



The Eventer

a publication of San Martin Horsemen's Association

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

SMHA Events

General Meeting, Pot Luck!

Guests Welcome
May 8, 7pm
Lions Club

425 Murphy Ave
San Martin, Ca

May

1-3 Lake San Antonio
Camping
8th Gen Mtg
20th Board Mtg
28-31 Jack Brooks Camping

June

17th Board Mtg
27 Trail Trial & Poker Ride

Community Events

May

6 LPRCD Workshop
9 PPSA Thorsons Arena
9 OSA Blair Ranch
13 LPRCD Workshop
17 OSA Palassou Ridge
16 PRA Coe - Poker in the
Park
27 LPRCD Workshop

June

6 Coyote-Bear Workday

Look inside the Newsletter for more information on any events in this sidebar. A complete Club calendar is online at:
smhorse.com/calendar.htm

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May General Meeting "Fun with Horses"

Can you answer these questions:

For what horse games can you:

1. Use pipe insulation, duct tape, a bamboo pole and a ball?
2. Catch and release an interesting bit of information?
3. Gamble with money?
4. Loose the contest for trotting too fast?
5. Win by trotting or loping or cantering at an exact speed or pace for a distance?

A panel of speakers covering fun activities you can do with your horse!

Geocaching, playing mounted tag, pace events. Books will be available. Please come and meet the panel and share your ideas with them as well! Our panel will be Phil Atwood, and Christine Amber. (Laura Trouard forgot her husband's anniversary, oops. We will see her again for another panel.)

Get Ready for the Trail Trials and Poker Ride, June 27.

Wanted, Ewe, Ewe and Ewe!

- Foremost - by participating ewe keep our parks open to all users - use it or loose it.
- Fabulous prizes and gift certificates for All \$\$\$
- Fellowship with others - TriTip Lunch following ride (Approx 1:30)
- Fantastic Trails and special parking area for participants
- Fortunately a special Porta Potty only for Trail Trials / Poker Ride folks
- Fun-Filled Easy ride
- Finally, Ewe don't have to ride to enjoy the lunch and prizes.



Discounts for official Volunteer Helpers, you can help out right now by:

- Get the word out, Telling your friends, fellow horsepeople, chat and post on-line!
- Putting up flyers, Copy the one in this Newsletter!
- For more info, call Joan Throgmorton.

Thanks "ewe all", for your support. SMHA only has two fund raisers per year to help with club costs. Club insurance, membership in CSHA, reservation fees for some club camping, plates and goodies for the general meeting pot luck, storage space for club equipment like water troughs, the printing costs of this wonderful newsletter, etc. The only free lunch is included with the Trail trials / Poker ride. So please volunteer. **You can ride at the event and still help out**, ask Joan how that works. Ewe are needed, and it is good to be kneaded!

Your club membership gets you \$5.00 off the entry, enter before the 27th and get another \$5.00. What a bargain.

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May 1-3, Camping with Horses Lake San Antonio

When you get this, some of us will be having a great time at Lake San Antonio, camping, riding, hiking, eating, drinking, water of course, and whooping it up in general! Watch for the report in the next newsletter.

SMHA Membership

Benefits of being a current member include:

- Participate in CSHA events or programs - SMHA received a letter from CSHA State Secretary; our **Club member number is 512**. Due to a clerical error, it was not added to our membership cards or Club Certificates. This is important for riders participating in CSHA programs.,
- discounts at SMHA events such as our annual Poker Rides
- exciting club events like, campouts at Jack Brooks and Lake San Antonio.

New memberships and renewals accepted throughout the entire year. For further information or membership forms, contact Membership Chair, Melanie Headrick at 408-842-1332, smha.membership@gmail.com or download membership form at www.smhorse.com.

Ya'll help us out here, will ya???? –

- **Volunteers for Trail Trials/Poker ride**, Contact Sharon: 776-6878.
- **Social Chair** - this special person will arrive early at general meetings, set up for coffee, tea, and tableware, provided by the club. Call Greg 408.842.0777.
- **Feature Writers!** - Publish a story about your favorite horse / person in the SMHA Eventer!
- **Photo Journalists!** Please send any pics of SMHA activities to smha.news@gmail.com. Personally, I, your editor, nominate Phil Atwood as the extra special official photo journalist! All other photo's are welcome!

SMHORSE.COM, the SMHA Website

There is a great calendar under Events, and all of our forms can be downloaded, as well. Send your horsie friends to our site! Everything is there to make it easy for them to join.

