



San Martin Horsemen's Association



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Horsemanship

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Happy October!

We have some more things coming up!

- A bike desensitization clinic to help with your interactions out on the trail.

See page 2 for details. This free/low-cost clinic will give some practice encountering bikes. We have all met bicycles and their riders out on the trail and most are good and polite, some not so much. There is bringing a group of bikers who are horse savvy and will help you get through your encounters. See page 2 for details.

- Our trailer backup clinic is back by popular demand after its debut last year.

Bring your rig, your lunch and leave your horse at home. You will practice reversing round a curve, backing around a corner all under the patient eye of instructors who will help you see where you went wrong and how to correct it. See pages 3-5 for details and registration forms.

- Halloween Poker Ride on Halloween of all days!
Well this one is still not confirmed. We are waiting for a quote from the Parks department on the fee required to use Harvey Bear county park. It may be outside the budget. Stay tuned.

- Our September Play Day went very well with a three way tie for second in the Novice class. Thanks to volunteers Chere, Kitty & Nikki, Pat, Bev, Toni & Katelyn, Karen, Joe & Carol, Kathy, Michele, Jerry, Sue, and Jake who thought he just came to watch. The good news is there were more riders than volunteers, and they all seemed to have a good time. See pictures on page 6 & the ribbon holders on page 7.

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting September 21, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)**

Present: Tim Alton, Chere Barger, Karen Luke, Pat Scharfe, Toni Whedon

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Playday: Day went well. Chere will let Tim and Toni know names of winners so they can be posted in the Eventer and on SMHA website. It was difficult for Chere to determine food profit versus clinic profit as we only had one cash box. Next time we will use two money boxes. Chere deposited a check into bank today. Once Chere has expense figures she will write a donation check to Tim for Katie's fund.

Question arose as to whether we should be charging a drug fee. Toni looked it up and we probably should be charging a fee for Playday.

Horse and Bike Clinic: De-sensitizing clinic is set for October 10 from 10-2. Registration at 9a.m. SMHA members are free. Non-members \$15. Participants should bring their own lunch and drinks. Need PA

system to let participants know what is up next in arena and helpers in arena for problem horses.

Trailer Backing Clinic: Clinic will be October 23 from 10:30-4. Registration from 10:00-10:30 There will be a one-hour lunch break. Participants should bring their own lunch. Volunteer lunches will be provided from Burger King. Fee is \$50; SMHA members are given \$10 discount. Items needed are small coolers, pop-up tents, chairs (5), ice for coolers, help setting up stations (5).

Poker Ride: Tentative date is October 31. Chere sent in our application to the County August 31, has since called and emailed the County but has not received confirmation that our ride date is confirmed. She will contact them again.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 8 – General Meeting (Zoom)
October 20 – Board Meeting (Zoom)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

HORSES AND BIKES

October 10, 2021

Sponsored by San Martin Horseman's Association
Registration at 9 am. Clinic from 10-2



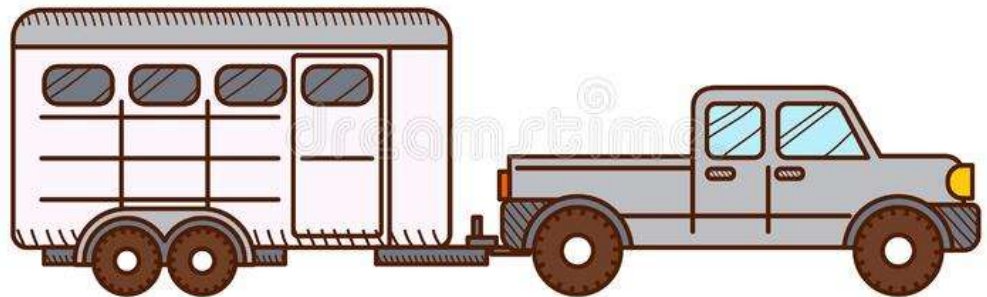
WHAT: Is your horse unsure about sharing the trail with bikes?

COME to our bike de-sensitivity day.

- Hold your horse in hand or be mounted.
- Work up to bikes getting closer and coming faster from all directions.
- There will be quiet bikes and noisy bikes.
- They will come alone and in groups.
- All participating bike riders are horse savvy and will work with you.

WHERE: Blomquist Arena, 8885 Guibal Ave., Gilroy. From New Ave. go west on Roop Rd. **DO NOT TURN ON GUIBAL.** Go straight ahead to the arena.

