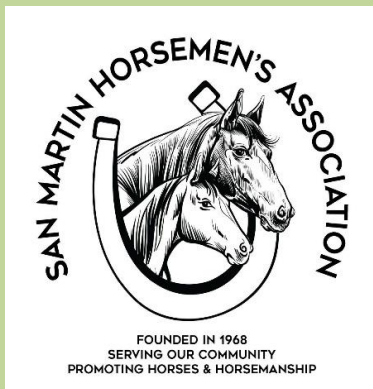




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HAPPY April!

The **General Meeting** this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 24th, at Saddles & Treasures in Gilroy. Arrive early to browse and shop, www.saddlesandtreasures.com. Guest speaker Gary Luke will be giving a Trailer Tech Talk before the very popular Trailer Maintenance Clinic in May.

Our April Club Ride at Grant Ranch County Park is postponed from 4/14 due to rain and trail closures. Please RSVP Kathy Madlem if you are interested in joining the ride when it is rescheduled.

Our first clinic of the year is the very popular Trailer Maintenance Clinic on Saturday May 18th. See the flier on page 4 and register online.

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.

Join us on Facebook!

SMHA Facebook Group

It's a good place to exchange information, stay up on the latest news, share photos and find a riding partner

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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.

March Meeting

No speaker in March just social time at the Long House in Gilroy.

Photo: Toni Whedon



Mane Stays & Events

2024 CALENDAR

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

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!!



San Martin Horsemen's Association Trailer Tech Clinic SPRING IS HERE!

Time to dust off the horse trailer (or any trailer) and join San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. at our popular trailer maintenance clinic.

Gary Luke and Crew will teach you how to prepare your trailer for another season of safe trailering after sitting through the winter, and also show you how to complete trailer projects that you have been meaning to tackle. Tell

the guys what you want to do and they will instruct you on how to do it.

They will supervise to make sure you remain safe and learn the proper way to:

- Change out a faulty light bulb or change to LED
- Fix a wiring problem on your trailer
- Add bearing buddies to your axles
- Fix a sticking tack room door
- Lubricate your jack, hinges, etc.
- Fix a broken tie out ring
- Whatever else you need help with – bring your challenge!

Saturday, May 18, 2024

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Blomquist Arena

8885 Guibal Avenue, Gilroy

\$50.00 SMHA Members, \$100.00 Non-Members

Click below to REGISTER & PAY ONLINE (or copy and paste link into your browser):

<https://form.jotform.com/toniwhedon/smha-trailer-tech-clinic-2024>

Questions? Contact Karen Luke at kluke@garlic.com or 408-203-5730 call or text



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

MARCH CLUB RIDE

Another beautiful day for a ride, in between rain storms, at Quicksilver county Park.

Photos: Kathy Madlem.





Hoof Pics in Parks Challenge 2024

#hoofpicsinpark

A Trail Riding Challenge

Seven parks to explore on horseback. Ride out, take a picture at a pre-determined location, 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.
 - 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 and we will celebrate your success with a prize at our SMHA Holiday Party! Club membership is not needed to participate, but membership is required to be eligible for participation awards.



Mt. Madonna County Park
Miller House Ruins (between Upper & Lower Miller Trails)

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
- Rancho 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

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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!

Joseph D. Grant County Park
Brush Trail Water Tank



Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park
Lake View



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
Bot Inn





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