



The Eventer

a publication of San Martin Horsemen's Association

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

SMHA Events

General Meeting Mar 7th, 12pm

Pot Luck at Thorson's Arena,
Watsonville Road, Morgan Hill
Guests welcome!

Mar

- 7 Gen Mtg.
- 18 Board Mtg.
- 21 Beach Ride, Call Maureen
842-2619

Apr

- 15 Board Mtg.
- 15 RSVP for Lake San
Antonio Camping, see
flyer.
- 12 Pleasure Ride

May

- 1-3 Lake San Antonio
Camping
- 8th Gen Mtg - Horse Fun
Panel
- 28-31 Jack Brooks Camping

Community Events

Mar

- 6/ Gabilan Cutters/ PPS
- 7 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

May

- 16 Coe - Poker in the Park

SMHA Membership Report

Welcome to our new and returning members! 2009 is shaping up to be a great year with lots of events planned and a few we haven't unveiled yet! As of February 18, we have 40 Family Memberships and 37 Individual Memberships. That adds up to 126 people listed on the applications. ALL memberships expire on 12/31 of each year.

Benefits of being a current member include receiving SMHA newsletters, price breaks at SMHA events such as our annual Poker Rides and many exciting club events which include campouts at Jack Brooks and Lake San Antonio.

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

The Club Needs -

- Extra help for Trail Trials/Poker ride, plan to volunteer! Contact Sharon: 776-6878.
- Feature Writers! - Publish a story about your favorite horse/ person in the SMHA Eventer!
- A photo journalist! Please send any pics of SMHA activities to smha.news@gmail.com

SMHA March 7th - General Meeting 12pm, Thorson's Arena

As guests of *Pacific Penning and Sorting Assoc.* (PPSA) www.ppsa-teampenning.com/

Our General Meeting potluck will be held in conjunction with the PPSA Penning and Sorting Event. They also have a Potluck at 12:00, come early to watch. **Please RSVP, space is limited.** Bring chairs, plates etc. Open Penning begins at 8am. - followed by ProAm Penning, Open Ranch Sorting, ProAm Ranch Sorting and finally Novice Ranch Sorting. There will be a release form and day membership available for those who would like to bring a horse, RSVP to Pepper Nilmeyer 408-461-0185 or email her at hoofpik_1@yahoo.com. be sure to let her know you are with SMHA.

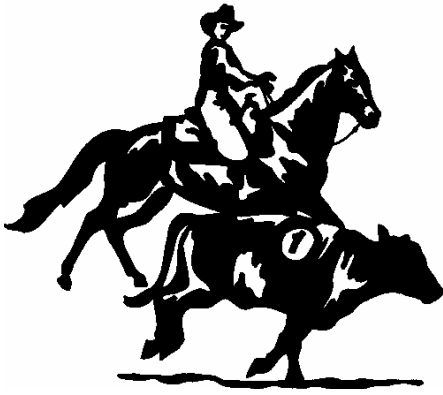
Next General Meeting, "Fun with Horses", A panel of speakers covering fun activities you can do with your horse!

Geo Cacheing with your horse. The benefits of playing mounted Tag. Books about mounted games.

What is: Team Penning, Team Sorting or Ranch Sorting?

If you are a little unclear about team penning and sorting -- the topic of our February general meeting and the focus of our March general meeting, **you are not alone.** Perhaps these descriptions can help you "sort" it out!

Team Penning-- a fast-paced, timed competitive event where a team of three riders separate three numbered cattle out of a herd, and chase or herd them into a three-sided pen at the opposite end of the area. Of course, places that are beginner friendly start this at a slow pace that allows riders to practice moving the cattle with their horses.

Team Sorting (may be called Ranch Sorting)--

a team event of two, three or four riders that move and sort cows from one end of an arena to the other end and across a finish line at the other end. All of the cattle are numbered, usually with a large sticker glued to their rumps. The sort begins when the

announcer calls a particular number. The cattle are moved in a numerical sequence, beginning with the called number, until all cattle are moved across the finish line.

Another variation of sorting is when the team "sorts" the particular numbered cattle through various gate obstacles in the arena, with the ending result being that certain numbered cattle are sorted to the opposite end of the arena, through the gates and across a line or into a pen. The event may be timed or have a time limit. Again, beginner friendly activities focus on the fun of learning to sort the cows, with less emphasis on the time.

Riders of all ages and levels of experience may find that team working-cow horse sports are great for exercise and training. Through time and practice, horses can learn the fundamental cow sense that truly makes this a fun and active sport.

