

San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community
& Promoting Horses &
Horsemanship

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Happy April

Our hearts go out to those affected by the covid-19 outbreak. Our respect and gratitude goes to our health care workers on the front line and all those providing essential services in grocery stores and throughout our community. These are very difficult times for some in our community, hopefully everybody stays safe.

As of today March 31st the stay-in-place order has been extended until May 3rd. As you may expect our general meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Trailer Tech Session March 8th:

A great success. Huge thanks to Gary Luke with sons Brady and Ryan and Eric Whedon and son Jake. They spent the whole day helping folks fix up their trailers, from electric brakes, and lights, to adding bearing buddies that make greasing your bearings as simple as attaching a grease gun. They also provided a trailer wheel removal and replacement demonstration for the pony clubbers at South Bay Horse Ranch. A big thank you to Denise Jungling at the ranch for providing the location for this event.

Coming Up:

If things return to normal by then, and it is a big IF.

In the summer we are moving our Jack Brook Horse Camp dates to July, joining with Monterey Bay Equestrians. Details to follow in June on how to sign up.

Of course we are looking forward to a stepped up showing in the Morgan Hill July 4th parade with the new vests we are making. Let us know if you are interested in taking part. If you think a crowd desensitization session would help you make a decision on participating, let us know that too.

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

. Please complete your application ASAP

Send your membership application (see page 3) and dues to: SMHA, P.O. Box 275, San Martin, CA 95046

FRIDAY THE 13TH TURNED OUT TO BE A GREAT DAY.

Those of us who made it out to the last meeting wish to thank Chere for a great Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Also thanks to Kitty for bringing all the required dry goods, and to all of those who brought deserts and other goodies. We had an evening of socializing, as sadly our guest speaker was unable to attend There was lively conversation about the Trailer Tech session from the previous Sunday.

We actually had guests too, Stephanie Lam and Ryan Devita visited after meeting Karen at the Tech Session on the previous Sunday. Stephanie mentioned she was looking for others to ride with on the trails. We will have to take a rain check or better yet a sunshine check on that for a while. Stephanie is also our newest club member, welcome.

Another guest was Shannen Bostwick who renewed her membership and gave us a terrific sales pitch on the horse camping available at the north end of lake San Antonio in Monterey county. It's not too far away, an easy drive and easy trails. Great facilities include pens and an arena. Check that out when things return to normal.

Some folks had just heard that the Coe backcountry weekend was off and that turned out to be the first of many, many cancellations. But on the other hand we all left with some left overs for breakfast.



Trailer Tech Session.
Photos by Karen Luke
March 8th before physical distancing became a new way of living.





form valid for memberships 10/1/19 thru 12/31/20

This membership is
NEW _____
RENEWAL _____

Step One: Family \$40
Circle one

Individual \$30

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 12/31/2001 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.

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.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * I am willing to help: | * I am interested in the following: | |
| _____ at events | _____ camping | _____ trails (building) |
| _____ pre-events | _____ pleasure trails | _____ trails (development) |
| _____ on committees | _____ poker rides | _____ trails (planning) |
| _____ club officer | _____ trail trials | _____ junior program |
| _____ committee member | _____ gymkhana | _____ parade/color guard |
| _____ phone tree caller | _____ rodeo | _____ team penning |
| _____ newsletter | _____ shows | _____ dressage/quadriple |
| _____ fundraisers | _____ endurance | _____ other (specify) |
| _____ snack bar/cooking | _____ NATRC | _____ |
| _____ refreshments | | |
| _____ set-up/clean-up | | |
| _____ other | | |

For More Information : Website: www.smhorse.org

Email: mail@smhorse.org

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 _____
Print names _____
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 _____

Mane Stays & Events 2020 CALENDAR

EVERYTHING is SUBJECT TO CHANGE

April

10 NO General Meeting
15 Board Meeting

May

8 General Meeting
20 Board Meeting

June

12 General Meeting
17 Board Meeting

July

4 **PARADE, Morgan Hill**
10-15 **JACK BROOK, HORSE CAMP**
22 Board Meeting

August

14 General Meeting
19 Board Meeting

September

11 General Meeting
PLAY DAY
16 Board Meeting

October

9 General Meeting
21 Board Meeting
POKER RIDE

November

13 General Meeting
18 Board Meeting

December

11 **HOLIDAY PARTY**, General Meeting
No Board Meeting

San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

President	Chere Bargar		Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
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Trails Development Co-chair	Kitty Swindle	408.842.6215	Jack Brook Camp Chair	Tim Alton	newsletter@smhorse.org

