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The Eventer

a publication of San Martin Horsemen's Association

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

- SMHA Events -

General Meeting, SCC Parks Equestrian Feasibility

Guests Welcome

Nov 13, 7pm

Lions Club

425 Murphy Ave

San Martin, Ca

Nov

13 Gen Mtg, scc parks

18 Board Mtg

22 4-H Play Day

Dec

11 Xmas potluck

A complete Club calendar
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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Nov 13, SCCounty Parks Presents to SMHA Equestrian Stables Location Feasibility Study

Elish Ryan of the county parks will be presenting to the club Nov. 13th. Get the first hand scoop. As always, potluck and open to the public!

Sunol Ride, Nov. 14th!!

Our SMHA Pleasure Trails committee is asking for your feedback regarding the plans for our November Pleasure Trail Ride. Feedback will help us know your interest level & plans to participate so we can better plan and implement the ride(s) at Sunol on November 14th.

Melanie Headrick is the contact for this ride, 408-593-7872. Ride cancels for rain, Melanie will cancel Friday night before or it is a GO.

Location: Sunol Regional Park - www.ebparcs.org/parks/sunol#reach Park use fees and/or special permit fees apply. Space for only 10 rigs. Members only, but remember anyone can join at the ride.

Meet

at 8:30 at Target parking lot in Morgan Hill to Horse Trailer Pool and Caravan.
or at 10am at Sunol Regional Park.

Directions to Target: 101 to Morgan Hill Cochrane exit. Exit East. Left at first intersection in Target Center, near Red Robin and Starbucks. Coffee anyone? Lots of room.

Directions to Sunol: North on 101 to North 680, through Fremont, over the Sunol grade (not out of Milpitas), exit at Calaveras Rd (just before 84), Right on Calaveras Rd. to Left on Geary, to the Park. Pay at the Kiosk. Drive 1/2 mile and Right into gravel parking lot by the horse stables. Space for only 10 rigs.

- Judy Etheridge is leading the long ride -(moderate to difficult climbs geared to the least conditioned horse and rider)
- Linda Evans is leading the short ride (moderate climbs geared to the least conditioned horse and rider). Water for people and a lunch.

Dress in layers, cold on the top of the hill.

Bring: Water for yourself and a sack lunch. A wicking, breathable, cover for a sweaty horse.

Horse and Rider Safety Tips for the Trail

Least experienced horses and/or riders behind the lead rider.

Know who has the first aide-kits for horses and people. When the trail is on a steep hillside, if your horse gets bothered, face him toward the edge of the trail. Few horses will step off the hillside frontwards, many will step backwards off a trail.

Never let too much distance get between horses who want to be near friends, never get closer than a kicks length.

Know who has phone numbers for ranger, base camp, staging area, etc.

Wear a medical alert, ID or an armband. This is especially important if you have had a fall and a concussion. Note: your "who to call if number", your insurance info, blood type, allergies, previous recent head injuries, medications, etc.

If your horse is very long haired, he will have difficulty staying cool and can easily overheat--watch for excessive heavy breathing-- let horses catch their breath. Better yet, have someone check pulse and respiration rates (P&R's) if you are concerned.

If your horse is very sweaty after the ride and it is chilly, cover him with a wool army blanket or a wicking polyester blanket. If the material doesn't wick, the horse can't dry off, if the material doesn't insulate when it is damp, it is another layer that makes your horse cold.

Let Melanie know, (1) Are you going? (2) how many people in your group? (3) how long (miles/hours) of a ride would you prefer?

We always appreciate hearing from you, our club members, with suggestions on "where to ride" and what specifically is of interest to you for our pleasure trail rides. If you ever want to assist on a particular ride please contact Maureen. We all appreciate your participation.

feedback to email smha1968@gmail.com

OR, contact Maureen Olson (408.842.2619),
Pleasure Trails committee chair

Nominations for Board Members and Committee Chairs

Send your nominations or ideas via email, smha1968@gmail.com or call a committee chair. All of the phone numbers are on the back cover of the Newsletter mailer.

Save a Tree?, ok, How About Saving a Shrub? How about a Smaller Carbon Footprint?

These are the facts:

- postage costs almost.50 to mail each newsletter.
- Copying and printing costs the club each month.

These are not facts [I'm making them up, but they could be true. Your Editor]:

- Trees and shrubs are dying everyday
- The post office is exempt from smog regulation
- Someone had to call the fire department because they got stuck reading The Eventer on the toilet.....

