



San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy New Year

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 over the holidays.

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

2021 Membership

Please think about renewing your membership for 2021 as soon as you can. The form is included on pages 3-4. Our membership fees remain unchanged at \$30 per individual and \$40 per family. We have recently started raising the premium for non-members at our events to \$10 so the break even point is even lower than before. Members will receive a directory on a quarterly basis, starting this very month, to help folks stay in touch and find riding partners.

We are looking forward to putting on more events in 2021 and even have some in person general meetings where we can get together and enjoy some good old-fashioned social interaction.

Your membership also provides stability to the club and is a vote to say that SMHA and its activities are important to you and your family. Thank you to those of you already signed up for 2021.

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
No December Board Meeting**

At the January board meeting we will be discussing the calendar for 2021. Please send your thoughts and ideas to any board member.

Calendar: While the January meeting will be the formal discussion of the calendar several ideas were thrown around including:
 Halloween Poker Ride
 Play Days
 Horse Camping Clinic, postponed from this summer.

Trailer Clinics, maintenance, repair and reversing since these were very popular this year. More camping weekends, Jack Brook with Monterey Bay Equestrians in July, and adding places such as Lake San Antonio, Point Reyes, and locally James D. Grant county park or Santa Cruz County Horsemen's on other weekends.

San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

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Thanks to Noreen Reeno Nemec who used the SMHA Facebook page to invite everyone out to a Christmas Ride in Harvey Bear Park on Dec. 19th. The horses and riders were decorated appropriately. This year there was no carol singing but next time for sure!
 There are more great pictures on the SMHA Facebook page.
 Here are Noreen and dolly and Kathy Madlem and Thelma one of her Clydesdales

form valid for memberships 9/20/2020 thru 12/31/2021

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 _____

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> at events | <input type="checkbox"/> camping | <input type="checkbox"/> trails (building) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pre-events | <input type="checkbox"/> pleasure trails | <input type="checkbox"/> trails (development) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> on committees | <input type="checkbox"/> poker rides | <input type="checkbox"/> trails (planning) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> club officer | <input type="checkbox"/> trail trials | <input type="checkbox"/> junior program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> committee member | <input type="checkbox"/> gymkhana | <input type="checkbox"/> parade/color guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> phone tree caller | <input type="checkbox"/> rodeo | <input type="checkbox"/> team penning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> shows | <input type="checkbox"/> dressage/quadrille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fundraisers | <input type="checkbox"/> endurance | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> snack bar/cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> NATRC | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> refreshments | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> set-up/clean-up | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other | | |

For More Information
 Website: www.smhorse.org
 Email: 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 and join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/332002616864264>

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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 E 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 _____

Horses of SMHA

Remy

(formally known as IMA SUNDAY KID)

I acquired Remy as a 4 year old from a farrier in Auburn in 2008. I wasn't looking for such a youngster but she'd done everything with him, including ponying him on trail rides from the time he was a weanling.

He doesn't look it, but he's a registered Paint, actually $\frac{3}{4}$ Quarter Horse. Every horse I've had, once I graduated from my pony, has been all or mainly QH. The hardy, steady breed suits me and Remy is no different. He has a goofy puppy-dog personality.

He follows me around and gets right into whatever I'm doing in his pasture. When I arrive home, he gallops down the fence line beside my car whinnying like he's glad to see me (I know, more likely, excited to be fed). I feel like he cares about me.

Once, when jumping away from the bitchy mare in his pasture, he accidentally knocked me down and went over the top of me without stepping on me at all, I just saw his belly pass right over.

The one bad thing I can think of is that he acts out if he's spanked. If he gets a little wound up on the trail (sometimes when riding in a group) and isn't listening to me to the point where I slap his butt with the reins, he gets really irritated and will actually give a couple of bucks!

Oh and also, if he's tired, he'll stop after going a few steps up a steep hill and look back at me like "You're sure? Maybe you want to get off and walk for a while".

Overall, he's the perfect partner for me who can be safely ridden even after months off and likes what I like: camping trips and enjoying nature by leisurely trail riding.

With my lifestyle, I only get to ride 2-3 weekends a month but maybe we'll see you in one of the south bay parks in 2021 or at an SMHA event!

