



# The EVENTER

May 2020

## San Martin Horsemen's Association



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### Happy May

Our hearts still 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 April 30th the stay-in-place order has been extended until May 31<sup>st</sup>. As you may expect our general meetings are cancelled until further notice.

### Trails Still Open in the County Parks:

As of this writing the Santa Clara County Parks system is still open with restrictions. For example at Harvey Bear there are no left turn signs for walkers heading toward the flat loop. Up on the hills it is strange to see so many people. The good news, there is almost always a hiker there to open the gate for you. I get the impression some folks are new to the trails, and need a little guidance in the "everyone yields to horses" rule.

I did meet a family twice last Sunday who said they normally head out of town to go hiking and were thrilled to find great hikes so close to home. I wonder how many people will keep using the park trails after things return to normal.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Sunday in the Park.**



Bumped into new member Stephanie Lam riding her spectacular horse Fame. This picture does not capture the way all that hair moves around when he is in motion.

Also spotted today 4 riders going one and two going the other way at the gate on San Ysidro trail. Look at all the folks out on the trail in this picture.





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.

* 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/quadrille
_____ fundraisers	_____ endurance	_____ other (specify)
_____ snack bar/cooking	_____ NATRC	_____
_____ refreshments		
_____ set-up/clean-up		
_____ other		

For More Information : Website: [www.smhorse.org](http://www.smhorse.org)

Email: [mail@smhorse.org](mailto: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](http://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**

<p><b>May</b></p> <p>8 NO General Meeting</p> <p>20 Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>June</b></p> <p>12 General Meeting</p> <p>17 Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>July</b></p> <p>4 <b>PARADE, Morgan Hill</b></p> <p>10-15 <b>JACK BROOK, HORSE CAMP</b></p> <p>22 Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>August</b></p> <p>14 General Meeting</p> <p>19 Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>September</b></p> <p>11 General Meeting</p> <p><b>PLAY DAY</b></p> <p>16 Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>October</b></p> <p>9 General Meeting</p> <p>21 Board Meeting</p> <p><b>POKER RIDE</b></p>
<p><b>November</b></p> <p>13 General Meeting</p> <p>18 Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <p>11 <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>, General Meeting No Board Meeting</p>

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

President	Chere Bargar		Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
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# 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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### 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/>

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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

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

## Henry Coe events:

All organized events are on hiatus

No camping or picnics are allowed.

Parking lots are closed.

Below is a breakdown of the current closures implemented by State Parks and what they mean to the public.

- **Some State Parks and Beaches Temporarily Closed to the Public** -- Meaning there is no public access at these public outdoor spaces. All beaches, trail and restrooms within these parks are closed. Additionally, there are no parking facilities for visitors, including for off-highway vehicles and recreational boats.
- **Vehicular Access at ALL 280 State Parks and Beaches is Temporarily Closed** – Meaning there are no parking facilities and parking on roadways is prohibited. Although some parks and beaches are open to local residents – provided that they actively

walk, jog, or bike into and at these public outdoor spaces, and maintain proper physical distance from others – congregating is not allowed. Additionally, if there are too many people at the park, beach or trail that does not allow for the required physical distancing, visitors are being asked to leave.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 May 12:00AM  
(Cancelled) Mother's Day Breakfast
- 22 May 12:00AM  
(Cancelled) Coit Camp Campout
- 07 Jun 12:00AM  
(Cancelled) Ranch Day
- 13 Jun 12:00AM  
Hunting Hollow 5K/10K Fun Run and

<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.

### 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).**

- 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.

### 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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