Host organizations, such as PPSA or Monterey Posse, determine specific rules and levels of competition. Some have sanctioning organizations and others are just casual fun events. There may or may not be cash prizes and awards. Fees and rules vary from one venue to another.

We'll pass on information about places and organizations in our area that offer penning & sorting activities. We are aware of PPSA, Monterey Sheriffs Posse and the Viera Ranch. If you know of some others, please email: smha.news@gmail.com, smha1968@gmail.com, or call us! (see phone numbers on The Eventer cover).

If you have questions about this topic, or other horse related activities please submit your questions. We'll do our best to provide you answer s!

MARCH 21 Sat. Pleasure Ride at Salinas River State Beach!

Join us for the first Pleasure ride of the year. If you always wanted to ride the beach, but didn't know how to get there, or if you "never have anyone to ride with" Come and join us for a great ride. Dress in layers and bring your camera. Ride will be a relaxed pace through the dunes and along the water.

Meet: Sat. March 21 at 9:00 AM sharp at Mc Donalds Parking lot, @ 10th & Chestnut street, Gilroy. (right off 101)
Bring: Water for your horse, and we must scoop our poop. Bring a bag lunch and chair, we can have lunch in parking lot afterward.
RSVP: Please rsvp Maureen Olson, 408-842-2619, and ride will be cancelled if raining.
SEE YA THERE!!!

Santa Clara County Parks Equestrian Use Survey Meeting Summary

(Thank-you Janice!)

Large attendance of over 125 people. A bit hard to hear everything (microphones next meeting). Covered summaries they sent out, and took input. Jan H. park Commissioner was there (he is a great commissioner always involved).

Intro - Elish mentioned that equestrian use is not going away, and they support SCCPR including trail watch, and impressively equestrian volunteers appear at almost every volunteer event (probably got to thank Kitty M for that she goes to absolutely everything!). Have designer that is on Monterey Bay Horse Park. 4 million park visitors trails is the most frequent used aspects of SCCPR.

Review Survey - Lee project Consultant - results also to be posted on web (read them) www.parkhere.org. The goal is to design the right facility in right location on SCCPR property close to population that is served.

Equestrian Use is a growing not dying activity [Author's note: This is key for SCCPR to admit, as demographics of response might imply otherwise]. Main thing isn't bells and whistles it's good basics - quality care and feed, close to home, trails. Multi-discipline arena--

Note: Older age brackets major responders - SCCPR feel may be 2 reasons - those that have time to respond; and truly older demographic as people into horses when younger then return to horses when have money, time, careers and less family responsibilities. It is clear from survey this is a "lifestyle".

Discussion - Things to add to summary

- Facility needs quality rental string - many people get into horses that way and serves general public.
- Lessons compatible facility (also serves general public)
- Arena lights
- Trail head
- Trailer parking/storage (important for safety aspects)
- More than one entry access in (important for safety aspects)
- Suggestion county is big and it might be better to have a few facilities not just one.
- Camping model Jack Brook
- Carriage driving

Where is money coming from to do this? Will it support itself? Who will manage? Elish mentioned they may partner with other

agencies, etc. (OSA suggested). SCCPR may have concessionaire (depends on plans)

Why is Grant Ranch not in use? Concern (from Audience) environmental restrictions too tight.

Suggested SCCPR consider helping private stable facility support via Williamson Act etc.

People asked will a new facility be ready by the time Calero Stable shuts down - NO. (Scoping alone will take this year.....) Note: Calero will still be a park with trails open to horses even without stable.

It was mentioned that it isn't understand who insisted on closing Calero stable - a bit of SCCWater District and SCCParks Rec and Calero Stables finger pointing ensued. (Note: Calero Stables is a SCCWD lease to SCCPR). Calero Stables mentioned all they did to comply with water concerns and how well it is working (which no one denied). In the '92 Calero draft master plan it suggested moving stable site (when reservoir was to be raised) onto property on other side of McKean. Elish to review again.

Next steps - Looking at trends in more depth. Elish to present info to Park Commission in April. Everyone will be notified of further meetings. For more information: contact Elish Ryan 408.355.2236 elish.ryan@prk.sccgov.org

Feed Store News to Share!