SMHA Recognized by SCC Fire department!

The Club received a certificate and letter of appreciation from the South Santa Clara County Firefighter Association for the club's assistance in the 22nd annual Make A Wish Come True/Make a Child Smile Gift Drive which supports charities in the South Santa Clara County. Did you know, that our SMHA President founded this program 22 years ago when he was part of the volunteer fire department in Gilroy? We are fortunate to have such a community minded man as our President!

A Horse Named Pirate, Thank YOU!

Often good deeds can not be linked back to the gracious folks who help out. Recently, individual members from our club made donations to help this horse rescued by the SCC Animal Control. A general thank you was made to the club in the Tri-County Veterinary Newsletter, because the contributors were not known.

To the good hearted members in our club who helped Pirate be rescued and have eye surgery, your efforts are so appreciated! Your good deeds reflect kindly on your association with our club!

Pacific Penning and Sorting Association

May 9th 2009, THORSON'S ARENA Watsonville Road, Morgan Hill, CA Sign up at 7:00am, Ride at 8:00am Event starts promptly at 8:00 am, beginning with Open Penning. For more information WWW.PPSA-TEAMPENNING.COM Email ppsa2000@yahoo.com

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Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District (LPRCD) Stewardship for Small Acreage Workshops

A workshop series on land and livestock management for clean water. Sponsored by Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District (LPRCD) and SC Valley Water District. As an SMHA member you may register later because our newsletter comes out after the registration deadline. When you register, mention you are with SMHA and you saw these in the newsletter.

- Small Vineyard, May 6, 6-9pm
- Fire Safety and Composting, May 13, 6 -9pm.
- Manure Management, Composting, Pastures, Pens & Paddocks, May 27, 6 -9pm.

All to be held in Gilroy. \$25.00 family registration fee for one or all workshops, Dinner included! Space is Limited so register before May 6th. For more info, Contact Patty Marfia, 408.847.4171. www.lomaprietacd.org.

Thank you SMHA member-Park Volunteers

Because of the members who support the SCC Park system by volunteerism, the club may have earned a significant discount on use fees or the Trail Trials/Poker Ride. The administrative folks at the County have been given the log of volunteer hours and will make a ruling about the discount. Way to go!

SCC Parks Equestrian Use Survey

"Equestrian Stables Location Feasibility Study" online at parkhere.org.

If you have any questions, please contact
Elish Ryan, Park Planner
Santa Clara County Parks Department
main line: (408)355-2200 direct line: (408)355-2236
fax: (408)355-2290 email: elish.ryan@prk.sccgov.org

The Harvey Bear Savannah Trail is Open!

This is a gentle loop of 2.3 miles that winds along the south west foothill of Harvey Bear Park. The wild flowers are in bloom, we saw Clarkia, Blue eyed Grass, Johnny Jump-ups or wild violets, Poppies, Lupines, Buttercups and Ranunculus, just to mention a few. The wild oat has set it's seed and waves silver in the breeze as you ride by. There were two Coyotes that romped on the hillside, eyeing us cautiously.

The trail is almost flat, with gentle inclines and declines. The stretches makes for a nice controlled trot or canter. The new bridge gave our horses a "wait a minute" as it shone from newly layered linseed oil. The trail leaves and adjoins the San Ysidro Trail, leaving from the Bear parking lot, it makes a nice five mile loop! We are just so lucky to have such beautiful and well maintained trails in our locales.

If you like to help make these beautiful trails, sign up for a:

Coyote Lake - Harvey Bear Ranch County Park Work Days

Help the park staff work on the trails that you like to use! Call 408-355-2254 to help out. Go to the County Park's website for more info: www.parkhere.org. You can apply to volunteer, register for a volunteer event, record your hours all on line.

SCC Open Space Authority (OSA)

Another wonderful benefit of the geographic location in which we live is the openspace lands. The website for the OSA is www.openspaceauthority.org. A few of their upcoming activities that you might find interesting are:

- May 9 Blair Ranch will be open for hikers and equestrians
- May 17 Palassou Ridge will be open for hikers

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District (LPRCD)

Stewardship for Small Acreages

A workshop series on land and livestock management for clean water. Several workshops are being presented by LPRCD and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. For the price of \$25.00 per family, you may attend one or all workshops, and dinner is included! Register early, space is limited! Call Patty Marfia, 408.847.4171. The registration date has been extended for SMHA members because the newsletter gets to you after the first

workshop, April 29th. Be sure and tell Patty you are with SMHA when you register:

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- Manure Management, Composting, Pastures, Pens & Paddocks May 27, 6 - 9pm.
- All locations will be in Gilroy, and announced later

Laura Hensley Trouard, started riding at the age of 6. She started teaching lessons to special needs kids in 2005, and is an instructor at Westwind 4-H handicapped riding program in Los Altos. She offers a training and lesson program at:

www.HensleyRanch.com
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Coe's Pine Ridge Association (PRA) Poker in the Park

Another fun Poker activity. This one is sponsored by the Pine Ridge Association and is for all disciplines. As a courtesy, the club has enclosed a flyer for this event! Contact Chere (408)683-2247 or Kitty (408)842-6215 for more information.

