

The *EVENTER*

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San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy February!

We have a calendar of events lined up for the year and you can find it on page 3. It is packed with Club Rides, Clinics for Horses and Trailers and Camping trips, and of course the Fourth of July Parade in Morgan Hill will be a highlight of the year again (see picture above).

The General Meeting this month will be in person on Wednesday 22nd at 7pm and it will be at The Longhouse restaurant in Gilroy. We hope to see you there. The Longhouse is at 8195 Monterey Highway, Gilroy and please arrive early if you want to order dinner, it will help get the meeting going on time.

But before that there will be a **Club Ride** at Harvey Bear County Park. Meet in the parking lot at the San Martin entrance **Saturday February 11th** and be ready to ride at 11am.

Membership for 2023

Please think about renewing your membership for 2023 as soon as you can. The form is [here](#) and page 4. Our membership fees remain unchanged at \$30 per individual and \$40 per family. Non-members pay at least \$10 more at each event so being a member is definitely worth it.

We are looking forward to putting on our calendar of events for 2023 and more 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. Thank you to those of you already signed up for 2023.

January General Meeting

The January member meeting was lots of fun with shopping (many treasures to be found at Saddles & Treasures!). We spent the majority of the meeting discussing the 2023 SMHA event calendar, getting member input on the events that are planned.

We decided to have our next member meeting at Longhouse Restaurant.

Members were asked to consider submitting articles on their horses for Horses of SMHA and Trail Reviews for their favorite trails and parks.

We heard from Lyn Fellows about her ride for Pony Express with Christmas cards this past winter, and the next Pony Express event transporting commemorative letters from Sacramento, CA to St. Joseph, MI in just 10 days this June – The Pony Express order form is in newsletter on page 6 if any members want to send letters.



Amy (owner of Saddles & Treasures) took a few minutes to discuss some of the community events she will be implementing this year at her shop, to include tack cleaning events and a saddle fitting clinic.

San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

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Feel free to contact Board Members directly, or at news@smhorse.org – we look forward to hearing your ideas and having your input!

Mane Stays & Events

2023 CALENDAR

February

- 11 Club Ride - Harvey Bear County Park**
- 15 Board Meeting
- 22 General Meeting

March

- 12 Club Ride – Ed Levin County Park**
- 15 Board Meeting
- 22 General Meeting

April

- 8 Club Ride – Grant Ranch County Park**
- 19 Board Meeting
- 26 General Meeting

May

- 6 Club Ride – Henry Coe State Park**
- 7* TRAILER MAINTAINENCE CLINIC**
- 17 Board Meeting
- 24 General Meeting

June

- 4* HOW TO HORSE CAMP - CLINIC**
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Trail Obstacle & Parade Desensitization Clinic**
- 21 General Meeting

July

- 4 JULY 4th PARADE, MORGAN HILL**
- 14-16 Horse Camp & Chilli Cook Off at Henry Cowell**
- 19 Board Meeting
- 26 General Meeting

August

- 6 Club Ride - Calero**
- 16 Board Meeting
- 23 General Meeting
- 27 DESENSITIZATION CLINIC with BIKES etc.**

September

- 9 Club Ride – Top of Mt Madonna County Park**
- 20 Board Meeting
- 23 TRAIL OBSTACLE PLAY DAY**
- 27 General Meeting

October

- 7 TRAILER BACKING - CLINIC**
- 15 Club Ride – Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space**
- 18 Board Meeting
- 25 General Meeting

November

- 4 HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE**
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18 Club Ride – Bottom of Mt. Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake**

December

- 13 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting**
- 16 Horse Ride & Caroling – Harvey Bear County Park**

*TENTATIVE

Join SMHA for fun events held thru-out the year!

Have new ideas of things to do or places to ride? Let SMHA know! We LOVE your ideas!!

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2023



form valid for memberships 10/1/22 thru 12/31/23

This membership is
NEW _____
RENEWAL _____

Step One: Family \$40 Individual \$30
Circle one

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 12/31/2003 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.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * I am willing to help: | * I am interested in the following: | |
| _____ at events | _____ camping | _____ trails (building) |
| _____ pre-events | _____ pleasure trails | _____ trails (development) |
| _____ on committees | _____ poker rides | _____ trails (planning) |
| _____ club officer | _____ trail trials | _____ junior program |
| _____ committee member | _____ gymkhana | _____ parade/color guard |
| _____ phone tree caller | _____ rodeo | _____ team penning |
| _____ newsletter | _____ shows | _____ dressage/quadrille |
| _____ fundraisers | _____ endurance | _____ other (specify) |
| _____ snack bar/cooking | _____ NATRC | _____ |
| _____ refreshments | | |
| _____ set-up/clean-up | | |
| _____ other | | |

For More Information
Website: www.smhorse.org

Email: news@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 _____

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 _____

The National Pony Express Association
a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation
and marking of the Pony Express National Historic Trail.



2023-Annual Re-Ride of the Pony Express

Send a Letter by PONY EXPRESS!

From Sacramento, CA to St. Joseph, Missouri in 10 days!

Mail will be carried by horseback by over 700 riders from California, through Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and into Missouri. The letters will depart Sacramento, California on Wednesday, June 7, at 2:00p.m. PDT and will arrive in St Joseph, Missouri on Saturday, June 17th, at 7:30p.m. CDT. Envelopes then receive a special postmark and are delivered by USPS. A special historical vignette this year will commemorate California.

Visit www.nationalponyexpress.org for additional information and to follow the ride progress map.

SEND ORDERS and check or money order to cover purchase to:

National Pony Express Assoc.

2458 Navajo Rd, Frankfort, KS 66427

For questions regarding orders - Phone (785) 799-5236

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COMMEMORATIVE LETTERS (described above) - \$5.00 EACH - **Order by May 15th**

PURCHASER _____ PHONE _____

RECIPIENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

If ordering more than one letter, enclose a list of additional names and addresses.

State to be credited with sale: (Circle one) CA NV UT WY NE CO KS MO or National

PERSONAL LETTERS - \$10.00 EACH -Order by **May 1st**

(We provide you with special stationery. You write a letter & return to us.)

PURCHASER _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____

State to be credited with sale: (Circle one) CA NV UT WY NE CO KS MO or National

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

There's Green in them Hills!

When we are lucky enough to get some good rain it 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.

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 you on the list for future editions of the newsletter

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

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



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