

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

- SMHA Events -General Meeting, Pot Luck! Off-site @ Mt Madonna BBQ & Trail ride too!

June 17th

th Board Mtg

27 Trail Trial & Poker Ride

July

11 Mt. Madonna Gen Mtg trail ride & BBQ

15 Board Mtg

Community Events

6	Coyote-Bear Workday
20	CSHA Region 10 Show
21	PPSA Sorting Clinic
27	CSHA Retion 15 Show

Look inside the Newsletter for more information on these sidebar events. A complete Club calendar is 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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Jack Brooks Horse Camping May 28-31st RSVP and go!!!!!

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.

Visit 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)

RSVP - Mary 408-779-9594 or email smha1968@gmail.com

Chaired by Sharon Hensley and Joan Throgmorton

Trail Trials and Poker Ride, June 27



Volunteer & Compete, too. -- at the

Discounts for official Volunteer Helpers, For more info or to volunteer, call Joan Throgmorton 408 842 5570.

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

You can help out right now by:

- Getting the word out -- telling your friends & fellow horsepeople
- Chat and post on-line
- Putting up flyers-- get a copy from the website, smhorse.com

SMHA has only 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 -- TriTip Lunch following the ride (Approx 1:30)

If you have prizes or gift certificates for the Trail Trials, get them to Sharon ahead of time. Call her at 408 776-6878

June No General Meeting, but

A Call for Calendar Ideas!

The board voted to change the "planning year" from May=to=May. Five new activities will be schedule from Jan to May 2010 at the next meeting to round out the new planning year.

Why did we do this? Many places where events are held, like the County parks or Private Arenas require the club to post its insurance. The club insurance renews in May. Event's like the Trail Trials and poker ride become "at risk" because getting info from the insurance company in advance of the renewal date is not possible. The most efficient and easy way to resolve the headache of sweating bullets while waiting for the insurance to process our renewal, is to give them a full year's activity calendar in May.

This gives you another opportunity to get your ideas of Members Only activities to board members and committee chairs. If you have an interest in any of these *or other activities*, call or email a board or committee member and let them know. Be willing to "chair" the idea; this means be the person who will organize the activity and make it happen.

I will list a few ideas that people have expressed to me.

- 1. Family activity that involves kids, gymkhana or games night.
- 2. Camping trip to introduce Hunter Pace riding.
- 3. Desensitization or exposure clinic for club horses and riders
- 4. Geocaching rides or camping
- 5. Internet and computers for horse people

As an example, I'd be willing to chair any type of clinic or training activity, an internet and computer class or a games day. When the board discusses these and other ideas that people put forward, if there is already a person willing to be a committee chair for the activity, it can be decided upon. When there is not a committee chair, then a person needs to found who will volunteer. If you have a special interest that you would like to share or teach to other members, pony up! Get you ideas on the table and volunteer to make things happen!

Jack Brooks next year will be one of the calendar items. Already, there are limited dates on the calendar for next year. The club will try to get dates that make it easier for family and children camping. We are competing with other organizations for good dates, but there was one opportunity during summer vacation that SMHA will try to book. Aug. 8 - 16th will be our first choice. Watch the newsletter to see if we get it!

May General Meeting Update

We had a nice attendance at the meeting for Phil Atwood's and Christine Amber's presentations.

Phil gave a cool slide presentation on Geocaching. It is like the old fashion treasure hunt using all the new technologies of the internet and global positioning devices GPS. The old fashion part is the way things are hidden. Some caches are small, but some are larger and disguised to fit into their surroundings. Mary Atwood ia a great fan of geocaching. She has been the first person to find many treasures in our areas. Even their kids and grand kids get in on the action. It doesn't cost anything to join and on the trails and in the parks it is a great reason to trail ride your horse! the web site for this activity is: www.geocaching.com

Christine Amber presented on horse games. When thinking about horse games we always have to think of safety first. It is important to understand basic horse temperaments and individual differences in temperaments. Playing should always have activities that teach and emphasize skills. Good riding balance and accurate communication with your horse are just some of the skills that can improve through playing games.

There are games to make hot horses slow and slow horses hot, but games just for the sake of speed or without direction or purpose can cause more harm than good for any horse or rider.

Having fun is a great way to overcome challenges and to deal with fears. Always think ahead, think like a horse when planning your games, and get the advice of a trainer to make sure you are teaching and training the skills you want.

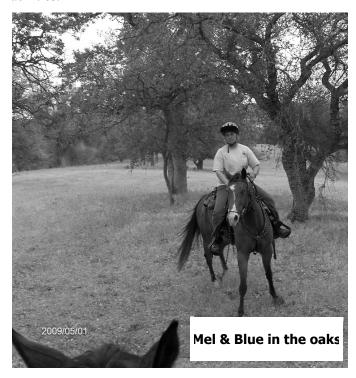
Lake San Antonio Update

I can give you this report first hand. Melanie Headrick chaired this activity. It was about a two hour drive, but all freeway or nice easy flat driving. I detoured the back way through Fort Hunter Liggett. How is that the government gets some of the best lands. Beautiful green meadows with tall reaching valley oak trees; Hunter Liggett used to be part of the Hearst Estate.

