



**San Martin
Horsemen's
Association**



**Serving Our Community
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Horsemanship**

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President's Message

We had a great turn out and lots of fun at our March meeting. Congratulations go out to Ron Lowery whose chili took first place in our first annual soup/chili competition. Coming in tied for a close second was Margo Barnett with her delicious clam chowder and Laurie Salaiz with a very tasty split pea soup. These three winners will receive their prizes at our April 8th general meeting.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to Kayla Peterson who gave an interesting talk on rural crime and what we can do to help deter some of the problems. I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a couple new things too!

Our next general meeting will be held on April 8th. Bring your favorite potluck dish and try your luck at Bingo. We will be changing it up a bit and playing for \$1.00 per card per game and the prizes will be cash \$\$! The more cards played, the bigger the pot! Come help support your club, have some fun and maybe take home a little cash too!

Also, don't forget our Ranch Competition Playday which will be held the Sunday immediately following our meeting on April 10th. Save the date!

Come find out what your horse (and you) can accomplish and see what obstacles he can master. Bring your friends too and lets all have some fun!

There is no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse
R.S. Surtees

Bev

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME:

Don't forget – to be eligible for the year end drawing -- you must be a current member at the time of an event and present at the December meeting. Go to www.smhorse.org and click on the 2016 membership application or print page 3&4 of this newsletter.

Send your membership application(s) and dues to: SMHA, P.O. Box 275, San Martin, CA 95046

Mane Stays & Events Monthly Calendar

Fri 4/8	7pm General Meeting at San Martin Lions club. Potluck and Bingo with \$\$ prizes
Sat 4/9	3pm Setup for Ranch Competition at Bloomquist" arena
Sun 4/10	Ranch Trail Competition at Bloomquists see flyer on page 8
Sat-Sun	Concessions stand at Thorson's Arena see page 5 for volunteer

4/30-5/1	opportunities
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TAKE NOTE:

For General Meetings, please bring a potluck dish to share and refreshments, flatware & plates for yourself. Thank You. IDEAS FOR A GENERAL MEETING? Let the board know what you'd like to do!

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting – March 16, 2016

Present: Denise Roberts, Pat Scharfe, Kitty Swindle, Chere Bargar, Joan Throgmorton, Tim Alton, Margo Barnett, Kathy McBride and Bev VanderWeide
Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Denise distributed the budget through February 2016.

General Meeting:

The March 11 soup and chili taste-off meeting went well. Kayla Peterson was very informative and well received.

Our next meeting, April 8, will be potluck and bingo. Cards will be \$1 each per round. Cashpayments will be given to winners instead of prizes. Bev will write up a notice explaining new bingo rules for inclusion in newsletter.

Trails:

Calero trail work around the lake is dependent on weather and permits. Chere will email all as soon as work is scheduled.

Chere has developed a form for use when individuals wishing to donate County hours worked to SMHA. This form should be given to Chere for processing rather than directly to the County. She will write an article for the newsletter explaining the procedure.

Playday:

Event is scheduled for April 10. Kitty and Steve are handling food. Charge for lunch of hamburger, chips, cookie and lemonade is \$5; charge for hotdog, chips, cookie, and lemonade is \$4.

Bev will check into getting a gift certificate to Ladera Restaurant for the Bloomquists for allowing us to use their arena. They will also receive an honorary SMHA membership for the year.

Honorary Member:

Bob Scholten has volunteered for various projects, trail work days, and has been quite helpful in many other ways to SMHA. A motion was made to make Bob an honorary member of SMHA for a year. Kathy will have him fill out the application and sign the waiver.

Barn Inventory:

Inventory list was distributed to all. There is a clipboard in the barn to record items checked out. Anyone wanting to borrow items needs to check with a board member. Approval of two board members is required. A Board member should accompany individual to barn, have them sign and date check-out sheet. Combination is not to be given out. Bev will let members know procedure for borrowing.

Santa Clara Parks Charter:

Kitty Monohan called Chere to advise her that there will be a measure on the June ballot to continue funding of the County Parks charter. Kitty would like SMHA to endorse the passage of the measure (Santa Clara Parks Charter Amendment/Measure) in the June 7 primary election. Members must approve such an endorsement before the Board can act. Chere will write up an article for inclusion in the newsletter and Bev will discuss at the April general meeting.

Next scheduled meeting:

April 13 – Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



San Martin Horsemen's Association - Membership Application
 Form valid for memberships 10/1/15 thru 12/31/16

2016

This membership is
 NEW _____
 RENEWAL _____

Step One: (circle one) Family \$35 Individual \$25

Step Two: List name of **every** person included on your membership
 For Family Membership list all children and their birthdates. Children must be born after 12/31/1997 to be included.

