



The Eventer

a publication of San Martin Horsemen's Association

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

SMHA Events

General Meeting

Feb 13, 7pm

Pot Luck at Lions Club Hall,
425 Murphy Ave
San Martin
Guests welcome!

Feb

13 General Meeting/ Potluck
18 Board Meeting
20 Pleasure Ride

Mar

7 General Meeting/tail-gait
Potluck @Thorsens Arena
18 Board Meeting
21 Beach Ride, meet 9am-ish
@ Gilroy, DMV. Call
Maureen 842-2619

Apr

15 Board Meeting
12 Pleasure Ride

Community Events

Feb

7 Pine Ridge Assoc. (Coe
State Park)
21 Coe Work Day, Dowdy
Ranch rain date 3/7
(RSVP to Chere, 408-683-
2247)
28 Deadline for Coe
Backcountry Wknd App.

Mar

5/ Gabilan Cutters/ PPS
6 Cattle practice, Thorsens
PPSA @ Thorsens
7 Coe Work Day, Mummy
Mt.
22 Ranch Days @ Coe Park,
Sharing ranch animals
with the public
28 Coe Work Day

Apr

4 Coe Wild Flower Ride
18 Coyote-Bear Work Day
24/ Coe Backcountry
25 Weekend

The SMHA Board Was Hard at Work!

January 21 the SMHA Board met to set the year calendar. It was a site to behold. Sweat beaded on the forehead of President, Greg Linden and historian Mary Atwood, as they turned the pages of their calendars. Hands were flying into the MnM bowls. Smoke was coming from everyone's ears! The scent of freshly chewed Pizza filled the air. You should have been there...

The SMHA 09 Year-Calendar in Brief, see included calendar flyer for detail.

February - Gen mtg -team penning intro info from PPSA
March - Gen mtg at penning event, and beach pleasure ride
April - No gen mtg because of Easter conflicts, and pleasure ride
May -Gen mtg -To be arranged (TBA), and Jack Brooks Camping
June - No general meeting because of graduations, Poker Ride/Trail Trials
July - Gen mt- off site bbq at Mt. Madonna
August - All mtgs - off site / Jack Brooks
September - Gen mtgs - Elish Ryan, County parks equestrian use and pleasure ride
October - Gen mtg - TBA, Pleasure Ride and Halloween Trail Trials
November - Gen mtg - Coleen Davis, trail first aide and 4-H fund-raiser Play Day
December - Gen mtg - Christmas dinner and Day of the Horse

Club Membership Dues were due in Jan--

Keep your membership up to date! Call or email Melanie, 842-1332,
smha.membership@gmail.com. Pay your dues and keep receiving your club info!

The Club Needs -

- An additional Poker Ride Chairperson for the Poker Ride that coincides with the Trail Trials. For more information contact Greg Linden, 408-842-0777
- A photo journalist! Please send any pics of SMHA activities to smha.news@gmail.com

SMHA Member Lori Salaiz visits the Board and Introduces Pacific Penning and Sorting Assoc. (PPSA)

The Friday before any PPSA Saturday events, the Gabilan Cutters use the cattle. When the cutters are done, the public, this means SMHA member as well, can ride introducing their horse to the cows and practice for a small fee. Novice Sorting is very beginner friendly. Saturday Feb 7th you can go watch Sorting and Penning and even have a try.

Contact PPSA for more details: contact Pepper Nilmeyer at 408-461-0185 or hoofpik_1@yahoo.com. The PPSA calendar is on their website: <http://www.ppsa-teampenning.com/events.htm>. Also the *Monterey County Sheriff's Posse Inc.* has weekly roping, penning and sorting practice for a reasonable fee, also very beginner friendly! About a 20 minute drive from Gilroy. Watch their website for dates: <http://mcsposse.com/> or email info@mcsposse.com for more details.

Next General Meeting, "Intro to Sorting Cows for Fun", PPSA Speaker

How to make money with horses?

How many lessons do you need to teach or horses do you need to train, breed, ride, board, or sell and how much do you need to charge to make enough money to keep doing it? This is a free calculator I [your editor] got in the mail for making your horse business profitable. Play with it!

<http://www.equestrianprofessional.com/public/288.cfm>

Want to Pay a Veterinary Service Tax in California?

The Governor is listening! Take action and register your [CAUTION- editorial opinion inclosed: "~~opposition~~"] OPINION.

- * Call the Governor's office at 916-445-2841
- * SELECT your language choice
- * PRESS "5" to leave your opinion on a current issue
- * PRESS "1" to select the issue of extending the sales tax to

Veterinary services

* PRESS "the number" "2" to ["~~oppose~~"] "express" what YOU WANT regarding the Veterinary Service Tax proposal. Please pass this on to everyone you know that would be interested. Anyone who owns an animal.

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: ??? Please submit real or silly questions to:

Answer: ??? One horse's grain is another horse's colic!



Santa Clara County Animal Advisory Commission

There are two vacancies on this commission. This commission advises the County Board of Supervisors on issues such as government ordinances, and emergency preparedness with respect to animal care and rescue. To apply go to:

<https://eforms.sccgov.org/lfservlet/ABAA>

Everyone is Welcome at the General Club Meeting!

General meetings are potlucks, open to all members and their guests. There is a featured speaker for each meeting, see the Club calendar. Meetings begin at 7PM and are held at the San Martin Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Ave, across from the San Martin Airport.

