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Happy New Year!

Our **General Meeting** this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd of January at the Longhouse Restaurant in Gilroy. Arrive early to order dinner. We will be completing the annual elections for officers, see page 2, and presenting the 2025 calendar of events.

Membership

The 2025 Membership Form is available [online](#).

Currently the fees are, Individual \$30, Family \$40. We haven't raised our fees for a long time but felt it was time to bump it up a little to cover our increasing costs. From 2/1/2025 the rates will be:

Individual:	\$35
Family:	\$45

Renew before 2/1/2025 to get the lower rate.



San Martin Horsemen's Association Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons

President	Toni Whedon 408-656-8975.	Toni.Whedon@cbn cal.com	Secretary	Carol Abel	408-218-1694
Vice President	Kathy Madlem	408-858-5248.	Poker Ride Chair	open	
Treasurer	Karen Luke	kluke@garlic.com	Parade Chair	Open	
Membership	Bev VanderWeide	510 304 5884	Sunshine	open	
Newsletter	AnnTerranova	news@smhorse.org	Website	Christine Amber	amber@equestrian training.com
Historian	Carolyn Tucker	carolynt@garlic.com	Trails Development Co-chair	Chere Bargar	408.683.2247
Trails Development Co- chair	open		Camp Chair	Toni Whedon 408-656-8975.	Toni.Whedon@cbn orcal.com

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.

Annual Elections

Members can vote online [here](#) or at the January Meeting.

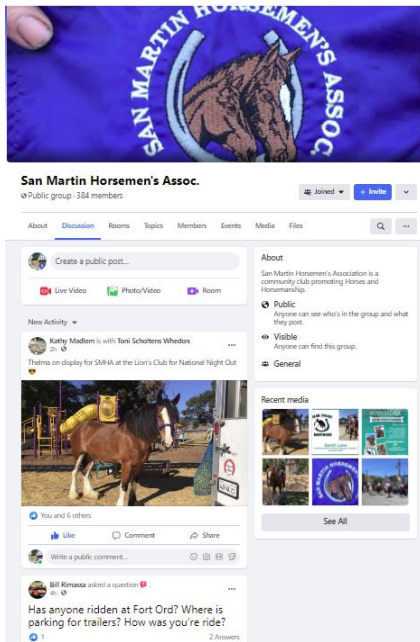
The ballot is :

President: Toni Whedon
 Vice President: Kathy Madlem
 Treasurer: Karen Luke
 Secretary: Carol Abel

Mane Stays & Events 2025 CALENDAR

Coming next month!

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!!





Join us on Facebook!
[SMHA Facebook Group](#)
It's a good place to exchange information and find a riding partner

December Holiday Party

We had fun at the SMHA Christmas Party 🎄 Thank you Bev, Carolyn, and Toni for the beautiful decorations 🌲 The gift exchange is always entertaining, plus there were some fun prizes given away at random (free registration for trailer maintenance clinic, free obstacle playday registration, free campout registration, and one free 2025 membership) 😊 Very cool!



December Holiday Ride

The rain stayed away for our SMHA Christmas ride today, yay 🎉😊🌲 Everybody looked great! And the people walking the trail really enjoyed it. Ho Ho Ho, Merry Christmas 🎅🧑🏻🎄





If this one is not worthy of a caption competition,
I don't know what is.

Email: news@smhorse.org

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

The Trails Crew has been busy constructing a new multi-use trail that will expand the existing trail system at Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch by nearly 6 miles. In spring 2025, public access will be allowed into Coyote Canyon County Park.

This project will add over 2 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail, which will feature sweeping views into Coyote Canyon. The Planning and Development team is carefully balancing the preservation, conservation, and recreational opportunities within the property. The Natural Resource Program has made numerous improvements necessary to reduce the property's environmental impacts. Soon, pedestrian/equestrian gates and proper trail signage will be installed before finally opening the property to the public. We hope you all are as excited as we are about expanding our trail system into such beautiful parklands!



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