The facilities at Lake San Antonio were super. Lots of water access, clean and hot showers (if you actually turned on the hot water, ask Melanie), nice bathrooms at an easy walk and several porta potties very close to our camp sites, picnic tables, pipe corrals and BBQs.

The weather sprinkled at night and in the afternoon, but we had beautiful rides. Thirteen miles of interconnecting trails weave gently over loamy foothills, dotted with oak trees, wild flowers and wild animals. This would be a great place

to go again. There were wash racks, round pen, and a roping arena. If booked in more advance, (Hint Hint...) it would be a great facility to have a camping and clinic or game event for the club. This year, we had second access to the arenas because another horse group booked before us. We still had plenty of room and time to share all the facilities.



SMHA Membership

- Participate in CSHA events or programs
- Discounts at SMHA events like Trail Trial / Poker Rides
- Members Only club events like, campouts at Jack Brooks and Lake San Antonio.

New memberships and renewals always accepted. 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.

The club REALLY needs some help!

- Please 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.
- **New Program Chairs** -- Send or bring you idea to the Board Meeting June 17.

SMHORSE.COM--- the SMHA Website

Send your horsie friends to our site! Everything is there to make it easy for them to join.

Penning and Sorting

The local club Pacific Penning and Sorting Assoc., **PPSA**, contact is: ppsa2000@yahoo.com. and the website is: http://ppsa-teampenning.com.

The *Monterey Posse*, in Salinas has started weekly pennings and team roping in their lighted arena. Check their site for more info: http://mcsposse.com/

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

I hosted one of these workshops at my place. What a bounty of information. This group is a "non reporting" agency that is funded to provide services to property owners and connect them with other services. Did you know that in fire prone areas, there is a free service that will and chip trees if owners trim them. There is also funding for those who are not able to do the trimming. For more info, contact Patty Marfia, 408.847.4171. www.lomaprietacd.org.

SMHA Thanks County Park Volunteers

The County Park fees have been waived for the Trail Trials and Poker Ride. If and when you volunteer for the county, you must sign up to dedicate your hours to SMHA. Contact Heidi McFarland, heidi.mcfarland@prk.sccgov.org (Volunteer Coordinator) Phone: (408) 355-2254

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.



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CSHA website for our Region

The CSHA rulebook is on CSHA website. The first club CD is free and additional must be purchased. But you can download the pdf for free. The website is: http://www.csharegion6.org. Our club number is 512.

Henry Coe State Park Work Days Coe's Pine Ridge Association (PRA)

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.

Featured Member Kitty Swindle

There are several members who volunteer regularly for the parks, working and patrolling. One of those special members is Kitty. In her first three months this year, she logged 57 volunteer hours on behalf of SMHA. Her hours alone allowed the club to pay no County use fees for the Trail Trial & Poker ride, saving the club \$500.00. As one of the Bear Ranch Gang, she was acknowledged for 5,000 hours of volunteer service. She recently returned from a trip where she hiked in the Grand Canyon with fellow member and noted volunteer, Chere Bargar and their grand kids. It is people like Kitty (and Chere too) that give the rest of us the privileges of park use. Without the service that these wonderful people provide, our park systems would not be able to offer us all the services and trail use that is available! You go GURL!!!! and Thank you!

CLASSIFIEDS:

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Barn Cats! -- These X-momcats brought to the SM Shelter are healthy, dewormed, deflead, tested negative for FIV/ FeLV, vaccinated, **spayed**, and microchipped. We would like to place them in a safe barn situation where they can help with rodent control.

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SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION Board Meeting – May 20, 2009

PRESENT: Greg Linden, , Melanie Headrick, Karen Hallenbeck, Phil Atwood, Dera Oldofredi , Kitty Swindle, and Sharon Hensley.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Suggested that the calendar each coincide with the insurance renewal. Discussion. All agreed.

TREASURER: No activity for the past month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake San Antonio: Melanie Headrick reported that they had a great time. Recommended that we go again next year.

Jack Brooks: Phil Atwood reported that there are about 20 people expressing interest. One payment has been received.

Poker Ride: Sharon Hensley reported that everything is on track for the Poker Ride

Membership: We have 115 adults, 30 youth 41 family memberships and 40 individuals, 2 honorary and 12 lifetime memberships for a total of 95.

Miscellaneous: There were 23 attendees at the Poker in the Park (Coe Park) It went well.

Open Space Authority (OSA) bought the space between Alamaden and Calero Parks, to eventually connect them

NEW BUSINESS: 2009 Events:

Phil Atwood working to get Jack Brooks Aug 8 -16, 2010.