



## San Martin Horsemen's Association



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### Happy April

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 people are getting vaccinated as soon as they can.

As of today April 1<sup>st</sup>, as you may expect our in person general meetings are cancelled until further notice.

### Zoom General Meeting

We have finally figured out how to use Zoom and members will receive an invite to our next Zoom General Meeting on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Check out the Trailer Maintenance Clinic and Park rides details on page 2**

### 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.

Welcome new members Suzanne & Robert Cornelius of Los Gatos and Kathy Mayeda of San Martin, looking forward to meeting you this year.

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting, March 18, 2021**

Present: Chere Bargar, Tim Alton, Toni Whedon, Bev VanderWeide, Kitty Swindle and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

**Financial:**

No changes this month.

**Pics in Park:**

The Mt. Madonna Pics in Park went very well. Common comment was "when is the next one". As a result, we have selected the following dates for our next rides – Sunday, April 11; Sunday, May 23; and Saturday, June 26. Toni volunteered to host the rides and will let Chere know the ride locations for insurance purposes.

**Newsletter:**

Tim requested Kathy Madlem to write the horse article for the next Eventer. Other items for inclusion in the Eventer are the Trailer Maintenance class, July 4th parade, and the upcoming Pics in Park rides.

**Camping Clinic:**

The clinic is to be held March 27 from 12 noon to 4 pm. Cost is \$20 for SMHA members and \$30 for nonmembers. As of today, 3 individuals have signed up. Participants should bring a lunch. A porta potty will be available. Kitty reminded us that when we rent a porta potty it is for a month so our rental will be for this event and our April 10 trailer maintenance event.

**July 4th Parade:**

Theme for the parade is "Honoring our Heroes". Applications to participate are on the website [MorganHillFreedomFest.com](http://MorganHillFreedomFest.com). We should hold desensitizing clinics for participants. Individuals can come to Playday (5/22) and possibly 6/13 and 6/27 or 6/5 and 6/19 at Blomquist's.

**Cal Fire Desensitizing Clinic:**

Horses and riders are trained for rescue. Eugenia has worked with Cal Fire in the past. Toni will check with her about doing a presentation at a future in-person membership meeting on tracking and/or map reading. Having Cal Fire do a desensitization clinic is another idea for an in-person general meeting.

**Other:**

Kitty has been working on behalf of SMHA making and collecting blankets for donation to the new animal shelter and has several to turn over the them. She would like to have a public presentation at the shelter. Bev will talk to Marty Cheek and Kitty will check with the shelter for presentation dates.

**Upcoming Meetings (Zoom):**

April 9 – General meeting  
May 14 – Cinco de Mayo theme

**Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.**

**#HoofPicsinParks Ride Out**

Mark your calendar for our next event which will be a day ride at a Park

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Ride-out will be at Noon in Almaden Quicksilver County Park (Hacienda)

People can email Toni at [toni.whedon@cbnorcal.com](mailto:toni.whedon@cbnorcal.com) or call/text to 408.656.8975 to reserve a spot or get questions answered.

.Also Sunday, May 23; Calero and Saturday, June 26. Harvey Bear

**Trailer Maintenance Clinic**

SPRING IS HERE! Time to dust off the horse trailer and attend our horse trailer maintenance clinic.

Like last year, Gary Luke and Crew will help you get the things done on your trailer you have been meaning to tackle. Tell the guys what you need to do and they will instruct you on how to do it. They will supervise to make sure you remain safe and learn the proper way to:  
Change out a faulty light bulb or change to LED.

- Fix a wiring problem on your trailer.
- Add bearing buddies to your axles.
- Fix a sticking tack room door.
- Lubricate your jack, hinges, etc....
- Fix a broken tie out ring.

Whatever problem you may be having, or just to make sure you are road worthy after sitting through the winter it's worth your time to attend.

Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00-4:00pm \$15 fee  
Blomquist Arena, 8885 Guibal Ave. Gilroy

Contact Karen Luke, [kluke@garlic.com](mailto:kluke@garlic.com), 408-203-5730



**Join us on Facebook!**  
**[SMHA Facebook Group](#)**

# The Horses of SMHA

## Roxie and Thelma – Kathy Madlem

I grew up loving the Budweiser Clydesdales but really came to admire draft breeds in the 1990's when I rode my horse in the Highway 50 Association's weeklong annual trek from Zephyr Cove, Nevada to Placerville, California in a re-creation of the early settler's journey. I was amazed one person could walk with 4 of them in hand and they were so docile! There were Clydes of course but it was the first time I was exposed to other breeds such as Percherons and Belgians. I really wanted to ride one of them but at the time it seemed like nobody did that, so it just remained a dream.



*Yearlings in Idaho June 2017*

Fast-forward to 2014 when I began to see people ride them on the TV show Gentle Giants on RFDTV. We moved to another place in Gilroy with some property and I entertained the thought of getting a draft or draft cross. In February 2017, I was watching an old episode of Gentle Giants and at the end I heard these words, "Have you ever wanted to own a Clydesdale and thought you couldn't? Think again, contact me, I can help you." That spurred me to action. I emailed him, Jack Parnell, and he called me back right away. He and his wife invited me to visit their ranch in Sandpoint, Idaho and I made my first visit in June 2017.



*They made the cover of the Draft Horse Journal, Roxie center and Thelma on the left*

It was a magical experience! They introduced me to their 22 Clydes, including two yearling mares that were sired at the Budweiser Warm Springs Ranch, and whose Dams the Parnell's had acquired with them in utero. I fell in love with both of the yearlings, Thelma and Roxie, and couldn't decide which one to bring home so I got both. I'd never owned a draft or horses that young, which made me nervous, but I decided to go for it. I drove away from my weekend at the ranch with tears of joy and wanted to exclaim to everyone I saw "I bought Clydesdales"! Thanks to fellow SMHA member Carol Abel, I found a fabulous local trainer to break them to ride, Brandy Worley. She did an amazing job and coupled with the Clyde's sensible mind and calm disposition; it's working out exactly as I'd hoped!



