



San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy September

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.

We are also thankful to the firefighters, who are stretched thin, protecting the valley from a massive fire to the east.

As of today September 5th, as you may expect our general meetings are cancelled until further notice.

PLAY DAY

We are having our September play day event. This is a great opportunity for you and your horse to meet some new obstacles and work your way through them. Good for young horses which you can lead in hand. There will be 2 hours of practice in the morning followed by a competition. See pages 3-5 for details and forms.

Sept 20th 8am – 2pm

Covid-19: We will follow the same rules as county parks, but we do need participants to wear masks and gloves in the arena.

How to Horse Camp:

This event was postponed due to excess heat. Which turned out to be a good thing as the night concluded with that massive lightning storm in the early hours of the morning. Literally a baptism of fire instead of an introduction to horse camping. We are looking to reschedule for another date and include a day ride on the Sunday morning.

Welcome New Member

JoAnn McDonnell has joined SMHA! She is interested in pleasure trails and camping along with helping out at events. Hopefully we will get back to those on a more regular basis next year. Welcome to the club, looking forward to meeting you soon.

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 August 26th, 2020

Scheduled for October 18 at Blomquist.

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

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Financial: There was no income for the months of June and July. Parade expenses incurred by Toni (\$153.77) were paid. Bank balance as of July 31, 2020 was reported.

Animal Evacuation: The current fires have shown us the importance of knowing how and when to evacuate your animals. Toni has ample information on evacuations and has agreed to write an article sharing this knowledge for The Eventer.

Chere would like to have a listing of members who are able to and would like to assist in transporting and/or caring for animals during a crisis. The listing would be shared with Board members only.

Of note, during evacuation discussion, the need for horses to load in any trailer quickly was stressed. A trailer loading practice was discussed as a future event.

Learning to Camp Event: Event is to be rescheduled possibly for October with ride at Bear.

Trailer Back-Up and Rodeo Clinic:

Play Day: Play Day is scheduled for September 20. Tim shared event flyer and obstacles sheet. Fee will be \$50, less early registration fee of \$5 and a fee reduction of \$10 for SMHA members. Prizes for each division will be ribbons. No lunch will be provided due to COVID however canned drinks and bottled water will be on sale for \$1. An ample supply of gloves will be on hand. Obstacles for event were discussed and finalized.

Upcoming Events:

Poker Ride – on hold. Park has not allowed group events as yet.

Holiday Party – on hold

Backing-Up Trailers (bumper pull or gooseneck).

Sunday, October 18.

Play Day - September 20

Horse Camping Clinic - to be rescheduled.

Eventer: Bev's horse Luna will be the featured horse in next issue.

Toni will do a write-up on animal evacuation

Chere will write up a questionnaire to solicit members who wish to assist in animal evacuations.

Upcoming Meetings:

TBA

Trail Review by Bev & Tim

Coyote Lake / Harvey Bear Ranch County Park, San Martin Entrance

Trails: Harvey Bear, Calaveras, Coyote Ridge, Willow Springs

Distance: 7.5 miles

Elevation Gain: 900feet

Moderate:

At the San Martin entrance there is a large parking lot reserved for trailers, and if that is full the overflow dirt lot is available

Saddle up and head out to the hills from the parking lot on the main trail. Go through the second gate and bear left at the main junction. Follow this wide road, Harvey Bear, up past the Town Springs junction and Ridge Trail junction. It is a mixture of easy uphill and steeper uphill in open grassland with a few scattered oaks, and cattle.

At the Ed Wilson junction you descend on Harvey Bear trail toward the dam. At the bottom of the hill the head south on the Calaveras trail. Do not go down the left turn toward the dam. This is a nice single track winding through oak woodlands on the shady side of the hill, and there is a water trough early on for the horses. Keep an eye out for turkeys, deer and pigs, because they like shade too. In late April, wildflower season, there may be a tremendous display half way along this trail.

At the end of the Calaveras trail, turn right back on to Coyote Ridge trail until you come to Willow junction. Turn left on Willow. This is a steep downhill.

Follow back to the parking lot.





