



San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy July

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

July 4th Virtual Parade:

We did it!

A big thank you to Chere, Bev and Allene for all the preparations they made for the parade. The horse decorations looked great.

Check <https://www.morganhillfreedomfest.com> to watch the parade on July 4th at 10am. We are entry number 63.

From the web site:

Working closely with the appropriate agencies we are excited to bring forth a virtual car cruise, virtual patriot sing with the children of our community, a virtual parade complete with bands, horse units and special guests, and finally ending with a special replaying of the Morgan Hill Independence Day fireworks. This show will be broadcast live on July 4th through multiple digital channels.

And you can find photos and details on page 4 onwards.

Coming Up:

ACT NOW!

The Jack Brook camp is cancelled and replaced by a trip to the sierras and Skillman Horse camp. Space is limited and you must sign up via the **EventBrite** link on 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, Tim Alton, Allene Liebenberg and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Financial:

As of May 31, 2020, our bank account balance was reported. Payments due are Post Office Box (\$92).

Jack Brook:

A decision has yet to be made on whether or not Jack Brook will open. In the event it does not open, MBL will hold the campout at Pt. Reyes. Dates are 7/10 thru 7/15.

Parade:

Bev and Allene showed those present the costume they (and Chere) prepared for the horses. Items include brow band, mane bows, saddle blankets, butt streamers, reins, and more. We have 16 horses participating in the virtual parade. Riders should wear dark colored jeans, white long-sleeved shirt and straw cowboy hats. Tim volunteered to be our pooper scooper. Filming will take place Saturday, June 20, at Blomquist's (8885 Guibal Ave, Gilroy). Participants should be ready to ride at 12 noon.

Eventer:

Karen Luke's horse Rocky will be the featured horse in our next issue.

Upcoming Meetings:

TBA

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm



Trail Review by Jayne Hesley

Park: Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve, 4289 Casa Loma Rd, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Trail: Longwall Canyon – Bald Peaks Loop

Distance: 7.6 miles

Elevation: 800 feet

Park at the (free!) Rancho Canada del Oro equestrian lot which easily accommodates 6-7 trailers with unloading onto gravel. There is a horse drinking bowl with an old-timey pump. If the lot is full, continue up Casa Loma Road a few hundred yards where there's a large overflow lot on the left.

The route: Cross the road and head out Longwall Canyon Trail which is quite flat for at least the first mile and it has a small creek to cross. Don't turn off and the trail will climb steadily but not too steeply with quite a bit of shade until you reach a scenic spot to stop and rest at a picnic table and water your horse. Here the trail becomes Bald Peaks Trail. There are a few stretches where you're out in the sun for a while and it can be hot in the summer. You are now looping back to the East and will remain on Bald Peaks Trail (actually in Calero Park here) until you see the sign for Little Llagas Creek Trail which is a nice single track with areas lined by trees that takes you far above Casa Loma Road and right back to the trailhead at the parking lot. Poison oak? Some, but not too bad and not reaching over the trail when I've gone. Footing? There are a few areas that are a bit rocky at the West end of Longwall and maybe the ridge part of Bald Peaks. I'd say it's generally fine for barefoot horses.

Shortcuts? Needlegrass and Catamount Trails will cut the route but they are both quite steep.

I would give this ride a 4 out of 5 stars but it's difficult to get a 5 star rating out of me.

Skillman Horse Camp

The Jack Brook camping trip scheduled for July has been cancelled. We were joining Monterey Bay Equestrians for this event but they have organized a great alternative in the Sierra foothills. You must be a member of SMHA or MBE to participate. Sign up through the eventbrite link at the bottom of this email.

Join the Monterey Bay Equestrians at Skillman Horse Camp in the Tahoe National Forest. It's absolutely beautiful. Great trails, nice shaded campgrounds with bathrooms, horse water, etc. Very easy drive to get there. You will need to bring your own panels or there are plenty of trees to hi-tie. This will be a catered campout. Camping space is limited so make your reservations soon.

July 10-14, 2020

\$200 per person includes 4 nights camping and all meals (11 meals) beginning with dinner Friday night to breakfast Tuesday morning.

To register, please go to <https://skillmancampout.eventbrite.com>. Registration closes Monday, July 6 or earlier if we sell out.

UPDATE: the event is sold out and new entries are added to a wait list if you are interested in doing that.

JULY 4th PARADE

Hooray for:

Wayne and Paula Young
Carol Abel and Joe Meerscheidt

Toni Whedon

Jayne Hesley

Karen Luke,

Andrea Caldwell,

Pat Scharfe,

Kathy Madlem,

Jackie Clemens,

Chere Bargar

Jake Whedon, Tim Alton, Teresa Pereira.,

Kim Use our ground staff

Thank you all for participating our July 4th parade on June 20th.

Allene Liebenberg

Carolyn Tucker

Steve Olivera

Joyce Dorsey

Bev VanderWeide

Yes they all gathered at our friends' Jim & Patti Blomquist place for a virtual parade. After weeks of preparation Bev, Allene and Chere carefully metered out all the decorations for the horses and mules, large and small alike. Allene setup a demo and everyone followed suit. A practice trip was made down the road, and right on time the videographer arrived. Bev and Andrea took up the flags for two passes in front of the cameras and a couple of cheers. A fun time was had by all.

Got Pics?

Especially pictures of our flag bearers.
Our web site would love to have them.
Send to newsletter@smhorse.org





Step 1, You have to start somewhere



The goal, a demonstration by Allene



Wayne signs out for his decorations



No horse is too big to participate



All set, time for a practice run.



This guy never scooped a darn thing

Mane Stays & Events 2020 CALENDAR

EVERYTHING is SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<p>July</p> <p>4 Virtual PARADE, Morgan Hill</p> <p>10-14 SKILLMAN, HORSE CAMP</p> <p>22 Board Meeting</p> <p>September</p> <p>11 General Meeting</p> <p>PLAY DAY</p> <p>16 Board Meeting</p> <p>November</p> <p>13 General Meeting</p> <p>18 Board Meeting</p>	<p>August</p> <p>14 General Meeting</p> <p>15-16 Intro to Horse Camping</p> <p>19 Board Meeting</p> <p>October</p> <p>9 General Meeting</p> <p>21 Board Meeting</p> <p>POKER RIDE</p> <p>December</p> <p>11 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting No Board Meeting</p>
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Welcome NEW MEMBER!

Noreen Nemec is our newest member.

Noreen enjoys pleasure trails riding especially in Harvey Bear Ranch County Park, to which she has easy access. She would love to find a riding partner in the group.

Call Noreen at (408) 373-0499 if you would like to join her.

Intro to Horse Camping

An easy first camping trip at our friends local place.

8/15-16 more details in next month's newsletter.

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

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.

I was there on Sunday morning, arrived at 10:30am and the lot was almost full. I found a spot in the center which is supposed to be for trailer parking where I could pull through. I was adjacent to cars, but had a one car gap on one side of the trailer.

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

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 #keeparkssafe.

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

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).**



All set, time for a picture.

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.



Just one more thing.



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