



San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy October

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 October 2nd, as you may expect our general meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Play Day

We had a successful Play on September 20th pictures and details are scattered throughout this newsletter. Thank you to all our volunteers and participants.

Trailer Backup Clinic

We are having a clinic to help people with their reversing skills. This will include a classroom session, outdoors of course. Then there will be hands on instruction from friends-of-the-club Gary and Randy who have been backing up trailers for a long time. In the afternoon a friendly competition with two classes over a designated course of cones.

October 18th see pages 3-5 for information an entry.

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

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our first group of new members for 2021 who joined at the Play Day:

Alison Pangburn, Romy Celli, Jenny Lampshire, Lucy Bobeck.

A belated welcome to Julie Coleman, Kelly Gomes and Family

Club Elections: see page7

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The 2021 Membership form is available on smhorse.org: [2021 Form](#) This gives you membership from now through 12/31/2021 **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**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Financial:

Income for the month was \$30 (new member) and \$100 (insurance refund). Chere wrote a check for \$420 for barn rent through the end of the year. Rent will be increased by approximately \$80 come January. Karen volunteered to check around to see if we could get a storage unit for less. Chere will check the square footage we now have so Karen will have it for comparison.

Playday:

Playday is scheduled for Sunday, 9/20. As of today, we have 9 entries. Four sets of ribbons have been ordered for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Company will deliver porta potty Saturday morning. Tim has entry forms, release forms, membership forms, judges' papers, and maps. Kitty will bring sanitizers, gloves, garbage bags, ice, drinks, water. Chere will bring cash box and gift for Jim. Pat will man the registration desk. Judges suggested were Karen, Tim, Pat, Chere and Toni(?). Announcer suggestion was Toni(?) Saturday set up time is 8 a.m. Sunday meeting time is 8 a.m.

Playday Obstacles:

Tim distributed a listing of obstacles previously discussed for use at Playday. After lengthy discussion twenty of the obstacles were chosen. Tim will email obstacles summary listing for 9/20/20 event to Board.

Other:

Chere would like to have a notation on future events stating that participants should call the night before to make certain event has not been canceled.

Upcoming Events:

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

Holiday Party – on hold

Play Day - September 20

Backing-Up Trailers (bumper pull or gooseneck). Sunday, October 18.

Camping Clinic - to be rescheduled.

Upcoming Meetings: TBA

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

**And the Winners ARE!
NOVICE CLASS**



**PLAY
DAY**



**And the Winners ARE!
OPEN CLASS**



San Martin Horsemen's Trailer Back Up Clinic

Sunday October 18th 2020

Registration starts at 8:00am

Clinic 9:00 – 12:00

- **Elements of safety**
- **Backing technique**
- **Practice with the Instructors**

Friendly Competition 1pm-4pm

Friendly competition with obstacle course.

Novice class for new and rusty drivers

Old Pro class for

Small prize for best overall in each class.

\$40 – member, \$50 – non-member

\$5 Discount for early registration

BACKING WITH SAM

(Think Green Eggs and Ham)

Can you back up here or there?

Can you back up anywhere?

I do not know for sure if I can,

I should come to the clinic with Gary,
Randy (and Sam).

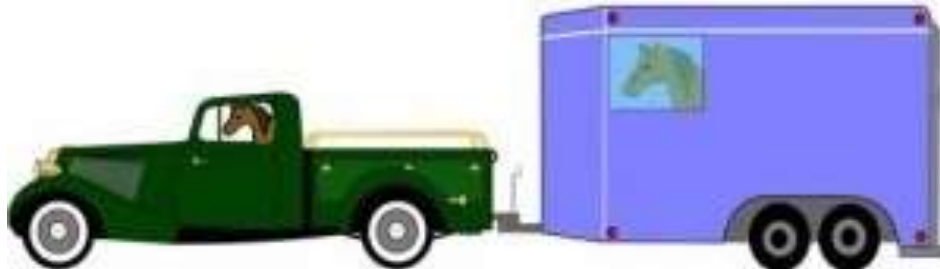
Can you back up to a dock?

Can you back around the clock?

I do not know for sure if I can,

I should come to the clinic with Gary,
Randy (and Sam).

Come join us for an informative day learning and honing your trailer backup skills. Bring your truck and EMPTY trailer, bumper pull or gooseneck. Bring your lunch. We will have bottled water for \$1. For information contact Karen Luke 408-203-5730 kluke@garlic.com



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 October newsletter and at www.smhorse.org
Event may be cancelled due to rain or unsuitable conditions.**

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Trailer Back up Clinic : October 18th, 2020

Registration Form

Name		Phone	
Address			e-mail
City	State	Zip	
Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a SMHA member	

*** Sign Release of Liability on back*

	Entry Fee	\$50	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
	SMHA Member	-\$10	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
	Pre-registration (postmarked by Oct 10th)	-\$5	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
	Total amount Enclosed		<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

CLASS	
Novice	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Rusty	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

Registration: begins @ 8:00 am
Clinic: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Competition starts 1:00 pm
Ribbons & Prizes following Competition!!

NOT A MEMBER?

*2021 Membership forms are available at
 smhorse.org and membership runs from now
 until 12/31/2021*

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

Minors must be 16 years old and be accompanied by a responsible adult at the event

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 Oct 10th
No Rain Date please ensure your contact information is correct, email preferred.
For more information contact Karen Luke 408-203-5730 kluke@garlic.com

Subject to cancelation and full refund if conditions are not suitable.

COVID-19:

We are taking covid-19 seriously and will expect participants to follow the rules enforced in the county for outdoor events.
All participants must bring and wear a mask in the registration area, and seating area.
Physical distancing in the seating area must be observed. Six persons to a table maximum.

EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant (print name): _____

Event: SMHA Trailer Back Up Clinic Date Oct 18th 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 _____

Play Day Pics

Our Play Day was a great success. Setup went smoothly on Saturday. We had more advance registrations than ever and by the time everyone had arrived there were 20 participants in the arena.

The competition kicked off with ## Novice entrants followed by 3 in the open.



Photo Credits:
Karen Luke,
Tim Alton,
Carol Abel



Mane Stays & Events 2020 CALENDAR

EVERYTHING is SUBJECT TO CHANGE

September 11 General Meeting 16 Board Meeting 20 PLAY DAY	October 9 General Meeting 18 Trailer Backup Clinic 21 Board Meeting POKER RIDE cancelled
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	408.842.5570		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

ELECTIONS:

No not that November 3rd thing.

But we usually have an election of officers, and all the roles in the table above, at our November general meeting. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles please contact a

board member and let them know. We would normally vote at the November meeting, and this year is a different. We have not worked out the details yet but we want you to be thinking about whether you would like to take on such a role

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!

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/>

The Pine Ridge Association web site above contains the Ponderosa newsletter in the effects of the recent fire.

http://coepark.net/images/pineridgeassociation/ponderosa/Fire_2020.pdf

Volunteers In Action, building a Side Pass Tummy Tickler.



Caption Competition!

It's a family club so please keep it G-rated.
Send your entry to newsletter@smhorse.org

Play Day: Thank You Volunteers!

Pat Scharfe, Chere Bargar, Carol Abel, Joe Meerscheidt, Tim & Elaine Alton, Kitty Swindle, Kathy McBride, Bev Vanderweide

Travis, a generous brother of a participant.

Karen & Gary Luke and Family

Toni Whedon & son Jake who also brought along scouting friends Lucas and Ray

And a big thank you to our gracious hosts Jim & Patti Blomquist for giving us access to their fabulous arena.



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