Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



SBYEC Board President
Ken Torre

Ken has been on the Board of Directors at the Silver Buckle for seven years. We are happy to announce that he assumed the role of Board President in November of 2025. He has had a passion for developing partnerships with other organizations, namely Fosterful, another non-profit that helps foster children in the area. Due to this partnership, SBYEC now has several foster kids in our program who do not pay for lessons through sponsorship from Fosterful and generous SBYEC donors.

Prior to moving to Washington, Ken worked for 35 years in California as a judicial branch executive. His passion? Protecting and caring for the most vulnerable in our society. He values making business decisions with an empathetic heart and a judicial head.

Ken's immediate goal is to "assure financial viability... while providing a well-respected place in our community." He looks forward to "working with the SBYEC Operations Manager to assure the successful functioning of all members of our SBYEC family."



Joke corner:
My pony was coughing today. He was a little horse. 🤣



Our Amazing Volunteer!
Lynn

We have so many amazing volunteers here at the Silver Buckle. One of them is Lynn, who generously shares her time with us each week, leading 5 to 8-year-olds on our trusty lesson horses during our Rising Stars Program. Her smile can be seen from across the arena, and she brings a warm, comforting "best-Grandma-in-the-world" feel to Thursday nights. We are so grateful to have Lynn at SBYEC. The horses and kids alike enjoy her, and her enthusiasm is contagious. Thank you, Lynn, for sharing your time and energy with us!





Student Highlight
Parker

This month's featured student is Parker. She started riding this fall at SBYEC with Instructor Marissa and just recently moved up to level 1c! She has been very enthusiastic about learning all things horses.

Parker has been working hard in her lessons and has also enjoyed the events the Silver Buckle has to offer. Her favorite horse is currently Peyton, but she loves them all! Congratulations on moving up a level - enjoy your orange 1b ribbon!





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Our Peppermints & Ponies event!









Young and old came to meet the horses, enjoy hot chocolate, and do some crafts last month. Some of our students moved up a level this quarter, and received their level completion ribbon from Santa!







