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## San Martin Horsemen's Association



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### Happy June

This is the month California is scheduled to open back up. We have not yet made arrangements for in-person general meetings.

**The Morgan Hill July 4<sup>th</sup> parade** is now only a month away, see page 5 for more details. Please contact Chere if you are interested in riding or participating.

We have the first desensitization event on the morning of Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, and would like participants to contact Chere in advance to make arrangements if you are riding or want to volunteer as a rowdy crowd member for a couple of hours.

**Jack Brook** is back on the calendar. Our joint camping trip with Monterey Bay Equestrians is back on at Jack Brook, watch out for an email later this month on application details.

### Zoom General Meeting

Members will receive an invite to our next Zoom General Meeting on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Check out the **Park Rides** details on page 2-3

### 2021 Membership

It's never too late to renew your membership. Forms at [smhorse.org](http://smhorse.org).

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting, May 19, 2021**

**Present:** Tim Alton, Toni Whedon, and Bev VanderWeide  
Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

**Financial:** No update.

**Club Ride:** Toni to hold a club ride at Calero on Sunday May 23. Ride out time is 11:00 am.

**Blomquist Bleachers:** Project scheduled for June 6, 8:00 am until finished. Jim has communicated to Chere that he would like the bleacher wood to be treated with a 10x Rustoleum deck resurface coating. Toni and Chere researched cost (approx. \$40/gallon, needing 10 gallons), plus wood primer (approx. \$35/gallon, need 1 gallon) plus application roller. Primer takes 2-3 hours to dry, and wood should be weathered for 6 months before application. Given the expense and time commitment, we will talk to Jim to see if he has an alternative treatment that will be easier to manage.

**July 4th Parade:** The parade will be live this year. We still need volunteers to ride on the float, horse riders, horse walkers, mini's/donkeys, float decorators, etc. Allene Liebenberg has committed to manage the float. Toni is researching a seamstress to make a second parade vest for the flag carriers. Tim will send another email requesting volunteers. Kitty is calling members to get more participation. Parade starts at 10am; judging is at 8am. Participants should plan to be on site at 6:30 am.

**Calendar of Events:** Insurance needs a calendar of events for January 2022 – July 2022. Toni will prepare based on our 2021 dates and submit to Chere.

**Playday:** Playday is on May 22. Bev has four new obstacles to add to the event, and she will pick up a few 2 x 4's to implement the new obstacles. Tim will update the obstacle course map and instructions. Toni to check with Karen to make sure a porta-potty will be available, and to confirm she can bring her bottle pit, tires, and bag of cans. Set-up on Friday May 21 at 5:00 pm.

**Post Office Box:**

Chere has renewed the PO Box rental.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

May 22 – Playday  
May 23 – Club Ride at Calero  
June 5 – Parade Desensitization at Blomquist Arena  
June 26 – Club Ride at Harvey Bear  
June 11 – General Meeting via Zoom  
July 4 – Morgan Hill 4th of July Parade

**Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm**

**#HoofPicsinParks Ride Out**

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

Saturday, June 26. Harvey Bear. Meet at the San Martin Ave entrance and be ready to ride out at 11am.

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.



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

**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 at 8am on the schedule to do the staining work.**

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

## May Play Day

Thank you to all those who came out for our play day and ranch trail competition.

The morning practice session allowed participants to work with their horses under unusual circumstances. The cowboy curtain is always popular and only took one tumble but survived. The bottle pit is another favorite with the humans if not the horses.

Watching Judy Stewart reverse through the zig-zag in the competition was an absolute master-class display. Most teams found that difficult. Open winner Sue Landaiche and her horse looked comfortable with all the obstacles except the reverse zig-zag. In case you are wondering we did expand the path for Kathy Madlem and Thelma the Clydesdale.

Meanwhile Denise Black-Jungling arrived fashionably late for practice and then rode off with top honors in the Novice group.

Some participants just enjoyed the practice time, working with horse to get through the new and interesting situations and that is the main reason for these play days. See you in Spetember.

Congratulations to the winners in the Open group L to R  
Christine Amber, Sue Landaiche, Laurie Salaiz.



Congratulations to the winners in the Novice group L to R  
Kathy Madlem, Judy Stewart, Denise Black-Jungling.  
And Thelma



## May Play Day Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all who came out to help put on the Play Day:

Chere, Kitty, Pat, Bev, Toni, Karen & Gary and sons Brady & Ryan, Kathy, Carol & Joe, Alicia, Jerry, Joan, Allene and Tim. And first place Sue for helping with cleanup too.

Special thanks to Carol for announcing and commentary.

Most importantly thanks to the Blomquist Family for hosting this event in their arena and grooming the arena too.

# Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

**Note: Jack Brook is now open in July**

<b>June</b>	
11	General Meeting
16	Board Meeting
5 & 19	Desensitization Clinics
<b>26</b>	<b>Park Ride Harvey Bear</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>PARADE, Morgan Hill</b>
9	General Meeting
<b>9-14</b>	<b>JACK BROOK, HORSE CAMP</b>
21	Board Meeting
<b>7</b>	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>
13	General Meeting
18	Board Meeting
<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
10	General Meeting
<b>18</b>	<b>PLAY DAY</b>
15	Board Meeting
8	General Meeting
20	Board Meeting
<b>23</b>	<b>TRAILER BACKING CLINIC</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>POKER RIDE</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
12	General Meeting
17	Board Meeting
<b>10</b>	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b> , General Meeting No Board Meeting

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

<b>President</b>	Chere Bargar	408.842.5570	Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
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Volunteers in action around the announcer's booth.

Allene, Chere, Kitty, Carol and Bev.

# MORGAN HILL 4<sup>TH</sup> 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!**



Rolling the Barrel, checking out the Tarp, Reversing the Zig-Zag and crushing it in the Bottle Pit at the May Play Day practice session.



# 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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### The Seven Stages of Aging on Horseback

*As found on the web, author unknown, submitted by Toni*

**Stage 1:** Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

**Stage 2:** Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sunset.

**Stage 3:** Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to staunch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take two Paracetamol and apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

**Stage 4:** Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to ER. Entertain nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

**Stage 5:** Fall off horse. Temporarily forget name of horse and name of husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium

pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before doctor gives official okay.

**Stage 6:** Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says, "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical technology thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you'll give up riding. One week later purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

**Stage 7:** Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints and implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes and bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes and mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse.

**Stage 8:** Go to see horse. Momentarily consider riding but remember arthritis won't let you lift leg high enough to reach stirrup — even when on mounting block. Share beer with grateful horse & recall "good old days".

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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:

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. A recent search on Facebook shows we now have 21 posts.

Kathy gets a selfie of the whole gang at Fish Camp in Calero.



Tim and Maverick: art shot at Willson Camp in Henry Coe SP.



Jayne in Canada delOro at the fancy 'waterer not a trough'. Has anybody's horse drank from this? This was a frame clip from our first video posting of an arrival at The Spot.



The Spot in Almaden Quicksilver County Park



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