



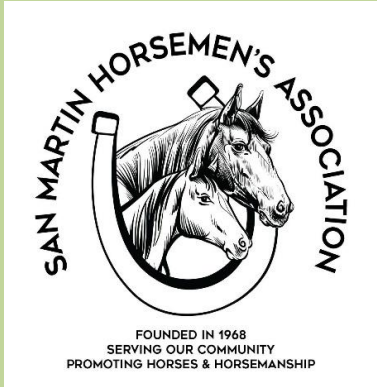
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**Serving Our Community
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HAPPY September!

The **General Meeting** this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday **18th** of September at the Longhouse Restaurant in Gilroy. Arrive early to order dinner. Note the recent date change.

The SMHA day ride will be at the main entrance of Mt Madonna County Park on Saturday September 14th. Meet at the Sprig Lake entrance at the bottom of the hill. 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 the 21st is the September Play Day see the flier on page 4. This is a fun event for you and your horse, and you'll probably find something you need to work on. The two hours of practice allow you to find out what that is and try your best to get through that obstacle.

Then mark your calendars for the Trailer Backing Clinic on Saturday October 5th. A very popular clinic with experts guiding around curves and corners.

The November 2nd Halloween Poker Ride is coming up and will also feature a campout at Harvey Bear County Park from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning, 11/1-11/3. Registration link and info coming soon.

Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor Tim Alton

According to my files I first published a club newsletter back in December of 2015 and it has been a good run, but as that terrible saying states, all good things must come to an end. How would **YOU** like to be the editor for the January edition?

It probably takes about 3-4 evenings a month including attending the board meeting to keep up with things and request inputs. I have been using MS Word because that's what I have. As you can see I am no graphic designer and most of the words are not written by me, it's a compilation task.

If the role appeals to you please contact me or Toni.

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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.

August Meeting

In August we met at Saddles & Treasures in Gilroy with [Amy Boucher](#) presenting on How your body language affects your horse. The dozen in attendance found it very interesting.



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

September	October
14 Club Ride - Mt. Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake Day Use Area	5 Trailer Backing Clinic - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy
11 Board Meeting	13 Club Ride - Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space
18 General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy	16 Board Meeting
21 Trail Obstacle Play Day - Blomquist Arena, Gilroy	23 General Meeting - Saddles & Treasures, Gilroy
November	December
2 Halloween Poker Ride - Harvey Bear County Park	4 Holiday Party & General Meeting - Longhouse Restaurant, Gilroy
20 Board Meeting	21 Horse Ride & Caroling - Harvey Bear County Park
23 Club Ride - Salinas River State Beach	

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!!

June Play Day practice session





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San Martin Horsemen's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition Saturday September 21st 2024

Registration starts at 8:30am

Practice the course from 9:00 – 11:00

The practice session is important for you and your horse, whether riding or in-hand. It's almost the best part of the day. Don't miss it!

Competition starts at 11:30am

\$40 – member, \$50 – non-member

\$25 age 15 & under

\$5 Discount for early registration by May 28th

use coupon code SMHA5off

Divisions:

Division 1: age 15 & under, Novice & Open

Division 2: age 16 & over, Novice & Open

Judging

Points for Horsemanship, Safety and a calm horse

Ribbons in each division

Come join us for a day of fun on horseback. The event will be held at the Blomquist Arena: 8885 Guibal Ave. Gilroy.

Directions: Take New Ave. to Roop Road and go west on Roop. Then go straight, do not turn on Guibal, and you will pull all the way to the back of the property, where there is plenty of parking.

Please register online at

<https://form.jotform.com/toniwhedon/smha-september-play-day-2024>

Obstacles may include:

Bridge

Rope Gate

Belly Tickler

Mail Box

Reverse Z Turn

Push the Barrel

Bottle Pit

Picnic Table

Drag

Fishing

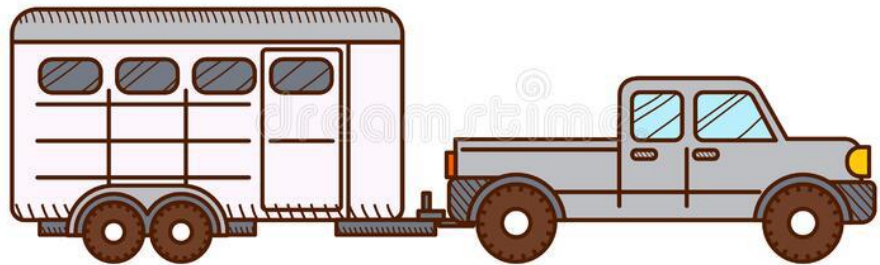
Around the World

PLUS SOME SURPRISES





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San Martin Horsemen's Association TRAILER BACKING CLINIC

Come and learn how to handle your trailer safely. The instructors will teach you easy to remember techniques and safety skills. You'll leave the event with confidence in handling and backing your horse trailer or any other trailer. Both gooseneck and bumper pull skills will be taught.

When: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Where: Blomquist Arena, 8885 Guibal Ave, Gilroy, CA 95020. From New Ave, go West on Roop Rd. Go straight ahead to the arena. DO NOT TURN ON GUIBAL.

Time: Registration 10-10:30am

Clinic 10:30am – 3pm

There will be a one-hour lunch break. Bring your own lunch.

Fee: Members \$50.00 and Non-members \$60.00

Event Contact: Karen Luke kluke@garlic.com or 408-203-5730

Register online using this link:

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

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

California Coastal Cleanup Day
Various County Parks
Sat, Sep 21 | 9am - 12pm

Join millions of Americans on Coastal Cleanup Day to remove litter in and around our local waterways. This year, choose from these five sites throughout Santa Clara County: Alviso Marina, Hellyer, Uvas, Vasona and Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear. We hope to see you there. [Sign up to volunteer.](#)



NOTE portions of **Calero County Park will be closed to visitors on October 8th and 9th**, due to a planned controlled burn operation. This affects the southern entrance.

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

August Club Ride

Kathy Madlem

We had an excellent SMHA ride at Mt Madonna this month 😊 Weather was perfect and the horses all did great, really amazing considering we saw about 100 people, kids, etc on the trails/camping that weekend. There were so many people climbing all over the Miller House ruins, there was no room to squeeze in and take a photo 🤦‍♀️ But we did get a nice one at the old swimming hole 📸 Then there is the Big Tree, actually a very close cluster of trees, at the top of Mt. Madonna Rd. Thanks you guys for joining me - my mom, Kathy, Julie, Missy, Wendy, Stacey, Sandi, and Todd.





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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