FULL NAME of each member	Adult	or	Child	Date of Birth (minors)
1) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	or	_____	_____

Step Three: Contact Information

Mailing address _____
 City-State-Zip _____
 Home address _____
 (if different from mailing address)
 City-State-Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Work phone _____
 Email(s): _____

Note: Email is used to communicate relevant club information in a timely fashion and as a convenient alternative for contacting you. We'll keep your email private. NEWSLETTER IS SENT VIA EMAIL UNLESS YOU INDICATE HERE BY **CIRCLING SNAIL MAIL**

Step Four: Indicate your interests in activities by checking the items below.

For More Information
 Website: www.smhorse.org
 Email: mail@smhorse.org
 Phone: President Bev
 408-778-0034

* I am willing to help:

- _____ at events
- _____ pre-events
- _____ on committees
- _____ club officer
- _____ committee member
- _____ phone tree caller
- _____ newsletter
- _____ fundraisers
- _____ snack bar/cooking
- _____ refreshments
- _____ set-up/clean-up
- _____ other

* I am interested in the following:

- _____ camping
- _____ pleasure trails
- _____ poker rides
- _____ trail trials
- _____ gymkhana
- _____ rodeo
- _____ shows
- _____ endurance
- _____ NATRC
- _____ trails (building)
- _____ trails (development)
- _____ trails (planning)

- _____ junior program
- _____ parade/color guard
- _____ team penning
- _____ dressage/quadrille
- _____ other (specify) _____

Step Five: Must Sign release(s) on back/second page of form. Membership is not complete without all signatures and payment. Family memberships with minors: please sign both parts of the Release of Liability/Hold Harmless Agreement

Step Six: Mail signed form with your payment to: SMHA, P.O. Box 275, San Martin, CA 95046

Step Seven: Now that you are a member JOIN US at club activities listed on www.smhorse.org

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PARTICIPANTS HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT/RELEASE OF LIABILITY.
THIS RELEASE CONTAINS IMPORTANT LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL LIABILITY!

NOTE: TWO parts for Family Memberships

Participants _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Phone #'s _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.

I hereby release the San Martin Horsemen's Association (SMHA) from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of San Martin Horsemen's Association or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events and activities organized or sponsored by San Martin Horsemen's Association I waive, release and discharge San Martin Horsemen's Association, its directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and all other persons and organizations in any way connected with the SMHA events from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

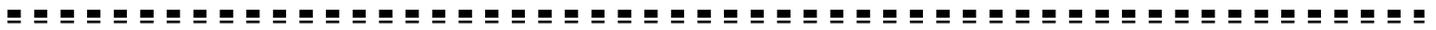
I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless San Martin Horsemen's Association, their officers, directors, members and agents against all claims, demand, and cause of action, including court costs and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

San Martin Horsemen's Association, its agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, mining away, state of health, injury to person, horse or property.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Additional Release of Liability to cover minor(s)

PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN must ALSO complete this section in addition to the above section. All minors and dates of birth MUST BE LISTED on SMHA membership application.

Full names of all minors: _____

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above minor(s) in consideration of said minor's participation in San Martin Horsemen's Association activities, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor(s), his/her animal(s), and property arising out of his/her participation in events. I/We further warrant that I/we have health and accident insurance on said minor(s). **I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.**

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Address if different than above _____ Phone _____

Mane Stays & Events Volunteers

April 10th RANCH COMPETITION

Debbie Lowery and Laurie Salaiz would appreciate your volunteer support to help with staging this event. See the flyer on page 10. If you can help with setup that is going to be at **3pm on Sat. April 9th** at Bloomquist's arena. Also help is required with judging, announcing, registration.

April 30th - May 1st Concessions for Julie Goodnight at Thorsen's Arena.

Laurie and Debbie are also organizing food and snacks for this event. If you would like to help out on the day or baking muffins in advance. Please contact them.

Water Trough/Club Classifieds

Animal and Plant Sitting: Reliable Care for your plants and animals while you are away. 20 years' experience you can rely on! Chere at 408-683-2247

BIG HORN saddle for sale \$325 obo. Call Bev 408 778-0034 leave message. Other saddles also available.

Miniature Horses for Sale:

Mares, Stallions and Foals for sale
Contact Sandy Voechting 408-309-0209.

WANTED: Horse Lease

Does your horse need exercise? I am an experienced western pleasure horsewoman hoping to find a free lease situation. Something that is beneficial for you, myself and your horse. Please call Lisa 720-935-9754

FOR SALE: All leather R&R 15" seat endurance saddle. Very good condition. \$950.00. King series 16" seat black endurance saddle. Brand new, medium tree, will fit high withered horse. Leather seat and skirting with synthetic fenders. \$425.00. 408-683-2247, ask for Margo.

