



# The EVENTER

## November 2023

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### San Martin Horsemen's Association



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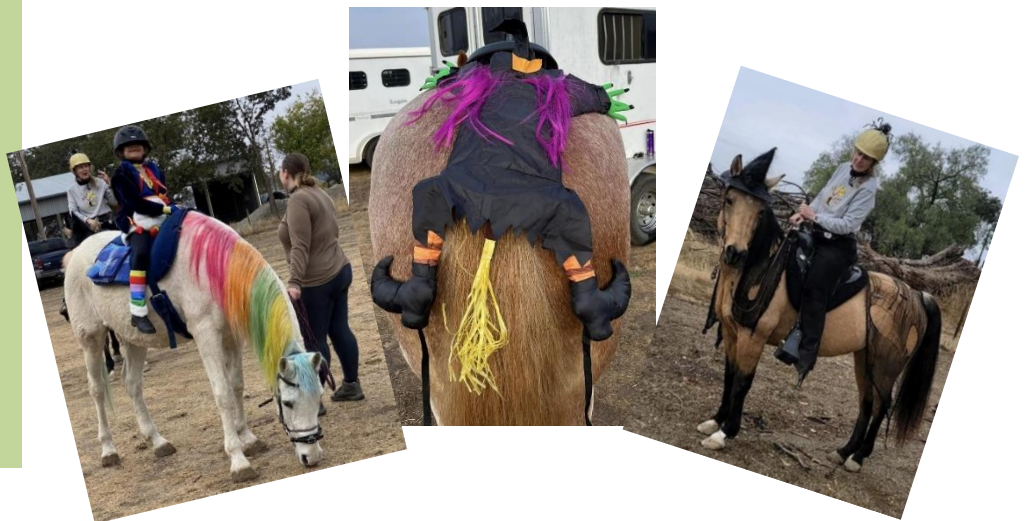
### Happy November!

There is no General Meeting this month but December we will hold our end of year **Holiday Party** on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Longhouse Restaurant in Gilroy. No-host dinner. Bring a new/gently used, wrapped gift valued approx. \$10-\$20 for a **fun** gift exchange game! It will also feature the awards for this year's #hoofpicsinparks competition.

Keep your Halloween costume ready for the November 4<sup>th</sup> **Halloween Poker Ride**. Always a fun day, see flier on page 5. If members want to donate items for our Poker Ride awards, they can get a free poker hand for their donation(s). We have some fantastic prizes already from Saddles & Treasures, Ace Hardware, Guglielmo Winery, and some of the local hay suppliers.

This month's **Club Ride** is at Sprig Lake parking lot at the foot of Mt Madonna county Park on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, ride out at 10am.

Make plans for **Caroling in the Park** - Harvey Bear on Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Ride out at Noon on the paved loop. Dress up for the holiday to spread some Christmas cheer to children and families who walk the loop!



The 2023 Membership form is [here](#)

### 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](mailto:news@smhorse.org) – we look forward to hearing your ideas and having your input!

### Board Nominations and Elections:

Our elected officers are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary.

We are pleased that our current office holders are ready and willing to serve in 2024.

Nominations:

President: Toni Whedon

Vice President: Kathy Madlem

Treasurer: Karen Luke

Secretary: Pat Scharfe

We are accepting other nominations until the 11/15 Board Meeting. Please contact Pat Scharfe with your nomination and the member seconding your nomination. The person being nominated must have been a member for over a year. This will be checked by our Membership Chair.

When the nominations are finalized there will be a web based method of voting and in person ballots will be available at the Holiday Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you want to serve as chairperson in one of the open positions listed in the table above please contact any board member.

## Mane Stays & Events 2023 CALENDAR

November	December
4 HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE	13 HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting
15 Board Meeting	16 Horse Ride & Caroling – Harvey Bear County Park
18 Club Ride – Bottom of Mt. Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake	

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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### Hot Topics: General Meeting 10/25/23

We opened up nominations for board positions.

We had a great discussion about the importance of checking pressure and age of tires on our tow vehicles and trailers before every ride. Karen Luke reminded everyone about the SMHA trailer maintenance clinic in the spring which is great for checking our rigs after sitting for the winter.

Christmas Party - Longhouse on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30. No-host dinner. Bring a new/gently used, wrapped gift valued approx. \$10-\$20 for a **fun** gift exchange game!

Caroling in the Park - Harvey Bear on Saturday, Dec. 16. Ride out at Noon on the paved loop. Dress up for the holiday to spread some Christmas cheer to children and families who walk the loop!

Amy at Saddles & Treasures is planning another tack cleaning clinic. Toni notes she went to the last one and it was super informational - and even brought home cleaning supplies as part of our registration!

Amy at Saddles and Treasures is looking for participants to represent Saddles and Treasures in the Gilroy Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11. If interested, contact her at (408) 337-1446 or [saddlesandtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:saddlesandtreasures@gmail.com)

Hoof Pics in Parks - plan on getting your Hoof Pics in Parks photos done and posted to the SMHA Facebook page by the end of November! Prizes will be awarded at the SMHA holiday party!

