



The Eventer

a publication of San Martin Horsemen's Association

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

- SMHA Events -

General Meeting, Pot Luck!

Leave NO Trace Program

Guests Welcome

Oct 9, 7pm

Lions Club
425 Murphy Ave
San Martin, Ca

Oct

9 Gen Mtg - Leave no Trace

17 Pebble Beach Ride

21 Board Mtg

Nov

13 Gen Mtg, scc parks

18 Board Mtg

22 4-H Play Day

Dec

11 Xmas potluck

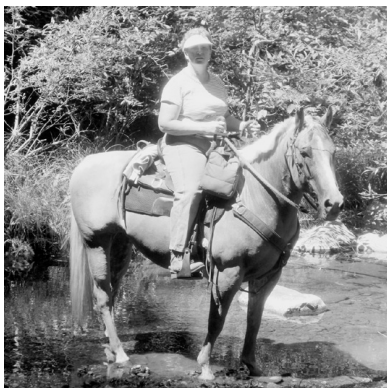
A complete Club calendar

online at:

smhorse.com/calendar.htm

Newsletter Deadline

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



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A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...

Sometimes life interferes with schedules. After Jack Brooks, your editor and predominate contributor to the newsletter didn't get out the September newsletter. My apologies. Here are thousands of words that have been difficult to utter [from email sent to club mail list from the Atwoods.:

This email is to notify you, a current or former member of SMHA, of the passing of long-time club member, **Marcia (Mercer) Linden** on Saturday, September 5th.

Marcia & husband Greg (our current SMHA president) are both Gilroy natives who have always believed in, and demonstrated thru their actions never-ending support for our community. SMHA, the horse community, Coe Park, 4-H clubs of south county, Marcia's many clients, and a multitude of others who have benefited from Marcia's contributions over the years join her family in mourning her untimely passing.

Marcia & Greg were awarded Lifetime SMHA membership status in recognition of their above-and-beyond individual dedication to SMHA and the horse community.

Please note that if Marcia & Greg were involved, their 3-daughters and extended family were also involved as participants and/or workers. Their 4-year old first granddaughter is preparing for her first "show" in Santa Cruz county this month.

The other two grandgirls are sure to be following in their grandmother's footsteps too.

Services to be held **Thursday, September 10th, at 10 a.m. at**

St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Burial will follow

(Church cemetery.)

Donations may be made to the

San Martin Animal Shelter.

Please note: floral arrangement and donation have been made by SMHA as expressions of condolence on behalf of the club.



Aloha & Mahalo! Marcia & Happy Trails Forever!

Oct 17 - Marcia's Memorial Pleasure Ride & BBQ



at Pebble Beach

If Pebble Beach beckons it must be October!

If you've been with the club a while you know that we try to hold an October Pleasure ride at Pebble Beach (17 Mile Drive) in Monterey county. Everything seems to magically align for the best ride: hint-of-Autumn weather, scenic views (beaches, ocean, woods), few other people/horses on unique trails, followed up with a nice potluck BBQ at the trailers, and a new or renewed appreciation of the company of other club members. It is always a favorite ride of those who

What is different this year? **Marcia Linden** will not be there. Marcia has been a long time club member. She's been involved in all aspects of the club from working to competition to just having fun. For years she has co-chaired (with **Maureen Olson**) the Pleasure Trails committee. That involves organizing monthly pleasure trail rides, which translates into investigating locations, getting details on how we can use the facility, and making the arrangements, doing a pre-ride, and then essentially being a trail ride leader on the day of the event(s). Most of you know by now that Marcia departed on a heavenly trail ride earlier this month, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Recently, with unanimous support of the SMHA board, and considerable input and suggestion from other SMHA members, the decision was made to recognize Marcia and her contribution by naming an October Pleasure Trail Ride in her memory. This year's Pebble Beach ride will go on as planned, with a twist. From now on an October Trail Ride for SMHA will be officially name: Marcia Linden Memorial Pleasure Trail Ride. For this year we are calling

it *Marcia's Memorial Pleasure Ride & BBQ at Pebble Beach.*

Only club members are invited to participate. It is so easy for anyone to join at any time. New members joining now are "free" for the remainder of 2009 and paid thru 12/31/2010.

