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Happy August!

It's time for a get together at in-person general meeting. We will be holding our meeting on the picnic benches at the Lions Club in San Martin, and it will be an ice cream social! The theme for this month's meeting is ice cream. Please RSVP to news@smhorse.org so we can make sure we have enough ice-cream and fabulous fixings for you all to build your own sundae or banana split .

We will bring the ice-cream and you bring the social!

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Blomquist BleachersDone! thank you everyone

The Morgan Hill July 4th parade pictures and an article from Chere.

Jack Brook pictures from the camp out in July.

San Martin Animal Shelter Blankets in the Chitty Blog along with County Parks volunteer opportunities

Coming in September We will be holding another Play Day on the 18th so mark your calendars and let us know if you have a new or favorite obstacle that you would like to see there.

2021 Membership

It's never too late to renew your membership. Forms at smhorse.org.

**Ice-cream appeared not once but four times in the opening article*



Join us on Facebook!

[SMHA Facebook Group](#)

It's a good place to exchange information and find a riding partner



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Blomquist Bleachers

The bleachers at the Blomquist Arena are done! To show our appreciation to Jim and Patti Blomquist for letting SMHA use their wonderful facility for our events, it was decided to replace the wood on the bleachers.

Thank You Karen Luke for buying the lumber and her family who picked up and delivered the material. A big Thank You to the following people who donated money and/or time to this project: Carol Abel, Bev VanderWeide, Pat Scharfe, Barbara and Jerry Jackson, Celia McCormack, Al Nicholson, Kitty Swindle and Chere Bargar. Another Big Thank You to Jim Blomquist who took out all the old wood and put the new, varnished boards back on the frame.

At our next event, the play day in September, take a look at the "new" bleachers as well as the new paint on the stairs and platform leading up to the announcer's stand.



Before

AFTER!

Jack Brook Camp Out

Thank you Toni for the pictures



Heading out for our first ride of the trip



Catching up with each other out on the trail.



SMHA members Karen & Brady Luke, Kathy Madlem, Toni Whedon, Sandy Voechting and Carolyn Tucker enjoying a fabulous catered meal.



Hanging out at the campfire

After three days of heat, we finally woke up to a morning of cooling fog.



Relaxing at camp after another great catered meal.

Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

Note: Jack Brook is now open in July

August

- 7 Scavenger Hunt CANCELLED**
- 13** General Meeting ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- 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

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Everyone wants a picture with
Thelma and Kathy

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

It was great to have a real parade this year to celebrate the 4th of July. SMHA entered a float, mounted group, a mule and mini mule as well as a ranch hand (aka pooper scooper). We won **FIRST PLACE!** And 2nd place for our delightful "Ranch hand".

This was a true group effort. It took many people to plan, do all the prep work, as well as getting everything ready for the 8 am judging. THANK YOU to all of you who participated. A number of you helped out in more than one area, we appreciate your versatility and willingness to wear many hats. Our "team" included Allene Liebenburg, Bev VanderWeide, Carol Abel, Joe Meerscheidt, Toni and Katelin (sp?) Whedon, Pat Scharfe, Carolyn Tucker, Jennifer Machado, Noreen Nemece, Kathy Mayeda, Kyle Huffstutler, and Chere Bargar. Kali and Sage Bargar, and Cash (Kali's boyfriend) came all the way from Texas to help decorate the horses.

Special mention goes to our mounted unit, Wayne and Paula Young & granddaughter, Autumn, Kathy Madlin,

and new member Jenna Huffstutler. For three out of the five horses , this was their first parade. They did AWESOME!!

Real crowd pleasers are the mule and mini mule. Thank you PJ and Molly for bringing them.

SMHA banner carried by Carolyn Tucker and Jennifer Machado

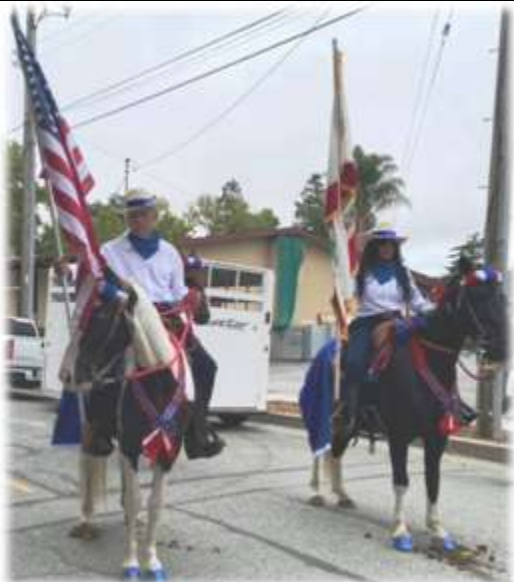
Truck driver Carol Abel

In the float holding signs Kyle Huffstutler, Kathy Mayeda, Pat Scharfe, Katelin Whedon, Sage and Chere Bargar

Ranch hand Allene Liebenburg

Walker (for horses) Toni Whedon

If I left anyone out, I sincerely apologize.



Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

There are almost 400 miles of Ridge Trail - how much have you seen?

Explore more miles and reconnect with your local wild on the Ridge Trail! We make it easy with handpicked trail adventures and activities for you to complete till the end of the year. It's free and there are more ways

to [win prizes](#) than ever. All you need to do is sign up and get out there! Are you up for the Challenge?

[2021-ridge-trail-challenge](#)

Editor's note: I don't know if these "handpicked trail adventures" are suitable for horseback riding but if you find some that are let us know

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".

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: 1997 cab over Lance camper... 81/2 foot.. refrigerator... stove. \$5600
Call evening .. before 9.... 408.842. 6215

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

Santa Clara County Parks:

Monthly Trail Day at Mt. Madonna **Sat, Aug 7 | 9am - 1pm**

Do you wish to give back to your County Parks? Here's an opportunity to volunteer at County Parks and get in your weekend workout. Join our monthly trail day at Mt. Madonna on Blackhawk Trail. No prior experience necessary. Wear long sleeves/pants, and bring a backpack with water,

[REGISTER](#)

Trail Watch Academy

Wed, Aug 11 | 9am - Noon

Do you love hiking, biking, or horseback riding in Santa Clara County Parks? Interested in volunteering with us? As a Trail Watch Volunteer, you could serve to keep our parks friendly, welcoming, and safe. Join our next virtual Trail Watch Academy Training coming up on Wednesday, August 11 (via Zoom). We would love to have you participate. Email volunteer@prk.sccgov.org with questions.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Animal Shelter:

Kitty Swindle has donated blankets for dogs and cats at the animal shelter for a number of years. When the new shelter was built in San Martin, she put out the word to SMHA members to get donations of blankets &/or material that could be made into blankets. A number of people answered the call, some from as far away as Oklahoma and Redding, CA.



Kitty will soon be delivering 2 boxes of blankets to the new shelter to help make the dogs and cats a little more comfortable. Thank You to all of you who supported this effort and Thank You, Kitty for spearheading this worthwhile project.

Left, Sage Bargar, center, Cade Bargar, right, Kelsee Swindle



This [Guide](#) has all the details for the **#HoofPicsInParks** Challenge. A recent search on Facebook shows we now have 21 posts.



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