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Happy July!

The General Meeting this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 26th, location TBD.

This month on July 14th through the 16th we are having several activities at the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association showgrounds, including a two night campout, learning to camp clinic, chilli cook-off competition and Darren Hawks introduction to Working Equitation. See pages 3,8-9

In August the Club ride is on the 6th at Calero County Park, and we will have the Desensitization with Bikes etc on the 27th.

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The theme for this year's parade was "A Star Spangled Celebration" and our entry looked fantastic, so good we took **FIRST PLACE** Equestrian Award!.

Equestrians- Flag bearers, Wayne and Paula Young & granddaughter, Autumn, Bonny Seagraves & daughter Anjalee, Nikki VanSteenwyk, Jennifer Harper, and Kathy Madlem.

Leading the mules- PJ Alvis and her sisters, Peg Ruiz and Pam Morgan. (Molly, the littlest mule, celebrated her 10th year in a row being in the parade. She first participated when she was just 3 months old) Horse walkers- Toni Whedon, Erin O'Callaghan & Chere Bargar

Truck driver, Christine Amber with Pat Scharfe riding shotgun. Riding in the back of the truck or in the trailer/float- Carolyn Tucker, Katelyn Whedon, Sadie (Allene's granddaughter), Ann Terranova, Ray Cone, Jen Gabrielle, Ayla Bargar, Anna and Zayden Lara.

Pooper scoopers- Allene Liebenburg & Chetta Crowley.

Helpers decorating and all the other much needed things to do- Jan Jeffers, Mike McIntyre, Eric Whedon.

Many of these volunteers helped in multiple ways. It takes a big team effort to get everything and everybody ready to go. Thank you to all who helped make SMHA a great parade entry. Thanks to everyone who rode, walked, rode in the trailer, helped with preparation and your name did not appear here let me know. There are two pages of pictures of the preparation and the parade on pages 2,4-5.

The 2023 Membership form is [here](#)

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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!

Morgan Hill 4th of July Parade.



Mane Stays & Events 2023 CALENDAR

<p>July</p> <p>4 JULY 4th PARADE, MORGAN HILL</p> <p>14-16 How To Horse Camp, SMHA Campout & Chilli Cook Off at Henry Cowell</p> <p>19 Board Meeting</p> <p>26 General Meeting</p>	<p>August</p> <p>6 Club Ride - Calero</p> <p>16 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 General Meeting</p> <p>27 DESENSITIZATION CLINIC with BIKES etc.</p>
<p>September</p> <p>9 Club Ride – Top of Mt Madonna County Park</p> <p>20 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 TRAIL OBSTACLE PLAY DAY</p> <p>27 General Meeting</p>	<p>October</p> <p>7 TRAILER BACKING - CLINIC</p> <p>15 Club Ride – Ed Levin County Park</p> <p>18 Board Meeting</p> <p>25 General Meeting</p>
<p>November</p> <p>4 HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE</p> <p>15 Board Meeting</p> <p>18 Club Ride – Bottom of Mt. Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake</p>	<p>December</p> <p>13 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting</p> <p>16 Horse Ride & Caroling – Harvey Bear County Park</p>

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: June General Meeting–

We are having the annual SMHA Learn How to Camp With Your Horse Clinic on July 15th at 10am, at Santa Cruz County Horsemens Association, Graham Hill Showgrounds. Everyone is welcome! Ever wanted to camp with your horse but not sure how to make it work? Attend the clinic and learn how many camping options there are, how to get started, and so much more. The clinic is FREE but please register using the link so we have a headcount and know how much food to buy. SCCHA is not only hosting the SMHA event but kindly providing all clinic attendees with brunch (served after the clinic). See the flyer for more info. On page 8.

And, SMHA will also be horse camping that weekend at the same location. So convenient! If you've never been, it's the perfect place to try horse camping for the first time. Graham Hill Showgrounds has wonderful amenities, pipe corrals for the horses, access to arenas, an obstacle course, round pen, and easy access to the trails at Henry Cowell State Park.

They also have very nice bathrooms and showers for us humans 😊 Cost to camp varies depending on number of nights camping and if you are a member of SCCHA, please see the event flyer for more info. On page 9.