- RSOct. P required – first 25 riders fill available slots
- All questions & RSVP with Maureen Olson 408.842.2619
- Meet at 8:am to caravan (& ride share) to Carmel
- *Meet location is behind McDonalds on corner of 10th & Chestnut in Gilroy (near DMV)
- Food: Greg Linden will grill hamburgers; bring potluck to share; bring own plates/utensils & beverages

The ride is staged out of the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center on 17-Mile Drive. You're on or near the beach so remember to dress in layers. Prepare for cold and appreciate warm weather conditions.

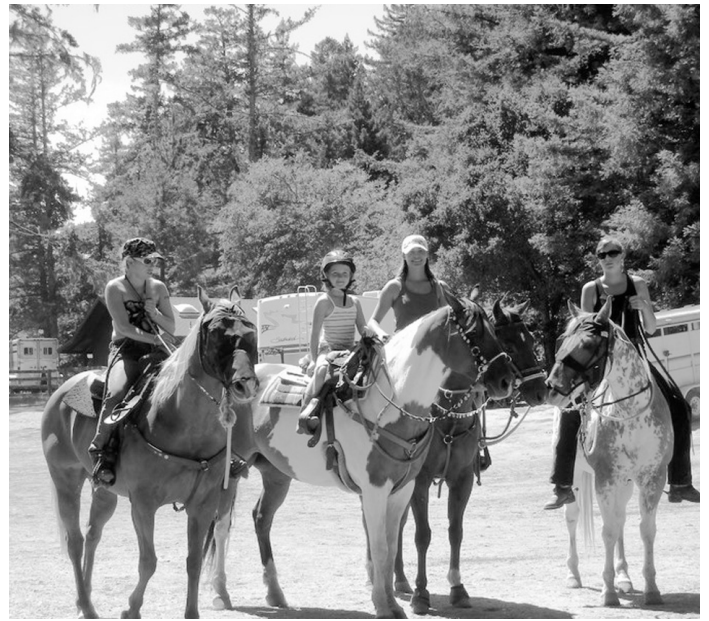
You just can't imagine how special this ride is until you do it. Do yourself a favor...reward yourself for the hard work you do.....take a day off, do this ride, and create your own Memorial time! Hope to see you there!

Additional note: Maureen is asking for a couple of people to pre-ride the trails on Tuesday(13th) or Thursday (15th) before the weekend of the ride. Contact her to find which day she plans to pre-ride, and how you can help.

Jack Brooks was a Wonderful Time and a Successful Event.

Thousands of words go to Joan Throgmorton for all her coordinating, marketing, record keeping, poster making, etc., etc.! Thanks to Denise and Gail for pics!





Please Participate, It's Your Club!

Help Needed in the Club

- **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
- **New Programs?** - Plan ahead for the calendar next year. Put your ideas forward. Think about volunteering. Next board meeting will be roughing out a calendar of meetings? *So, What Do You Want?*



Junior Birthdays!

August

- 7th - Belle Diaz (14)
- 18th - Summer Jackson (16)
- 21st - Kyle Barger (4)
- 25th - Gavin Camisa (5)
- September
- 4th - Ryan Camisa (9)
- 7th - Kyle Perryman (16)
- 23rd - Jordyne Atkins (10)
- October
- 4th - Julie LePage (15)
- 4th - Billy LePage (15)
- 5th - Alexis DePaolis (15)

SMHORSE.COM --- the SMHA Website ***SMHA Membership***

- Participate in CSHA events or programs, club# 512
- Discounts at SMHA events like Jack Brook Horse Camping
- Members-only events, discount advertising.

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

Send your horsie friends to our SMHORSE.COM, everything is there to make it easy for them to join.

Leave No Trace, Center for Outdoor Ethics ***Susan Stillman for Oct. 9 Club Meeting***

Susan will be our wise presenter for the October Meeting. She recently attended a week long class put on by the Leave No Trace Program, <http://www.lnt.org>. This presentation will give you a lot of information about how to leave no impact while camping and outing, but still enjoying nature and all its beauty.

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Equestrian Stables Location Feasibility Study

[As copied from the email from Elish Ryan]

Please join us at our next public meetings to review a draft of the completed Equestrian Stables Location Feasibility Study and Report and offer your comments.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Morgan Hill Community Center

17000 Monterey Road

Morgan Hill

You may also visit our website: www.parkhere.org. Copies of the information that will be presented at the meeting will be available on Oct. 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: Elish.Ryan@prk.sccgov.org or Tamara Clark-Shear at Tamara.Shear@prk.sccgov.org

SMHA members who Volunteer at County Parks

Please remember that when you volunteer for the county, you must sign up to dedicate your hours to discount SMHA fees for park use. Contact Heidi McFarland, heidi.mcfarland@prk.sccgov.org (Volunteer Coordinator) Phone: (408) 355-2254

Open Space Authority (OSA)

Rancho Canada del Oro in Almaden, has a nice horse staging area: their website www.openspaceauthority.org or contact them to receive their newsletter (408) 224-7476

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October 24th Saturday - 2 man Ranch Sorting at Thorson's Arena

For more details or to be added to the email distribution please call Tony Agredano, 408-690-2566 or Paula Stapleton 408-515-5365. or email Paula At pastaple01@yahoo.com Advance Registration required.