San Martin Horseman's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition

Sunday September 20th 2020

**Registration starts at 8:00am
Practice the course from 9:00 – 11:00**

Competition starts at 11:30am

**\$40 – member, \$50 – non-member
\$25 age 15 & under
\$5 Discount for early registration**

Divisions:

Division 1: age 15 & under, Novice & Open
Division 2: age 16 & over, Novice & Open

Judging

Points for Horsemanship, Safety and a calm horse

Ribbons in each division

Come join us for a day of fun on horseback.
The event will be held at the Blomquist Arena:
8885 Guibal Ave. Gilroy.

Directions: Take New Ave. to Roop Road and go west on Roop. Then go straight, do not turn on Guibal, and you will pull all the way to the back of the property, where there is plenty of parking.

**See forms in Sept. newsletter and at
www.smhorse.org**

Obstacles may include:

Log Maze
Bridge
Rope Gate
Belly Tickler
Tire Maze
Reverse Z Turn
Push the Barrel
Bottle Pit
Mount
Under Easy
Flagger
Around the World

PLUS SOME SURPRISES

For your convenience
bottled water and soda
will be available.
Just \$1

San Martin Horsemen's Association

Play Day: Ranch Trail Competition Sep 20th, 2020

Registration Form

Name		Phone	
Address			e-mail
City	State	Zip	

Check One:

	CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below)
	Not a SMHA member

*** Sign Release of Liability on back*

****Parent must sign for minors (under 18)*

CLASS	
Novice	
Open	

Adult (16 & older)	\$50	
Or Junior (15 & under)	\$25	
CA Drug Fee	\$5	
SMHA Member	-\$10	
Pre-registration (postmarked by Sept 11th)	-\$5	
Total amount Enclosed		

Registration: begins @ 8:00 am
Practice Obstacles 9:00 am – 11:00 pm
Competition starts 11:30 pm
Ribbons following Competition!!

Minors must be with a responsible adult at the event
 Minors may not ride stallions
 Novice cannot have placed in open competition

Directions to Blomquist Arena

Take New Ave. to Roop Road and go west on Roop. Then go straight, do not turn on Guibal, and you will pull all the way to the back of the property, where there is plenty of parking

Mail registration & signed release forms to:

SMHA
 P.O. Box 275
 San Martin, CA 95046

Pre-registration not required, but to receive the discount forms must be postmarked by Sept 11th
No Rain Date please ensure your contact information is correct, email preferred.
 For more information call Tim Alton 408 623 1845

COVID-19:

We are taking covid-19 seriously and will expect participants to follow the same rules enforced in the county parks.

All participants must bring and wear a mask in the registration area, seating area and in the arena. Physical distancing in the seating area and arena must be observed.

All participants must wear gloves and a mask when in the arena as some obstacles require touching common objects.

EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant (print name): _____

Event: SMHA PLAYDAY Date SEPT 20th 2020

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport that 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 acknowledge that Covid-19 is a serious worldwide pandemic and there is a possibility that participants and/or their guests may be exposed to Covid-19. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of possible exposure to Covid-19.

I hereby release **SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION** hereinafter referred to as "**SMHA**" and the **TRUST OF JAMES BLOMQUIST AND PATRICIA VAN GUILDER** hereinafter referred to as "**BLOMQUIST RANCH**" from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH, or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events or activities organized or sponsored by SMHA, I waive, release and discharge SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH and their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and all other persons and organization in any way connected with the SMHA or BLOMQUIST RANCH 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 SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH and 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.

SMHA and BLOMQUIST RANCH, 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. (each participant MUST SIGN this part)

Signature / Date _____

Signature / Date _____

******Parent or Legal Guardian must complete the following section*** Minors do not sign on below line***

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above minors in consideration of my 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, his/her animals, and property arising out of his/her participation in events. We further warrant that 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 / Date _____

Wildfire Evacuations

Chere Bargar

The recent and ongoing fires in our state have once again brought to mind the need to be prepared to move our horses and other animals on short notice.

The SMHA Board of Directors would like to assemble a list of members and others in our area and nearby areas who can 1) transport animals and 2) have a place to temporarily house animals.

There are formal organizations, as we know, that do large animal rescue, but sometimes they are not called out until there is an immediate emergency.