A new Feed store! Since it seems we're always losing tack/feed places nice to see one opening! **Dave's Hay Barn**, right off 101 in San Jose, 1325 E. Julian-- 408-292-3337

- its a warehouse setting.
- seemed like good prices on supplies
- just opened a couple of months ago
- M-F 8-5:30***sat 8-3***sun 8-2

2nd Annual C.S.H.A Region 6 Youth Scholarship Benefit Horse Show April 4th 2009 - Rain or Shine **Thorson's Arena, San Martin**

CSHA Regions 4,5,6,10,15, ACAAP & PAC approved

72 Classes Starting at 8:00am Sharp

Class list, download it here: (enter in your browser address bar as a single line):

http://csharegion6.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2009_youth_show_class_list.4285954.pdf

Entry Forms, download them here:

http://csharegion6.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2009_Youth_Scholarship_Entry_Form.4290020.pdf

Pre Entries are strongly recommended; save time, don't wait in line at the show. **Post Entries** available.

Double Judged: for only \$4.99 Judges: Sable Myers & Lisa Shields Show Manager: Jim Carraher (408)315-3387

All proceeds from this show benefit the CSHA Region 6 Youth Scholarship Program.

Daily High Points per Division: Leadline, Halter, Reining; English & Western awards for 8yr & under, 10 yr. & under, 13 yr. & under, 14 yr.- 17 yr., A/A 18-34, A/A 35 & over & Open. Points thru 6th place, ribbons to 3rd place.

Jack Benny/Phyllis Diller classes open to anyone over 50.

Green Reiner- For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders with less than \$100 lifetime earnings

West Coast Show Rules patterns will be posted within one hour of the class. There will be a 5 minute tack change allowed and enforced, and a 2 minute gate call. Warm-up arena open from 6:30 am.

Photographer Nichole Dillon-Lee will be on site taking photos **Bring your own Food**; it is **NOT** available on site.

CSHA - we belong!

<http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/>

CSHA Region 6

<http://www.csharegion6.org/>

Junior Birthdays!

March

2nd - Kellen McDevitt (12)

4th - Jennifer Perryman (14)

27th - Kellen McDevitt (12)

February

18th - Phil Atwood (39.5)



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.

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.

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

(408)-843-6382

-- a safe, dynamic environment perfect for horses of all types and people of all ages.

Contact her: laura@hensleyranch.com

Ask the Trainer:

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Question: My horse is afraid of cows and has never been to the beach, what should i do?

Answer: Be patient with your horse and with yourself. Think of small steps, think of facing things that are frightening to you or your horse. We all want to turn and run when things get scary, so understand and empathize with your horse. If that doesn't work, perhaps if you convince him that **you**, not that scary thing, is what **could kill and eat him**, he will pay more attention to you than the scary thing!

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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

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. A \$10.00 donation for 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

CANTER California is looking for a CPA to manage their accounts. Prefer someone to donate time for a tax deduction. CANTER is a national, 501.3c organization that helps in the rescue, retraining and re homing of Thoroughbred Racehorses. Contact Ali, 408.313.1965 email: canterca@canterusa.org, web: www.canterusa.org/california

Come Ride with us! --during the week 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:**

Big thanks for acknowledgements from Joan, Nikkii, and Janice!
Newsletter deadline - 5 days after the Board Mtg or the 20th of the month. Send articles, classified, stories of interest to: SMHA.news@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

Member Laura Hensley Trouard, as well as being an avid horsewoman and trainer is an apparel artist? See her website: http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=6237750
New member Elaine Hickman does pet portraits, lookie here: <http://www.elainehickman.com/index2.php?v=v1>
Have a tidbit you'd like to share about a member? Email SMHA.news@gmail.com

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**SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION****Board Meeting Summary – February 18, 2009**

Present: Sharon Hensley, Phil Atwood, Mary Atwood, Melanie Headrick, Greg Linden, Karen Hallenbeck, Christine Amber, and Pat Scharfe

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

TREASURER:--Karen reported the checking account balance . Bank records have been updated to show the 2009 authorized signers. New checks have the post office box address. Post office keys are held by Mary, Greg, Melanie and Pat. Karen to send a check for the SMHA Barn rental. Mary distributed 2008 tax documentation.

MEMBERSHIP:--Melanie reported that 40 families and 37 individual members have renewed.

TRAIL TRIALS/POKER RIDE:--Sharon clarified that she will continue as the chairman for the Trails Trials and Poker Ride this year. County permit request submitted. A letter requesting volunteer work in lieu of fees also submitted. Ribbons have been ordered. Greg will check on insurance. Fees will be the same for the '09 Ride as '08. The fees are competitive but will be compared against other rides.

PROGRAMS:--**October 9:** Gabriella V. on healing, nutrition, acupressure, etc. Melanie and Mary will confirm.

Overnight Camping: --Lake San Antonio – May 1-3 - Jack Brooks – May 28-31

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.