In the event of a tie, winner of
cloverleaf barrels will be the winner.
5. Penalties for all divisions: Pole bending; 5 seconds for each pole knocked over and
disqualification for missed pole. Barrel Race & Speed barrels 5 seconds for each barrel knocked
over and disqualification for incorrect pattern run.
6. First Place will receive 10 points, Second Place 9 points, Third Place 8 points, towards All-
Around score.
7. All contestants entered will receive one point towards the All-Around Award.

*****GYMKHANA DIRECTOR*****
Kevin Fitzpatrick & Sean Martin

2018 EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS
“TRY YOUR LUCK” TRAIL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
SIGN-UPS CLOSE 8:30 YTH/JR
SIGN-UPS CLOSE 10:45 ADULTS

Participation is open to all levels of riders. This year’s trail will be based on skill and luck. Negotiate your way through 5 puzzle obstacles and gather the necessary items required to play the game at the end of each obstacle.

OBSTACLE SCORE: A score of 1-10 will be given based on how each obstacle is completed. Judging is on the performance of the horse and rider over obstacles. Emphasis will be placed on response to the rider and willingness of the horse. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with ease and confidence.

GAME SCORE: In addition to the obstacle score will be a “game score”. Upon completion of each obstacle the rider will collect items to try their game skills. Each game can be worth an additional 1,5 or 10 points based on the accuracy of your skills; Rider collects a ring to toss onto one of three designated cones with marked 1, 5 or 10 points.

A rider may be asked to move on to the next obstacle if the horse/rider is not making forward progress in a reasonable amount of time or if the Judge feels that the rider is, or will be in an unsafe situation.

1. Participants must use a single horse for all obstacles, but may enter more than once on different horses.
NOTE: Only one horse counts toward all-around award and must be declared before the start of the class.
2. The event winner(s) will be determined by the highest total point score.
3. All contestants entered will receive one point towards the All-Around Award.

*****TRAIL CLASS DIRECTOR*****
Tami Hansen
310-901-3564
(Callie Bell – Judge)

**2018 EMPTY SADDLE CLUB COWBOY DAYS
RANCH SORTING COMPETITION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**SIGN UPS CLOSE AT 11:30 AM
EVENT STARTS AT 12:30 PM**

1. Abuse of cattle or horses will be cause for disqualification for the run without refund of entry fees.
2. Each person entered will get 3 “draw” teams.
3. The number of go’s will be determined by the Event Director after entries close.
4. The timer will announce that the cattle and timer are ready. The first rider will approach the herd and when the horse’s nose crosses the foul line the starting number will be announced.
5. You are to start with the starting number and continue in numerical order. For example, your number is 6, you must first sort out number 6, then 7, 8, 9, 0, 1, etc.
6. Cattle are considered "sorted" when the nose crosses the foul line.
7. If any cattle cross the foul line out of sequence, the team shall be judged "no time".
8. If any cattle already sorted come back across the foul line, the team shall be judged "no time".
9. There is a 60-second time limit.
10. Teams are judged on the number of cattle sorted, not on the time it took to sort them. The clock will be stopped when the last cow crosses the foul line. It is permissible to stop sorting anytime and hold cattle already sorted until the clock runs out.
11. Cattle sorted in 3 go's beats cattle sorted in 2 go's, cattle sorted in 2 go's beats cattle sorted in 1 go. For example, if a ranch sorting is designated as 2 go rounds, the team that successfully sort cattle in both go's beat any team that only successfully sorted cattle in one go, when determining the average (8 head sorted in two go's, for example 6 the first go and 2 the second go, beats a team that sorted 9 in one go).
12. The official will use a lap timer. The nose of the cow will be used for each split of the clock to prevent ties.
13. Buckles will be awarded to the 1st place team. For the Cowboy Days All-Around Award, points will be awarded as follows: 1st place – 10, 2nd place – 9, 3rd place – 8, etc. All contestants entered will receive 1 point towards All-Around Award.
14. In the event of a dispute the Event Director’s decision will be final.

*****SORTING DIRECTOR*****

Kevin Fitzpatrick

310-218-7381