



GREELEY SADDLE CLUB

**Spring 2024
Newsletter**



Bring a friend next
time you come to the
Greeley Saddle Club!



REMAINING DATES

June 16th

July 14th

August 25th

September 8th

September 29th

Ranch Show

September 1st



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A little history.....

The Greeley Saddle Club was started in 1946 which means the club has quite an impressive history. We have had many long time members along the way and new faces that have helped keep the club running for such a substantial time line. Recently, there have been more new faces around the club and we thought it would be best to share a little about who we are. The Greeley Saddle Club is run entirely through volunteer efforts as a non-profit organization. Everything that is brought in by the club is used to host the events and provide awards to the members every year.

Who we are:



Denise Weber - President

Denise's involvement with the Greeley Saddle Club started back as a participant in the 5 & Under classes. The Weber family has been supporting the saddle club through out the years. In 2016 Denise joined the GSC board to help continue to grow the club and provide the same opportunities and traditions that were given to her family and horses through the years.



Chris Subia - Arena Director & Linda Russell - Office All Star

Chris and Linda are tied together as Chris is Linda's son-in-law. Chris' involvement with GSC started back as a helpful boyfriend of Linda's daughter Cindy and he hasn't stopped supporting the club since. Chris and Cindy have two daughters that have participated in every aspect of club and now they have a grandson in leadline. Linda and her late husband Lynn have been a substantial reason why the club has made it through so many years. Linda has been a long time board member and previous president for the club. Linda's two daughters were participants in all the events as well as served as royalty for the club. Linda is now supporting a third generation of her family at the club!



Kim Taylor - Announcer

Kim and her family have been around the saddle club for several years. Her kids have all participated in many of the saddle club events. Her daughter, Mysti, also served as a royalty member for the club. Kim has been a board member for the past few years and you are likely to hear her announcing at our events to keep our day running smoothly.



How can you help?

If you have any interest in becoming a board member or would like to know the details, just let us know. You can always send an email or talk to any of us at a GSC event.

Our biggest need is help running our daily events. Again, our club doesn't exist without volunteer efforts. To be a member in good standing with the club, you need to complete your required volunteer hours. Two hours are required for a single membership and four hours for a family membership. If you are gracious enough to volunteer over the required hours, we do give out coupons for GSC class entries for extra hours worked.

For both the morning judged classes and afternoon speed events we need help running the entry and exit gates. These shifts can be broken up into two hour time slots. If you are willing to help run a gate, please let us know in the office the day of or reach out prior to the event and we can sign you up.

In the morning, we have the trail arena starting at 10 AM and need someone to help check in participants. This is usually a two hour job and you get some great insights to how the trail classes are placed.

Any help picking up the trail course after the classes are finished is also very appreciated. The trail course is usually done around 12:30 or 1:00 PM. We will announce when we are going to pick up the obstacles and help with that task is always needed.

In the afternoon, help with setting up the arena for the different events is very much welcome. During ring spear, we need someone at each one of the 6 posts to help re-attach the rings after each participant. You can let the office and/or Chris know that day if you are willing to help man a ring post.

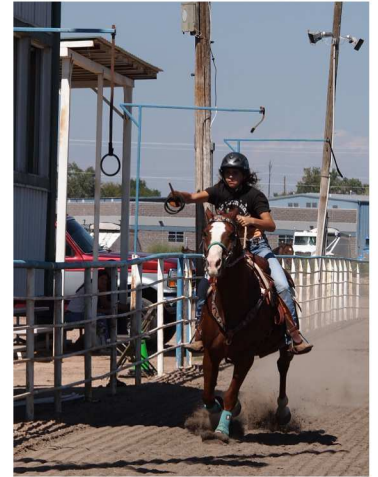
Bottom Line

The Greeley Saddle Club has a great group of members and we love seeing so many people come out and enjoy their time with their amazing horses! Help at the events to keep our club running is always appreciated and please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns so that the saddle club can continue its success for many generations to come!



What's the deal with ring spear?

Ring spear is a speed event we do that is pretty unique to the Greeley Saddle Club. There are 3 posts on each side of the arena that rubber rings are attached to with leather straps. Each participant has a spear that they use to collect the rings as they run a lap around the arena. For each ring that is missed, a 5 second penalty is added to the time and a minimum of 3 rings is required to record a time. Ring spear is only offered for the 10-13 age group and up. The younger age groups have speed barrel instead. This is a weather dependent event so if it is too windy, everyone will run speed barrel instead of ring spear.



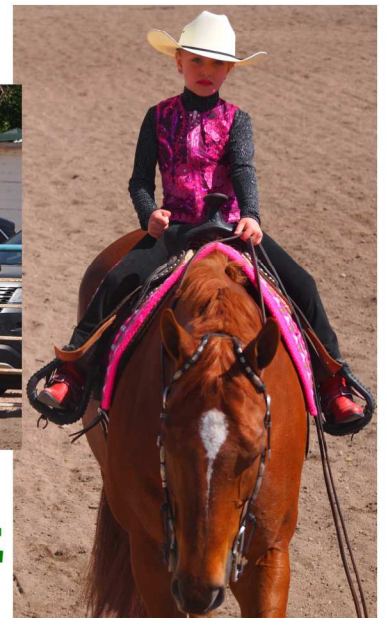
MISCELLANEOUS RULE CLARIFICATIONS

~In the morning judged events, a participant that enters either Novice Walk/Trot or Novice Trail cannot enter another age group riding class that same day. The participant may enter any halter classes or their appropriate age group showmanship class.

~A rider will be disqualified in the flag race if they do not continue in a forward motion at the barrels when leaving and picking up the flags. It is also a disqualification if a participant circles either of the barrels.

~Helmets in any event and class are allowed and optional for the participants.

~All dogs must be kept on leashes.



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