COST: SMHA members are free. Non-members \$15. Join at the event and your membership will be good until 12/31/22. Bring your own lunch and drinks.



TRAILER BACKING CLINIC

Come and learn how to handle your trailer safely. You will learn technique and safety and will leave with confidence in handling and backing your horse trailer or any other trailer.

What: Trailer backing clinic

When: Saturday October 23rd, 2021

Where: Blomquist Arena, 8885 Guibal Ave., Gilroy, CA 95020
From New Ave. go West on Roop Rd. DO NOT TURN ON GUIBAL. Go straight ahead to the arena.

Time: 10:00-10:30 Registration

10:30-4:00 Clinic

One hour lunch break. Bring your own lunch.

Fee: \$50.00. \$(10.00) discount for members. Join SMHA that day and your membership is good through 12/31/2022.

Contact: Karen Luke kluke@garlic.com 408-203-5730

Entry # _____ Office use only

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Trailer Back up Clinic : October 23rd, 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*

Entry Fee	\$50	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
SMHA Member	-\$10	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Total amount Enclosed		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>

Experience Level	
Novice	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Rusty	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>

Registration: begins @ 10:00 am
Clinic: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm
With 1 hour lunch break, bring your own lunch

NOT A MEMBER?

*2022 Membership forms are available at
 smhorse.org and membership runs from now
 until 12/31/2022*

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

Minors must be 16 years old and be accompanied by a responsible adult at the event

Mail registration & signed release forms to:

SMHA
 P.O. Box 275
 San Martin, CA 95046

Pre-registration not required

No Rain Date please ensure your contact information is correct, email preferred.
For more information contact Karen Luke 408-203-5730 kluke@garlic.com

Subject to cancelation and full refund if conditions are not suitable.

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 Trailer Back Up Clinic Date Oct 23rd 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 _____

September Play Day



Pictures from practice where people can ride or start off showing the obstacles with their horse in-hand.



Special mention for Lori Olsen, who has been riding her three year old Arabian for just three weeks.



Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

October

- 8 General Meeting
- 10 Horse & Bike Clinic
- 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

President	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247	Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
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Open Division Ribbon Winners
1st: Heather Shupe
2nd: Marla Zayed, 3rd: Bonnie Seagraves

Novice Division Ribbon Winners, included not one or two, but three in a tie second place.
1st: Judy Stewart, 2nd: Jennifer Rose, Kathy Madlem, and Diana Cooley, 5th: Alexis Pierson 6th: Kayla Feukes



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

Fire Season Information:

The Santa Clara County Large Animal Evacuation group has some good information on their web site.
<http://www.scclaet.org/>

The DOWNLOAD page is the one with the information. The file entitled "What do I do with my horse in fire, flood or earthquake" is quite expansive. But browse around and perhaps you may also consider joining the team.
<http://www.scclaet.org/download.aspx>

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

If interested or want to come see , please call Diana at 831-801-8215

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

FOR SALE: Three English Saddles for sale from DreamPower Horsemanship donations.

First two shown are unknown maker; first measures 18 inch seat and the 2nd measures 17 ½ inch seat. All three without fittings. The Third saddle is a Corbette (The Combination) 17 ½ in. seat. Price on the first two is \$50. The Corbette saddle made in Switzerland price is \$75.



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 SP: Tarantula Fest

October 2nd 10a-3p

Come to the Coe Park Tarantula Fest and rub elbows (so to speak) with some of our fuzzy, friendly eight-legged guests of honor. The event is held at the Coe Ranch campground, which has breathtaking views across the ridges and canyons of the backcountry



Take a leisurely nature walk with a volunteer naturalist and search for tarantulas, or go on a geocaching hike. Hang out at our kids' activities table and create Tarantula Fest keepsakes. Talk to volunteers from the Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center and listen to them tell you about their wonderful ambassador animals. Enjoy exhibits of other wildlife and the natural world around us.
[Details here](#)

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

Challenge ends Dec 1st.

Dear SMHA,
On behalf of Katie I want to thank you for the check we received today for \$900. I am very moved by the generosity of the club, and it will help with the therapy that Katie will need as she makes her recovery.
It's almost 4 months since the accident and Katie has recovered enough function, alertness and responsiveness to begin inpatient rehabilitation for up to two months.
Thank you,
Tim Alton

FUNDRAISER for KATIE

The [Play Day] event will be a fundraiser for former SMHA Family member and endurance rider *Katie Alton* who is recovering from a severe traumatic brain injury she suffered in a mountain bike race.
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-katie-get-back-on-the-pedals> for more information



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