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No Fooling It's April!

The General Meeting this month will be in person on Wednesday 26th at 7pm and it will be at Saddles and Treasures ...arrive early to shop. Their address is 7641 Monterey Hwy, Gilroy. We have a speaker for the meeting from Santa Clara County Large Animal Evacuation group.

The April club ride in Grant park is being moved because the Mt. Hamilton road is closed just before the park entrance.

Changing the April ride to the Salinas River State Beach on Sunday April 16th. Address is 10721 Potrero Road in Moss Landing. Parking lot is paved with room for trailer parking, parking is free. Ride out time will be 11:00. Bring a chair and snack or lunch to hang out and be social after the ride!

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.

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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!

CLUB RIDE at Rancho Canada del Oro. March 12th

Lots of wildflowers already in bloom and many water crossings and some more great pictures on the SMHA [Facebook page](#)



Mane Stays & Events 2023 CALENDAR

April

- 16 Club Ride – Salinas River State Beach
- 19 Board Meeting
- 26 General Meeting

May

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

June

- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Trail Obstacle & Parade
Desensitization Clinic
- 21 General Meeting

July

- 4 JULY 4th PARADE, MORGAN HILL
- 14-16 How To Horse Camp, SMHA
Campout & 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 – Ed Levin County
Park
- 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

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!!

Hot topic: March General Meeting was fun – Saddles & Treasures had an egg hunt around the store, and we all received discount store purchases. I saw lots of – jeans, boots, saddle pads, greeting cards. Discussion was in Parks which was distributed, at Grant Ranch on Saturday,



egg hunt around the store, coupons in our eggs for fun purchases being made puzzles, jewelry, and mostly around Hoof Pics and the upcoming day ride April 8.



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

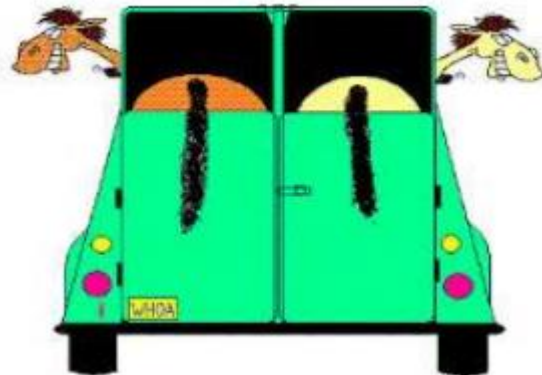
Bring whatever problem you may be having, or just show up to make sure you are road worthy after sitting through the winter – it is worth your time to attend. RSVP with Karen Luke (contact info below) and let her know what projects you would like instruction on, and she will let you know what you need to bring to the event with you.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Blomquist Arena 8885 Guibal Avenue, Gilroy

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



REGISTER & PAY ONLINE:

<https://form.jotform.com/230878697301162>

Questions: Karen Luke kluke@garlic.com 408-203-5730 call or text

The Beginning

by Bill Throgmorton, DVM,
SMHA Lifetime member

It was October of 1968 when it all began. Darrell Bailey came to me with his idea for starting a local horse club. While there were horse clubs in Santa Clara County, there were none close to Gilroy, Morgan Hill or San Martin. Santa Clara County Horsemen were the closest and their meetings were held in their clubhouse on Mc Kean road, 20 miles away. Darrell's plan called for a club to serve San Martin and surrounding area. Darrell wanted a club in the same vane as other horse clubs, a social club that held an annual horse show. My objective was to have a horse club which would serve all segments of horsemen in the area and not a single focus club. We had breed associated clubs like the Morgan Horse, Gold Coast Arabian, and the Appaloosa club which were single minded in purpose

When I explained my idea to Darrell he quickly joined me in my thinking, forming a broad spectrum horse club. We both strongly focused on this concept and set out to find horse people who shared our vision. We needed to find people willing to assist in organizing such a club and be willing to help write the By-Laws and rules for the club's foundation.

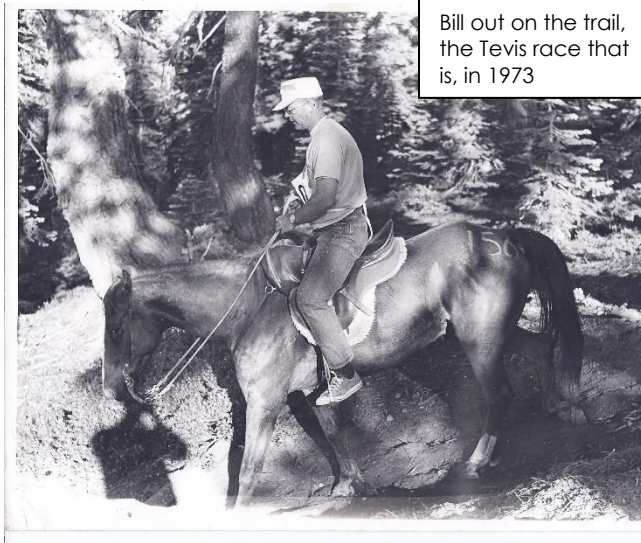
I was excited by the idea of a horse club that would embrace the needs of the whole horse community and their collective but separate interests. I had heard requests for such a club from a broad spectrum of the horse owners as I contacted them in my practice. Joan and I had wanted to find a horse club willing to sponsor a Competitive Trail Ride, which was our main interest. We had approached the Morgan horse club and the Appaloosa horse club in our area and neither showed much interest in sponsoring a competitive trail ride. The focus of both clubs was concentrated in conducting their annual horse show, their main source of income.