# Trailer Backing Clinic



Instructors for the day were :  
Gary Luke,  
Camilo Orjuela,  
Stan Alter,  
Scott Cochran  
Thank you to these great  
volunteers



Starting the day with the  
chalk talk

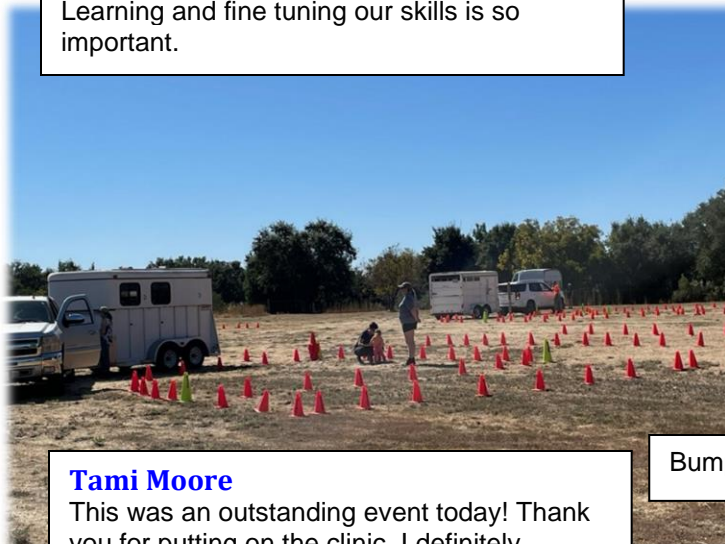


The gooseneck course inside the arena



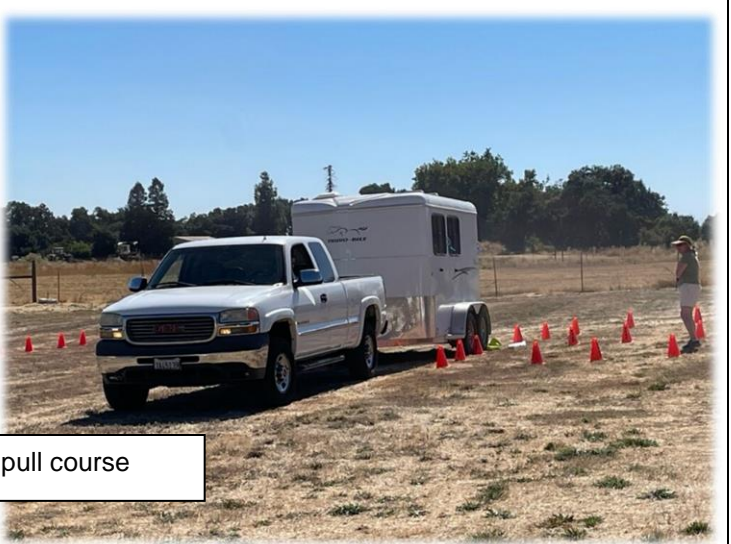
## **Sheri Stuckey**

Thank you for putting on an awesome clinic.  
Learning and fine tuning our skills is so  
important.



## **Tami Moore**

This was an outstanding event today! Thank  
you for putting on the clinic. I definitely  
walked away with confidence and new skills  
to help get me out of tricky places. Looking  
forward to the May event!



Bumper pull course



# SMHA

## Galloping Goblin Poker Ride & Costume Contest!

### Saturday, Nov 4, 2023

### Harvey Bear Ranch

### San Martin CA

### Fees

- **\$25 SMHA Members**  
(Includes one poker hand!)
- **\$35 Non-SMHA Member**  
(Includes one poker hand!)
- **Additional poker hands,  
\$5 each**
- **\$5 Discount** for early  
registration postmarked  
before Oct. 31, 2023
- **Receive a FREE poker  
hand** when you donate a  
new prize valued at \$10 or  
more
- **Bring a Picnic Lunch**

<b>8:00 am</b>	Registration
<b>9:00 am</b>	Horse and rider costume contest
<b>9:30 am</b>	Ride out 1 of 2 routes approx 4 or 5.5 miles
<b>12:30 pm</b>	Fun & Games & Prizes, Prizes, Prizes

**Tricks & Treats out on the trail!**  
Take San Martin Ave east from highway  
101. Enter at SECOND driveway on left  
(past main entrance)

### Rules

- Minors must ride with an adult &  
can't ride a stallion
- Parent/Legal Guardian must sign  
for riders under age 18
- No un-ridden horses
- No riding double

Questions call/text: Toni at (408) 656-8975

Register online [here](#) and scroll down to register

SMHA Volunteers needed. You don't have to ride to participate!

Hosted by SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

\*Harvey Bear Ranch is a Santa Clara County Parks Facility



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:news@smhorse.org)

# CHITTY BLOG

Beautiful day for the 10/15 SMHA ride at Rancho Cañada del Oro 🤪 Got a few more entries for the

Hoof Pics in Parks Challenge too 🐾 Then had a nice lunch in the shade after the ride.



# 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](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/almaden-quicksilver-county-park)
- Calero - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/calero-county-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/calero-county-park)
- Canada del Oro - [openspaceauthority.org/preserves/rancho.html](https://openspaceauthority.org/preserves/rancho.html)
- Coyote Lake Harvey Bear - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/coyote-lake-harvey-bear-ranch-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/coyote-lake-harvey-bear-ranch-park)
- Henry Coe - [coepark.net/planning-your-visit/park-maps](https://coepark.net/planning-your-visit/park-maps)
- Joseph D. Grant - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/joseph-d-grant-county-park](https://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](https://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 1<sup>st</sup> 2023





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