



The EVENTER

August 2022

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San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community
& Promoting Horses &
Horsemanship

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Happy August!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 24th at 7pm location TBD may be a zoom meeting given the recent up tick in covid infections.

Coming up in August the Club ride will be at Calero Park on the 6th. Then on the 28th the return of the Horse and Bikes Desensitization Clinic, mark your calendars.

We do need some (4-6) volunteers for the Bikes etc Clinic to Hike around, push a stroller make some noise. Please contact Chere if you are available and would like to help out.

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Category: Most Patriotic

Runner Up: San Martin Horsemen's Association

Riding were Wayne and Paula Young our flag bearers and their granddaughter, Autumn, Nikki VanSteinwik, Bonny Seagraves, Kathy Madlem and Chere Bargar. Walking were Carolyn Tucker, Toni Whedon, and Ann Terranova.

And this is the trophy, so we are going to have to get a trophy cabinet now, plus four more!

Best Overall Equestrian Group: SMHA!
Best Individual Adult Equestrian: Wayne Young second place!
Best Ranch Hand: Allene Liebenberg second place!





HORSES AND BIKES, etc.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

Sponsored by San Martin Horseman's
Association

Registration at 9 am. Clinic from 9:30-12:00

WHAT:

- Is your horse unsure about sharing the trail with bikes and other trail users?
- Come to our de-sensitivity day.
- Lead your horse 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.
- There will be backpackers, strollers, umbrellas, etc.

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 \$10.
Non-members \$20.

This includes a hamburger lunch IF YOU PRE-REGISTER and we receive your entry by 8/25. There will be a few extra lunches available, but we cannot guarantee you will get lunch without pre-registration.



San Martin Horsemen's Association

Horse & Bikes etc. Clinic, August 28th, 2022

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

Participants		\$20	
SMHA Members		- \$10	
		TOTAL	

Pre-Registration received by
8/25 for hamburger lunch

Registration: begins @ 9:00 am
Clinic: 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Minors must be with a responsible adult at the event
 Minors may not ride stallions

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

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

Participants (print names): _____

Event: SMHA Bikes & Horses Date August 28th 2022

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 _____

Mane Stays & Events 2022 CALENDAR

August	
	6 Club Ride - Calero
	17 Board Meeting
	24 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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Due to GoDaddy moving to paid email news@smhorse.org is the only one that works now.

SMHA Open Positions

The Poker Ride Chair position is open and it's getting closer and closer to Halloween. 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



San Martin Horsemen's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition

Saturday September 24th 2022

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 at www.smhorse.org

Obstacles to include:

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



For your convenience:
Burger, chips, drink- \$6

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

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

Got Flies?

From the US Forest Service via Karen Luke and I assume she has tested out camping in the woods.

1 CUP WATER

1 CUP AVON SKIN SO SOFT BATH OIL

2 CUPS VINEGAR

1 TBS. EUCALYPTUS ESSENTIAL OIL

OPTIONAL: 1 TBS. CITRONELLA ESSENTIAL OIL

MIX UP AND PUT IN A SPRAY BOTTLE. WORKS FOR HORSE, HUMAN AND DOGS.

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. \$50.00

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 408-623-1845 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: news@smhorse.org

CHITTY BLOG

Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve

The Board of Directors is scheduled to hold a meeting on-site at the Preserve (4289 Casa Loma Rd, Morgan Hill, CA 95037) on Thursday, August 11th, meeting in the Main Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m. During this meeting, Authority Staff will provide project updates for the Authority's planned Llagas Creek Bridge and Day Use Area project.

An agenda and packet will be posted no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting on the Authority's Public Meetings Portal, [here](#).

For more information regarding the Llagas Creek Bridge and Day Use Area project, please see the webpage: [Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve Expanded Public Access](#).

Contact:

Jennifer Hooper, Associate Open Space Planner

jhooper@openspaceauthority.org

Santa Clara County Parks: Trail Watch Academy Trainings.

The date for one more Training in 2022 – **November 5th** (1pm to 4pm)! Both will take place online via zoom.

You can read all about the program here:

https://scc.samaritan.com/custom/502/opp_details/4218.

The sign up for November 5th slot will pop up online closer to the date.

HOOF PICS in PARKS Challenge

August 6th club ride at Calero – The Bat Box Gang

[#hoofpicsinparks](#)





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