The prospect of having a newly formed horse club with members, whose primary interest was not preset, by an older hierarchy, was very appealing. Joan and I jumped in with both feet and started running when we discovered sponsoring a competitive trail was a totally acceptable idea. Many parties who joined Darrell and me in forming

San Martin Horseman Club were not in other horse clubs.

At the first meeting there was Gladys and Darrell Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cloud, Will and Zola Walker, Joan and me and one other man whose name I can't recall. We met at Gladys and Darrell's house for the express purpose of forming a broad spectrum horse club to serve the needs of the whole horse community. We met weekly and within one month we had written the By-Laws, held the first club meeting, passed the By-Laws and elected Darrell Bailey as the interim President. Darrell was to serve until our official club election at which time I was elected to be the first President of the newly formed San Martin Horsemen Association.

The ideas presented at the



Bill out on the trail, the Tevis race that is, in 1973

formation meetings and the reasoning behind the drafting of the By-Laws were discussed at length before their final form was reached. The plan was to investigate ways to structure the club so no particular faction of the club could gain control and narrow the scope of the club to a single function. The idea of having the board of directors be made up of the chairmen of the various club activities-- horse show, trail ride, roping and gymkhana, etc. -- was structured so no behind the door politics would come about without the knowledge of all the chairmen of the various activities being present. Each chairman represented his or her constituents and would be able to present their interests to the board.

The rest is history. The club has been functioning successfully for forty one years now

From July 2010 Newsletter – we are up to 54

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

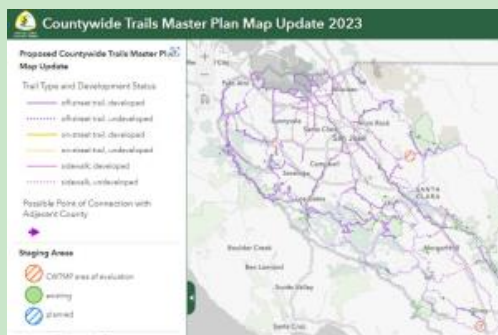
Trail Reviews: write up a review of a recent trail ride,

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 you on the list for future editions of the newsletter

Countywide Trails Map Update

Explore and Provide Input



County Parks is working to update the Countywide Trails Master Plan Map to better reflect current planning and

changes to the countywide trails network since the map was adopted in 1995. Explore the [Draft Map](#) in an interactive web app format and provide feedback on conceptual changes to the map and countywide trail prioritization through the project survey or by attending an upcoming public meeting.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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

Brand new in the box riding helmet for sale. Its a white Classico brand. Sells new for \$70 asking \$45 obo. Call Bev VanderWeide 510 304 5884

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

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.

Even Henry Coe has shut down due to recent storms.

Santa Clara County Parks: Earth Day Events

Saturday, April 22



Celebrate Earth Day 2023. Come build a partnership for our planet by joining Santa Clara County Parks on Saturday, April 22 to participate in an outdoor Earth Day event. We have two opportunities to beautify our parks. Sign up to remove old 2x6 boards and install new boards onto fence posts at [Fence Replacement at Grant Ranch](#). Join our maintenance staff to help remove non-native and invasive plants at [Hellyer Weeding Party](#) happening on Earth Day and every Saturday in April.

Because The trails are closed Katie and I (Tim Alton) met a whole bunch of horses and friends in Harvey Bear County Park, the lovely level black top Murphy Loop Trail. Patrick, below, and Thelma were particularly friendly while Carol's mule Sheba was more interested in other things.



On the web: get the BROCHURE

Joseph D. Grant County Park
Brush Trail Water Tank



Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park
Lake View



Mt. Madonna County Park
Miller House Ruins (between Upper & Lower Miller Trails)



Bonus!

Park & Location of Your Choice
Pick your favorite park, and share on the San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. Facebook page! Maybe it will get added to next year's #hoofpicsinpark challenge!



Prizes to be awarded at San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. December meeting. Club membership is not needed to participate, but membership is required to be eligible for participation awards.

Prizes sponsored by:
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Hoof Pics in Parks Challenge

#hoofpicsinpark

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A Trail Riding Challenge

Seven parks to explore on horseback. Ride out, take a picture, and share it on the San Martin Horsemen's Association Facebook page.

Instructions

1. Pick a Park.
2. Take a picture that looks like the sample shown for that particular park.
3. Post your picture to the SMHA Facebook page.
 - o tag your photo with #HoofPicsInParks and #park name
4. If you do not use Facebook, then email your photo with your name and the location where the picture was taken to Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com and we will post it for you!
5. Complete all of the parks in the challenge by December 1, 2022 and we will celebrate your success with a prize at our SMHA Holiday Party!

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Park Maps

- Almaden Quicksilver - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/almaden-quicksilver-county-park
- Calero - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/calero-county-park
- Canada del Oro - openspaceauthority.org/preserves/rancho.html
- Coyote Lake Harvey Bear - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/coyote-lake-harvey-bear-ranch-park
- Henry Coe - coepark.net/planning-your-visit/park-maps
- Joseph D. Grant - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/joseph-d-grant-county-park
- Mt. Madonna - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/Mt.Madonna-county-park

Almaden Quicksilver County Park
English Camp Chimney & Vault



Henry W. Coe State Park - Hunting Hollow
Willson Camp (Wagon Road & Vasquez Road)



Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space
Silicon Valley view from Bald Peak Trail Rest Stop



Calero County Park
Bat Inn



Complete by
December 1st 2023



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