

Message from the President of Hooves 'n Irons

Greetings,

We are hard at work in the background here at Hooves 'n Irons, coordinating, searching and researching, creating club rules, forms, acquiring equipment, etc. The list is long and does go on! One of our largest efforts has been to get a website up and running. I believe we have created a valuable tool for our members and invite you to visit it often.

<http://www.hoovesnirons.com/>

We have created this website to help you become informed and stay informed about Club events and the various Cowboy Mounted Shooting Associations. We encourage you to visit this site often. We will make every effort to keep this site up to date of upcoming events and new information as it becomes available. <http://www.hoovesnirons.com/>

- HOME- is a general description of our sport.
- CLUB INFO-covers Rules and Bylaws, Executive Committee and Members, Newsletter, Membership and Miscellaneous Forms.
- EVENTS-will cover club events, special events, a calendar of shooting competitions within a day's drive of Redding, and a history of events. **If we have to cancel a practice or event for weather or other unforeseen circumstances, we will post it on the website Events page. This cancellation can be posted as late as 9:00am the morning of a practice or by 4:00pm the day prior to an event.**
- GALLERY-pictures of our members enjoying Cowboy Mounted Shooting.
- LINKS-Links to other clubs, various associations, gun clubs and horse clubs.
- CONTACT US-Provides a means of contacting club officers.
- FORUM-Provides a place for Q & A, and/or a general discussion platform.
- SPONSORS-Provides a place for us to recognize our generous sponsors who have supported our efforts to sustain a functioning Cowboy Mounted Shooting club.

The **Official Home of Hooves 'n Irons** is the Byerly Ranch Arena, Located in Happy Valley at the corner of Oak Street and Palm Avenue. We have prepared links to a map and instructions on how to find this location. Our hosts, Charles & Kathy Byerly, have been very flexible in working with us to bring Cowboy Mounted Shooting to this area. If you should meet them at one of our practices or events, please thank them for their hospitality.

Our first scheduled practice on Jan. 12th was rained out. Even though the weather turned out beautiful, the arena was too wet to play. We are sorry for your disappointment (believe me, we were disappointed too). We are working hard to get this weather under control but don't quite have a handle on that yet! The best handle would be the acquisition of a covered arena site that we can use in the winter months. At the time of this writing, we have reached an agreement with Cottonwood Creek Equestrian Center. We need a minimum of eight riders in order to reserve this arena for our use. Your participation is the one sure thing that can insure that we get to keep this wonderful facility for our use in the winter months.

As is true with any club, this club's success depends on you, the members. At this point there are four people who have contributed valuable time and personal funds to get where we are today. We need your help! Your help could be as simple as becoming a member, your membership dues will help to purchase equipment and supplies and insurance that we need to play the game. If you are more ambitious there are Executive Officers and Board Member positions still available. From time to time, there will be a need for committees to head up various projects and, of course, there are always things to do at practices and/or events so jump in and give a hand. Contact me via the website with questions or to express your interest.

The Bottom Line:

The current Executive Officers have worked hard behind the scenes to create a promising Cowboy Mounted Shooting Club – the only one North o Stockton. These individuals have demonstrated a commitment to serve the membership of Hooves 'n Irons Cowboy Mounted Shooters. These individuals will continue to work hard for this club membership to make it easier, less expensive and more convenient for you to participate in this exciting sport. **But, we need YOU the members! Don't wait; send in your membership form and dues today!** <http://www.hoovesnirons.com/forms/clubapplication.pdf> **Let's Ride!**

Sincerely,

Terry Schumacher

President

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