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Horse camping in 2019

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Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy June

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 May 30th, as you may expect our general meetings are cancelled until further notice.

July 4th Virtual Parade:

We were looking forward to a stepped up showing in the Morgan Hill July 4th parade with the new vests we are making. The parade is not allowing horses and will be vehicles only. But they will take a video of our own parade! Let us know if you are interested in taking part. No crowd desensitization session is required. See page 2 for more details..

Hunting Hollow Entrance at Henry Coe is open:

Until further notice Henry Coe is open for day use only from 8am to 8pm. No camping, including backpacking, is allowed.

The following is open at the park:

Very limited parking is now available to the public. Once the park has reached its safe parking capacity, the park will be closed to vehicle entry.

Headquarters day-use area

Hunting Hollow.

The parking lots and trails.

If you have any questions please call the Park Headquarters at 408-779-2728.

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. This is not confirmed because the campground is not re-opened. See page 3.

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

. Please complete your application ASAP

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

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting May 20, 2020

Present: Chere Bargar, Karen Luke, Toni Whedon, Bev VanderWeide and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Financial:

As of April 30, 2020. Payments Due are Insurance (\$1200), Barn rent (\$420).

Possible Events:

Parade (7/4): There is no theme this year. No horses are allowed. Participants will drive cars on a new route which the City will confirm next week. Website is Morgan Hill Freedom Festival.com.

Jack Brook: Still scheduled for 7/10 to 7/15. Fee is \$25 per night/per rig. Catered meals are available Friday to Monday for a fee of \$175.

General Meeting (8/14): Ice Cream Social Ketch-up Meeting

September: Play Day Obstacle Course; Camping Class

Scavenger Hunt: possible venue - Mt Madonna, Casa Loma, Hunting Hollow

Social Rides: Rides not sponsored by SMHA but listed as a meet up and ride with friends at specified location and time.

2020 Remaining Calendar:

Board Meetings: 6/17, 7/22, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18

General Meetings: 6/12, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11

Events: July 10 thru 15 - Jack Brook with MBE

August 14 - Ice Cream Social Ride (not sponsored by SMHA)

August 15 and 16 – Learn How to Camp

September 20 – Play Day

October 31 – Poker Ride

2021 Tentative Calendar:

Board Meetings: 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17

General Mtgs: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 11/8, 9/12, 12/10

Events: 5/16 Play Day, 6/27 Scavenger Hunt, 7/4 Parade, Jack Brook with MBE

Upcoming Meetings:

TBA

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

JULY 4th PARADE UPDATE

This year things are very different, it is going to be vehicles only on the day. The parade organizers are going to record video of entries and edit them into a full parade video to be published on YouTube. So we plan on parading around our friends' the Blomquists place on either 6/20 or 6/21. **We need to know who wants to ride as soon as possible, by Monday 6/8, a hard deadline.** This is so we can ensure

that we have enough matching equipment to make a good show in the parade. There will not be float to decorate as we did in previous years. So this is a low pressure parade, there will be flags but no cheering crowds. If want to join but feel the need for practice that's ok we can arrange a date for that.

Please Contact Bev by Monday 6/8 PH# 510 304 5884 bevanderweide@yahoo.com



JACK BROOK CAMPOUT



Join the Monterey Bay Equestrians & San Martin Horsmen's at this year's Jack Brook Campout

July 10-15, 2020

\$15 per person, per night camping fee (2-night minimum)

\$175 Catered Meals (optional)

Includes breakfast lunch & dinner starting with Dinner Friday night and ending with Dinner Monday night. Tuesday dinner will be an organized potluck.

Members of MBE or SMHA only. No dogs (state park rule)

We are keeping a close watch on the COVID19 developments and hope to have registration open shortly. We will forward a link for registration once we confirm the campout is moving forward.

Jack Brook horse Camp is a five star camp with corrals, wash rack, hot showers, bathrooms, community refrigerator, BBQ pits and dishwashing station in the group eating area. The trails are well groomed and meander through redwood forests.

The Horses of SMHA

It's about time we had a column to highlight the horses that make up SMHA

I'll go first with Maverick. Officially known as Minis lil Gambler I can see why he's been given Maverick as a stable name. Foaled in May 2001 he has just celebrated his 19th birthday.

He's been my ride for almost 3 years now.

Tim Alton



Here is Maverick like you've always seen him before, eating grass in Harvey Bear County Park. A thing to note alongside his great Tobiano coloring is the lack of shoes and I have been told he has never needed them. His butt looks like he has been in one too many fights and the number of times I have replaced fence rails between him and his neighbor bears that out. He is very curious by nature and a little mischievous. His most impressive feat was lifting a gate off its hinge pins and stepping through to the grass on the other side without causing any damage at all.

On the trail he loves to trot at a good pace on the level, especially the Calaveras trail parallel to Coyote lake. He is not a hill climber like Josh the Arabian I used to ride. But he's as much as I need these days. What's all that biothane tack doing on a paint? They are hand-me-downs from my daughter, the endurance rider. That's how it works right? A big thank you to Christine Amber for thinking Mav was just the horse for me after I lost Josh.

Here we are picking up a mylar balloon that has landed in a meadow alongside Coyote Ridge Trail. He is doing a lot better with this one than the giant balloon we saw the previous week.

It was the biggest one I have ever seen and was blowing across the meadow in a manner that I found just as sinister as Maverick seemed too.

He is very happy riding solo on the trail nothing really gets to him.



Send some photos and couple of paragraphs about your horse.
newsletter@smhorse.org

Mane Stays & Events 2020 CALENDAR

EVERYTHING is SUBJECT TO CHANGE

June

12 **NO General Meeting**
17 Board Meeting

July

4 NO 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

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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

BLM LAND and E-Bikes:

The Secretary of Interior is proposing to allow motorized mountain bikes, or E-bikes, on backcountry trails that non-motorized recreationists such as hikers, hunters, equestrians and many within the mountain bike community have fought for decades to keep non-motorized. This change threatens decades of hard work to designate quality non-motorized trail opportunities in communities across the West.

Motorized mountain bikes are currently allowed on the majority of roads and trails on BLM lands. But in a give-away to the E-bike industry, the Secretary of Interior wants to allow motorized mountain bikes anywhere that regular bikes are allowed. While this means that any type of bicycle use would remain unlawful in federally designated Wilderness, trail networks throughout BLM lands elsewhere could

be opened to all classes of motorized E-bikes, including those that can be powered solely by a thumb throttle.

Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is working with Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA) to encourage the equine community to contact BLM stating they do not support allowing E-bikes on backcountry trails.

Please take a few minutes to urge the BLM to abandon this fool-hearty proposal. You can submit your comments online, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal that can be accessed via this BLM

webpage: <https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-public-comment-proposed-e-bike-regulations>

Please submit your comments by June 9, 2020,

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).**

STAY CLOSE TO HOME AND AVOID CROWDS

- 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.



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