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HAPPY JULY!

The **General Meeting** this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 24th of July at the Longhouse Restaurant in Gilroy. Arrive early to order dinner.

The SMHA day ride will be at the main entrance of Mt Madonna County Park on Sunday July 21st. Address is 7850 Pole Line Rd, Watsonville. Ride out time will be 10:30am. Bring your lunch to hang out after the ride. Space is limited so RSVP is required to kmarn@aol.com

Coming up on Saturday August 3rd is the Horse & Bikes clinic see the flier on page 4

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Toni Whedon

I am so excited to tell everyone that SMHA won **first place** out of the equestrian entries in the parade this week!

Thank you again to everyone who helped decorate the float, trailer and horses this week - it really takes great teamwork to accomplish so much in such a short amount of time on parade day. All of the horses did amazing, and feedback on our equestrian group was all fantastic. We certainly couldn't have been successful without every single one of you. With that said, if you have any feedback on how we can do even better or improve our processes next year, please feel free to email me directly - I would love to hear your ideas!!

I also want to say thank you to everyone for cleaning up after themselves and our animals so that we left the neighborhood in good condition...our efforts did not go unnoticed, and I was very proud of how our group was so responsible. I love being associated with such a great group of horse (and mule!) folks.

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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.

June Meeting

In June we met at the Saddles & Treasures in Gilroy with Sarah Luke presenting on equine sports massage.

There were about 22 people present at the meeting. Sarah was very informative about equine sports massage, and we all learned a lot about the importance of equine massage and how it can help our horses feel better and improve their performance.

We also had a lengthy discussion about the upcoming 4th of July parade and how members can volunteer to help support our goal in sharing the club with our local community. No horse necessary - we can always use help decorating the float and trailer, getting the horses ready, helping riders get prepared, riding in the float or trailer, walking the parade route, and clean-up afterwards. Next year we will have a formal parade committee, and welcome anyone who would like to help on the committee before, during and/or after parades.



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

<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>24 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</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>November</p> <p>2 Halloween Poker Ride - Harvey Bear County Park</p> <p>20 Board Meeting</p> <p>23 Club Ride - Salinas River State Beach</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>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>December</p> <p>4 Holiday Party & General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy</p> <p>21 Horse Ride & Caroling - Harvey Bear County Park</p>
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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!!

Jack Brook Horse Camp

Pictures of the bridge on Westbrook trail that SMHA made a donation to last year because it was damaged due to storm damage. Entire bridge had to be rebuilt. Toni Whedon





HORSES AND BIKES

August 3, 2024

Sponsored by San Martin Horsemen's Association
with assistance from the Coe Park Mountain Bike Patrol
Registration at 9 am Clinic from 9:00 - 12:00

WHAT: Is your horse unsure about sharing the trail with bikes? Attend our bike de-sensitivity day. Hold your horse in-hand or be mounted. Work up to bikes getting closer and coming faster from all directions. There will be quiet bikes and noisy bikes. They will ride alone and in groups. All participating bike riders are horse savvy and will work with you to present themselves to your horse in a safe manner.

WHERE: Blomquist Arena, 8885 Guibal Ave., Gilroy. From New Ave. go west on Roop Rd. DO NOT TURN LEFT ONTO GUIBAL. Go straight ahead to the arena.

COST: SMHA members are free. Non-members \$20.

LUNCH: Bring your own lunch and drinks.

[Online Registration](#)

Learn to Horse Camp



The Learn to Horse Camp Clinic was also a huge success, with about 25 people in attendance getting their questions answered about camping with their horses. We had some great questions - *What happens if my horse gets bit by a snake?* Do I need to worry about bears in camp or on the trail? *How do I contain my horse overnight?* And the always popular...what happens if my horse gets loose at night?

Our goal is to help riders feel confident in horse camping, and we even had one attendee return later in the day with her husband to camp with her horse for the first time - success!!

After the camping clinic, Santa Cruz Horsemen's opened up their clubhouse and treated everyone to a delicious luncheon



The campout in Santa Cruz was lots of fun and a huge relief from the 100°+ weather here at home. We all welcomed the shade and a ride to the river.

Our Chili Cook-Off was yummy, with the one entry being a delicious homemade chili by Kathy Madlem. We had no shortage of food that night!



July 4th Parade more photos are available on the [FreedomFest](https://www.freedomfest.com) site



Rick Rasmussen



Doug Rogers



Pictured below is Ann Terranova, who graciously designed and created the float horses. Very impressive!



Rick Rasmussen

July 4th Parade Preparations

Thank you, Michele Hiatt, Bev and Kathy for sending pics



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

QSER Endurance Riding Clinic 2024 INTRO TO ENDURANCE CLINIC

The Northern California Introduction to Endurance clinic is on the weekend of August 17/18 2024. This year we return to Harvey Bear Park in San Martin, Ca, about 15 minutes south of San Jose, right off Highway 101. The trails are excellent at Harvey Bear Park, and you will be riding on the actual route of the Quicksilver Fall Classic ride at the end of September.

The clinic is a two-day event that provides everything you need to learn about the sport of Endurance. The whole weekend is modeled after an actual ride weekend. You do not need any experience at all; in fact we encourage people to come who are interested in learning about, and actually trying a safe practice endurance ride on their trail horse.

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



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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