*Roxie at Lake San Antonio Nov 2020*

*Thelma at Salinas River Beach Dec 2020*



Thelma and Roxie have become steady trail horses and horse camping pros. Their size and beauty draw people in but it is their sweet, lovable nature and friendly, playful personality that really capture the heart. I enjoy educating people about Clydes, most people are very curious about them. There are not many Clydes in existence so if we want to keep the breed alive, people need to learn about their wonderful character and versatility beyond being a hitch horse. Clydes are excellent for any riding discipline including dressage, english and western pleasure, jumping, barrel racing, pole bending, trail trials, etc. I highly recommend Clydesdales to anyone looking for a lovable, sensible, and stable equine partner.

# Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

Note: Jack Brook is not open in July,  
changed to Point Reyes

**April**  
 9 General Meeting  
**10 Trailer Maintenance Clinic**  
**11 Park Ride - Quicksilver**  
 21 Board Meeting

**May**  
**8 Truck Maintenance Clinic**  
 14 General Meeting  
 19 Board Meeting  
**22 Play Day**  
**23 Park Ride Calero**

**June**  
 11 General Meeting  
 16 Board Meeting  
 Desensitization Clinics see pg 5  
**26 Park Ride Harvey Bear**

**July**  
**4 PARADE, Morgan Hill** earlier video shoot  
 9 General Meeting  
**9-14 Point Reyes, HORSE CAMP**  
 21 Board Meeting

**August**  
**7 Scavenger Hunt**  
 13 General Meeting  
 18 Board Meeting

**September**  
 10 General Meeting  
**18 PLAY DAY**  
 15 Board Meeting

**October**  
 8 General Meeting  
 20 Board Meeting  
**23 TRAILER BACKING CLINIC**  
**31 POKER RIDE**

**November**  
 12 General Meeting  
 17 Board Meeting

**December**  
**10 HOLIDAY PARTY**, General Meeting  
 No Board Meeting

## San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

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# MORGAN HILL 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

## Calling all Participants!!

Let's help our club have a good showing this year as we do every year!!

Last year we did a remote video parade but this year it is back, live and in-person (pending health department approval)

Theme for the parade is "Honoring our Heroes".

The parade website states Horses must be "parade ready," and able to accept parade noises and activities and remain calm for safety reasons.

We will hold desensitizing clinics for participants. Individuals can come to Playday (5/22) and possibly 6/13 and 6/27 or 6/5 and 6/19 at Blomquist's.

Get in touch if you are interested in riding in the parade and come along to our desensitizing clinics to see if you and your mount are parade ready.

**This is our chance to shine before our local community – let's WOW them!**



### Horse Camping Clinic

Saturday March 27th

Karen Luke and 8 SMHA volunteers held a horse Camping Clinic to introduce other riders to the ways they could enjoy themselves outdoors and overnight with their horse.

We had 8 guests who enjoyed tips from basic no-nonsense setups to the full luxury of living quarters.

If you missed it and are interested in horse camping then contact Karen she would love to tell you more about it.

Thanks to all our volunteers and guests for a great day.

We have an opportunity to go horse camping coming up in July along with Monterey Bay Equestrians at Point Reyes.



Chere demonstrates the basics. Tie and feed.



Karen points out everything your checklist.



Don't forget your own food and a comfortable chair.

# Mane Stays

## THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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### Bay Area Barns and Trails: [BABT](#)

The saddest words a horse enthusiast can hear are: "There once were horses here." Whether spoken of a dilapidated barn, or closed trail, or meadow pastures now tightly overgrown with tract houses, the loss of horse 'habitat' means the ultimate loss of horses from our lives and landscapes.

Since its inception BABT has donated over \$292,000 for projects that are helping preserve equestrian trails, horse facilities, or at-risk open space. Our ability to support future projects depends upon our success in receiving more financial support from private foundations and public funding sources, equestrian businesses, organizations and families.

**Have fun and help your county win a grant for trail improvements!** The goal of Bay Area Barns and Trails (BABT) [Trails Challenge](#) is to promote use of our local trails by equestrians and support multi-use trails. Join riders from all over the Bay Area in this virtual challenge, and share the wonders of your outdoor adventures! Explore new trails, keep track of ride miles and share photos of your favorite spots.

The county that logs the most trail miles will win a BABT grant for \$2500! Working with the winning county's land agencies, BABT's BOD will determine a suitable multi-use trail improvement project and provide that county with a grant for \$2500.

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### 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/>

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## 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](mailto:newsletter@smhorse.org)

# CHITTY BLOG

## Henry Coe State Park is Open:

As of March 1<sup>st</sup> the Park has lifted the restrictions due to the wildfire although the limitations due to covid are still in place.

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](http://coepark.net/images/pineridgeassociation/ponderosa/Fire_2020.pdf)

## County Parks:

Santa Clara County Parks will be returning to the collection of vehicle entry fees. The six-dollar (\$6) collection fee will be effective April 5, 2021 at the parks listed. Other entrances have and will remain free to visitors.

While you are in the park taking pictures think about submitting something to the #SCCParksCalendar competition. [here](#) which runs until August 31st .

## There's Green in them Hills!

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 4) 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

## #HoofPicsInParks



Jayne and Bev #HoofPicsInParks  
Henry Coe Hunting Hollow  
Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch

This [Guide](#) has all the details for the #HoofPicsInParks Challenge



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