Henry Coe State Park Work Days

Want to enjoy a wonderful day of fun in the sun? Sign up with Chere Bargar 683-2247 or Kitty Swindle 842-6215. More information will be provided when you sign up. For those who like email, you can contact rglover@yahoo.com, to express interest in participation.

Coe Backcountry Weekend

Found Jacket left at the Backcountry Weekend. Call Kitty, (408)842-6215

This picture was supposed to be provided by our photojournalist de-facto, Phil Atwood, but instead it comes from Siera! He has discovered one interesting thing. Siera, his mare, turns towards the side of the trail and stands still when she hears his camera turn on. He says his camera makes a a chime noise when it turns on. Siera has learned this activity all on her own and will "stand for the photo op!" Very, very Pavlovian!

Here is one of Siera's shots. Phil says, "Get this; she's taking credit for the photos now. She says she is the one that brought us there and she is the one that stops. Why just because she doesn't have an opposable thumb, should she not get credit for the shot!"



Siera and Phil looking north towards Robinson Mt. from County Line Road. (Note the ear flicked toward the sound, and one looking forward! This is just precious! editor)

**Featured Member
Karen Topping's Sonrisa Stables**

Sonrisa Stables is moving to TMF Equestrian Center (formerly Taylor Made Farms). Karen is offering a lesson special: 1/2 price for anyone signing up before May 1! Call Karen at 408-644-5867. or visit www.sonrisastables.com.



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Come Ride with Us! -- weekday and/or on the weekend -- Pacheco State Park (Dinosaur Point), Salinas River Beach, Harvey Bear, Calero, Mt. Madonna (Sprig Lake). I have a gelding, Munchie, 13 years old, who gets along well with others. We generally walk, and occasionally trot or gallop up a hill. Two hours works for us. Call Gail, 831-636-0248

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Editorial Notes:

Newsletter deadline - 5 days after the Board Mtg or the 20th of the month. Send articles, classified, pictures, and stories of interest to: SMHA.news@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

Have a tidbit you'd like to share about a member? Email SMHA.news@gmail.com

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Summary

April 15, 2009

Present: Greg Linden, Pat Scharfe, Phil Atwood, Christine Amber, Sharon Hensley, Karen Hallenbeck

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Karen distributed her report dated March 31, 2009. The insurance renewal is in process. Dera needs current roster, final calendar, and check.

POKER RIDE/TRAIL TRIALS:

Sharon has sent a letter to the County for waiver of permit fees. Kitty has enough hours with County to pay for permit.

All agreed to provide extra porta potty for ride.

Sharon has 2 judges; Joan working on prizes. Volunteers are needed for ride date.

Sharon will send flyer to Phil for inclusion in website and to Christine for inclusion in May and June newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Greg shared a certificate and letter of appreciation received from the South Santa Clara County Firefighter Association.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jack Brooks Horse Camping May 28-31st

RSVP soon!!!

Jack Brooks - San Mateo county; late Spring long weekend trip. SMHA has never been here this early in the year. Late Spring wildflowers should paint the landscape. It can be really hot at the end of May...or still cool. Jack Brooks is a unique camp experience: with redwoods, pipe corrals for the horses (first come first to use), hot running water, wash racks, microwave, real shower and toilet facilities, and a limited number of hook-ups for campers. Tents, trailers, RVs, etc allowed. Keep in mind that the access road is one-way and non-paved for about a mile, with designated times for traffic flow in-and-out of the campgrounds.

Link to Jack Brooks web site: <http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/parks>

(*select the link for Facilities – under Sam McDonald Park we are using Jack Brook Campsite #1)

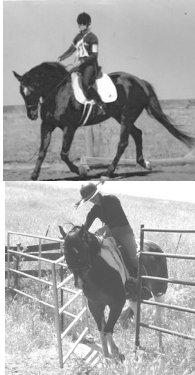
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