



The E-venter

- SMHA Calendar -
General Mtg @ Lions Club
425 Murphy Ave
San Martin, Ca

June

- 11 Gen Mtg-DeSpooking
- 16 Board Mtg
- 26 Trail Trial Clinic/Poker Ride

July

- 10 Pleasure Ride / BBQ @ Mt. Madonna)
- 21 Board Mtg.

August

- 8-16 Jack Brook Camping
- 14 Gen Mtg / Board Mtg @Jack Brook Pot Luck

Sept

- 15 Board Mtg
- 18 Pleasure TBA

October

- 8 Gen Mtg
- 20 Board Mtg
- 23 Pebble Beach Ride
- 30 Trail Trial/ Poker Ride rain date (11/16)

Nov

- 17 Board Mtg

Dec

- 10 Holiday Party

Newsletter Deadlines:

Five days after the Board Mtg or the 20th of the month. Send articles, classified, pictures, and stories to:

SMHA.news@gmail.com.



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June 11th Meeting, Desensitizing for the Trail

Bikes, blowing caution tape, baby buggies, tarps and more! A demo on "how-to-desensitize" or how to make your horse less fearful and spooky. I need a spooky demo horse, call me and offer your horse for a free training session in the demo. If you have some scary idea's you'd like to see worked with, call me and or bring it. No dead animals please! Potluck, 7:00pm bring a chair & drinks. 3190 / 3240 Roop Rd. @ Christine Amber's EquestrianTraining.com, 408.888.8703 or [email amber@equestriantraining.com](mailto:amber@equestriantraining.com)



Your Newsletter in pdf and living color emailed to your email box!

I am working to have all the links working so it will be easy for online readers to open other documents and email people right from the newsletter! Printed in greyscale for snailmail. Online copy available courtesy of Christine Amber's website:

www.equestriantraining.com/smhanews.htm

June 22 - SMHA Trail Trial Clinic and Poker Ride

Learn how easy and fun it is to ride trail trial obstacles at the SMHA Trail Trial Clinic and Poker Ride at Coyote Bear Ranch. No gambling on the SMHA Poker Ride, it is a sure bet to win great prizes and have a yummy BBQ lunch. Both events are open to all,

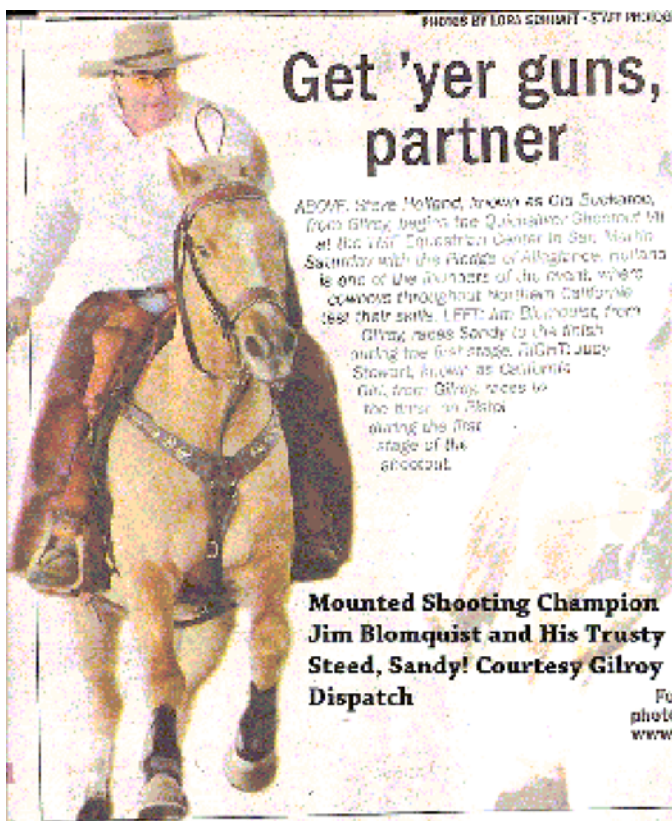
the flyer is enclosed. Feel free to make copies and share with your friends. The clinic will have four trail trial obstacles each having official judges to teach you what is expected at a sanctioned Trail Trial. The clinic registration is at 8am. Attend the clinic or Poker Ride, or both and make a day of it!! If you'd like to help, hand out cards or help with food, contact Joan 408.842.5570 or Sharon 408.316.2706 avsbooks@gmail.com. Volunteers eat for free!! Greg BBQ's a mean tri-tip!!!

