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Members... Come Back Drive

Attending general meetings is a great time to socialize and get to know our new club members and renew friendships with our current members. Meetings are a means to be involved in your club, to socialize and have fun!

General Meetings are a great time to make suggestions for and about upcoming events, adding to the event list, most of all, participating and promoting our common interest, our favorite hobby, *Horses*.

So, our SMHA Board Members have come up with a *Members Come Back Drive*. It goes a little like this: *All Members* who attend 2011 club activities and general meetings are eligible to enter the End of the Year Drawing. For every meeting and/or club activity you attend your name will be dropped into the basket for a chance to win:

.....(prizes TBA).....
(ps: SMHA Board is working up a great 'grand prize' or two.)

Looking forward to seeing one and all at the General Meetings/Club Activities. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for February 11th at 7pm San Martin's Lion's Club 12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin, CA

The Rules are simple: Only Members are eligible to enter and win. You must attend to enter and you must be present to win! One entry per person per club meeting or activity. Drawing to be held at our annual end of year Holiday Party in December....see ya all there!



Breezy Hughes, a new member

By the Light of the Moon

Several friends and I set a goal in 2010 to ride on the eve of the full moon every month. All the rides were in Hunting Hollow in Coe Park. Our numbers ranged from 4 to dozen, with Carol Able, Judy Hayamizu, Kitty Swindle and Chere Bargar, making all twelve rides. Judy rode a different horse each month, all with a bareback pad. Kitty's grandson, Nathaniel rode with us twice. Septembers ride was open to the public, and Chere's son, Scott and his girlfriend Victoria were visiting and able to join us. It had been a number of years since either of them had ridden. We named each moon. We saw "night critters" such as the skunk that we had to wait patiently for to move off the trail, a fox, bats, and deer. We saw gorgeous sunsets and moon shadows. One

gal gets vertigo when riding in the dark-it was a little perplexing until we figured it out. Mother nature treated us well with good weather. The only time we got rained on was in December. When we rode out, it was warm and gorgeous. The creek crossings were wide with swiftly running water. About five minutes after we turned around to start back, the rain came down in a torrent. The horses wanted to turn with tails to the wind. They soon got headed in the right direction and we hustled for the parking lot. We all have good memories of our rides in the light of the full moon.

by: Chere Bargar

Pleasure Trails Kick-Off!

"A day's work is a day's work, neither more nor less, and the man who does it needs a day's sustenance, a night's repose and due leisure..."

The Irish believe that March is the time to "begin transforming winter's dreams into springtime magic." Come join us at the beach on Saturday, March 12th. Just forty minutes away, Salinas River State Beach is the perfect location for our Saint Patrick's theme Pleasure Trails Event. We welcome all San Martin members: riders, walkers and those who may want to visit at the trailers while the others ride or walk. The ride or hike will take approximately an hour. The dunes are challenging for hikers, so bipeds will hike the beach while riders traverse the dunes and return via the beach. The sandy footing will be a welcome change from late winter mud and your horse will appreciate a chance to stretch its legs. No need to pretty-up your horse for this event; many of us will have shaggy, dirty horses, I'm sure! To quote an old Irish saying: "There's as many good horses in carts as in coaches."

This year we will have a potluck. The main dish will be Corned-beef and Cabbage. Please bring a side dish, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert to share. We're all Irish for the day, so if you can bring food with an Irish theme, great! If not, bring your culinary specialty or some other food you really like.

We will caravan to the beach from Gilroy. Please meet at the parking lot behind McDonald's at Tenth and Chestnut Streets at 8:45 am on Saturday, March 12. We will leave Gilroy at 9:00 am. As we drive, please pay attention and keep sight of the trailers in front of you. Although "the slow horse reaches the mill" we don't want anyone to get lost along the way.

For the potluck bring: a food item to share (see above).

For yourself bring: drinks, utensils, and chair.

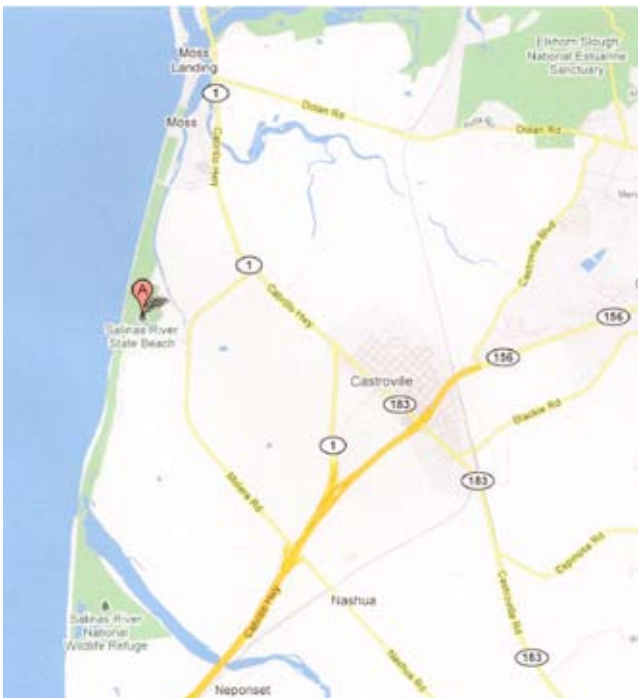
For your horse bring: water, a water bucket, a lightweight blanket and a snack (if it is your custom to feed your horse at the trailer following a ride).

