



San Martin Horsemen's Association



**Serving Our Community
& Promoting Horses &
Horsemanship**

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Happy March!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 23rd at 7pm at San Martin Lions Club. It will feature a Tack Swap/Sale for all the excess stuff you may have acquired over the last couple of years.

San Martin Lions Club 12415 Murphy Ave, San Martin, CA 95046

At our February Zoom meeting we went over the 2022 Calendar of events (see page 5) and everyone seemed pretty excited about it and volunteering to help with events. The winner of a drawing for a free 2022 SMHA Membership was ... Jayne Helsley. Congratulations!

Our next big thing is a Trailer Maintenance Clinic on April 10th where you can learn to take care some things on your trailer with a little help, see page 2.

And before all that there will be another Club Ride this time at Grant Ranch on March 13th RSVP to Toni Whedon for details.

Keep a look out for this year's #HoofPicsInParks challenge which should be up on the web site by next weekend.

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.

Check out all our events in our 2022 calendar on page 5 . We 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 membership is based on the calendar year so there is no point to waiting. Fill out the application and send it today!

Thank you to those of you already signed up for 2022.



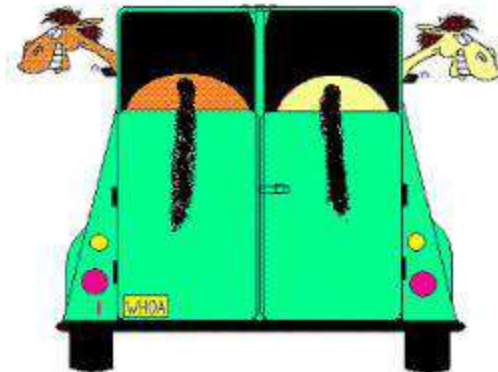
San Martin Horsemen's Association Trailer Tech Clinic SPRING IS HERE!

Time to dust off the horse trailer (or any trailer) and attend the San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. trailer maintenance clinic.

Gary Luke and Crew will help you get the things done on your trailer you have been meaning to tackle. Tell the guys what you need to do and they will instruct you on how to do it. They will supervise to make sure you remain safe and learn the proper way to:

- Change out a faulty light bulb or change to LED
- Fix a wiring problem on your trailer
- Add bearing buddies to your axles
- Fix a sticking tack room door
- Lubricate your jack, hinges, etc.
- Fix a broken tie out ring

Bring whatever problem you may be having, or just show up to make sure you are road worthy after sitting through the winter – it is worth your time to attend.



Sunday, April 10, 2022

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Blomquist Arena

8885 Guibal Avenue, Gilroy

\$25.00 SMHA Members, \$35.00 Non-Members

Questions? Contact:

Karen Luke

kluke@garlic.com

408-203-5730 call or text



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

This membership is

Step One: Family \$40
Circle one

Individual \$30

NEW _____
RENEWAL _____

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

For More Information

Website: www.smhorse.org

Email: 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

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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

2021 CALENDAR

March		April	
13	Club Ride - Grant Ranch	2	Club Ride – Almaden Quicksilver
16	Board Meeting	10	TRAILER MAINTENANCE CLINIC
23	General Meeting & Tack Swap/Sale	20	Board Meeting
		27	General Meeting
May		June	
14	Club Ride – Henry Coe	5	HOW TO HORSE CAMP - CLINIC
15	TRAIL OBSTACLE PLAY DAY	15	Board Meeting
18	Board Meeting	18	Parade Desensitization Clinic
25	General Meeting	22	General Meeting
		24-27	JACK BROOK CAMP OUT
July		August	
4	JULY 4th PARADE, MORGAN HILL	6	Club Ride - Calero
10	Club Ride – Cañada del Oro	17	Board Meeting
20	Board Meeting	24	General Meeting
27	General Meeting	28	DESENSITIZATION CLINIC - BIKES
September		October	
21	Board Meeting	15	TRAILER BACKING - CLINIC
24	TRAIL OBSTACLE PLAY DAY	19	Board Meeting
25	Club Ride - Top of Mt. Madonna	21-23	HOW TO HORSE CAMP OUT
28	General Meeting	22	Club Ride – Henry Cowell
		26	General Meeting
		30	HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE
November		December	
13	Club Ride - Mt. Madonna, Sprig Lake	14	HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting
16	Board Meeting	17	Ride & Caroling – Harvey Bear

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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Trails Development Co- chair	Kitty Swindle	408.842.6215		Jack Brook Camp Chair	Tim Alton	news@smhorse.org

Due to GoDaddy moving to paid email news@smhorse.org is the only one that works now.

Horses of SMHA

Rusty the Wonder Horse

You know the dreaded feeling you get when you decide to buy another horse? Knowing you will spend months researching, looking, test riding, etc.... to find the horse you hope will be the perfect partner. Well.....none of that happened when I met Rusty.

I told my Husband I was just going to look and had no intention of buying. I explained that it would take months to find the right horse and I was taking Toni with me as the voice of sanity when I couldn't get past the "He's pretty".



Rusty was so sweet from the get-go. First the Lady rode him around and I was impressed by his gait. I was also impressed at how he paid attention to her even when other horses were coming and going. He was quiet and well mannered. I rode him and was at once taken with how smooth he was. Even Toni liked him.

I called and told my Husband that I "Did a thing". He laughed and was not the least surprised when I told him I bought him.

We are still new to each other, but Rusty hasn't put a foot wrong since I got him. I can't wait for the time when we become bonded partners.

Karen Luke and Rusty



Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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, or just let me know if I can put on the list for future editions of the newsletter

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



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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

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

Club Ride Harvey Bear Ranch – Santa Clara County Park

Riders gather in the spacious trailer parking lot at the san Martin entrance. Photos: Kathy Madlem



This bit of the Savannah Trail

Bottom of Savannah Trail





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