



# The *EVENTER* February 2022

## San Martin Horsemen's Association



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### Happy February!

We had a virtual meeting to start the year due to the latest variant of covid-19, getting together for a soup and chili contest did not seem like a good idea.

The minutes are on page 6 and hopefully capture everyone's thoughts on the agenda items. Send us any thoughts and feedback you may have on the agenda and discussion from that meeting.

Our next meeting will be via **Zoom 7pm on Wednesday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** As suggested at the last meeting we are giving it a try on Wednesday instead of Friday.

### Membership for 2022

Please think about renewing your membership for 2022 as soon as you can. The form is [here](#) and on page 3. Our membership fees remain unchanged at \$30 per individual and \$40 per family. This year we have raised the premium for non-members at our events to \$10 so the break even point is even lower than before.

We are looking forward to putting on more events in 2022 and even have some in person general meetings where we can get together and enjoy some good old-fashioned social interaction.

Your membership also provides stability to the club and is a vote to say that SMHA and its activities are important to you and your family. Our Calendar of Events for 2022 should be filled out this month. Thank you to those of you already signed up for 2022.

**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting January 19, 2022 (Zoom Meeting)**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

**Finances:** Chere suggested since we do not use a large number of checks that we order a lesser amount which may cause a slight increase in price. All agreed that would be fine.

Zoom fee was charged to Karen - \$149.90.

Chere will check with Karen to find out how she can get a receipt, get the form filled out, etc.

Chere received \$150 for membership dues.

Will give enrollment forms to Tim.

**Meeting Locations:** Discussion arose regarding where and what days to hold our general meetings.

Restaurants are generally not available for meetings during COVID. The Lion's Club is available the 1st and 4th Friday of the month. Chere will check to see if they are available on weekdays. Weekday considerations are Tuesday and Thursday – going to or coming back from weekend campout. Wednesday – good; can eat dinner and then have meeting.

Monday - ? Decision deferred till we can check with the members at our next general zoom meeting.

**Campouts:**

SMHA at Jack Brook (June 24 thru 27)

MBE at Jack Brooks (June 30 thru 7/5)

Other thoughts for camping were Lake San Antonio, Wilder, Grant Ranch

**Clinics:** Learn to camp plus campout. Possible locations are San Antonio, Grant Park, Santa Cruz. Possibly do in May (Note: Coit Campout 5/18 – 23) Desensitizing Clinic. Bikers, Dogs, Construction plastic, strollers, back packers (Note: suggestion was to do total clinic then have lunch)

Trailer loading clinic. Check with members to see if anyone is okay offering their trailer for use for clinic.

**Events:**

Tack Swap

Hoof Pics in the Park (Toni to organize)

Club Rides (Toni (and Kathy possibly) to organize)

Play Day (May and September)

**Newsletter:**

Tim needs write-ups for Horses of San Martin column, favorite trails column, and pictures for inclusion in The Eventer.

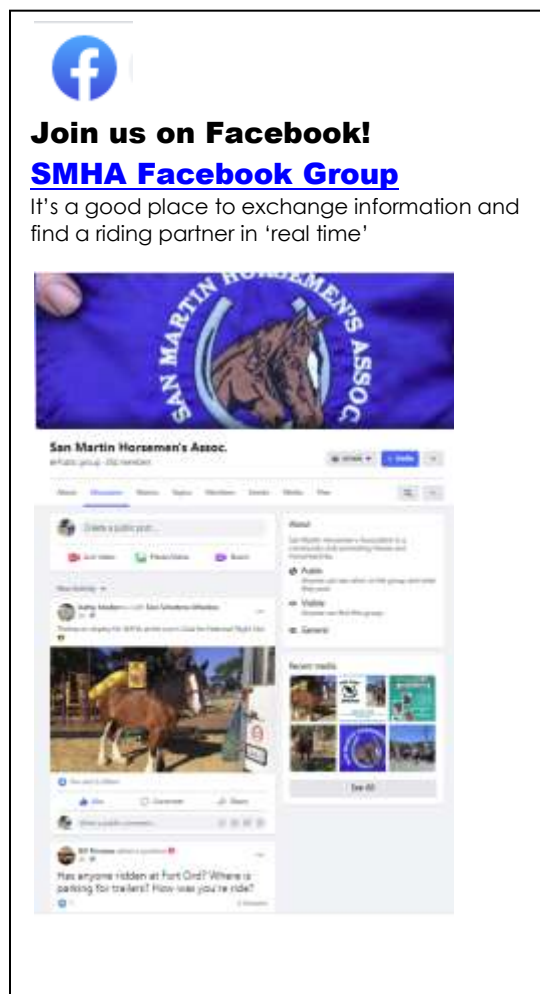
**Other:** Membership input for future meetings, campouts, events, etc. will be solicited at general meeting on Friday