Jayne Hesley

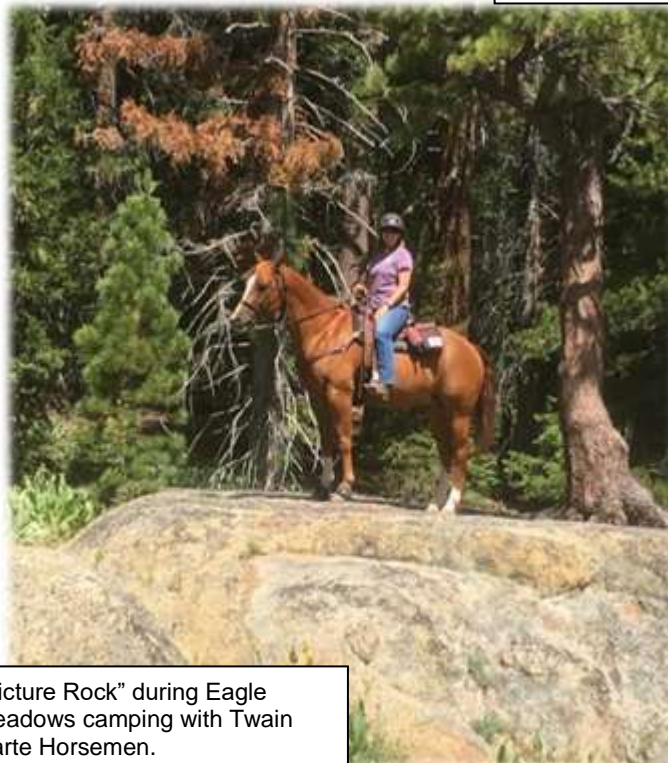


My son at Karen Toppings horse camp, practicing "join up" the first year we had Remy



Participated in a Clinton Anderson clinic in Gilroy

Remy and I have gotten decent at taking Selfies



"Picture Rock" during Eagle Meadows camping with Twain Harte Horsemen.

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

Kitty's Korner:

Kitty has a couple of things going on, the first of which is a craft project for SMHA members to support the new animal services shelter in San Martin. This new facility is a big improvement and will include a barn for livestock. More details can be found on their web page:

<https://animalservices.sccgov.org/place4animals>

The task is a sewing project to create blankets for small animals, not horses. Kitty has all the material, give her a

call if you would like to help. This would be a donation to the shelter from SMHA

Project #2: Kitty has craft kits available for younger children such as cub scouts. These kits are for bird feeders and basket ball hoops. Once again please contact Kitty if you could put these to good use.

Kitty Swindle: 408 842 6215

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

Henry Coe State Park is Partially Open:

Hunting Hollow entrance is open with limited access to trails and closed east of Wasno Road, but enough for a good long ride.

In other news plans are being made to hold the Back Country Weekend event which includes horse camping and hiking in the lesser seen areas of the park, in the last weekend in April. The number of participants will be very limited due to Covid restrictions.

The Pine Ridge Association web site

<https://coepark.net/>

contains the Ponderosa newsletter on the effects of the recent fire.

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

Hoof-Pics-in-Parks:

This year we are going to promote trail riding by copying an idea from Santa Clara County Parks department and adding an equestrian twist.



A number of local parks and open space areas will be part of the challenge, with a specific location in each one. Ride your horse to that location and take a picture.

Horse ears in the picture are an acceptable submission, it does not have to include hooves.

There will be a reward for completing the challenge, we just haven't decided what it is at this point.

You can help set up this challenge. If you have a park and location you feel would be a good place to ride, the more picturesque or iconic the better. Please let us know, by contacting any board member.

The County Parks' version starts up on Jan. 4th.

There's Green in them Hills!

Finally! The rain brings green grass and temporary trail closures in the county parks.

Please be a good trail user and don't ride when the trails are closed due to poor conditions. You can call (408) 355-2200 (& press 7) before you leave home to avoid a wasted journey.



If you head over to Henry Coe S.P., which never closes, the voluntary wet weather trail code there is to stay on the wide ranch roads and avoid the single track trails, for 48 hours after rain



You would have been mad with me if I had not included this picture on the left. Sandi Austin riding her Brabant, Ally.

Thanks to Noreen, Kathy Madlem and Toni Scholtens Whedon for the pictures here and on page 2.





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