Classified ads for members are always FREE! Ad space for business services (member or not) as follows: 1/4 Page: \$15, 1/2 Page: \$25, Full Page: \$50, Business Card Ad: \$20/4 Months. Classified ads run on a space available basis. Non-members call 408-848-3728 for more information. **Newsletter Deadlines:** Five days after Board Meeting or the 20th of the month. Please send articles, classified ads, pictures and stories to: mail@smhorse.org

MUMMY MOUNTAIN TRAIL WORKDAY:

Thanks to all those who helped out, and contributed enough hours to defray the park fees for one Poker Ride.



Thistle Hunting



Lunch



Mane Stays & Minutes

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

General Meeting March 11th 2016

Meeting Started 7.p.m.

Present: B. Vanderweide, Laurie Salaiz, Pat Scharfe, Steven T, Margo B, Elaine Alton, Tim Alton , Kitty Swindle, Chere Barger, Ron Lowery, Debbie Lowery, Steve Oliviera, Kevin McDevitt, Jean McDevitt, Arlene Z.

The Meeting started with soup tasting: Winner Ron's Chilli ; tied 2nd. Laurie's split pea; tied 2nd Margo's clam chowder. Prizes will be given out next meeting.

Introduction of Guests: Kayla Person, E. Whedon, Jake Whedon, Bob Scholtens, Dallas Sutton, C. Powers, Paula Stapleton

Finance: No change from last time. Will report at next meeting.

April 10th (Sunday) Play Day at Blumquist Arena (requested) – set up Saturday before at 3p.m. Need Volunteers for Ranch Trail Comp. We need 3 judges. Tim Alton volunteered as a Judge. Sign-up sheets and flyers circulated. To be put out to 4 different divisions.

April 30th – We are doing concessions for Julie Goodnight Clinic (see Newsletter) Please call Debbie Lowry to volunteer to help.

July 4th – Ride Chair Steve Oliviera (participants call Steve). Theme: America - Sub theme: honoring military, firefighters and police.

March 20th – Gilroy Hot Springs/Anza Trail Ride.
April 9th Wildflower Ride at Hunting Hollow. Show up at 10.00.a.m. Bring lunch. No r.s.v.p. necessary.

April 17th – Open Space Ride. Starting at Hunting Hollow. R.S.V.P.

Memorial Day – Camp at Coit Camp. Entrance at Coyote Creek entrance at Coe. You will need 4 wheel drive vehicle. Entries were available night of this meeting.

Kayla Peterson, Deputy SCC Sheriff's Office spoke about Rural Crime – how to protect ourselves property and animals. She talked about putting up “No Trespassing” or “Free to the Public” signs. We need to call in trespassing issues if we want some action. Take pictures of property, animals, pets, livestock saddles etc. in case of theft or need to evacuate. Emergency contact cards were circulated to fill in and send back. Fill in a form for a patrol check if you are out of town. 408-299-2311 non-emergency for City. Lock mail boxes or ask a neighbor to take mail in.

Votes for best recipes announced.
Meeting closed at 0830.

Elaine Alton

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San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

President	Bev VanderWeide	408.778.0034	Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
Vice President	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247	Poker Ride Chair	Joan Throgmorton	408.842.5570
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Trails Development Co-chair	Kitty Swindle	408.842.6215	Jack Brook Camp Chair	Joan Throgmorton	408.842.5570
County Trail Liason	Audra Soltis				

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

Santa Clara Parks Charter:

The Yes on Parks group is backing Measure A on the June Ballot and has asked for an endorsement from SMHA. As noted in the board meeting minutes it will be put to a vote at the next general meeting on April 8th.

The Measure does two things, firstly it increases the percentage of property tax revenues allocated to the parks from 1.425 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 1.5 cents. That would add about \$3 million to the pot for a total of about \$57 million. This is not a tax increase, only redistribution in spending.

Secondly the charter is to be amended to increase the percentage of funds in the budget for improvements, such as trails, restrooms, picnic areas, from the current 5% to 10%. The Parks budget is currently split 15% for acquisitions, 5% for improvements and the rest for operations and maintenance.

Here is a link to Yes on Parks:

<http://yesonparks.com/home.htm>

And a Mercury News article:

http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_29511204/santa-clara-county-aims-alter-charter-fund-more

The Teri Davis Patane Memorial Horse Camp for Kids

(TDP Horse Camp). TDP Horse Camp is dedicated to providing disadvantaged kids with an opportunity to learn basic horsemanship skills and experience nature in an educational and fun setting. The annual seven-day camp is solely funded by

donations and completely staffed by volunteers. It provides all the kids with room, board, their own horse and all necessary equipment. **Items needed include boots, socks, helmets, jeans, horse equipment**, etc. Contact Lon Davis @ 408-778-2525, this is a 501(c)(3), tax deductible non-profit.

Save the date July 16th, for a fundraising event to benefit **DreamPower Horsemanship and Operation Freedom Paws**. This will be a **5K Fun Run at Harvey Bear County Park** and it includes a pancake breakfast.