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Hands-on Despooning Clinic, \$5.00 Donations!

Back Country Horseman's Ohlone Riders presents at Ed Levin Park. Oct 24, 09. 10am to 1pm. Call Kathy Woods for information: 650-678-8070

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – September 16, 2009

PRESENT: Greg Linden, Dera Oldofredi, Paul Oldofredi, Mary Atwood, Kitty Swindle, Chere Bargar, Sharon Hensley, Melanie Headrick, Karen Hallenbeck, Phil Atwood, Kitty Swindle, and Margo Barnett.

PRESIDENT:

Greg proposes a general SMHA meeting every other month instead of every month.

Next year, a Board directory should be bound and printed after the June Poker Ride.

A By-Law review committee will be appointed. Specifically, the members will need to look at the "Junior" member designation and new CSHA requirements. Fees need to be reviewed also.

Greg thanked SMHA for the flowers.

It appears that the board would stay the same next year. Membership will need a new chair.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dera reiterated issues with the calendar and insurance requirements.

SECRETARY:

Pat Sharfe is unable to attend. Melanie Headrick will take minutes.

TREASURER:

Karen Hallenbeck reported that a deposit was made from Jack Brooks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pleasure Ride:

Maureen Olson and Phil Atwood to host the upcoming Pebble Beach Ride on October 17, 2009.

Jack Brooks:

Joan Throgmorton was unable to attend and will give her final report at the next board meeting.

Mary Atwood reported that she was able to secure Jack Brooks for 2010 from August 8-16. SMHA to reimburse her out-of-pocket expense.

Poker Ride:

Sharon Hensley gave her final report for the Poker Ride/Trail Trials held on June 27, 2009 at Harvey Bear Ranch. Trail Trial participants totaled 22 and Poker Ride participants totaled 43 for a Grand Total of 65. Sharon reported that pre-registering works very well.

Sharon also reported on the Poker Ride scheduled for Oct. 31. Flyers are being distributed and it's posted on the website. Chere Barger and Margo Barnett will check into organizing/including hikers for this event (personnel needed, fees, etc.). Sharon needs volunteers. We will get a port-a-potty for this event, also.

Membership:

Melanie Headrick reported that we have 133 adults, 33 youth for a total of 166 people; we have 48 paid family memberships, 46 paid individuals, 2 juniors 2 honorary memberships and 12 lifetime memberships for a total of 96 memberships. Two Juniors and 1 individual signed up at Jack Brooks.

Discussion:

The board discussed Junior memberships when our insurance was due earlier in the year. Since we are a family club and CSHA requirements have changed in the last year, our by-laws will probably need to be revised. The two juniors who joined at Jack Brooks both turn 18 before the end of the year. SMHA will waive additional fees for 2010 and these two people will be individual members in 2010.

A limited number of revised forms (green) were provided for 2010, specifically for the upcoming Poker Ride.

Website:

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

Chere will contact Christine Amber about the Oct. meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chere Bargar: Chere reported that there will be trail work days at Bear Ranch the first Saturday of every month.

Chere also thanked everyone for helping on the NATRC Ride.

Chere said there is an upcoming benefit in Santa Cruz for rescued horses. She'll send the information to Christine for the newsletter.

Kitty Swindle: Stated there would be a county wide clean-up of parks.

Mary Atwood: Mary said she heard on a newscast today that the State indefinitely postponed the announcement as to what parks would be closed. The news stated that if each person paid \$15 on vehicle registration, it would open the parks up for free.

Mary said there have been suggestions from club members to name the Pebble Beach/October pleasure ride in honor of Marsha Linden. Discussion. Mary made a motion to hold a pleasure ride in October each year in honor of Marsha Linden/seconded by Dera/motion carried.

Mary made another suggestion that we put a donation jar in Marsha's honor at the Poker Ride for distribution to appropriate groups.