If you have email, would you like to get The Eventer as a printable pdf file. It could be in color, you could still print it back-to-back and be socially conscious, you could even take your laptop into the bathroom. If you have an interest in free email of the newsletter, call me or email me, your editor Christine, smha.news@gmail.com or 408.888.8703. Of course, it will always be mailed to members who want to support the US Postal Service! [Just teasing. I know not everyone has email.]

Please Participate, It's Your Club!

Help Needed in the Club

- **Christmas Potluck help** cooking a Turkey and Ham, call Greg 408-842-0777
- **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 Programs?** - Plan ahead for the calendar next year. Put your ideas forward. Think about volunteering. Next board meeting will be roughing out a calendar of meetings?
- Help with the **Newsletter**. Anyone knowing photoshop with some time to help crop, resize, and save pics would be an enormous time saver for yours truly.....
- **So, What Do You Want?** Now is time to make that telephone call and be heard. You can email and be seen, just be careful if your pc camera is on!

Leave No Trace, Center for Outdoor Ethics

Susan Stillman gave a wonderful presentation. Many were impressed with the fire in a pie tin. The tree saver for high line tying saves the trees from injury. Did you know you leave less impact **when you do not ride single file** when riding in the open off of a trail? It is really important that we respect nature and live in harmony with it. Thank you Susan!



Halloween Poker Ride is Worth a Thousandzzz Words

Best Horseless Costume: "Evil Gypsy" Becky ***Best Gentleman Costume:*** #127 "Sailor and Hula Horse" Phil

Best Ladies Costume: #122 "Fairy" Colleen, #128 "Headless Horseman" Kim, #284 "Blue Floozies" Melanie , #178 "Queen of Hearts" Sonya, #176"Little Red on Wolf" Kathy, #173 "Amigo" Tracy , #160 "Sexy Witch" Paulette #182 "Elvis" Stacy, #172 "Flowerhat" Barbara

Best Juniors Costume: #165 "Milkmaid" Ally, #166 "Vampire" Jordan

Oct 17 - Marcia's Memorial Pleasure Ride at Pebble Beach

I'm not sure who to write to but I wanted to thank the organizers and participants for a wonderful trail ride last weekend in Carmel. My son, Carson, and I had a great time and hope to join more of these organized rides to meet new horse people and see new sights! I hope some of the pictures will be posted to the website since I forgot my camera that day!

Jayne

Dear Jayne, I bet pics take up tons of room on the website!, but this pdf file will have the pics smaller in size. I post the eventer on my site as a courtesy to members, go to www.equestriantraining.com/smhanew.htm. If you see a pic you want, email me and I'll send you the color.

PS. This applies to all club members, just ask and I can email a color photo.



Survey for All Horse People

The American Horse Publications (AHP) is conducting an Equine Industry Survey to gauge participation trends in the U.S. equine industry. In addition, the survey seeks to gather information regarding the most important issues facing the industry.

C. Jill Stowe, PhD, is providing consulting services for data collection and analysis to the AHP. Stowe is an assistant professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky.

The survey is sponsored by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and Pfizer Animal Health.

Those eligible to participate in the survey are men and women, 18 years of age and older, who currently own, manage, or lease at least one horse and live in the United States.

The survey closes January 15, 2010. This study is anonymous; this means that no one, not even members of the research team, will be able to associate information you give with responses. When the survey results are tallied, only aggregated results will be presented. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=bIUU08nvuI_2fLQ1Q0_2fdEyOQ_3d_3d

SMHA Jack Brooks Camping, Continued!

More about this August fantastic success. SMHA is truly a family club! 32 adults and 13 kids(ages 4-18) enjoyed great weather, shaded trails, creeks to play in along with many comforts of home. Many thanks to all, moms, dads, grandparents, friends who packed all the gear, cooked great food and took 1st class care of horses and the campsite. Special thanks to Karen Topping for hauling 6 horses and tack in two trips! For her students accompanied by a parent, as well. See sonrisastables.com.

Chris Phegley rode her horse from Cupertino to Camp carrying all she needed. She should share how she packs and the trails that she used at one of our club meetings! Call us Chris, and get on the calendar!!

Joan sends her personal thanks to her committee, Denise Roberts and Christine Amber. By the way, says Joan, if you get the Country News, look for Christine's articles. She writes down to earth, knowledgeable and humorous articles.[Because of the down economy, The Country News skipped out one publication cycle. If you can, advertise locally, think globally. www.countrynewshome.com]

See you on the trail next year - Plan Ahead,
Joan Throgmorton, Chairperson

PS. Missed out this year?? SAVE THIS DATE

August 8-16 2010, Jack Brook now reserved for SMHA!!

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- Discounts at SMHA events like Jack Brook Horse Camping
- Members-only events, discount advertising.