We'll be having a chili cook off Saturday night July 15th, so if you can't join us for camping, be sure to bring your favorite chili and enter the contest, or come by to taste the entries (aka dinner) and help us pick a winner. Contest will start at 6:30pm and is free to attend.

July 15 at SCCHA: Join us for a fun, inexpensive introduction to Working Equitation. Three sessions of up to five people each. Get a group of your friends and do this together! In-hand and gaited horses welcome! Expose your horse to the garrocha and the Bull, spear a ring, and practice halts, turns, and transitions at exact spots.

\$25 (\$35 non-members but includes access to SCCHA fantastic permanent obstacles and trails in Henry Cowell- make a day of it!). Or just come out and see what all the buzz is about!

If you are already camping, check us out and consider a special session being offered just for your group at 1:45. You can sign up that day. Sign up on line: <https://sccha.wildapricot.org/event-5312670>

San Martin Horsemen's Association July 4th Parade Pictures

The preparations.





Play Day : Ranch Trail Competition

Thank you to all the participants and all the volunteers who made this happen:

Announcer and judge wrangler and explainer in chief Bev.

Judges: Chere, Toni, Ginny and Tim.

Pat on registration.

Helpers: Michele for her fabulous acting skills, Jerry, Elaine, Christine, Bill, Karen, Gary, and Curt. Oh and Carol and Joe.



Practice time for two hours in the morning. Where to start?



Christine and the infamous Bottle Pit (of Doom)

The new teeter tottering bridge, thank you Karen Luke and family.



Two ways two move the barrel.





It's all fun and games with the umbrella until Chere casts her judgmental gaze on you.



The Belly Tickler Side Pass in which Thelma has the advantage this time

Complete the sentence:
And finally, a D-- and P--- Show



The Passing Stranger, but we all know it was Michele





Learn How to Horse Camp

Hosted by the San Martin Horsemen's Association

LEARN ABOUT:

- Horse containment
- Horse feeding
- Camp safety
- Camp cooking
- Safe traveling
- See different sleeping arrangements and demo camp set-ups
- Other tips and tricks

- July 15, 2023
- 10:00 AM until all questions are answered
- SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOC.
- 1145/1251 GRAHAM HILL ROAD
- SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

Are you ready to jump in and try camping overnight or for a weekend?
Then join SMHA the weekend of July 14-16 at Santa Cruz County
Horsemen's Assoc. and fully immerse yourself in the horse camping
experience!

This is an SMHA members-only campout
Cost is \$30 per horse per night

For more information and to RSVP, contact Karen at kluke@garlic.com or
(408) 203-5730

[Online Registration](#)

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION CAMPOUT AT HENRY COWELL STATE PARK

Join San Martin Horsemen's Association at Graham Hill Showgrounds in Santa Cruz for a two night campout. Spend the days riding miles of beautiful trails in the redwoods at Henry Cowell State Park, and your evenings sitting at camp with other like-minded equestrians!

- This is an SMHA member-only campout - if your not a member, now is the perfect time to join! Only \$30/individual or \$40/family
- Cost is \$30 per horse per night of camping (Friday night and/or Saturday night)
- Never camped with your horse before? This is the perfect campground to give it a try!



**JULY 14-16, 2023
GRAHAM HILL
SHOWGROUNDS**

1145 Graham Hill Road
Santa Cruz

Contact Toni with any
questions and to register:
(408) 656-8975 call/text
Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com

[Online Registration](#)

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

FOR SALE: 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

Some Calendar items from the Santa Clara County Parks:

Volunteer Open House

Sat, Aug 5 | 9am - 1pm



Interested in giving back to Santa Clara County Parks in a long-term, defined capacity? Join us for an upcoming Volunteer Open House to learn about what opportunities we are recruiting for, their requirements, and how to get started! Engaging opportunities exist for docents, visitor hosts and trail watch volunteers. Meet at the Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake to learn more. Advance registration is preferred. And, feel free to bring a friend!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Trail Work Volunteer Days

Select Weekends Throughout Summer



Maintaining 342 miles of trails in a beautiful and safe condition requires a committed team of crew and staff. Our crew greatly appreciates willing volunteers to join us, get active, and collaborate with us in ensuring the efficient upkeep of our trails. Sign up for [Monthly Trail Days](#) in May, June, and July.

Darren Hawks:



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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