



# The *EVENTER*

September 2021

## San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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### Happy September!

We have some things coming up!

There will be one of our great Play Day and Ranch Trail Competition events on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

It's a wonderful experience for you and your horse. There is the all important 2 hours of practice in the morning where you can introduce your horse to the obstacles while riding or in-hand. This is almost the best part of the day, don't miss it. Every horse is different in what it chooses to get excited about, find out what yours is.

Then you are put on the spot in the competition, all that practice, did it stick? With the time constraints it just not the same. Take a look at the flier and entry on page 3-5.

Tell your friends and come on down.

As always there are volunteer opportunities for setup, cleanup, and judging.

### September General Meeting

Despite the fun and ice cream last month we are holding our Sept 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting via ZOOM again. Look out for an email invite.

### Coming in October

- A trailer backup clinic as the highlight. This was very popular last year.
- A bike desensitization clinic to help with your interactions out on the trail.
- Halloween Poker Ride on Halloween of all days!

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting August 19, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)**  
**Prepared by Toni Whedon**

**Present:** Tim Alton, Chere Barger, Karen Luke, Bev VanderWeide, Toni Whedon

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm**

**Financial:** Karen emailed out P&L Statements for June and July, 2021 prior to the meeting.

**Memberships:** Toni has three new memberships from the Jack Brooks Campout that she will deliver to Chere.

**August Member Meeting:** Our first in-person Member Meeting since January 2020 was held outdoors at the San Martin Lions Club on August 13 at 7:00. We had an ice cream social, with 8-10 members attending.

**Playday:** Playday is on September 18. Discussion to adjust obstacles to accommodate Clydesdales/larger horses. Also discussed possible new obstacles. Prices to be \$25 (Jr), \$40 (Member), \$50 (Non-member) with \$5 early registration discount. Sale of soda, water, chips, and pre-packaged snacks.

- Tim will update the flyer, obstacle course map and instructions. Tim will also see if he can deliver obstacles to Blomquist Arena on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Obstacles also need to be picked up from Kathy McBride's house.
- Karen will check with her family to see if they can help with set-up after work Sept. 15, 16, or 17.
- Toni to post event and flyer on FB pages for SMHA and other local clubs.
- Chere to order ribbons thru 6<sup>th</sup> place.
- Playday meeting to be held Sept. 8 at 7:00 outdoors at Chere's house.

**Trailer Back-Up Clinic:**

Clinic will be held October 23. Decided to have clinic with no competition component. Discussed participant fee of \$45-\$50. Also discussed possibly having a 2-day event to split up gooseneck and bumper pull trailers.

- Karen to book instructors and ask about having 2-day event.
- Karen to see if Julie Woods (class A licensing instructor) would like to present/participate.

**Poker Ride:** Event to be held October 31 at Harvey Bear.

- Chere to call in September to reserve park for event (approx. reservation cost \$150 - \$320).

**Jack Brooks Campout 2022:** Toni tried to reserve Jack Brooks for a 2022 club campout before or after MBE Campout dates of June 30 – July 5. Reservations can only be made 6 months in advance, so Toni will try making reservations for June 25-29 or July 6-10, 2022.

**Fundraiser:** Discussion to turn September 18 Playday into a fundraiser for Katie Alton to aide in expenses from brain injury accident. Board decided to donate all profits from Playday. (Tim Alton had left the meeting)

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

September 8 – Playday Prep Mtg @ Chere's house, 7:00 pm

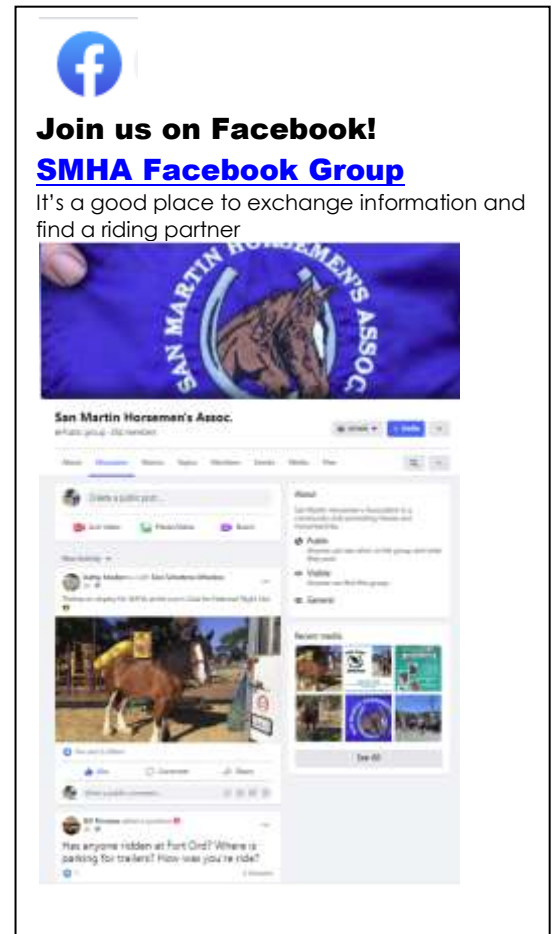
September 10 – General Meeting (in person @ San Martin Lions Club? via Zoom?)

September 18 – Playday @ Blomquist Ranch

October 23 – Trailer Back-Up Clinic @ Blomquist Ranch

October 31 – Poker Ride @ Harvey Bear

**Meeting adjourned 7:54 pm**



# San Martin Horsemen's Association

## Play Day: Ranch Trail Competition Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Registration Form

Name		Phone	
Address			e-mail
City	State	Zip	

Check One:

<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a SMHA member

*\*\* Sign Release of Liability on back*

*\*\*\*Parent must sign for minors (under 18)*

CLASS	
Novice	
Open	

Adult (16 & older)	<b>\$50</b>	
Or Junior (15 & under)	<b>\$25</b>	
CA Drug Fee	<b>\$5</b>	
SMHA Member	<b>-\$10</b>	
Pre-registration (postmarked by Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>-\$5</b>	
<b>Total amount Enclosed</b>		

**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 Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# San Martin Horsemen's Play Day

## Ranch Trail Competition

Saturday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Registration starts at 8:00am**

**Practice the course from 9:00 – 11:00**

*The practice session is important for you and your horse, whether riding or in-hand. It's almost the best part of the day. Don't miss it!*

**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 September newsletter and at**  
**[www.smhorse.org](http://www.smhorse.org)**

### **FUNDRAISER for KATIE**

The 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

### **Obstacles to include:**

Bridge  
Rope Gate  
Belly Tickler  
Tire Maze  
Reverse Z Turn  
Push the Barrel  
Bottle Pit  
Picnic Table  
Cowboy Car Wash  
Flagger  
Around the World

**PLUS SOME SURPRISES**

For your convenience:  
Hot Dog, chips, drink- \$4  
Burger, chips, drink- \$5

# Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

<p><b>September</b></p> <p>10 General Meeting</p> <p>18 <b>PLAY DAY</b></p> <p>15 Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>October</b></p> <p>8 General Meeting</p> <p>20 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 <b>TRAILER BACKING CLINIC</b></p> <p>31 <b>POKER RIDE</b></p>
<p><b>November</b></p> <p>12 General Meeting</p> <p>17 Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <p>10 <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>, General Meeting No Board Meeting</p>

## 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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## 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-sensitvity 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.



# Mane Stays

## THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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### 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

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### 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>

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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

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](mailto:newsletter@smhorse.org)

# CHITTY BLOG

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## 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.





## **San Martin Horsemen's Association**

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