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Happy Holidays!

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

We will hold our end of year **Holiday Party** on Wednesday December 13th 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.



RIDE & CAROLING

Saturday December 16th ride out at Noon
Dress up in your finest Christmas sweater and your horse too if they have one.

Come for a lovely little ride, and provide some entertainment for the folks strolling around the loop at Harvey Bear County Park, San Martin entrance.

The 2024 Membership form is [here](#) but if you wait until January we will have an online form to save the cost of a stamp and a check.

San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

President	Toni Whedon 408-656-8975.	Toni.Whedon@cbnorca.com	Secretary	Pat Scharfe	408.776.1621
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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!

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



There is a web based method of voting [here](#) and in-person ballots will be available at the Holiday Party on December 13th. Voting closes at the meeting.

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

December

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

2024 January

- 17 Board Meeting
- 24 General Meeting

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!!

Coming soon 2024!!

Halloween Poker Ride

A big thank you to Toni, Bev, Bill, Carolyn and Pat for pulling together the Poker ride including a dazzling array of goodie bags and prizes. Thanks to Christine for handing out cards on the trail. Thanks to Carol and Kathy for drag riding. Photos from Carolyn and Kathy.



Halloween Poker Ride





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

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

FOR SALE: Logan 1989 2-horse, straight load trailer. Malibu model, 2 axel, unladen weight: 2600, original owner. Best reasonable offer accepted. Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Contact: sfrancy1@aol.com



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

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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