

SAN MARTIN
Horsemen's Association



2010

Serving our community
promoting horses and horsemanship

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- SMHA Events -

**Gen Mtg @
Lions Club
425 Murphy Ave
San Martin, Ca**

Feb	
17	Board Mtg
Mar	
6	4-h Play Day
13	Pleasure Ride
20	Board Calendar

A complete Club calendar

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Newsletter Deadline

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or the 20th of the month. Send
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February 12, General Meeting, Elish Ryan SCC Parks

Here about the equestrian feasibility study, the possible cites and infrastructure.

General Meetings to be held every other month.

Chere Barger will be bringing in guesT speakers. In March, Jan Jeffers will tell us all about the Tevis Cup 100 mile endurance race. Jan has ridden in this race several times and can tell you what it takes to compete at this level.

General Meeting Dates:

- February 12
- April 9
- June 11
- August 14 (Jack Brooks Pot Luck)
- October 8
- December 10

2011 General Meetings:

- February 11
- April 8
- June 10

March 6, 4-h Fun-day Fund-raiser

Plan to come out and play with your family and your horses. 4-h is a great program that needs the support of our community! Watch for more events in next month Eventer!

Meet your new committee chairs!

- Denise Roberts is the new club treasurer
- Heidi Linden the new Membership Chair
- Joan Throgmorton the new Jack Brooks Chair

Please be sure to thank these people when you see them Without volunteers the club wouldn't happen!

First Pleasure Ride in March

Stay tuned to The Eventer. March 13 is the date, the place will be announced in the next newsletter!

American Horse Council, the numbers are 2.5 million working horses 6.6 million showing and recreation horses. Regardless of their use and purpose, they come with a very high risk of financial impact on your business, your savings, your future earnings, your health and maybe your life.

Two horse-related civil suits awarded in late 2009 were valued at 1.2 and 2.34 million dollars. The lesser amount was awarded for the wrongful death of a 21-year old woman who was thrown while taking a natural horsemanship lesson. The trail lasted eight-days in Casper, Wyoming. A second jury trial, in October 2009, awarded a 12-year old inner-city boy and his mother 2.34 million dollars in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The boy was a participant at a non-profit called, "Work-to-Ride". He was kicked in the face while helping as a horse was being loaded into a trailer. During the trial, there were discrepancies whether he was directed to or voluntarily hit the horse on the hindquarters with a crop. The jury discounted the original award of 2.5 million dollars by 10%--the amount of liability placed upon the boy for hitting the horse. The non-profit agency was held 90% liable for the injury.

What does this mean for you? Large cash, horse related civil judgments equal higher costs passed on to horse professionals and to horse owners. Someone or some entity is going to have to pay these settlements, today or in the future. Even the future retirement of one's spouse or an inheritance can be attached for a civil judgment as future earnings.

If judgments exceed insurance policy limits a person's personal assets and their future earnings are at risk. Regardless of the inherent risks of horses, there is never any law to protect you when a jury of your peers is convinced you caused a foreseeable injury to a person.

If you are a professional, that is money or remuneration is involved on your property or with your horse, society has greater standards about your duties to the safety and care of others. If you are a horse owner, understand that the California Civil system holds you responsible for your property and belongings and how any other person may be adversely impacted by your standard of care. This means you could easily be liable for another person that you allow to do business on your property, even if you are not compensated.

Some of the rates of injuries in horseback riding are:

- Horseback riding accounted for 11.5% of emergency department (ED) visits where non-fatal Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) was cause of the visit (1), from Center for Disease Control.
- 82% of children's and 62% of all rider's horse related accidents are the consequence of falls from horses, from National Institute of Health.
- Head injuries comprise about 18% of all horseback riding injuries, although they are the number one reason for hospital admissions and the leading cause of death. Neurosurgery Today.
- Of horse-related injuries, 55% percent were inexperienced or beginner riders, and 10% were novice riders, from American Journal of Emergency Nursing.
- Horseback riding is more dangerous than motorcycle riding or car racing, from a review of literature for New Zealand Compensation Corporation.
- More than 2300 riders under the age of 25 years are hospitalized annually because of horseback-riding injuries, from Journal of Family Practice

Given these few statistics, resources and information that can help you avoid an accident are your first line of defense. Make sure you understand the liability you incur simply by owning or keeping a horse. Because, money is money and safety is safety and the old grey mare isn't black or white.

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – January 20, 2010

Present: Greg Linden, Pat Scharfe, Sharon Hensley, Dera Oldofredi, Chere Bargar, Joan Throgmorton, Denise Roberts, and Heidi Linden

VICE PRESIDENT:

CSHA dues have been paid for 2010. The insurance policy is in effect until June 20.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Estimated income and expenses are almost equal. Items on the budget will be automatically paid; anything other will require approval.