**Upcoming Meetings:**

General Meeting - TBD

February 16 – Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm





form valid for memberships 10/01/2020 thru 12/31/2022

This membership is  
NEW \_\_\_\_\_  
RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Step One:** Family \$40  
Circle one

Individual \$30

**Step Two:** List name of **every** person included on your membership

For Family Membership list all children and their birthdates. Children must be born after 12/31/2001 to be included.

FULL NAME of each member	Adult	or	Child	Date of Birth (minors)
1) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	or	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	or	_____	_____

**Step Three:** Contact Information

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City-State-Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home address if mailing address is different \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Email is used to communicate relevant club information in a timely fashion and as a convenient alternative for contacting you. We'll keep your email private.

NEWSLETTER IS SENT VIA EMAIL UNLESS YOU INDICATE HERE BY **CIRCLING** SNAIL MAIL

**Step Four:** Indicate your interests in activities by checking the items below.

\* I am willing to help:

- \_\_\_\_\_ at events
- \_\_\_\_\_ pre-events
- \_\_\_\_\_ on committees
- \_\_\_\_\_ club officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ committee member
- \_\_\_\_\_ phone tree caller
- \_\_\_\_\_ newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ fundraisers
- \_\_\_\_\_ snack bar/cooking
- \_\_\_\_\_ refreshments
- \_\_\_\_\_ set-up/clean-up
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

\* I am interested in the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ camping
- \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure trails
- \_\_\_\_\_ poker rides
- \_\_\_\_\_ trail trials
- \_\_\_\_\_ gymkhana
- \_\_\_\_\_ rodeo
- \_\_\_\_\_ shows
- \_\_\_\_\_ endurance
- \_\_\_\_\_ NATRC
- \_\_\_\_\_ trails (building)
- \_\_\_\_\_ trails (development)
- \_\_\_\_\_ trails (planning)
- \_\_\_\_\_ junior program
- \_\_\_\_\_ parade/color guard
- \_\_\_\_\_ team penning
- \_\_\_\_\_ dressage/quadrille
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

For More Information

Website: [www.smhorse.org](http://www.smhorse.org)

Email: [mail@smhorse.org](mailto:mail@smhorse.org)

**Step Five:** Must Sign release(s) on back/second page of form. Membership is not complete without all signatures and payment. Family memberships with minors: please sign both parts of the Release of Liability/Hold Harmless Agreement

**Step Six:** Mail signed form with your payment to SMHA, P.O. Box 275, San Martin, CA 95046

**Step Seven:** Now that you are a member JOIN US at club activities listed on [www.smhorse.org](http://www.smhorse.org)

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NOTE: TWO parts for PARTICIPANTS HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT/RELEASE OF LIABILITY Family Memberships. THIS RELEASE CONTAINS IMPORTANT LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL LIABILITY!

Participants \_\_\_\_\_
Print names \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_
Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which 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 hereby release the San Martin Horsemen's Association (SMHA) from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of San Martin Horsemen's Association or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events and activities organized or sponsored by San Martin Horsemen's Association I waive, release and discharge San Martin Horsemen's Association, its directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and all other persons and organizations in any way connected with the SMHA 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 San Martin Horsemen's Association, 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.

San Martin Horsemen's Association, 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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Release of Liability to cover minor(s)

PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN must ALSO complete this section in addition to the above section. All minors and dates of birth MUST BE LISTED on SMHA membership application.

Full names

of minors:

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above minor(s) in consideration of said 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(s), his/her animal(s), and property arising out of his/her participation in events. I/We further warrant that I/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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different than above \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Mane Stays & Events

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

<b>President</b>	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247		Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
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Treasurer	Karen Luke					
Membership	Bev VanderWeide	510 304 5884		Sunshine	<b>open</b>	
Newsletter	Tim Alton 408 623 1845	news@smhorse.org		Media Director	Toni Whedon 408-656-8975.	
Historian	Carolyn Tucker	carolynt@garlic.com		Trails Development Co-chair	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247
Trails Development Co- chair	Kitty Swindle	408.842.6215		Jack Brook Camp Chair	Tim Alton	news@smhorse.or g

**Due to GoDaddy moving to paid email [news@smhorse.org](mailto:news@smhorse.org) is the only one that works now.**

## Open Positions

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. Of course you can recruit others to help get this done. 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.

