



San Martin Horsemen's Association



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Horsemanship

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Happy November!

We had a couple of great events in October with the bike clinic and the trailer back up clinic. Thanks to everyone who came out for those.

On the calendar this month we have our General Meeting (via Zoom) on Friday the 12th at 7pm. It is elections month see details on positions on page 4.

That's it for club sponsored events, but there is an Endurance Riding clinic jointly held by Santa Cruz Horsemen and Quicksilver Endurance Riders. Also Dreampower are having an open house in early November. See page 5 for more details.

But on December 10th after a one year hiatus due to Covid-19 we are going to hold our end of year Holiday Party. Mark the date and think of a pot luck dish to share. Dust off your party game skills and your dancing shoes (cowboy boots work best) see page 2.

Membership Forms for 2022

You can find them [here](http://smhorse.org) on our club web site smhorse.org.

Welcome New Members

And speaking of membership, a warm welcome to new members: Joanne Jones, Jennifer Rose, Ginny Rhodas & Curt Cotner, Linda West all of Gilroy and Lorraine Salem of San Martin.

We look forward to seeing you at our various events and meetings. If there is anything you feel you would like to see the club getting more involved with we are all ears, and welcome extra hands.

There are lots of events throughout the year to contribute to and enjoy. We may soon get back to more in-person meetings with guest speakers, horsey movie nights with candy and popcorn. It is so hard to have our January soup and chilli contest over zoom.

HoofPicsInParks

This is the last month to complete this fun challenge see page 6 for more details. Send in suggestions for next year's challenge.

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting October 20, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)**

Present: Chere Bargar, Toni Whedon, Karen Luke, Tim Alton, Bev VanderWeide and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Financial: Bank balance as of September 30 was stated.

Trailer Backing Clinic: Bev talked with Jim regarding the expected rain the weekend of the 23rd. He said unless there is greater than a 2" downpour, we should be good. Current forecast is for rain thru Friday am then clear until Sunday. We will check on Friday and if there is a problem Toni will post on Facebook.

Set up for the clinic is 5:15pm Friday. Items to bring Saturday are drinks and water (Kitty), pop-ups for instructors (Chere, Karen, Tim), coolers (Chere, Kitty, Pat), ice (Kitty, Karen). Karen will provide lunch for instructors.

Chere will check Post Office box Friday for any entries. Karen Has liability release and registration forms. Chere has membership forms.

Poker Ride: Poker ride has been postponed till next year. We should apply six months in advance for date (no rain date allowed) and will need to pay fees before County will consider application.

Officer/Chair Elections: Tim will place an article in the upcoming Eventer soliciting nominations for officer and chair positions. Interested parties can contact current officer or chair for duties of that office. Current vacant Chair positions are membership, poker ride and trails committees.

Holiday Party: Date for party is December 10. We will need to be COVID compliant. Possible games/activities are line dancing, musical chairs, pin the nose on the reindeer. Prizes to be given for Hoof Pics in Park and lucky chair winners. Chere has a small tree for the sign-in table and will check the barn for additional decorations. We could purchase poinsettias for tables. Bev will compile holiday music. Board will bring basics (turkey, ham, potatoes). Members should bring pot luck items per alphabet assignment. Toni volunteered to chair party. Tim will put a note in the Eventer to "Save the Date".

Upcoming Meetings:

November 12 – General Meeting (Zoom)
November 18 – Board Meeting (Zoom)
December 10 – Holiday Party

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

**DON'T MISS THIS ALMOST ANNUAL EVENT. WE WILL BE ENJOYING GOOD COMPANY,
GOOD FOOD, FUN AND GAMES, PRIZES, & DANCING**

Holiday Food Drive: Please bring non-perishable food items.



**DECEMBER 10th, 2021 7:00 PM
SAN MARTIN LIONS CLUB
12415 MURPHY AVE.,
SAN MARTIN, CA**



The club will furnish the turkey and ham.
Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share.

A-G Potatoes or stuffing
H-M Vegetable dish or salad
N-Z Dessert or gravy

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can get the catering sized correctly.

HORSES AND BIKES

October 10, 2021

Thanks to Chere Bargar for coming up with the idea for this clinic and getting it all put together. YouTube videos of the event are available in [time lapse](#) and [regular](#) format from Paul Liebenberg. That's where I grabbed the screen shots below. Paul was one of several bikers that volunteered their time to help with the clinic along with Larry Schuyler, Art Pon, Jonathon Liebenburg, Jenna Herr, Curt Cotner, and Jake Whedon (with motorcycle). There were ten horses and riders who attended and several showed improvements in how they felt about all those darn bicycles. Hopefully that lasts out on the trail. Let us know! Thanks to all the SMHA members who helped out too.



That's a funny looking mule you've got there Carol.