<https://twitter.com/calfireSCU>

The plan is to have the names and contact information distributed to SMHA Board Members, who in the event of an emergency, can be contacted by individuals who need transportation and/or a place to house their

animals. That way, any volunteers will not have their information published for all to see.

If you wish to be included on the list, please e mail Chere at chere.b@att.net or call at (408) 683-2247. (If you e mail me & I don't respond within a few days, please call or e mail another board member. I have been having some issues with my e mail).

Please provide the following information if you can provide transportation: how many horses does your trailer hold? Are you willing to haul other animals- cattle, goats, pigs, etc.

If you have a place to house animals, please provide a brief description of your facility, ie., pens, open fenced field, etc. Also, if you have a place to put smaller animals, such as chickens, pigs, goats, etc.

A REMINDER TO ALL. Please work with your horses, etc. so that they will load in different trailers easily- step up, ramp, slant, straight load, etc. When they need to be hauled in an emergency, **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!**

A big thank you to those of you who contacted me a few weeks ago saying that you could help out by hauling or had a place to house animals.

The Horses of SMHA

Luna is a 20 yr old Appy mare. I bought her from an older couple in Petaluma which you think would be safe but not so. She was great until I got her home. I couldn't walk ten feet before she would rear up on her hind legs. She was pushy and flighty. I couldn't get her near a trailer without a fight. I could only ride her in the round pen for the first 2 months. When we finally made it to the arena, we could only walk. A request for a trot resulted in pinned ears and a lot of crow hopping. After 3 months of struggling, a backfire from a neighbors ATV caused a rodeo bucking fit and resulted in multiple broken bones in my face as we butted heads and sent me airborne. Two weeks later, four hours of plastic surgery put me back together but Luna was still a problem. While I was recovering I sent her to a local cowboy trainer for 2 months. This helped a bit but not that much. All I could do was get back in the saddle but it was like riding a ticking time bomb.



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Mane Stays & Events 2020 CALENDAR

EVERYTHING is SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<p>September</p> <p>11 General Meeting 16 Board Meeting 20 PLAY DAY</p>	<p>October</p> <p>9 General Meeting 18 Board Meeting 21 Board Meeting POKER RIDE cancelled</p>
<p>November</p> <p>13 General Meeting 18 Board Meeting</p>	<p>December</p> <p>11 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting No Board Meeting</p>

San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

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...My trips to the barn were scary, not fun. I worked for 2 weeks, a little each day, and got her loading in the trailer. This was no easy task. Our first trailer rides were to the end of the driveway, or just around the block until we were finally traveling to the trailheads.

Enter the great friends I have! They stepped up to help. We started by ponying her and then Judy (nicknamed "Little Judy Velcrobutt") rode her a couple of times. On the third ride it was my turn and I took over. Every ride for awhile was very unnerving and frankly a bit scary but I just had to keep riding her. With the exception of a few set backs and many unintentional dismounts, every ride continued to show improvement until the day that Luna finally decided I was her "mom" and we slowly began our bonding process.

Fast forward to today. Luna has done parades, carried a flag, she has successfully completed 2-3 desensitizing clinics and loves to go camping. She is an exceptional trail horse and goes willingly wherever I ask her to go. Our latest endeavor is cattle sorting where she has proved to have some good cow sense. Those people that encouraged me to get rid of her are now eating their words. She is a level headed trail horse and I love her! As the famous horse trainer Clinton Anderson says: "You have to ride through the ugly to get to the pretty. - Bev



Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

The Teri Davis Patane Memorial Horse Camp for Kids (TDP Horse Camp).

CANCELLED for 2020

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

CHITTY BLOG

Henry Coe State Park is closed: This time due to fire! Looking at the caltopo.com map the fire line was on the trails Blue Ridge, Wasno Road, Center Flats going from north to south. From the closure order: This is a temporary closure that will allow the Department to rehabilitate the burned areas

without further impacting the natural, historical and cultural resources in the critically affected burned areas. All efforts will be made to open up areas as resource protection and recovery is completed and public safety can be ensured. <https://coepark.net/>

Happy Birthday Kitty

SMHA stalwart, and namesake of this blog, Kitty Swindle has been sheltering in place for a long time now. So on her birthday a whole bunch of folks let her know just what they think of her. That should read "that they were thinking of her"





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