Next General Meeting, Aug 14 @ Jack Brook Horse Camp.

Aug 8-16 Get your reservations is early. Contact Joan Throgmorton, 408.888.5570. It is the best horse camping deal around! You can download the flyer now!

SMHA Members!

Jim Blomquist



Heidi Linden, Published photographer and chicken/bird expertette, is our membership chair. I got a tour of Heidi's Hatchery, endangered birds, roller birds that fly in circles for competition, pheasants, turkeys (Thanksgiving anyone?)The Natural Horse has pictures that Heidi took for Animal Shelter Manager, Brigid Wasson.[Brigid, you should join SMHA, it's only \$35 bucks and it's a professional membership for you!, Come on! Spank From The Editor]

Stacy Jenkins CSHA Drill Team Competition in Ceres on the 15th & 16th. <http://www.westernstardrillteam.com/> took 1st in Theme, 1st in Mixed and 2nd in Novice routines



Club Equipment, Wactha Got????

The club is trying to update the inventory list of club equipment, like timers, barrels, show numbers. If you have any club equipment could you call or email Dera O...408.683.4624 or email smha.v.pres@gmail.com.

Local Hay

Next month an article on local hay, when to buy and what are you buying and why? We have at least two local growers in the club. Let's here what they have to say about this years crop and the late rains.

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Coyote/Bear Trail Work Days & Events

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June 5 National Trail Day (Coyote/Bear: Gaviota)

For more detailed info contact Chere Bargar, the SMHA Trails Development Chair 408.683.2247

Volunteer! Help County Parks & SMHA

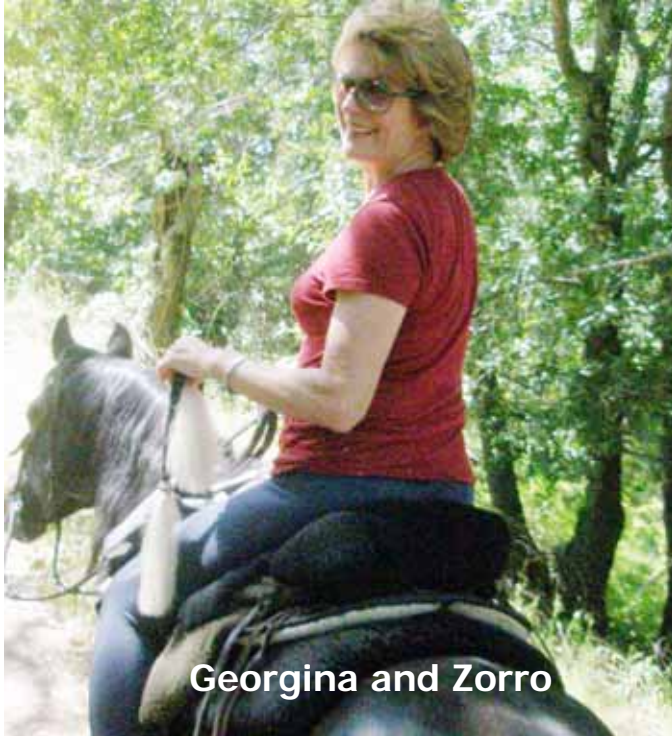
There are two ways to volunteer and help county parks.

- You can register for an event, like the Trail work day. You call the Park Coordinator, John George at 408.355.2299 or register ahead at the parkhere.org website. Click the **Volunteer Here** link, that will take you to the **Register for an Event** button. You must pre register either online or by calling. You do not need to be an official county volunteer to register for these events.
- Apply to be a Santa Clara County Volunteer. You can request an application on line or call 408.355.2254. The county has specific programs such as, Trail Watch, Coastal Clean up Days, and Docent, for example. This way you can dedicate your volunteer work hours toward any county use fees SMHA needs to pay. For example, the Trail Trial Clinic/Poker Ride or the Mt. Madonna BBQ necessitate a County park use permit. If a SCC Volunteer has contacted John Goldworthy, SCC Park Use Coordinator, before the club pays for a use permit,

the volunteer can dedicate their hours toward SMHA permit fees.

Helping can become complicated, yet it is really important! If you need any more information about this, you can talk to SMHA Trail Trials Program Chair, Sharon H. 408.316.2706.

