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President's Message

Hello members!

Well, the year is coming to an end and what a year it was! I think we can confidently celebrate a successful year for our club. We started the year with our annual soup contest, continued with multiple guest speakers on various topics, movie nights, taco bars, enjoyed two playdays, a Clinton Anderson Clinic, a week of camping at Jack Brook and our ever popular Galloping Goblin poker ride. We will finish the year with our Holiday dinner and silent auction on December 14th. Don't miss it! It may be your name drawn out of the hat to win one of our fabulous year end prizes and you must be present to win!

I would also like to take this time, at years end, to thank you for supporting me and allowing me to serve as your club president for the past 7 years. Although challenging at times, it was overall very rewarding to initiate changes that helped grow the club and contribute to its success. We came from a handful of members meeting every other month to monthly meetings with an average of 20+ members each meeting. We were part of history by participating in the Grand Entry of the first Gilroy Rodeo in 61 years. We also represented our club by riding in the revived Bonanza Day parade and took Best Overall Equestrian group and/or first place in the Morgan Hill 4th of July parade every year for the last 6 years running. We also celebrated a milestone for the club this year when we enjoyed our 50th Anniversary as a club!

Finally, I'd like to thank all my board members, many who have held these positions for multiple years. These people worked tirelessly and unselfishly to help make your club the success that it is! None of the many events mentioned in this message would have been possible without all the effort put forth by this hard working board. All the planning, set up and behind the scenes legwork, sign making, float building, etc, etc, etc – all done with the help and drive of these dedicated people.

It was a difficult decision to step down as president but one I felt necessary to help further the clubs growth and success, both which require new ideas and enthusiasm. I sincerely hope the SMHA continues to grow and thrive under the leadership of your new president, whoever that may be.

So I won't say goodbye, just so long, it's been a good ride! See you all at the Holiday party on the 14th!!

- Everyday is a new beginning. Stay away from what might have been and look what can be - Anonymous

Happy Trails, Bev

MAME STAYS & EVENTS MONTHLY CALENDAR

Dec 14th	<p>General Meeting San Martin Lions Club 7pm</p> <p>HOLIDAY PARTY Silent Auctions End of Year Raffle Dancing</p>
Jan 16th	<p>General Meeting San Martin Lions Club 7pm Annual Stevie Knepper Soup & Chilli Cook Off</p>

	Bring your favorite homemade soup or chilli to share and taste test in this popular January tradition.
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TAKE NOTE:

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

Board Meeting – November 14th 2018

Present: Chere Bargar, Bev VanderWeide, Tim Alton, Audra Soltis, and Pat Scharfe

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

Finances: Our checking account balance as of October 31 was enumerated.

Poker Ride: There were 31 participants at our Halloween poker ride. We made a profit of approximately \$500. Park usage fee was \$155 (Chere will drop off check). New members joining at ride are Linda and Dennis Morano and Barbara and Andy Suit.

Board Nominations: Positions to be filled are President and Treasurer. Audra can no longer attend the general and board meetings due to work issues. Board felt it is not necessary for her to attend meetings and that she could use post office box and emails etc. for communication. If someone steps up to take the Treasurer position, Audra will step down. Andrea Caldwell has volunteered to take over the Sunshine position and Elaine Alton will preside as membership chair.

Some of the items to be considered should no one step up to fill the President slot are distribution of money in bank, barn rental, Lions Club rental, and taxes.

December Holiday Meeting: Date is Friday, December 14. Chere and Kitty will cook turkeys and Pat will cook a ham. Side dishes will be provided by participants according to alphabet. A case of water, coffee, and apple cider will also be provided. Bev will check the barn for decorations. Chere, Pat and Bev volunteered to arrive early to decorate. There will be a short meeting, election of officers, silent auction, line dancing, year-end drawing, good food and conversation.

Upcoming Meetings:

- December 14 – General Meeting (Holiday Party)
- No Board Meeting in December
- January 11 General Meeting (Soup cook off)
- January 16 Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

DON'T MISS THIS ANNUAL EVENT. WE WILL BE ENJOYING GOOD COMPANY, GOOD FOOD AND THE BIG ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR DRAWING (you must be present to win).

We are having a silent auction of some terrific items

Holiday Food Drive: Please bring non-perishable food items.



**DECEMBER 14th, 2018 7:00 PM
SAN MARTIN LIONS CLUB
12415 MURPHY AVE.,
SAN MARTIN, CA**



The club will furnish the turkey and ham.
Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share.

A-G Potatoes or stuffing

H-M Vegetable dish or salad

N-Z Dessert or gravy

Thanks in advance to those volunteers willing to cook a turkey or ham.