Santa Clara County Parks Equestrian Use Survey

The results are in - Elish Ryan, Park Planner, from Santa Clara County Parks Department will share the preliminary results of the county Equestrian Use Survey. You can offer additional comments and learn about the next steps in the equestrian project:

- Attend the Community Meeting
- January 28, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm;
- Almaden Library & Community Center,
6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose 95120.

For more information: contact Elish Ryan 408.355.2236
elish.ryan@prk.sccgov.org

Bay Area Equestrian Network, (BAEN)

BAEN is a regional on-line directory that helps you find horses, services and products in your area. Here is the link to events that have been published on their site: <http://www.bayequest.info/> Event

California State Horsemen's Association CSHA - we belong!

Did you know that we are members of California State Horsemen's Association through our memberships with SMHA. This means we are eligible to compete in the CSHA awards programs.

The **Trail Riders Awards Program (TRAP)** was established in 1988 to recognize and honor the trail rider who is the foundation of the California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA) and to encourage the use of riding and hiking trails by the members of CSHA.

Riders keep track of the number of HOURS that they trail ride and send a copy of the log to the program chair. It's that simple! It does not matter how far or fast you go, just the number of hours you spend on the trail. Any time spent out on the trails, whether alone or in a group, counts toward awards.

See more information on TRAP!, here is their website:

<http://www.geocities.com/cshatrap/trapinfo.html>

Here is the home page for CSHA,

<http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/>, and this link is for Region 6 of which we are a part: <http://www.csharegion6.org/>

Junior Birthdays!

January

13th - Serena Milligan (12)

February

8th - Katie LePage (13)

13th - Cristopher Atwood (6)

14th - Rowan Davenport-Smith (7)

15th - Ashley Bateman-Vargas (14)

15th - Nicole Callinan (14)



COE Backcountry Weekend. April 24-26, 2009

The back country of Henry Coe State Park is open to the public **only one weekend a year**. Entrance is by application only, because the number of cars is limited each day by the Park. Applications will be drawn from those postmarked between Feb. 1 and Feb. 23, 2009. You will hear from the park by Mid March.

You can find an application at park headquarters or online at: <http://www.coe-park.org/orestimba.html>

Coe Park Work Days

Want to enjoy a wonderful day of fun in the sun working on the trails of California's second largest state park? Support our parks and trails and get a chance to be the first to ride on some of the new trails! Work day Feb. 21, 2009. Sign up with Chere Bargar 683-2247 or Kitty Swindle 842-6215. More information will be provided when you sign up.



Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park Work Days

Help the park staff work on the trails that you like to use! Work days are Feb 7 and Mar. 7, 2009. Call 408-355-2254 to help out. Go to the County Park's website for more info:

www.parkhere.org.

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – January 21, 2009

Present: Dera Oldofredi, Joan Throgmorton, Sharon Hensley, Phil Atwood, Mary Atwood, Melanie Headrick, Greg Linden, Paul Oldofredi, Maureen Olson, Kitty Swindle, Karen Hallenbeck, Christine Amber, Laurie Salaiz, and Pat Scharfe.

TREASURER:

Joan introduced our new Treasurer, Karen Hallenbeck. Karen distributed a copy of the San Martin Horsemen's Association By-Laws. Bank records will be updated to show the 2009 authorized signers.

CALENDAR:

The proposed schedule for 2009 was agreed upon. See enclosed Club Calendar.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- 1/28 – Santa Clara Parks Department, Community Meeting, Almaden Library, 6445 Camden, SJ. 6:30 – 8:30 (Elish Ryan)
- 3/07 – Trail work, Bear Ranch, Mummy Mountain
- 3/22 – Ranch Days at Hunting Hollow, Coe Park
- 3/28 - Possible trail work day, Coe Park
- 4/04 – Coe Park Wildflower Ride
- 4/24 – 4/26 – Coe Park Back Country Weekend
- 5/16 – Poker in the Park – Coe Park (multi-use)
- 6/13 – Coe Horseback trail work
- 8/01 – Coe Moonlight Ride
- 9/04-9/07 – Bear NATRC Ride

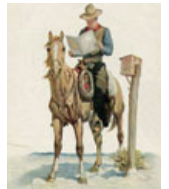
OTHER BUSINESS:

- Bob Tapia contacted Greg regarding the jacket awarded Bill Schwerm for his last SMHA President term. Greg asked Bob to follow through and reminded him of the price limit.
- Kitty requested that the leftover ribbons from the NATRC ride be donated to the Bear NATRC ride. All agreed to the donation. Kitty will check with Jim Jeffers for the ribbons.
- There are two vacancies on the Santa Clara County Animal Commission should any SMHA member be interested in donating their time. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Advertising policy:

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DRILL-FLAGS; AWESOME ground manners; 831-801-7822
Call Stacy after 4: pm Stacy 831-801-7822

Do you want to learn to ride Quadrille? Call Stacy 831-801-7822 to watch the next practice time or email stacy@pre-cast.org **EquestrianTraining.com**'s Christine Amber offers training, lessons and clinics for horses and people of all skills and ages. www.equestriantraining.com or call 408 888 8703.

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.

Reliable care for your plants and animals while you are away, 20 years of experience you can rely on! Call Chere 408-683-2287

Country Supply donates a percentage of sales to the Association whenever you enter the care code: **SMHA**



Editorial Corrections:

An apology to Maureen, Buttercup, Marcia and Lady, I swapped the picture labels.

Newsletter Feedback! BIGGER FONTS!

Ok! how's this? I need your feedback!!!

Newsletter deadlines are 5 days after the Board Mtg or the 20th 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: SMHA.news@gmail.com.