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HAPPY March!

The **General Meeting** this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 27th, at The Longhouse Restaurant in Gilroy.

For the April meeting, Gary Luke will be giving a Trailer Tech Talk before the very popular Trailer maintenance clinic in May.

Our March Club Ride is at Almaden Quicksilver - Hacienda entrance on Saturday 3/9/24. Be ready to ride at 11am and please RSVP Kathy Madlem in case weather causes a change of date or destination. It is an interesting ride through the old mining area.

Our thanks to Pat Scharfe, who has stepped down as club secretary, for her many years of service. Don't worry you will still see Pat at the registration table at our many events this year. Congratulations and thank you to Carol Abel for stepping into the role.

Membership for 2024

Please think about renewing your membership for 2024 as soon as you can.

The membership application is available [online](#) including payment method, easy as a few clicks.

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 2024 and all 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 2024.

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 – we look forward to hearing your ideas and having your input!

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

February Meeting

Lyn Fellows rode to the rescue at the meeting with her presentation on the Pony express. It was neat hearing about the history of the Pony Express, and Lyn's experiences riding the portions of the trail.

During the meeting we discussed an invitation to ride in the opening parade for the Santa Clara County Fair on July 27...if any members are interested in spearheading this, let us know! We will also have the opportunity to man a booth with other local horse clubs to share our different clubs and passion for horses with the general public.

Photos: Toni Whedon



Mane Stays & Events 2024 CALENDAR

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| <p>March</p> <p>9 Club Ride - Almaden Quicksilver County Park</p> <p>20 Board Meeting</p> <p>27 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</p> | <p>April</p> <p>14 Club Ride - Grant Ranch County Park</p> <p>17 Board Meeting</p> <p>24 General Meeting – Speaker Gary Luke – Trailer Tech. at Saddles & Treasures, Gilroy</p> |
| <p>May</p> <p>11 Club Ride - Henry Coe State Park, Hunting Hollow</p> <p>15 Board Meeting</p> <p>18 Trailer Maintenance Clinic (Tentative) - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy</p> <p>22 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</p> | <p>June</p> <p>1 Trail Obstacle Playday & Parade Desensitization - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy</p> <p>19 Board Meeting</p> <p>26 General Meeting - Saddles & Treasures, Gilroy</p> <p>29 Horse Camping Clinic & Chili Cook-Off – Henry Cowell State Park, Santa Cruz Horsemen's Assoc.</p> |
| <p>July</p> <p>4 Morgan Hill Downtown Parade</p> <p>17 Board Meeting</p> <p>21 Club Ride - Mt Madonna County Park, Pole Line Rd</p> <p>26 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</p> | <p>August</p> <p>3 Bike Desensitization Clinic - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy</p> <p>21 Board Meeting</p> <p>28 General Meeting - Saddles & Treasures, Gilroy</p> <p>31 Club Ride - Calero County Park</p> |
| <p>September</p> <p>14 Club Ride - Mt. Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake Day Use Area</p> <p>18 Board Meeting</p> <p>21 Trail Obstacle Play Day - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy</p> <p>25 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</p> | <p>October</p> <p>5 Trailer Backing Clinic (Tentative) - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy</p> <p>13 Club Ride - Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space</p> <p>16 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 General Meeting - Saddles & Treasures, Gilroy</p> |
| <p>November</p> <p>2 Halloween Poker Ride - Harvey Bear County Park</p> <p>18 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 Club Ride - Salinas River State Beach</p> | <p>December</p> <p>4 Holiday Party & General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</p> <p>21 Horse Ride & Caroling - Harvey Bear County Park</p> |

Join SMHA for fun events held throughout the year!

Have new ideas of things to do or places to ride? Let SMHA know! We LOVE your ideas!!

February Meeting Speaker: Sarah Luke

I am a certified equine sports massage therapist. I made a career change in 2020 when I received my certification. As a massage therapist, I specialize in performance horses, but I work to help all horses feel their best in and out of the arena. Our horses are athletes, and my ultimate goal is to ensure they have the ability to perform to their highest potential by helping to relieve body soreness!

Photos: Sarah Luke



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

SMHA's Cinch Making Clinic #1 is in the books...check out these cool mohair cinches that were made!

[#TrailMeister](#)

[#RobertEversole](#)



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

CLUB RIDE

Kathy Madlem riding Thelma lead the February club ride. There was a late change of venue from Harvey Bear to Hunting Hollow due to closed trails in the county park. A beautiful day for a ride in between rain storms

Photos: Carolyn & Kathy.





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