. SCC Horseman's Assoc Sad News



Georgina and Zorro

A Memorial gathering for our friend and SCCHA member Georgina Wallbridge will be held at the Santa Clara County Horsemen's clubhouse, located at 20350 McKean Road in San Jose, on June 13th at 1:00. Georgina passed away on May 8 of pancreatic cancer. She touched so many people's lives, and this is a chance to share fellowship and memories of her together with family and friends.

Tilden Wildcat Horseman's Association East Bay Hills Trails 6 day Benefit Ride

Wednesday, Sept 1--Monday, Sept. 6 Ride Labor Day week with members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. Ride up to 100 miles in 6 days, or 14-18 miles each day in small groups at your own pace. Join us for one, for more or for all 6 days. The ride will follow and/or parallel the S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail much of the time as we spend 2 days riding from each of 3 different campsites. This year's ride will be held in conjunction with the third annual 5-day Ridge Trail Through-Hike from Martinez to Castro Valley.

Trails and Camps: Camp will open on Tuesday night, so that riders can get an early start on Wednesday if they like. We will be camping at Tilden Regional Park (between Berkeley and Orinda), at Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills, and at Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Regional Park. We will be sharing the campsites, and meals, with the hikers. We will be riding in Tilden, Wildcat, Sibley, Huckleberry, Redwood, Roberts, Joaquin Miller Park, EBMUD Watershed lands, and on other nearby trails. The rides will be on both fire roads and single track trails, over both flat and hilly terrain. Views of the Bay Area, the East Bay Hills, across the valley and into the Sierras will be available constantly. We will stay at each camp site two nights and move to the next one on the second day. Shower tents will be set up at each camp.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for riders and hikers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Swimming will be available 5 minutes from our Tilden and Sequoia Arena campsites. Evening programs will include a visit to the Chabot Space Center, a slide show on long distance trail adventures, a presentation by a naturalist, a drill team performance, and other surprises. This is a green ride and every effort will be made to keep trash to a minimum.

Contact Judy Etheridge (mixfire@yahoo.com or 925-862-0232) or Morris Older (ebhillsride@comcast.net or 925-254-8943). <http://www.twaha.org> --click on events. Sign up for the hike at www.ridgetrail.org

The Horse Expo June 11-13



Cal Expo in Sacramento. Any questions, call 800.352.2411. www.horseexpo.com.

Member Sharon Hensley's daughter, Laura, will be competing in the Rescue Me Trainers Challenge. [Spank, come on Laura it's only \$35 bucks to join..The Editor]

HELP: RESCUE ME Trainers Challenge

Thursday, June 10, 2010 7:00p
at Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA

The Grace Foundation and Western States Horse Expo proudly announce the first annual HELP Rescue Me Trainer's Showcase. This event will feature up to 50 rescued horses of all ages, as well as the talents of some of the top trainers in the western region. The purpose of the event is to show the benefits of adopting a willing and



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Jerry Tindell 2010 clinics here in Gilroy. · May 14-16, · June 18-20, · Sept. 24-26. To sign up, contact members Heike and Rainer Stabenow, 408-838-5401 (Heike cell) heike_stabenow@yahoo.com or 408-887-0728 (Rainer cell)rainer_stabenow@yahoo.com

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – May 19, 2010

Present: Greg Linden, Dera Oldofredi, Sharon Hensley, Chere Bargar, Kitty Swindle, Denise Roberts, Joan Throgmorton, Christine Amber, Heidi Linden, Pat Scharfe

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

The data base for the Club has been kept on a version of Apple Hardware and software and can not be moved to Windows or Web based architecture. All Board members should have access items such as bylaws, inventories, newsletters, rosters, etc. Motion was made that we as SMHA Board of Directors maintain control over all data and information pertaining to the Club including but not limited to newsletters, website, user ids, email, passwords, combinations, and rosters and that information be passed to the new Board at the annual Board change meeting. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Christine and Sharon have been working on archiving SMHA documents on Google but have found this to be too cumbersome. They will explore other options such as using SMHA web server for archiving documents.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

April 30, 2010, the checking account balance the savings account balance were given to the board .

Denise put together and distributed a Calendar of Events for 2010 and 2011.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There are 31 family memberships and 41 individual memberships.

.Denise and Heidi are working on a new membership roster . Denise printed mailing labels. Heidi will double check 2010 membership applications to make sure all are included.

TRAILTRIALS/POKER RIDE:

The County has received the permits for the ride. Porta potty will again be used this year. Volunteers are still needed for the poker ride. Call Joan to volunteer.