Mane Stays & Events 2021 CALENDAR

November 12 General Meeting 17 Board Meeting	December 10 HOLIDAY PARTY , General Meeting No Board Meeting
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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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Board Nominations

November General Meeting brings with it nominations and elections. Chere Bargar deserves our thanks being a terrific president this year, she has been hosting board meetings in her beautifully landscaped and low water consumption yard, guiding our board and most of our activities. Thanks to all those who have contributed to the club's activities over the year in various roles.

Our elected officers are:

- President**
- Vice-President**
- Treasurer**
- Secretary**

If you feel that you can contribute and would like to take up a position in the table above please let a board

member know, come (zoom) to the November 10th meeting and get yourself elected.

If you want more information on what is involved please contact a board member and we can hopefully enlighten you.

We are particularly looking for someone to take over membership which involves processing the incoming forms and maintaining the spreadsheet and mailing lists. Also producing a membership directory on a quarterly basis was an unrealized goal so far this year.

The Poker Ride Chair position is open. This involves contacting the county to reserve the venue. Contacting local vendors for prize sponsorship. Publicity; fliers and getting the word out. Wrangling volunteers for the event and since it's a Halloween Poker Ride, you have to be comfortable doing all this in a ridiculous costume.

Horse Keeping in Santa Clara County:
 The County is considering revisions to the current Santa Clara County horse keeping regulations to streamline and simplify the permitting process for horse keeping and similar facilities.
 Staff is conducting several virtual outreach meetings to present an overview of the County's proposed direction and to solicit feedback from members of the public.
 Monday 11/8 and Wednesday 11/10 6pm-7:30pm via Zoom more info at the county web [page](#).

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

Endurance Riding: Introductory Clinic

Saturday, Nov 20, 2021 9:00 – 4:30

Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Assn Showgrounds 1251 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz CA 95060.

Sponsored by SCCHA & Quicksilver Endurance Riders

Have you ever wanted to learn more about what it takes to compete in 25- or 50-mile endurance riding events? Join us for this fun and educational clinic to learn how to get

started, or how to step up your game if you are new to the sport.

In this full day clinic, you will learn • How to condition and care for your equine partner • What the rules are at endurance events sanctioned by AERC • What happens on the day of the ride • Setting up a conditioning program • How to gauge your horse's fitness and set goals • Tack and accessories to consider • Feeding and supplementation for the endurance athlete • How to pace your horse in an endurance ride

Details <https://www.gser.net/events>

DreamPower Horsemanship

Everyone is invited to come to the **DreamPower Open House** on **Saturday, Nov. 6** from 2-4 pm at 7460 Crews Road, Gilroy, CA.

You will have the opportunity to meet the DreamPower riding and driving horses and miniature horses, steers, alpaca, chickens and ducks. You will tour the ranch and learn about volunteer opportunities and current equine-assisted therapies and programs. You can see the process as the DreamPower horses create Modern Abstract Pony Art and watch the Vaulting for Mental Health Demo Team

perform at 3:00. Tour the Carriage Barn and learn about carriage driving opportunities. Learn about opportunities for military veterans and first responders.

Everyone is welcome for this FREE Open House. Please sign up through eventbrite so we know how many people to plan for. <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../dreampower-horsemanship...>

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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: 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

There's Green in them Hills!

Wow that was a soaker, more than 2 inches of rain in one weekend! The rain brings green grass and temporary trail closures in the county parks.

Please be a good trail user and don't ride when the trails are closed due to poor conditions. You can call **(408) 355-2200** (& press 4) before you leave home to avoid a wasted journey.

If you head over to Henry

Coe S.P., which never closes, the voluntary wet weather trail code there is to stay on the wide ranch roads and avoid the single track trails, for 48 hours after rain



I was out in Harvey Bear today and one rogue steer on the single track Calveras trail, through the woods on the east side, managed to make a right mess of things. But when the whole herd joined them it was a bumpy ride with nowhere to go. OK I was on a bicycle and too much air in the tires. – Tim Alton



#HoofPicsInParks wraps up in November so we can award the grand prize and prizes to all participants at the Holiday Party.

This [Guide](#) has all the details for the **#HoofPicsInParks** Challenge its not too late to hit some more parks, and it may have some things in there that are new to you.

TRAILER BACKING CLINIC

Thank you to **Karen Luke** for putting this clinic together again this year.

We could not do this without our volunteer instructors: Gary Luke, Stan Alger, Scott and Robbie Cochrane, Jerry Stalder, and Steven Shonk

And thanks to the volunteers working around the event and for setup and clean up, there were a lot of cones to move: Pat Scharfe, Bev Vanderweide, Chere Barger, Kitty Swindle, Jake, Brady & Ryan.

Here is Karen still having a good time after a long day while stacking some of the many, many cones back into the trailer.





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