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Happy May

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 May 1st, 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 14th.

Check out the Play Day and Park Rides details on page 2-3

Play Day: Help Wanted

Friday, 5pm - 7pm: Setup of the bulk of the obstacles.

Saturday, 8am -9am: Finish setup.

Saturday, 10am - 2pm: Judges (no need to be judgmental).

Saturday, 2pm - 3:30pm: Cleanup – everything must go back where it came from.

Please contact news@smhorse.org

2021 Membership

Welcome new members, Kathy St. John of Boulder Creek, Sheryl Germany of Scotts Valley and Victoria Crettenand of San Martin, looking forward to meeting you this year.

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting, April 21, 2021**

Present: Chere Bargar, Tim Alton, Toni Whedon, and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Financial:

Karen informed the Board that she has filed SMHA's tax return. The financial report will be given at our next meeting.

Cal Fire:

On May 1 Cal Fire will be at Blomquist's with fire trucks, hoses, and firemen in equipment to fight fires. Toni will post the event on face book and our website. Tim will send out an email reminder to all. There are 18 confirmed participants to date.

Blomquist Bleachers:

We have selected June 6 (8am till done) as the date to refurbish the bleachers. We need to get a list of necessary materials from Gary, order lumber, bolts and stain. Once the lumber is delivered, we can stain it prior to the 6th. Estimated cost is \$1700 without bolts. Tim will put out an email asking for assistance in constructing the bleachers and donations to cover cost.

July 4th Parade:

The parade will be live this year. Chere will submit an application for SMHA. Rules and regulations for participants are extensive including an individual walking along side for every two horses. Allene has volunteered to be in charge of the float. We need volunteers to ride on the float, horse riders, horse walkers, mini's/donkeys, float decorators, etc. Tim will send an email requesting volunteers. Parade starts at 10am; judging is at 8am. Participants should plan to be on site at 6:30am.

Playday:

Playday is on May 22. We all should be thinking of new obstacles. Google might give us some suggestions. Tim will work on a map and flyer.

Upcoming Meetings (Zoom) and Events:

May 1 – Cal Fire Event
May 14 – Cinco de Mayo Theme General Meeting
May 22 - Playday
June 11 – General Meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

#HoofPicsinParks Ride Out

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

Sunday, Sunday, May 23; Ride-out will be at Noon in **Calero** County Park (the original south entrance)

People can email Toni at 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

Blomquist Bleachers

As you know, we hold the majority of our events at Blomquist Arena. Jim & Patti Blomquist have been very generous in letting us use their facility.

We decided we needed to do something to show our appreciation for their generosity, and have decided to refurbish the bleachers. With the price of lumber these days, this will cost around \$1,800. Karen Luke has generously offered to pay a large portion of this amount through her business.

The club will pay some. If any of you would like to make a donation to the club to help cover the cost, it would be most appreciated. We will also need some help putting the new bleachers together.

We have June 6 on the schedule to do the work.

**Contact Chere (408.842.5570)
to volunteer or get more details**



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

Trailer Maintenance Clinic

Thank you Gary Luke and Crew for conducting another successful trailer clinic on April 10th.



San Martin Horseman's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition

Saturday May 22nd 2021

**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 May 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
Picnic Bench
Cowboy Car Wash
Flagger
Around the World

PLUS SOME SURPRISES

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

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Play Day: Ranch Trail Competition May 22nd, 2021

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 May 13th)	-\$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 May 13th

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.

EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant (print name): _____

Event: SMHA PLAYDAY Date May 22nd 2021

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 _____

Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

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

<p>May</p> <p>8 Truck Maintenance Clinic Cancelled</p> <p>14 General Meeting</p> <p>19 Board Meeting</p> <p>22 Play Day</p> <p>23 Park Ride Calero</p>	<p>June</p> <p>11 General Meeting</p> <p>16 Board Meeting</p> <p>5 & 19 Desensitization Clinics</p> <p>26 Park Ride Harvey Bear</p>
<p>July</p> <p>4 PARADE, Morgan Hill earlier video shoot</p> <p>9 General Meeting</p> <p>9-14 Point Reyes, HORSE CAMP</p> <p>21 Board Meeting</p>	<p>August</p> <p>7 Scavenger Hunt</p> <p>13 General Meeting</p> <p>18 Board Meeting</p>
<p>September</p> <p>10 General Meeting</p> <p>18 PLAY DAY</p> <p>15 Board Meeting</p>	<p>October</p> <p>8 General Meeting</p> <p>20 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 TRAILER BACKING CLINIC</p> <p>31 POKER RIDE</p>
<p>November</p> <p>12 General Meeting</p> <p>17 Board Meeting</p>	<p>December</p> <p>10 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting No Board Meeting</p>

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

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

It will be an actual parade, not a virtual one. SMHA has done very well in the past and we want to live up to our reputation. The theme for this year's parade is "Honoring Our Heroes". We plan to have a float, probably with people dressed as different essential workers, float decorated, etc. We also need riders and anyone who has ponies, minis, donkeys, etc. to lead- with or without kids aboard. We have plenty of decorations for all size equines. Participants (except for essential workers) need to wear dark blue jeans, dark boots, white long sleeve shirt and light color straw hat. We have sparkly hat bands, wrist bands, neck scarfs, saddle pads, and lots of goodies to decorate horse and rider.

If you are not sure how your horse will do in a parade, we strongly suggest that you come to the 2 clinics coming up, June 5 & 19 to work on parade desensitizing.

- There will also be a walker in the parade for every 2 horses, so there will be someone to help out if a horse gets excited.

- We need the following people:
- riders (at least 10 would be great) Please tell us the size of your horse trailer.
- little equines & their handlers
- horse walkers
- essential workers, fireman, ambulance, nurses, doctors, people who clean up in hospitals, store clerks, etc., etc. to ride on the float
- anyone else who wants to ride on the float
- help decorate the float &/or horses
- someone to make sure everyone signs a release form
- bring donuts, rolls or? , coffee, hot chocolate
- Do you have a truck with an automatic transmission that can pull the float (we have truck decorations too).

Please respond even if you are not entirely sure at this point but are interested.

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

FIRE SAFETY EVENT

May Day 5/1

Karen Luke organized a great event giving people the unusual opportunity to lead their horses around a fire truck, stepping over hoses, watching flashing lights and hearing the roar of the engine.

A little water was sprayed but not too much given the conditions we are in. Most of the horses did not seem unhappy while the odd one was not impressed by the 'killer yellow hose'.

Before all that excitement we had fire safety presentations.

Dusty Perryman wore two hats:

As HFR Program Assistant with Santa Clara County FireSafe Council he promoted the 5-30 rule keeping nothing flammable within 5ft of your house and only low vegetation for 30ft. Please don't plant Cypress or Eucalyptus trees and rip out your juniper.

www.SCCFireSafe.org

Dusty is also a ham radio operator for the Santa Clara County Large Animal Evacuation group. Currently there are only 4 volunteers in south county, so please consider signing up. Their role is to evacuate large animals from designated zones. Within the county authorities the group has moved from OEM the Animal Services division.

<http://www.scclaet.org/>

Stephanie Riley, Field Service Manager with Santa Clara County Animal Services, explained how the new facility has more space for livestock. A.S. do provide evacuation for livestock and are responsible for call-out of LAE if their resources are required.

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

A big thank you to **Karen, Dutsy** and **Stephanie** and the **Firefighters with Engine E169** from Masten & 101 who setup the truck for the event. Things wrapped up once everyone had taken a selfie with Thelma the cydesdale who was also featured in last month's newsletter..



Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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.

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 Open:

As of March 1st 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

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 .

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



Allene explains horses to the Crew



Nope, not gonna do it...
Oh OK then, if you really want me to Sandi.

Karen gets a picture of Thelma and the Crew



Dusty Perryman (left) and Stephanie Riley (right)





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