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Happy September!

The General Meeting this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 27th, at The Longhouse in Gilroy. Please arrive early to place your food order.

In September we have a club ride at the top of Mt. Madonna County Park, on Saturday the 9th, another opportunity to get those #hoofpicsinparks. Then our Fall Playday is on Saturday the 23rd another opportunity for education for you and your horse or volunteer opportunity for you. See the flier and entry forms on pages 4-6 with a link to online registration.

October starts with the very popular Trailer Backing Clinic On Saturday the 7th. See the flier on page 7 with a link to online registration.

Highlights from the June Play Day



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!

HOT TOPICS. August General Meeting

We had a great meeting in August at Saddles & Treasures. Lots of shopping and more discount coupons from Amy and Nick. A couple people won S&T mugs too. We had about 10-12 people, lasted 20-30 minutes. Here is the content discussed.

Agenda:

I recapped the Calero day ride and hoof pics in parks

Rescheduled desensitization clinic for spring and what do people want to see there?

1. I shared that I met a woman who plays taiko (sp) drum and willing to do that for us.
2. motorcycle backfire sounds. Carol Abel previously mentioned trying to do a recording, not sure that would be effective. Billy suggested firecrackers or he has a handgun that shoots blanks (wife used to use it for dog training).
3. Kazoo , 4. Cows 5. Bells

Toni leading the club ride on 9/9 at top of Mount Madonna County Park, also another hoof pics in parks opportunity (already posted on FB)

Sept 23rd obstacle play day. Told everyone we have some new ones in the works and will have some of the favorites people like to continue to work on each time they participate (incremental improvement). I gave Carol Abel the obstacle "menu" from the one I attended last month at HorseSense. There were some great ones there we could easily do (you should invite Carol to your planning meeting). There will be a jotform registration link when we get updated release of liability and price schedule.

September General meeting 9/27 at The Longhouse

Oct 7 Trailer Backing Clinic. This is the same date as Coe park Tarantula Fest and many of our members will be volunteering at it, so they requested we move it to Oct 8. Not sure if Karen's peeps can do that, but food for thought.

Oct 15 day ride at RCDO and another hoof pics in parks opportunity:-) Great prize to win! Shared the cool items I won over the first 2 years.

General meeting 10/25 at Saddles & Treasures

November 4 Halloween Poker Ride at HB. Bev said she would organize poker and prizes if Toni would help her like last year. I told her I would file the application for the barn area. Amy said she would sponsor a prize for the poker ride from S&T.

Amy said she will post flyers to each of our events we have if we send them to her.. I gave her 5 hoof pics in parks brochures to put on the board for now.

Nov 18 day ride at Sprig Lake entrance of Mount Madonna

Dec 13 holiday party at Longhouse. Everyone wanted to play the same gift exchange game as last year, they really loved it! Bev explained to those who weren't there how it worked and all were laughing about it.

Dec 16 Xmas ride at Harvey Bear

Amy having tack cleaning at her shop on Sept 6th, 6-8:30space is limited. I think the fee was \$20 per person and you get a saddle cleaning kit. I think that's everything! - Kathy

Mane Stays & Events

2023 CALENDAR

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

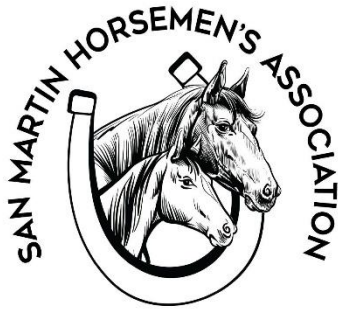
- 13 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting
- 16 Horse Ride & Caroling – Harvey Bear County Park

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!!

Club Ride: Calero 8/6/23





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San Martin Horsemen's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition

Saturday September 23rd 2023

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

use coupon code SMHA5off

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.

Please register online at

<https://form.jotform.com/232470405444147>

Obstacles to include:

Bridge

Rope Gate

Belly Tickler

Trash Can

Reverse Z Turn

Push the Barrel

Bottle Pit

Picnic Table

Cowboy Car Wash

Spider

Around the World

PLUS SOME SURPRISES



Rider # _____ Office use only

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Play Day: Ranch Trail Competition September 23rd 2023

Registration Form

Or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/232470405444147>

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| Name | | Phone | |
| Address | | | e-mail |
| City | State | Zip | |

Check One:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Not a SMHA member |

** Sign Release of Liability on back
 ***Parent must sign for minors (under 18)

| CLASS | |
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| Novice | |
| Open | |
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| Adult (16 & older) | \$50 | |
| Or Junior (15 & under) | \$25 | |
| CA Drug Fee | \$8 | 8 |
| SMHA Member | -\$10 | |
| Pre-registration (postmarked by Sep 18 th) | -\$5 | |
| Total amount Enclosed | | |

Registration: begins @ 8:00 am
Practice Obstacles 9:00 am – 11:00 pm
Competition starts 11:30 pm
Ribbons following Competition!!

