



## San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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## President's Message

Hello members!

Wow! August certainly was a busy month for SMHA. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary on 8/4 with a terrific BBQ hosted by our own Audra Soltis at her ranch in Hollister. The wind gave us a bit of a challenge but we overcame it and had a great time visiting with past presidents, new and seasoned members, playing horseshoes and enjoying a great meal!

Next we strutted our stuff at the Gilroy Rodeo! Sterling Trubman and Andrea Calwell proudly carried our SMHA flags in the Grand Entry on Saturday. Steve Oliveria joined Sterling on Sunday to represent us in the Grand Entry. This was the first Gilroy rodeo in over 61 years and I am proud that SMHA got to be a part of it.

On August 16th through the 20th we converged on the campground at Jack Brook. What a fantastic trip it was! The weather was perfect, good company, awesome trail riding and fun around the campfire at night. Such a fun, relaxing and thoroughly enjoyable trip that no one wanted to come home!

September is shaping up to be just as fun. Our general meeting will be held on Friday Sept 14th. For those of you that missed the anniversary party, we will be showing the DVD of club pictures for your enjoyment and Carolyn Tucker will bring the club history books for you to peruse. Pizza is the order of the day for a nominal fee. Please rsvp to Kathy McBride so we can get an accurate headcount for ordering the pizza.

The day following the meeting, we will be hosting our September 15th Playday at Blomquist arena. You don't want to miss this one! We have changed things up a bit and added some new and challenging obstacles. Please come out and support your club and join the fun at this event!

Also, please start thinking about board positions you would want to hold and nominees for club officers. We will take nominations through our October meeting and elections will take place at the November general meeting. This is very important. We need to get new people at the helm and on the board to keep our club active, interesting and growing! Also at the October meeting, we will have guest speakers from LAE and Cal Fire to discuss what you can do for fire prevention and emergency evacuations. Don't miss it.

- No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you're still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.
- Tony Rumins –

See you on the trails!

Bev

## **2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

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. **Find the application on the web or at a General Meeting**

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

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## **MANE STAYS & EVENTS MONTHLY CALENDAR**

<b>Sep 14th</b>	General Meeting San Martin Lions Club 7pm <b>Janice Frazure</b> is going to speak about <b>Bay Area Barns and Trails</b> , and their grant program. <a href="http://bayareabarnsandtrails.com/">http://bayareabarnsandtrails.com/</a> Pizza RSVP
<b>Sep 15th</b>	PLAY DAY 9am -3pm Ranch Trail Obstacles See pages 4-6

<b>Oct 12th</b>	General Meeting San Martin Lions Club 7pm <b>Fire Prevention</b>
<b>Oct 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Halloween Poker Ride

### **TAKE NOTE:**

*. IDEAS FOR A GENERAL MEETING? Let the board know what you'd like to do*

### **Board Meeting – Aug 8, 2018**

**Present:** Kathy McBride, Chere Bargar, Kitty Swindle, Bev VanderWeide, and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Insurance:** Bev sent in money for insurance. We have a new renewal date (July 16).

**Jack Brook:** We have received enough reservation requests for Jack Brook to cover our expenses and several new/renewal memberships.

**Bonanza Days:** Event will be Saturday 9/29 (registration deadline is 8/31). Event is at Christmas Hill Park . Parade will commence at Miller and end at Christmas Hill Park . We will have three riders in parade to represent SMHA. Registration money for parade riders has been approved by Board.

**Play Day:** Prizes: Karen's group will bring white elephant gifts to exchange. SMHA will award prize to first place winner in each level. Prizes for afternoon group are being discussed (thoughts are Fly Spray, Tail & Mane, Brush, Poker Ride Entry, Blanket, Bracelet).

**Judging:** Karen will judge her group. Afternoon group will need 3-6 judges depending on obstacle setup.

**Obstacle Setup:** Karen submitted a summary of obstacles for morning session. Afternoon session is the same setup less trailer loading and bareback lap. For am session there will be three levels (1-walk, 2-trot, and 3-canter). Each obstacle has a 30 second time

limit. Afternoon session will be two levels (15 and under and 16 and older). Riders will select ten of the available obstacles for competition. Each obstacle will have a maximum time limit of 30 seconds. Individual's overall completion time will be added to riding score for total competition score.