Dera Oldofredi: Dera suggested sponsoring a bench or picnic table with a plaque honoring Marsha to be placed at Bear Ranch or Jack Brooks or other appropriate location. Dera said that she would coordinate these items and get back to the board.

Greg Linden: We need someone to head up the Christmas dinner.

Margo Barnett:

Nothing to report.

Melanie Headrick:

Melanie passed around 2010 blank calendars for board members to assist in setting meetings for the next year and a-half. Dera and Greg clarified that we need to do this so that in 2011 we are current for insurance requirements. Greg asked that everyone be prepared to address upcoming meeting dates at the next board meeting.

Melanie passed around flyers for the Tri-Valley Trailblazers Poker Ride.



Halloween Poker Ride

Oct. 31, 2009

(Rain Date Nov 7)

**Harvey Bear Ranch
San Martin, CA**

**Take San Martin Ave east
from the 101 freeway**

Registration ----- 8:30 am
Costume parade ----- 9:30 am
Ride out ----- 10 – 10:30 am
Lunch and poker prizes ---12:30 pm



Prizes for costumes!

Fees

- **\$25 adults (Includes member-for-a-day fee)**
 - **\$20 under 12 (Includes member-for-a-day fee)**
 - **Fees include lunch & one poker hand!**
- Additional hands \$5 each**

**Volunteers needed. Call Joan
842.5570.**

You don't have to ride to participate!

**Bring a prize worth \$5 and receive a
FREE poker hand!!**

Rules

- **Minors must ride with an adult**
- **Parent must sign release for riders under 18**
- **No un-ridden horses**
- **No riding double**

DISCOUNTS!!! \$5 for SMHA members

\$5 for pre-registration before Oct. 25. Forms: smhorse.com

Questions??? Sharon 408.316.2706 sharon1960@hughes.net

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Harvey Bear Ranch is a facility of the Santa Clara County Parks & Rec. system

Rider # _____

San Martin Horsemen's Association

Poker Ride Pre-Registration Form - Oct. 31, 2009

Name		Phone	
Address			e-mail
City	State	Zip	
Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a SMHA member (member-for-a-day fee included in registration)	

** Sign Release of Liability

***Parent must sign for Juniors

Bring a prize worth \$5 - Get a free hand!!

Adult	\$25	<input type="text"/>
Junior (12 & under)	\$20	<input type="text"/>
Extra Poker Hands - \$5 each	#	<input type="text"/>
Discount:		
SMHA Member	-\$5	<input type="text"/>
Pre-registered by Oct. 25	-\$5	<input type="text"/>
Total amount Enclosed		<input type="text"/>



Registration: 8:30 am

Costume Judging: 9:30 am

Ride Out: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Lunch: 12:30

Poker Prizes and Silent Auction following lunch!!

Rules

- Minors must be with a responsible adult at the event
- No riding double
- Minors may not ride stallions
- No unriden horses

Directions to Harvey Bear Park

- From 101 take the San Martin Ave. exit
- Go east on San Martin.
- Park is approx. 2 miles entrance on left
- Use second entrance - go past the main entrance and turn in on left

Mail Registration & Fees to:
SMHA 16465 Carlson Dr. Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Pre-registration must be received by Oct. 25 to receive discount.

EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Event: _____ Date _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport that carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding. I hereby release **SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION** hereinafter referred to as "SMHA" and the **COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT** hereinafter referred to as "BEAR RANCH" from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of SMHA, BEAR RANCH, or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events or activities organized or sponsored by SMHA, I waive, release and discharge SMHA, BEAR RANCH and their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and all other persons and organization in any way connected with the SMHA or BEAR RANCH events from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals or my property arising out of my participation.

This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns. I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

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I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. (each participant MUST SIGN this part)

Signature / Date _____

Signature / Date _____

*****Parent or Legal Guardian must complete the following section*** Minors do not sign on below line**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above minors in consideration of my minor's participation in San Martin Horsemen's Association activities, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his/her animals, and property arising out of his/her participation in events. We further warrant that we have health and accident insurance on said minor(s).

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.

Parent/Guardian / Date _____



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- Patches -2 sizes - - - \$.50

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Pleasure Trails			Special Events:		
Pleasure Trails	Maureen Olson	408-842-2619	Jack Brooks Camping	Greg Linden	408-842-0777
			Pebble Beach Ride	Maureen Olson	408-842-2619
Historian	Mary Atwood	408-779-9594	4-H Fun Day Fundraiser		
Poker Rides/ Trail Trials	Sharon Hensley need co chair	408-776-6878			

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