DreamPower is a therapeutic riding program located in Gilroy. We help those of all ages from 4 to 80+.

Our program is not just for those who are physically disabled. We service those who are disadvantaged or high risk. Our program includes kids in group

homes, foster children, veterans from all conflicts or wars, etc.

Operation Freedom Paws (OFP) matches and trains veterans with dogs from shelters. These dogs are trained to be service dogs.

DreamPower and OFP have a close relationship since they both help veterans.

If you want to know more about either organization, please visit their website or facebook page.

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

<http://operationfreedompaws.org/>

As mentioned earlier we are hosting the concessions stand at **Thorson's Arena** on April 30-May 1st

Here are some details on the **Julie Goodnight Clinic**

Price for Riders for both days: \$650.

Must sign up on Julie's website: Juliegoodnight.com/clinics

Spectators: \$25 per day (also available at the gate)

Stalls (includes water only):

Portable: \$20 per day Covered: \$30 per day Dry camping: \$10 per day

Parking fee: \$5 per day collected at gate.

**Stalls / camping Reservations go to: Jeanna Santalucia santaluciaj@juno.com

** Stall reservation checks MUST Have either stall form and "Julie Goodnight" in memo of check. (the Buck Branaman clinic is the following weekend.)



San Martin Horseman's

Ranch Trail Competition

April 10th, 2016

Sign up at 9:00

Practice the Course from 10:00 – 12:00

Competition starts at 1:00

\$35.00 member \$40.00 non-member

***\$15.00 to add an extra class**

Divisions: age 12 and under, ages 13 – 18, Novice Adult (never won 2 firsts in any ranch trail competition) & Open (anyone can enter)

Prizes in each division

Come join us for a day of fun on horseback.

The event will be held at the Bloomquist Arena: 8885 Guibal Ave., Gilroy.

Directions: Take New Ave. to Roop Road (go west), go straight, do not turn on Guibal, you will pull all the way to the back of the property, there is plenty of parking.

Call Laurie at 408-666-9676 or Debbie at 408-410-8582 to Sign Up

Obstacles will be:

- * Gate**
- * Bridge**
- * Side Pass**
- * Back**
- * Walk Over**
- * Goat**
- * Drag a Cowhide**
- * Mount**
- * Tarp**
- * Coat**
- * Under Easy Up**
- * Tires**

For your convenience
Food will be available,
Please support our great
food booth!

CHITTY BLOG

Here is a list of interesting events in our parks:

April 9th: * Wildflower Ride, stage from Hunting Hollow. Easy ride, be ready to ride at 10am.

April 17th * Ride Open Space Authority property across the street from Hunting Hollow. This is a rare opportunity to see this area that is closed to the public. Be ready to ride at 9:30am. Limited space RSVP a must.

April 29-May 1st: Backcountry Weekend, drive almost 12 miles into Coe Park's interior from Bell Station entrance. You can come for

the day or camp. Once a year opportunity to park less than 4 miles from Mississippi Lake, the largest body of water in the park. You need to get your entry in now.

May 27-30th: Coit Camp weekend. Drive your rig ~3.3 miles into the park, camp, enjoy fabulous food, ride on your own or with a guide, on trails most people don't get to see. Hikers welcome.

- * Hunting Hollow parking fee \$6, or \$5 for senior

Contact Chere 408-683-2247 or Kitty 408-842-6215 for more information

or check the Henry Coe State Park website. Please note: the above events are NOT SMHA sponsored events.

For SCC Parks Trail Work Pre-registration is required. contact the Volunteer Program at volunteer@prk.sccgov.org or call (408) 918-4930. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/Volunteer/Pages/13CalVolunteerEventsTrainings.aspx> for more information.

If you are not part of an organized SMHA group please take the form below with you to your work day. Please send completed form along with a list of all volunteers counted on the form to Chere Bargar at 1505 E. San Martin Ave., San Martin, CA 95046. DO NOT SEND TO COUNTY PARKS. Chere will make sure it gets to the right place and that everyone on the list who is a SMHA member gets 2 tickets put in the box for the year end raffle. Volunteers do not need to be SMHA members to be counted on the form. They just need to agree that they wish their hours to be counted on the SMHA form. Any questions, please call Chere at 408 683-2247 or email at chere.b@att.net.

Chere

SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARK WORK DAY

NAME OF PARK _____

DATE _____

PROJECT _____

Number of volunteers _____ X Number of hours _____ = Total hours _____

Signature of staff member _____ Title _____

Printed name of staff member _____

San Martin Horseman's Association



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P.O. Box 275
San Martin, CA 95046



Think SMHA Club Gear for Arbor Day



Take a look at the cool printed and/or embroidered T-shirts, bags, polos and more. 10% of all purchases go to the club. What a great way to support your Club

visit: smhorse.org and click on "Club Store"