Clean up all horse manure and hay from the beach parking lot.

So, if you're suffering from cabin fever, need to clear the cobwebs out, miss your friends, or want to make new friends, please join us. Pleasure Trails events are informal and great for socializing and talking about one of our favorite topics: horses! I'll bet we all agree with this old Irish proverb, "Sell the cow, buy the sheep, but never be without the horse."

"May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty." I hope to see you there!

RSVP by March 9. Maureen Olson 408-892-2258.



CLUB NEWS

February 11th General Meeting

Potluck is on the menu. Bring your favorite appetizer, finger food &/or dessert. Bring a new member, receive a free Bingo card for you and them!

On the agenda: Bingo, complete with prizes. Bingo cards will be 25¢ each. Bring a Bingo prize donation - get a free bingo card!

Also on the agenda: Members Come Back Drive, New Members Drive, ideas and suggestions for events and fund raisers, we need to keep our 'hoppers' full.

Come to the meeting, join in, and get your name entered for the end of year drawing.

Door Prize; Members only, drawing held at close of meeting.

Mane Stays & Events

January:

No General Meeting

19th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

February:

11th 7pm General Meeting, San Martin Lions
12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin, CA
-Potluck/Bingo-Membership Come Back Drive

16th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

28th Back Country weekend applications must be
postmarked with today's date if you wish to
go. For applications visit website:
<http://www.coepark.org/orestimba.html>
(not a club activity)

March:

No General Meeting

12th Pleasure Trails Kick Off, *RSVP* by March 9th
WITH Maureen @ 408.892.2258

16th: 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

April:

8th 7pm General Meeting, San Martin
Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin
~come one, come all, must attend to
be eligible for end of year drawing!

9th Wild Flowers Ride, Coe Park (not a club activity)
Contact: Chere @ 408.683.2247

20th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

29th Back Country Ride, Coe Park
(not a club activity)

May:

No General Meeting

18th Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts home

14th Pleasure Ride...more info to follow

June:

10th 7pm General Meeting, San Martin
Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Ave. Join in!

15th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

25th Poker Ride / Trail Trials

Contact: Sharon Hensley @ 408.316.2706

July:

No General Meeting

16th Pleasure Ride/Ice Cream Social, BBQ
more info to follow

20th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

August:

20th General Meeting night of Potluck
Jack Brook Horse Camp

15-22 Jack Brook Horse Camp, reservations
required, more info to follow

Chair: Joan Throgmorton @ 408.842.5570

September:

No General Meeting

14th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

TBA Pleasure Ride

October:

7th 7pm General Meeting, San Martin
Lions Club Hall, 12415 Murphy Ave.

19th 7pm Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

TBA Pebble Beach Pleasure Ride

29th Poker Ride (rain date Nov. 5)

November:

No General Meeting

5th Rain Date-Poker Ride

16th Board Meeting @ Denise Roberts

December:

No Board Meeting

9th 7pm Holiday Party, San Martin Lions Club
12415 Murphy Ave. Grand Prize Drawing to
be held, must be present to win!

*Note General Meetings, bring a potluck dish,
refreshment, flatware and plates.*

Mane Stays & Events continued: SMHA Club Minutes

Board Meeting – January 19, 2011

Present: Greg Linden, Sharon Hensley, Kitty Swindle, Denise Roberts, Joan Throgmorton, Pat Scharfe, Chere Bargar, Dera Oldofredi, Debra Hughes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

New Board Members.

It is a pleasure to welcome Debra Hughes as our Newsletter editor. Debra (aka Breezy) is relatively new to the club and is stepping in with both feet. Thanks Breezy!
Christine Amber while resigning from editing the Newsletter will continue on in the position of Webmaster. Thanks Christine!

Calendar.

Proposed dates for the 2011 calendar are as follows.

General Meetings: February 11; April 8; June 10; August 20; October 7; December 9.

Board Meetings: January 19; February 16; March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15; July 20; September 14; October 19; November 16.