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

Minors must be with a responsible adult at the event
 Minors may not ride stallions
 Novice cannot have placed in open competition

Mail registration & signed release forms to: SMHA
 P.O. Box 275
 San Martin, CA 95046

Pre-registration not required, but to receive the discount forms must be postmarked by June 12th or if using jotform use coupon code SMHA5off when registering online to receive the discount. No Rain Date. Please ensure your contact information is correct, email preferred. For more information call Tim Alton 408 623 1845 or go to our website smhorse.org
 You can also register online at <https://form.jotform.com/232470405444147>

EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant (print name): _____

Event: SMHA PLAYDAY Date September 23rd 2023

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 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***

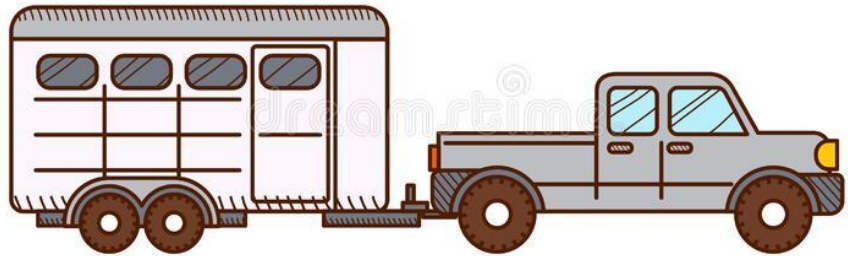
I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above minors in consideration of my minor's participation in San Martin Horsemen's Association activities, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his/her animals, and property arising 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 _____



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TRAILER BACKING CLINIC

Join us for the day and learn how to handle your trailer safely. Bring your trailer and our instructors will teach you easy to remember techniques and safety skills. You will leave the event with confidence in handling and backing your horse trailer or any other trailer. Both gooseneck and bumper pull skills will be taught, with plenty of practice time for you with your rig.

RSVP is required – please register online using the Jotform link below. If you need to register the day of, you must contact us in advance to let us know so we can plan accordingly. This event is labor intensive for our volunteers and we need to prepare in advance to give everyone the best experience possible.

When: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Where: Blomquist Arena, 8885 Guibal Ave, Gilroy, CA 95020. From New Ave, go West on Roop Rd. Go straight ahead to the arena. DO NOT TURN ON GUIBAL.

Time: Registration 10-10:30am, Clinic 10:30am – 3pm

There will be a one-hour lunch break. Bring your own lunch.

Fee: Members \$50.00 Non-members \$60.00

Event Contact: Karen Luke kluke@garlic.com or 408-203-5730

Register online using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/232490681249158>

Tack Cleaning Clinic



Learn how to clean and care for your tack

\$45.00 Per Person

Only 15 spots available \$20 Non-refundable Deposit

In this clinic, we will cover the tack parts, and step by step instructions on how to best care for your leather.

Included with participation each attendee will receive a workbook of the information presented, and a product kit: Bucket*Sponge*Scrubber*Soap*Awl*Oil*Sheepskin(X2)*Conditioner

Friday September 15th 6:30-8:30pm

7641 Monterey St. Gilroy, CA 95020

Call (408) 337-1446 or Visit www.saddlesandtreasures.com

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

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 the Fall **10/9/23** work day on the Mummy Mountain trail in Harvey Bear County Park.

Big Basin Facilities Management Plan Online Survey

Big Basin Redwoods State Park is an iconic landscape that hosts rich natural and cultural resources, recreational opportunities, and cherished memories for many Californians. California State Parks celebrates all the ways in which the local community, partners, and the broader public want to get involved in the recovery and reimagination of the park after all park facilities were lost in the 2020 CZU Fire.

[Big Basin Survey](#)

This survey will collect ideas about park visitor experiences and preferences that will be considered in the development of the Facilities Management Plan. The main survey is a series of simple multiple-choice questions and is designed to take about 5 minutes. All answers will be anonymous.

OPTIONAL: The second part is optional and is an interactive virtual experience with more creative and open-end survey questions. This part can take 15-20 minutes and is optional.

Henry Coe SP: Join us October 7th, 2023 for the Fall Tarantula Fest.

Come to the Coe Park Tarantula Fest and rub elbows (so to speak) with some of our fuzzy, friendly eight-legged guests of honor. The event is held at the headquarters campground, which has breathtaking views across the ridges and canyons of the backcountry.

- Listen to music by the Coe Park Jug Band while you enjoy lunch
- Click [here](#) for more information

- See live birds of prey and other local wildlife presented by the Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center (WERC)
- Tarantulas and other spiders on display
- Go on a leisurely hike with a volunteer to look for tarantulas in the wild
- Learn about some of the animals that live in Coe, hold a snake if you wish
- Go on a guided geocache hike to look for hidden treasures
- See the inside of a beehive and find out about these fascinating insects
- Find out what Coe Park geology has in common with candy
- Make a tarantula memento at the craft table
- If available, visit with firefighters and maybe sit inside a fire engine

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
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