**Setup:** Obstacles will be setup on Thursday with practice time Friday.

Kathy will check with Karen about making final copies of the obstacle diagram.

We will meet again on 9/18?? to finalize plans.

**Anniversary Event:** Party went quite well. Club received several new/returning member applications from event.

**September Meeting:** September 14 is our next general meeting. Club will supply pizza. Attendees can bring salads and/or desserts. Topic is SMHA Past to Present.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

September 14 – General Meeting  
September 15 – Play Day  
September 19 – Board Meeting  
October 12 – General Meeting (Fire Prevention)  
October 17 – Board Meeting  
October 27 – Poker Ride



# Jack Brook Horse Camp 2018

Photo credits: Jayne Hesley, Pauline wood, Carolyn Tucker





# San Martin Horseman's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition

**Saturday September 15th 2018**

**Registration starts at 9:30am  
Practice the course from 11:00 – 1:00**

**Competition starts at 1:00pm**

**\$40 – member, \$45 – non-member  
\$25 age 15 & under  
\$5 Discount for early registration**

**Divisions:**

Division 1: age 15 & under  
Division 2: age 16 & over

**Judging**

Points for Horsemanship, Safety & Creativity  
Bonus points for speed of completion

**Prizes in each division**

Come join us for a day of fun on horseback.  
The event will be held at the Blomquist Arena:  
8885 Guibal Ave. Gilroy.

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

**See forms in Sept. newsletter and at  
[www.smhorse.org](http://www.smhorse.org)**

**Obstacles may include:**

Walk Over  
Bridge  
Rope Gate  
Slicker  
Tire Maze  
Reverse Z Turn  
Tarp  
Mount  
Under Easy  
Sit & Stay  
Around the World

**PLUS SOME SURPRISES**

For your convenience  
food will be available.  
Just \$5  
gets you a hot dog,  
chips, cookie, &  
lemonade.

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## Play Day: Ranch Trail Competition Sep 15th, 2018

Registration Form

Name		Phone	
Address			e-mail
City	State	Zip	

Check One:

	CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below)
	Not a SMHA member

*\*\* Sign Release of Liability on back*

*\*\*\*Parent must sign for minors (under 18)*

CLASS	
15 & under	
16 & older	

Adult (16 & older)	<b>\$45</b>	
Or Junior (15 & under)	<b>\$25</b>	
CA Drug Fee	<b>\$5</b>	
SMHA Member	<b>-\$5</b>	
Pre-registration (received by Sept 12th) <b>-\$5</b>		
<b>Total amount Enclosed</b>		

**Registration: begins @ 9:30 am**  
**Practice Obstacles 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Competition starts 1:00 pm**  
**Prizes following Competition!!**

Minors must be with a responsible adult at the event  
 Minors may not ride stallions

**Directions to Blomquist Arena**

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

Mail registration & signed release forms to:

SMHA  
 P.O. Box 275  
 San Martin, CA 95046

**Pre-registration not required, but to receive the discount forms must be received by Sept 11<sup>nd</sup>**  
**No Rain Date please ensure your contact information is correct, email preferred.**  
**No refund after 9/14 medical exceptions only.**  
**For cancellations call SMHA President Bev VanderWeide 510 304 5884**

# EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

Event: SMHA PLAYDAY Date SEPT 15 2018

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport that 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 **SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION** hereinafter referred to as "SMHA" and the **TRUST OF JAMES BLOMQUIST AND PATRICIA VAN GUILDER** hereinafter referred to as "BLOMQUIST RANCH" from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH, or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events or activities organized or sponsored by SMHA, I waive, release and discharge SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH and their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and all other persons and organization in any way connected with the SMHA or BLOMQUIST RANCH 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 SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH and 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.