Poker Ride/Trail Trials: June 25; October 29 (rain date November 5)

Pleasure Rides: March 12; May 14; July 16; September 17

Pebble Beach Ride: October 22

Jack Brooks Horse Camping: August 15 through 22.

Treasurer.

Denise distributed the budget reports for November and December, she also distributed the profit and loss statement for 2010 and the projected 2011 budget. After review of the proposed budget, Joan made a motion to pass the budget; Chere seconded the motion; all agreed.

Meeting Attendance.

Ideas were exchanged as to how to bring more members to our meetings. It was decided that rather than presenting topics of interest, the meetings should be more social in nature. For the February meeting we will hold a bingo night potluck with door prizes, bring a prospective member promotion, and bring a prize, receive a free card promotion. Joan will be in charge of prizes, Greg will provide cards, and Becky drinks.

A “grand” prize for club activities/meetings attendance was also discussed. Grand prize drawing is to be held at the last club meeting of the year. Member must be present to win.

Pleasure Rides.

The first pleasure ride will be at Salinas River State Beach. Tide is out at 10:43a.m. Lunch will be a potluck and, to co-inside with St. Patrick’s Day, corned beef and cabbage will be provided.

The Lake San Antonio ride requires driving a long distance. Another closer area to replace this ride would be Gilroy Hot Springs. Chere will check on the feasibility of having such a ride.

December Christmas Meeting.

The December meeting was very successful. A special “*thank you*” to Becky for the great decorations and to all who helped make this meeting so much fun.

Open Committee Chairs.

Two Board/Committee positions are available. One is that of Membership Chair, the other Publicity Chair.

Trail Trials. Sharon advised us that this ride has been sanctioned.

Equipment.

Chere requested that she be allowed to borrow SMHA water troughs and other needed equipment for various Coe Park events. Joan made a motion that she be allowed to borrow equipment as needed for the Coe Park events. Sharon seconded motion. All agreed.

Other Events.

Coe Backcountry Weekend – April 29, 30, and May 1

Coe Wildflower Ride – April 9

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

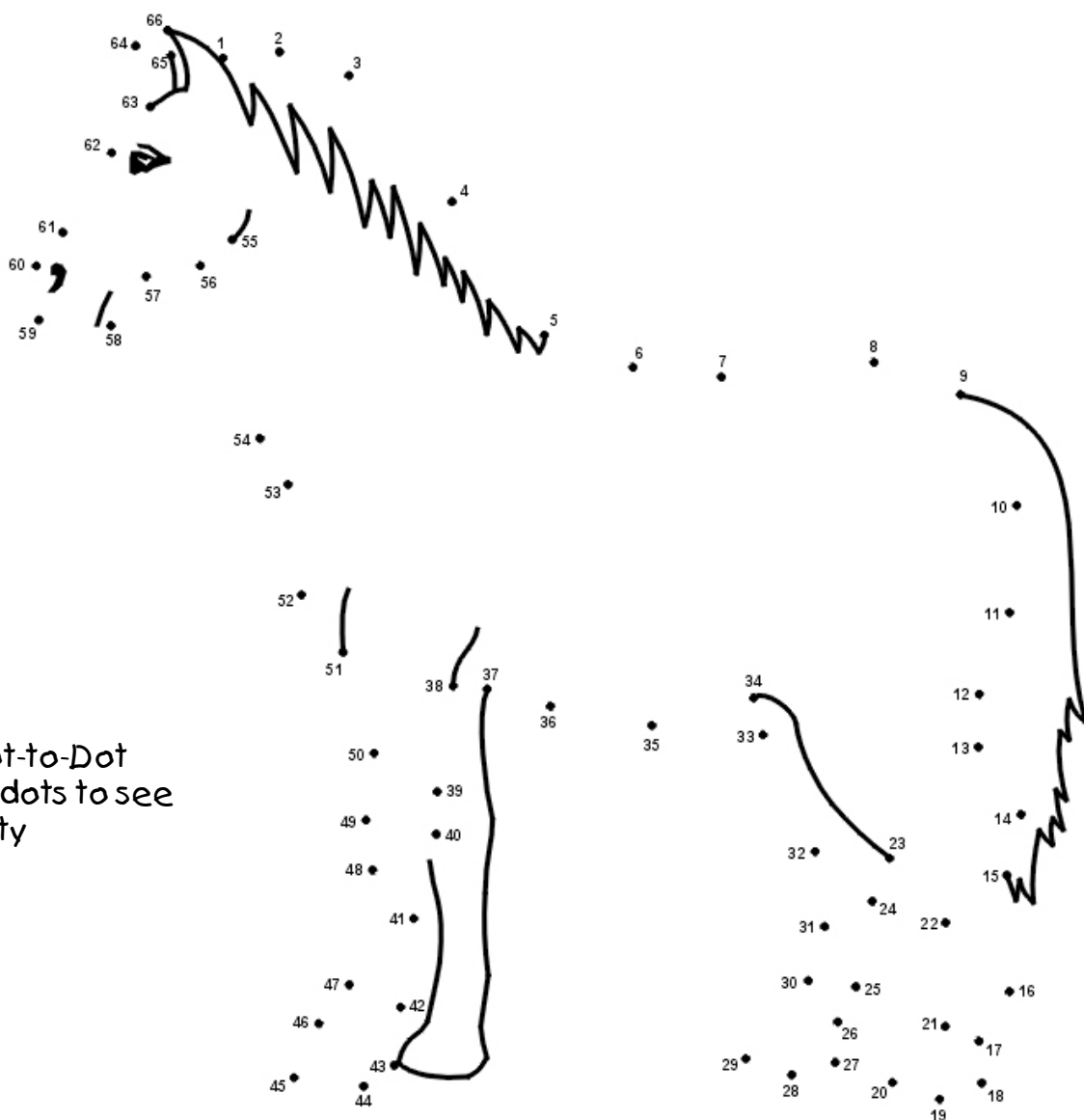
The next Board meeting is February 16, 2011.