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

HORSE RIDING IN A TIME OF COVID-19

On trail: give each other *at least* 6 feet at all times

- Give people space. That means in parking lots or other gathering areas, but it also means on the trail.
- Respect any trail or facility closures. (And remember, have a backup plan before you leave, in case you arrive to find an area closed or crowded.)
- Be extra cautious. **Emergency responders are very busy.** Please don't take any risks

that might mean you need rescue or health care.

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before you eat, and avoid sharing water bottles or snacks.
- **Pack out your trash and any toilet paper.** That means taking it home with you. This is always our advice but it will take all of us doing a little extra to keep our trails in good shape right now.

Here is a link to the full article with more useful information:

<https://www.trailmeister.com/horse-riding-in-the-time-of-covid-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

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: newsletter@smhorse.org

A Letter to the Editor in response to the request for submissions to the BLM on the Cotoni-Coast Dairies Management plan.

If you really want to expand your trail access, especially locally, Put pressure on Santa Clara County Open Space Authority that bought the Palassou Ranch in 1997 with the promise to link Hunting Hollow with the Harvey Bear and Coyote Lake Park. That would give you folks a trail starting at the Bear Parking lot out side of San Martin all the way up past Coyote Lake and the Mendoza up The old trail along Coyote creek(Open Space holdings) to Hunting Hollow. It would be a trail that would lead from the valley floor to our 2nd largest State Park. Just imagine having access to wilderness from your neighborhood, hundreds of miles of roads and trails in beautiful 90,000 acre Coe. Open Space has lots of tax revenue you folks have paid in.

Hold their feet to the fire and have them cough up the promise they made when they bought their first piece of ground 23 years ago. That would be a cause worth while

Open Space has focused on improvements that have benefited them politically (trails that are visible such as those around Almaden and up above Alum Rock Park.) But have neglected to be visionaries in pursuing a trail corridor that has been recognized for 40 years by Santa Clara County Master Plans, Santa Clara County Parks and Rec, The Calif. State Parks , Recognition and study by the Federal Historic Trails (The Anza Trail) And the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I would be willing to help in this pursuit if people are seriously interested
Long Time Trail Advocate
Doug Reynaud

Henry Coe events:

All organized events are on hiatus

No camping or picnics are allowed.

But you can hike bike or ride so long as you maintain physical distance guidelines with other park users.

<https://coepark.net/>

SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS:

We must all do our part to keep as many of our parks open, while protecting the safety of yourself, your family, your community and our staff. If physical distancing cannot be followed, our parks very well could close. We must all do our part to #keepparkssafe.

- Look for nearby nature to enjoy in your own neighborhood; this is a time to rediscover your neighborhood.
- Some parking lots are closed; don't drive and you'll get more exercise.
- Visit nature virtually; there are many options online.

GO SOLO OR WITH YOUR FAMILY UNIT

- Going outdoors is for your physical and mental health, not for socializing.
- Stay 6 feet away from people you do not live with. Yield to others and maintain a safe distance.
- Choose less frequented parks and trails. Check park agency websites for recommendations.
- Do not park in a crowded parking lot or use a crowded trail.
- **Do not hold social or family gatherings at parks (i.e., picnics).**

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY

- Do not visit parks, or areas in a park, that have been closed.
- Many restrooms and facilities are closed; plan ahead before leaving home.
- Shorten your visit to give others the opportunity for a safe experience.
- Stay home if you or someone in your household are sick.
- Leave no trace. Garbage collection is limited; pack out what you pack in.

We must work together to keep our parks open for the enjoyment of all and continue to build resilience within our communities.

STAY CLOSE TO HOME AND AVOID CROWDS



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There's Green in them Hills!

The recent rain brings green grass and temporary trail closures in the county parks.

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 (& press 7) 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, for 48 hours after rain.