## A Call for Newsletter Articles

Please think about contributing to some of the regular columns I started last year.

**Horses of SMHA:** a few paragraphs on your favorite steed or even your second favorite. You can tell us your best riding or training tale. Along with some photos this makes for an interesting read for your fellow members. I am using the word steed to be inclusive of all you folks with mules and ponies

**Trail Reviews:** write up a review of a recent trail ride, include length, elevation,

degree of difficulty, shade, mud, water crossings and especially whether you enjoyed it or not. Add some description of the trail, the trailhead location and a photo or two. Other members may have never been before and we all like to go to new places that are recommended by our friends. But it doesn't have to be a positive review a warning to others is very useful too, although some may take it as a challenge!

Email your article, in simple text with pictures attached, to [news@smhorse.org](mailto:news@smhorse.org), or just let me know if I can put on the list for future editions of the newsletter

**January 2022 SMHA Membership meeting**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm**  
**Agenda and Minutes**

**Membership Meetings** – We currently hold the meetings on Friday evenings at 7:00...is there a day of the week that works better for you and your family? Would you like to meet up at a restaurant for dinner before or after the meetings? We want YOUR thoughts on this!

- Most people liked the idea of a restaurant. Also changing from Friday to Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Also meeting at a restaurant had a lot of supporters.

**Campouts** – Do you want to go back to Jack Brooks again? Or should we try a new location (Henry Cowell, Lake San Antonio, Wilder Ranch, Grant Ranch, other ideas)?

- 6/24 -27 last weekend of June
- It's back to back with MBE which covers the 4<sup>th</sup> July parade and fireworks
- Chere: Pt Reyes is a good spot.
- Kathy likes the idea of a second campout,
- Jayne, Kathy, Carolyn like the dates
- Gayle not a camper

**Clinics**

- o Learn to Horse Camp
  - Last year 10-15 people
  - This year have a follow up campout at Santa Cruz horsemen's.
  - Has corrals for everyone
  - Good trails at Henry Cowell
  - Grant does have 10-12 corrals and a pasture
- o Trailer Backing
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- o Trailer Maintenance
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- o Truck Maintenance
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- o Mountain Bike Desensitization
  - Split arena into sections, bikes, strollers, backpackers with poles, dogs, donkey carts
- o Fire Planning & Safety
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- o Trailer Loading
  - Loading horses into other people's trailers
  - Allene said she spent an hour trying to load her horse into Bev's trailer after an accident out on the highway
  - Allene volunteered her old trailer, Tim also raised his hand

**Play Dates** – two trail obstacles events with training opportunities?

- o Can we talk to Heather Shupe? How do we get extra money to pay for her fee.

**Hoof Pics in Parks**

- o Toni is working on this year's targets
- **Monthly Club Rides**
  - o Toni states we want monthly club rides.
  - o Season parking pass at SCC parks for 2021 winner Kathy
  - o Add brush trail water trough at Grant
  - o Wild Card pick your own park and photo spot

**Tack Swap**

- o Swap/sale you decide

Attendees:

TW, TA, CB, KS, PS, Kathy Madlem, Carolyn Tucker, Allene Liebenburg Jayne Helsley, Gayle Lewis, Diana Cooley,

# Mane Stays

## THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

**FYI: AB974** - Effective Jan. 1, 2022 this new California law requires riders under the age of 18 to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet when riding a horse, mule or donkey on a paved road. This does not apply to riders in a

parade or a festival, or for riders crossing a paved road from an unpaved one. This new law also requires riders or their equestrian to wear reflective gear or a lamp when riding after sundown.

## 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

**FOR SALE:** Steel camper stand (80 1/2 " x 41 1/2" and 33" tall).

Steel Forks for a tractor (41" forks 46" tall).

Two saddle racks (both 24" long).

Call evenings...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](mailto:newsletter@smhorse.org)

## CHITTY BLOG

### There's Green in them Hills!

OK so everyone had a dry January in terms of rainfall at least But 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

### County Park Volunteer Opportunities:

Trail Watch volunteer training via Zoom on 2/5.

Santa Teresa County park trail day 2/12

County Park web page with details can be found here: [Volunteer Page](#)

<https://scc.samaritan.com/custom/502/opp/details/4158>

### OPEN SPACE:

Not sure how long this is open for:

Open Space One way Trail [Survey](#) where you can give your opinion on one way trails.



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