WORDS TO FIND IN HORSE WORD PUZZLE:

CANTER	COLT
FILLY	FOAL
GALLOP	GRASS
HAY	HORSE
MARE	PONY
TROT	WALK

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Dotty's Dot-to-Dot
connect the dots to see
Dotty

The Water Trough:

Help Wanted: SMHA needs a club member to volunteer to fill the position of: Membership Chair. Serving as the primary contact for new members joining the Club. Encourage and facilitate their participation in club activities. Maintain a regularly updated list of volunteer mentors who have agreed to help new members. Contact each new member (by email whenever possible). Send a standard welcome letter describing the club's structure and activities. Facilitate contact between a new member and a mentor, if a new member requests help.

SMHA Sale Barn

Support your Club

Gifts from the SMHA

Sale Barn:

SMHA Logo Sweats, tees, polos,
blouse, shirt.....\$10 to \$27.75
Hats & Visors.....\$6 to \$9
Buckles\$5
Zipper Pull\$5
Money Clip\$5
Boxed Pins\$5
Bolo Slides\$5
SMHA decals\$3
Tie Tacks/Hat Pins\$2
Hoof Picks\$2
Key chains.....\$1
Bumper Sticker\$1
Patches-2 sizes50¢

Call Susan for more info: 408.779.5456



Meghan Elyse Hosse

6 lbs 1oz ~ 18 1/2 inches

October 3, 2010

mom & dad

Karen Topping

&

Jim Hosse

*Meghan
surprised
Mom & Dad
2 weeks
early!*



Meghan



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President	Greg Linden	408.842.0777	Publicity Chair	~open~
Vice President	Paul & Dera Oldofredi	408.683.4624	Sales	Susan Edes 408.779-5456
Treasurer	Denise Roberts	408-848-3728	Social	Becky Dolan --n/a--
Membership	~open~		Sunshine	Sandy Voechting 408.848.4169
Newsletter	Breezy Hughes	831.235.4980	Media Director	Christine Amber 408.888.8703
Phone Tree	Kitty Swindle	408.842.6215	Trails Development Cochair	Chere Bargar 408.683.2247
Pleasure Trails	Maureen Olson	408.842.2619	Trails Development Cochair	Kitty Swindle 408.842.6215
Historian	~open~		Jack Brooks Camp Chair	Joan Throgmorton 408.842.5570
Poker/Trail Trial Ride	Sharon Hensley	408.316.2706	Trail Trail Cochair	Joan Throgmorton 408.842.5570

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2011

This membership is

NEW _____

RENEWAL _____



form valid for memberships 10/1/10 thru 12/31/11

Step One: Family \$35

Individual \$25

Circle one

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 12/31/1992 to be included.

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

Step Three: Contact Information

Mailing address _____

Home phone _____

City-State-Zip _____

Cell phone _____

Home address if mailing address is different _____

Work phone _____

Cell 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.

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

* 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) _____

For More Information

Website: www.smhorse.org

Email: mail@smhorse.org

Phone: President Greg
408-842-0777

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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NOTE: TWO parts for **PARTICIPANTS HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT/RELEASE OF LIABILITY**
Family Memberships. **THIS RELEASE CONTAINS IMPORTANT LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL LIABILITY!**

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 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 _____

San Martin Horsemen's Association



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