Minutes of the General Meeting 11/09/18

Attendees:

Bev Vanderweide, Carlyn Tucker, Coleen & Amanda Colwell, Michelle Hiatt, Chere Barger, Tim & Elaine Alton, Andrea Caldwell

Meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

Bev read the financial report and informed us that the poker ride was successful.

Tonight was supposed to be the election of officers but there were not enough members present.

We need the posts of President, Vice President and Treasurers to be filled. If they are not the Club will have

to be dissolved. Bev talked at length on the value of club membership e.g. representing the horse community at County Planning Meetings.

Job descriptions for the vacant positions will be included in the next Newsletter plus the length of time these jobs generally take to perform. It was also suggested that jobs can be shared between two or more people. By volunteering younger people will have a chance to gain leadership skills.

Our December GM will include voting for officers, Holiday Party with a Silent Auction.

Submitted by Elaine Alton 11/30/2018

CANNED FOOD DIVE

At the December general meeting we will be accepting canned foods. Please bring along some canned goods and we will pass them along to a local food bank.



HOLIDAY PARTY SILENT AUCTION

We are having a silent auction;

We have some terrific items for you to bid on, including gift certificates horse equipment and gift baskets.



Mane Stays & Events

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
Treasurer	Audra Soltis			Steve Oliveira	408 499 8245
Membership	Elaine Alton		Sunshine	Andrea Caldwell	
Newsletter	Tim Alton	408 683 2247 newsletter@smhorse.org	Media Director	Christine Amber	
Historian	Carolyn Tucker	carolyn@gallop.com	Development Co-chair	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247
Trails Development Co-chair	Kitty Spindler	408.842.6215	Jack Brook Camp Chair	-	
			OPEN	NEW CANDIDATE	

**Run for Office
Come & Vote in December**

CLUB PRESIDENT Job Description

- Preside over general meeting once a month
 - approx. 45 minutes
 - o contact Lions Club for code to key box, be responsible for leaving the hall clean
- Preside over the board meeting once a month - approx. 2 hours
 - o board meeting consists of paying bills, creating calendar of events, planning the next general meeting
- Promote the club
 - o try to be visible at events, be the contact person for outside interests
- preside over outside events ie: poker ride, playday etc
- Basically, just be a good organizer and be able to "herd cats" !

TREASURER Job Description

- Reconcile Accounts monthly including picking up Statement from San Martin Post Office - 15 minutes per month
- Deposit checks/cash from meetings and events - 30 minutes per month
- Attend monthly Board meeting - 2 hours
- Attend monthly general meeting - 2 hours
- Annually send information in for Taxes - 2 hours annually

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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

Santa Clara County Large Animal Evacuation:

. <http://www.scclaet.org/>

Important information is available on their website under the DOWNLOAD tab.

LAE volunteers must go through annual training and the next scheduled training date is 3/16/19.

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

Help Wanted, after school, Gilroy please call Kitty and leave a message: 408 842 6215

FOR SALE: Portable Corral. 18 Steel Sections: fit into 2 cases Each Section -Collapsed: 36" wide X 30'tall Each Section- Extended: 5'wide X 4'tall Assembles to make corral 30 feet across \$500 call 408 656 8565 Saratoga, CA



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: newdletter@smhorse.org

CHITTY BLOG

There's Green in them Hills!

The rain brings green grass and temporary trail closures in the county parks. This picture was taken while hiking up Willow Springs trail in Harvey Bear County Park,.



Please be a good trail user and don't ride when the trails are closed due to poor conditions. You can call

(408) 355-2200 before you leave home to avoid a wasted journey.



If you head over to Henry Coe S.P., which never closes, the voluntary wet weather trail code there is to stay on the wide ranch roads and avoid the single track trails.

Point Reyes Horse Camping: I just got a letter from US Dept. of the Interior stating that Amanda Wisby/Stewart Ranch LLC no longer wants to operate the concession at Stewart Horse Camp at Point Reyes. (Some time ago, the agency stated that they were looking at other options for the camp and a number of people, including me, sent letters stating that we wished to have the horse camp

continue operation). They further stated that they realize the importance of the horse camp to the equestrian community and will be evaluating options to keep the camp open in the 2019 season and they will provide updates on the process.

This is a fabulous place to horse camp, and we don't want to lose it. I will update as I get information.

COYOTE HIGHLANDS – COYOTE CANYON :

Planning Process Change of Meeting Date

The County Parks Department is preparing the Draft CHCC Natural Resource Management Plan & Interim access Plan for public comment and review.

County Parks is also preparing a CEQA Document as part of the planning process.

Completed documents will be available on the Project website in January. To be reviewed at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting 2/6/2019

<http://www.parkhere.org/CoyoteHighlands>

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