SMHA and BLOMQUIST RANCH, 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. (each participant MUST SIGN this part)**

Signature / Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature / Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Parent or Legal Guardian must complete the following section\*\*\* Minors do not sign on below line**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above minors in consideration of my 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, his/her animals, and property arising out of his/her participation in events. We further warrant that 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 / Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Mane Stays & Events 2018 CALENDAR

**September**

- 14 General Meeting
- 15 **PLAY DAY**
- 19 Board Meeting

**October**

- 12 General Meeting
- 17 Board Meeting
- 27 **POKER RIDE (rain 11/3)**

**November**

- 9 General Meeting
- 14 Board Meeting

**December**

- 14 **HOLIDAY PARTY**, General Meeting  
No Board Meeting

## San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

President	Bev VanderWeide	510 304 5884	Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
Vice President	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247	Poker Ride Chair	Chere Bargar*	408.842.5570
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Historian	Carolyn Tucker	carolynt@garlic.com	Trails Development Co-chair	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247
Trails Development Co-chair	Kitty Swindle	408.842.6215	Jack Brook Camp Chair	-	
County Trail Liason	Audra Soltis		*interim		



# Mane Stays

## THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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The **Teri Davis Patane Memorial Horse Camp for Kids** (TDP Horse Camp).

.Letter Received by SMHA:

On behalf of the kids that participate in the Teri Davis Patane Horse Camp for Kids. We would like to express a huge thank you for your donation. It is greatly appreciated! The camp is operated totally by volunteers and is funded by individual donations.



100% of all donations go toward camp expenses. Continued support such as yours is what makes the camp possible. The kids attending the camp get to experience an activity that they would otherwise not have the opportunity in which to participate. They have a terrific time. Again Thank you! Thank you!

<http://tdphorsecamp.org/>  
Lon Davis, speaking at the May General Meeting

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**Sandi Parker**, was guest speaker at our June meeting. She has a full calendar of training events in the upcoming months. Drop her an email at [SandiParker@gmail.com](mailto:SandiParker@gmail.com) for a flier or call and I am sure she can mail one to you.

Just some events include:

Monthly Foundation and Harmony Savvy Series 8/5  
3-Day Principles to Purpose Camp 8/17-19  
Cow Sorting clinic 7/28



**Sandi Parker**  
Licensed 3-Star Parelli Professional  
Call/Text: 408-842-1015  
[SandiParker@gmail.com](mailto:SandiParker@gmail.com)  
PO Box 1046  
San Martin, CA 95046

**Sandi Parker** has been teaching Parelli lessons & clinics in the Bay Area for over 20 years.  
*Please call or email for a free trial lesson.*

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## WATER TROUGH/Club Classifieds

**Animal and Plant Sitting:** Reliable Care for your plants and animals while you are away. 30 years' experience you can rely on! Call Chere at 408-683-2247

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

**WANTED:** I'm an experienced rider who is interested in either leasing or "joining " someone with multiple horses who wants a riding partner. I've owned & leased horses before and am looking for a new adventure. I'm looking for a sweet, healthy horse with a good disposition as well as the camaraderie of riding with someone. I'm

interested in trail riding so I'd like to find someone who trailers to Calero, Casa Loma, Henry Coe or any trail system, who would like a riding partner.

If anyone in our club knows of a situation that might work, please give me a call. Michele Hiatt (408-506-9619)

**FOR SALE:** ton's-o-tack, western/english bridles, bits, draw-reins, stirrups, pads, sheepskin pads, stirrups, make a time to come shop! 408 888 8703

**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](mailto:mail@smhorse.org)



# CHITTY BLOG

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## MOONLIGHT RIDE: COE PARK September 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2018 Hunting Hollow Entrance

Bring your horse and join fellow equestrians for a fun, easy ride down the hollow and back. Watch for creatures of the night and see your moon shadow.

POTLUCK: 6 PM. Bring a dish to share, your own tableware, drinks, chair and a jacket.

RIDE OUT : 7 PM. About 6.5 miles.

PARKING FEE: \$6.00. Bring exact amount.

Horse manure must be picked up and hauled out.

Information, (408) 842-6215 or (408) 683-2247

Sponsored by the Pine Ridge Association. Hosted by the Mounted Assistance Unit.

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Take the County Parks Survey before August 5th and be entered to win an annual parking pass, think Mt Madonna:  
[www.countyParksSurvey.com](http://www.countyParksSurvey.com)

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### SCC Parks: Coyote Highlands & Canyon



If you want to be added to the email list for this project contact [cherise.orange@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:cherise.orange@prk.sccgov.org)

#### Park web page:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/PlansProjects/introducti on/Pages/coyote-highlands.aspx> includes the presentation from the meeting.

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Pictures of Jayne  
Map reading  
At Jack Brook...  
On a horse ...  
In a creek ...  
On a log ...  
At a hitching post





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