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HAPPY JUNE!

The **General Meeting** this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 26th of June at Saddles & Treasures in Gilroy. Arrive early to browse and shop, www.saddlesandtreasures.com . Our speaker will be Sara Luke discussing Equine Bodywork.

Coming on June 29th is our [Horse Camping Clinic](#) & Chili Cook-Off at Henry Cowell State Park, the Santa Cruz Horsemen's Assoc. grounds. [Campout weekend](#) runs from Friday June 28th checkout on Sunday June 30th. You can register for each event using the links. Check out the fliers on pages 4-5.

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

SMHA has done very well in the past and we want to live up to our reputation. The theme for this year's parade is "**Red White and You**". We need riders and anyone who has ponies, minis, donkeys, etc. to lead- with or without kids aboard. We have plenty of decorations for all size equines. Participants need to wear dark blue jeans, dark boots, white long sleeve shirt and light color straw hat or helmet. We have sparkly hat bands, wrist bands, neck scarfs, saddle pads, and lots of goodies to decorate horse and rider.

There will also be a walker in the parade for every 2 horses, so there will be someone to help out if a horse gets excited.

We need the following people:

- riders (at least 10 would be great) Please tell us the size of your horse trailer.
- little equines & their handlers - horse walkers - help decorate the horses
- someone to make sure everyone signs a release form
- bring donuts, rolls or? , coffee, hot chocolate

Please respond even if you are not entirely sure at this point but are interested.

This is our chance to shine before our local community – let's WOW them!

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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.

May Meeting

In May we met at the Long House Restaurant in Gilroy for some social time and discussion of upcoming events.

Lyn Fellows brought a Mochila (a leather bag used by pony express riders to transport mail) and shared some of the history and purpose of the Mochila. Lyn is currently conditioning her horse to participate in the annual re-ride of the Pony Express. Lyn will be riding on June 27 during the final leg of the re-ride.

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

Mane Stays & Events 2024 CALENDAR

	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	August
4 Morgan Hill Downtown Parade 17 Board Meeting 21 Club Ride - Mt Madonna County Park, Pole Line Rd 24 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy	3 Bike Desensitization Clinic - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy 21 Board Meeting 28 General Meeting - Saddles & Treasures, Gilroy 31 Club Ride - Calero County Park
September	October
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	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	December
2 Halloween Poker Ride - Harvey Bear County Park 20 Board Meeting 23 Club Ride - Salinas River State Beach	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!!



Learn to Horse Camp

Hosted by San Martin Horsemen's Association

LEARN ABOUT:

- Horse containment
- Horse feeding
- Camp safety
- Camp cooking
- Safe traveling
- See different sleeping arrangements and demo camp set-ups
- Other tips and tricks

**CLINIC IS FREE,
BUT ADVANCED
REGISTRATION
IS APPRECIATED**

- June 29, 2024
- 10:00 AM until all questions are answered
- SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOC.
- 1145/1251 GRAHAM HILL ROAD
- SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

Are you ready to jump in and try camping overnight or for a weekend?
Then join SMHA the weekend of June 28-30 at Santa Cruz County
Horsemen's Assoc. and fully immerse yourself in the horse camping
experience!

This is an SMHA members-only campout
Cost is \$30 per horse per night

For more information contact Karen at kluke@garlic.com or (408) 203-5730
or Toni Whedon at Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com or (408) 656-8975

RSVP online at <https://form.jotform.com/toniwhedon/smha-learn-to-horse-camp-clinic-202>

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION CAMPOUT AT HENRY COWELL STATE PARK

Join San Martin Horsemen's Association at Graham Hill Showgrounds in Santa Cruz for a two night campout. Spend the days riding miles of beautiful trails in the redwoods at Henry Cowell State Park, and your evenings sitting at camp with other like-minded equestrians!

- This is an SMHA member-only campout - if your not a member, now is the perfect time to join! Only \$30/individual or \$40/family
- Cost is \$30 per horse per night of camping (Friday night and/or Saturday night)
- Never camped with your horse before? This is the perfect campground to give it a try!



**JUNE 28-30, 2024
GRAHAM HILL
SHOWGROUNDS**

1145 Graham Hill Road
Santa Cruz

Contact Toni with any
questions:
(408) 656-8975 call/text
Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com

Register Online at
<https://form.jotform.com/toniwhedon/smha-campout-at-henry-cowell>

TRAILER TECH CLINIC

Thanks to Gary Luke and his band of volunteers, Ryan Luke, Brady Luke, Camilo Orjuela and Patrick Olsen for another great workday. The goal of the clinic is to educate, supervise and assist participants on how to get things done on their own trailers. Examples below include greasing bearings and replacing a roof vent.



JUNE 1ST PLAY DAY

We had our biggest turnout yet so thanks especially to our Judges: Bev, Ginny, Carolyn and Toni who spent 3 hours straight out in the arena. Thanks to Carol for announcing, Michele for fixing stuff on the day. Thanks to Gary and family, Tim, Lynn and her sister, Joe, Carol, Christine, Brian, Bev and Toni again for set up and cleanup



Bev corralling the participants



Thank you to Carol for showing Carol we had almost 40 entries.



Gorgeous horse confused by straw bails with pool



Carolyn judging the



ore



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

Santa Clara County Parks

Prescribed Burn Notice - June 17-

21, 2024: In cooperation with County Parks, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Santa Clara Unit will conduct a 165-acre live prescribed fire at **Calero County Park** near the [Main Entrance at McKean Rd.](#) The five-day project will commence Monday, June 17, 2024, and conclude Friday, June 21, 2024. Live burns will be conducted from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm each day. Fire suppression personnel and equipment will be present for the entirety of each day. The public is advised that these resources will be moving in and around the park during the

previously mentioned date and times and that smoke may be visible in the area. If the conditions are conducive, approximately 165 acres of grass and oak understory will be burned. The following trails will be closed during this project: Oak Cover from Junction 37 - (Main Trail Head), Pena Trail from Junction 30-11, Figueroa Trail from Junction 4-7-8, and Serpentine Trail from Junction 37-3. Learn more about [Fire Management](#).

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

The June ride was held at Harvey Bear County Park using the Mendoza entrance. This is found on Roop Road and has the benefit of starting at the top of the ridge with great views over the valley and Coyote Lake.



#HOOPICSINPARKS

Carol on Sheba, Jen on Roxy and Kathy on Thelma and their creative entry at the Miller House Ruins at Mt Madonna County Park.



June 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





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.
 - 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 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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