TRAIL NEWS:

Currently general meeting is scheduled for 6/11. This appears to be a poor meeting date as California Horse Expo is that weekend. Lyons Club needs to be informed we are having June meeting offsite and do not need their meeting hall (need Derek's phone number).

JACK BROOKS:

Joan updated last year's flyer for Jack Brooks to include current dates of 8/8/10 through 8/16/10. August General Meeting with BBQ/potluck will be held Saturday evening 8/14. Contact Joan to reserve attendance.

OTHER:

Officer Liability: Currently the Club officers are not covered by liability insurance and are not bonded. Dera will check with SMHA insurance carrier regarding feasibility for Club to carry such insurance.

Next Board meeting June 16

Training Tip of the Week ***by Clinton Anderson***

There are a lot of heroes in the graveyard.

When I was studying under legendary Australian reining and cow horse trainer, Ian Francis, he used to remind me that there are a lot of heroes in the graveyard. What he meant by that was that too many people get on horses that aren't ready to be ridden and get bucked off. They break their necks and die because they don't use their heads. Preparation is the key. Groundwork exercises are designed so that you can get control of your horse's feet on the ground before getting in the saddle where you have less control. Remember, there's no shame in getting off your horse if you're having problems or if you feel unsafe. The horse only wins if you get off and put him away, not if you get off and move his feet. I'd much rather fix a problem from the ground than be in the saddle wishing I was on the ground. Get your horse to respect you and use the thinking side of his brain on the ground. Then get on his back. You only get one body so take care of it.



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Teaching Safe Horsemanship, 2nd Ed.

Jan Dawson, Storey Publishing 2003

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This is a review I can make from a personal note. I spent a few days with Jan Dawson, the author, in January of this year. Jan is an attorney and a professional horseperson. This is her second book, and it is required reading for many other certification programs.

Because Jan is an attorney, she realizes that accidents, lawsuits, negligence and fear of being sued are the back door to safety. In her book she gives incredibly useful legal information, and defines negligence for us lay folks.

In California, we do not have an Equine Activities Statue, as has been accepted in 46 other States in the US. We do have a Recreational Statue which can help protect a landowner, but it is not specific in anyway to horses and their inherent risk. The pre-lawsuit preparation in Jan's

book is especially important in California. Being prepared in advance to defend against an accident is something we all should do. A person may be sued civilly for any reason, but usually with horses there is a claim of negligence.

The biggest component of Jan's book are the step-by-step verifiable exercises that form building blocks to safe horsemanship and its defense. If knowledge is power, this book is truly a battery pack.

An appendix in the book written by the late Robert Dawson, Bryant Smith Chair in Law, University of Texas School of Law, is titled Dealing with Accidents and Lawsuits. This appendix walks you through what happens when a person is sued, from the filing -to the defense and settlement or judgement.

Remember, insurance is what we purchase to pay for defense in the event of a lawsuit. Understand your policy, it's limitations and exclusions. Jan's book even discusses the reasoning behind selecting policy limits.

In fact, lawsuits happen much less frequently than we think, most suits filed are settled out of court by the insurance company. Your insurance company wants to avoid time in court just as much as you do!

SMHA Sale Barn

Gifts from SMHA



Call Susan for more info: (408) 779-5456

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Bumper Sticker - - \$1.00
Patches -2 sizes - - - \$0.50

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Poker Ride & Trail Trial Clinic

Saturday - June 26, 2010
Harvey Bear Ranch
San Martin Ave Entrance



Prizes!!

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Trail Trial Clinic

- **Come learn the rules of Trail Trials and practice obstacles with expert coaching**
- **No Experience Needed!!!**
- **\$20 per person (no discounts—does not include poker ride or lunch)**
- **\$5 off coupon for the SMHA Trail Trial Oct. 30th**
- **8 am Reg. Clinic 8:30-10 am**

Poker Ride

- **\$25 adults (includes member-for-a-day fee)**
- **\$20 under 12 (Parent must sign release for riders under 18. Minors must ride with an adult and wear a helmet.)**
- **Includes lunch & one poker hand. Additional hands \$5 each**
- **Ride out between 10-11**

BBQ lunch at 12:30

DISCOUNTS for the Poker Ride!!!

\$5 for SMHA members

\$5 for pre-registration. Forms at smhorse.com

Questions??? Sharon 408.316.2706 sharon1960@hughes.net

Rules of the Trail

No un-ridden horses No riding double No Juniors riding stallions

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