New memberships and renewals always accepted. For further information, contact Membership Chair, Melanie Headrick at 408-842-1332, smha.membership@gmail.com or download membership form at www.smhorse.com.

Send your horsie friends to our SMHORSE.COM, everything is there to make it easy for them to join.

American Association for Horsemanship Safety Clinic

I want to share about a clinic that I held at my place that was advertised in The Eventer. I have been a member of American Association for Horsemanship Safety (AAHS) since 1994. When I started accepting money and charging for training and teaching, I wanted to have some way to measure my skills. I found several organizations at that time, Certified Horsemanship Association, CHA, AAHS and American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA).

To date, I've been through the certification programs of CHA, ARIA, US Eventing Association, and now AAHS.

AAHS was a very intensive certification clinic. The organization has it's basis in equine negligence law, having been co-founded by attorneys Robert and Jan Dawson. Robert was a professor at the law school of University of Texas. Jan is an author of such books as, Teaching Safe Horsemanship (1997,2003) and Secure Seat (2004). Both books are widely accepted in the equestrian world and required or recommended reading for USDF, USEA and other USEF recognized organization certification programs.

The clinic was five days and focused on negligence law as it applies to horses and the Secure Seat method of teaching. The Secure Seat method has been tested through research and if followed, is a very defensible teaching method.

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Summary of SMHA Board Meeting held October 20, 2009.[Thanks Mel!] Dera Oldofredi hosted the October board meeting and present were Greg Linden, Dera Oldofredi, Sharon Hensley, Melanie Headrick, Karen Hallenbeck, Phil Atwood, Christine Amber, and Joan Throgmorton.

President Greg Linden announced that we are conformed for the San Martin Lyon's Club for our annual Christmas party to be held the 11th of December. Greg is requesting a volunteer to be in charge of our party.

Greg and Phil Atwood reported that this month's general meeting featured speaker Susan Stedman. Attendees learned tips on how to "leave no trace" when camping with their horses. Thanks so much to Susan for the great tips.

The following chair positions need to be filled for next year: Social, Jack Brooks, Membership, Parades, Christmas Dinner and Treasurer. Information on the duties of these the positions will be posted in the near future in the newsletter.

All board members are requested to be prepared to discuss and complete SMHA's calendar for 2010 and 2011 at the board meeting in November. This will put the club in a great position to field the problems with the insurance.

Treasurer Karen Hallenbeck reported on current club balances and provided Sharon Hensley with coupons for poker ride prizes. The annual Marsha Linden Memorial Ride held at Pebble Beach Ride on October 17, 2009 was attended by 14 riders, 2 camp adults and 1 child. President Greg bar-b-qued hamburgers and everyone brought a potluck dish to share. It was a gorgeous day and everyone had a wonderful time.

Melanie Headrick reported that the next pleasure ride is scheduled for Sat. November 14 at Sunol Regional Park. Ride leaders will be Linda Evans and Judy Etheridge, both very familiar with Sunol Park. Depending on the response, we may have both a short ride and a long ride in this beautiful park. Cost will be \$9 per rig to be paid individually at the park. Rig space is limited, so advance notice is requested from those planning to attend. Headrick said that tentatively we will meet at the McDonald's parking lot on 10th Street in Gilroy at 8:00 am and caravan to Sunol, with a stop at 8:30 at the new Target shopping center in Morgan Hill to pick up any additional rigs.

Joan Throgmorton reported that there were 10 new memberships from the Jack Brooks camping trip in August, emphasizing that it was truly a family affair as we had attendees of all ages. She provided a proposed packet of information for next year.

Mark your calendars! Jack Brooks in 2010 will be August 8-16. Sharon Hensley, Poker Ride Chairman, reported that we are on track for the annual Halloween event to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009. She stated that our insurance was approved and we have the permit for the Ride. We have a lot of good prizes this year and Sharon thanked Joan Throgmorton for her extra efforts. Joan was able to purchase merchandise and obtain donated merchandise from Donna Salacci at the Feed Barn – the Feed Barn recently went out of business and liquidated their stock. Joan was able to get enough merchandise for prizes for our next 3 events. Thank you, Joan!

The board discussed e-mailing the newsletter to members as opposed to printing it and mailing it. The cost of printing the newsletter has remained fairly constant, but the cost of stamps has increased quite a bit. This item will be going out to the general membership to get their input and see who would want or be willing to get their newsletter sent by e-mail.

Greg Linden reported on the 4-H fundraiser to be held November 22 at Taylor Made Farms. And invited all SMHA members to participate. Historically, SMHA has sponsored this event for insurance purposes for the Santa Clara County 4-H Horse Project.

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