The group discussed how we can increase income. Some suggestions were See's Christmas promotion, raffle/silent auction (everyone brings item to donate for silent auction). Events to promote raffle/silent auction could be Jack Brooks, Christmas banquet.

2010 CALENDAR: DRAFT Calendar - TB finalized in Feb.

Board Meetings:

January 20, February 17, March 10, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August (Jack Brooks),

September 15, October 20, November 17.

2011 Board Meetings: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

Poker Ride/Trail Trials:

Combined Trail Trials/Poker Ride June 26; Poker Ride only October 30 (rain date 11/6)

2011 Poker Ride/Trail Trials: June 25

4-H Fun Day Play Day: March 6

Jack Brooks Camping: August 8 – 16

Pleasure Rides: Proposed Dates - Greg will finalize dates with Maureen)

March 13 (first ride); April 24 (Lake San Antonio Camping - Melanie coordinating); May 8;

July 10 (BBQ at Mt. Madonna); September 18; October 23 (Pebble Beach ride).

2011 Pleasure Rides: March 19; April 16; May 14.

No Host Events: Pt Reyes (date to be determined)

PUBLICITY JOB DESCRIPTION:

All members present will make a listing of publications, riding clubs, websites, etc. appropriate for advertising and bring it to our next meeting for discussion.

GYMKHANA:

This topic was postponed until next Board meeting.

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Peninsula Equine Medical Center (PEMC) has opened a new satellite clinic operating out of Gilroy Gaits, on Frazier Lake Road. We have a veterinarian, Dr. Bart Halsberghe, dedicated to this new area, as well as a team of 20 employees, including 7 veterinarians, one being Dr. Russ Peterson founder of PenEq, and Dr. Jim Nutt our surgeon.

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The California Bluegrass Association presents

A night at the Grange with 2009 IBMA nominees, The Gibson Bros. and The Tuttles with AJ Lee Morgan Hill Grange Hall, 40 E. 4th St. Morgan Hill-- Mar. 20, 2010 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM doors open 6:00 PM --TICKETS: \$23 Members - \$25 Non-members, for more info call Tim Edes@ (408) 779-5456 or (408) 595-4882 t.edes@verizon.net or visit www.cbaontheweb.org

Help Our Animal Shelter -- The San Martin Horsemen's Association has been a great help to us in the past, donating money and items in support of our horse rescue and adoption program. I am writing to you now to see if you can help us with our cat adoption program.

We are appealing to the horse community in the hopes that, if each ranch owner or manager takes just 1-2 cats, the shelter can be emptied and no one will be put to sleep. To achieve this, we are offering a fee waiver: the adopter can make a donation of his/her choice and take up to four cats designated by staff to be "barn cats." Contact Brigid Wasson, Animal Shelter Supervisor, Santa Clara County Animal Care & Control, www.southcountypets.com

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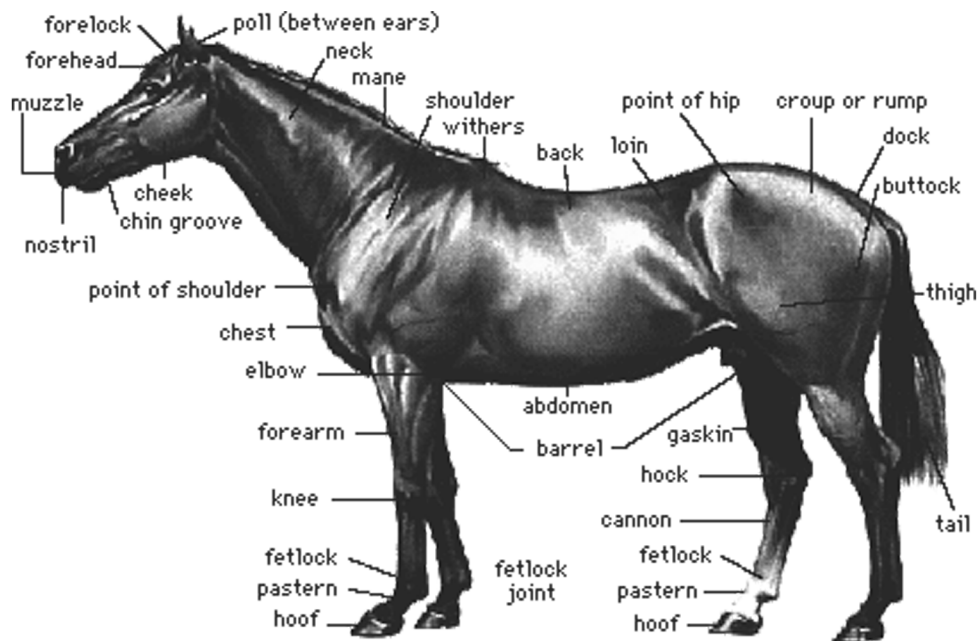


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