



Eventer

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SMHA Events

January 09

- 9 General Meeting/ Potluck
- 21 Board Meeting
- 20 Pleasure Ride

Community Events

January 09

- 3 Bear Ranch Work day (Savannah Trail)
- 17 Coe Work Day (RSVP to Chere, 408-683-2247)

February 09

- 2/7 Pacific Penning and Sorting Assoc.

Bye bye 2008, buy buy 2009



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Thank You Gilroy High School Choral Group!

What a talented group of singers! The Holiday music at the SMHA Christmas Potluck was incredible. There was a wonderful selection of music. My favorite piece was a jazz type rendition of I'll be Home for Christmas. The soprano's in the group had clear, beautiful high voices, the bass singers provided a wonderful backdrop for the melodies. The harmony was flawless. How lucky we are to have such talented singers and obviously such a talented music teacher in our community!

SMHA President Greg Linden Received a Gold Medal of Valor from Governor Schwarzenegger for saving a co-worker's life. You can read the complete article on-line at www.gov.ca.gov/index.php?/press-release/11208/

The Club Needs – A Program Chairperson, this person finds or coordinates the speaker for the monthly meeting. A Parade Chairperson. An additional Poker Ride Chairperson for the Poker Ride that coincides with the Trail Trials. For more information contact Greg Linden, 408-842-0777A photo journalist! Please send pictures from any club activities to your newsletter editor, amber@equestriantraining.com.

Taxes on Veterinary Care in California? --The PetPAC organization is collecting on-line signatures for a petition to the Governor. You can go to their website, www.petpac.net and click on the *Sign The Petition* link at the bottom of the page. Here is a copy of the petition:

To Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger,

We oppose your proposed tax on pet owners for veterinary services. This is a very bad idea. Pet owners faced with tough economic times may be forced to forego medical treatment for their pets because of increased costs. We say NO to new taxes on pet owners.

The SMHA Year-Calendar Cometh! Let's hear your opinions. What kind of activities would **you** like to have in SMHA? How many folks are interested in Playdays, Scavenger Hunts, Equestrian Drill Team, Members-Only Clinics? Ideas's will be solicited at the general meeting January 9th, if you email me at amber@equestriantraining.com, I will list your idea's in the newsletter and bring them to the Board Meeting on Jan. 21st.

The Playday 4-H Fund-raiser held at Taylor Made Farms was very fun and successful. There were 35 riders.

Meet Your Pleasure Trails Chairpersons



Maureen

Lady



Marcia

Buttercup

In case there are non-horse people who read the newsletter, even though these are chairpersons, they are not sitting on chairs, these are horses, probably female horses. Female horses are called mares, female chairpersons are called chairwomen.



Meet Your Newsletter Editor

Hi, I made my debut last edition in the SMHA Newsletter. I am a horse trainer by profession, but have also been a writer for many years. I have a bi-monthly column in the Country News,

www.countrynewshome.com

om, that is delivered free in your mail box, next edition will be Feb. As a writer, I am generally more happy in the background, clicking away and making deadlines. As a horse trainer, I am more comfortable outside doing things with animals. I look forward to editing and writing for the *Eventer*. If you have information you would like in the Newsletter, I prefer email. I can scan photos, resize and crop when needed. If you want to snail mail information to me, give me a call at 408 888 8703. Make sure you keep your originals. If you only have an original, call me and I can set aside some time to scan it for you.

Ask the Trainer:

This feature is not sponsored by SMHA and does not reflect the opinions of the club. It is provided free of charge as a community service to club members. Horse training and riding can be a dangerous activity. Any information herein is provided as information only; you are urged to seek in person professional training advice:



Question: Whenever my horse is getting his back feet cleaned, he passes wind or worse yet, drops a load on me. What can I do about this bad habit. Ms. Green.

Answer: Dear Ms. Green, first of all Golden Blonde hair dye can balance the green stains in your hair, Ash Blonde will only make it worse. For only .99 cents, they sell a clear plastic rain cap at one of the SMHA sponsors, OSH. It is unisex of course, so you can even share this with the farrier or the vet. The dental supply store or bicycle store sells a mirror that you can clip to your head so you can see what's coming from behind. A horse's digestive system is very sensitive. As a caring horse owner you should be very happy that it is working well. Shame on you for calling such things bad habits. Get a sense of humor.

Why De-worm Your Horses Now?

After the first hard frost, many of the parasites that cause our horses to have worms are killed. For example, botflies, which lay little yellow eggs on our horses legs and shoulders can not lay anymore eggs. Remove the eggs you see and use a wormer known to kill botfly eggs, like an ivermectin. Ask your veterinarian for more details.

Got a special horse story you'd like to share?

Email me your stories or favorite pictures you would like to share in The *Eventer*... sad or happy, maybe something someone can learn from or give a good laugh! amber@equestriantraining.com

Newsletter deadlines are 15th of the month. The newsletter is ready to proof by the 20th and sent to the printer on the 25th. Send articles, classified, stories of interest to amber@equestriantraining.com.

If you need to snail mail, send to SMHA Editor, 3240 Roop Rd., Gilroy, Ca 95020. I can resize photos, scan hard copy, etc.

Come on out! General meetings are potlucks, open to all members. Meetings begin at 7PM and are held at the San Martin Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Ave, across from the San Martin Airport.



An Invitation to Volunteer for Coe State Park. Are you interested in learning more about Henry W. Coe State park, about its history, interesting animals, beautiful wildflowers, shrubs, and trees? Would you be willing to share your knowledge with park visitors? If your answer is "Yes," you may want to consider donating some of your time as a member of the uniformed Volunteer Program at Coe

Park. Training is provided.

Volunteers do all sorts of things for the park. They staff the Visitor Center, go on patrol (hike, bike, ride), build and maintain trails, plan and provide interpretive programs and nature walks, work at fund raising events, help with the Coe Backcountry Weekend, and develop their own special projects.

To learn more see: www.coe.org/volprogram.html

Quite a few of our club members are volunteers at Coe, or maybe we should say many of the volunteers at Coe are SMHA members. In any case, you'll already know some of the current volunteers. If you would like to speak with a real person about the program you may call headquarters and speak to the ranger or volunteer who answers the phone. **408.779.2728** The Coe Park website is www.coe.org

Santa Clara County Parks Equestrian Use On-line Survey The County Parks, www.parkhere.org, would like your input to help identify use patterns, ridership trends, and recreational needs of our local equestrian community. Whether you are a seasoned rider, new enthusiast, or even an occasional weekend rider who does not yet have a horse of your own, your participation in their on-line survey will assist the County in planning for equestrian use in County Parks.

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Valentines Day is coming. EquestrianTraining.com offers lesson packages and clinics for horse people of all skills and ages. Visit www.equestriantraining.com or call 4089 888 8703.

Do you want to learn to ride Quadrille? Call Stacya(831) to watch the next practice time or email stacy@pre-cast.org

Ride Under the Lights - Thorsons Arena, on Watsonville Road, is open for riding on Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Call Ron Lowry at(408)779 1915 if you plan to ride. A \$10.00 donation supports this service.

Editorial Corrections: An apology to Dr. Seales, whose name I misspelled.