



# The Eventer

a publication of San Martin Horsemen's Association

Serving our community promoting horses and horsemanship

## - SMHA Events -

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

### July

- 11 Mt. Madonna Gen Mtg  
trail ride & BBQ
- 15 Board Mtg

### Aug

- 1 Deadline for Coe  
Volunteer Application
- 24 - 31 Jack Brooks Camping

## Community Events

### July

- 12 CSHA Region 6 show
- 18 -19 V-O-Cal Coyote Park

### Aug

- 1 CSHA Region 6 show
- 16 CSHA Region 6 show

### Sept

- 6-7 Benefit NATRC @ Bear

Look inside the Newsletter for more information on these sidebar events. A complete Club calendar is online at: [smhorse.com/calendar.htm](http://smhorse.com/calendar.htm)

Pdf files of the newsletter, are posted on my site as a courtesy to club members:

<http://equestriantraining.com/smhanews.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](mailto:SMHA.news@gmail.com).

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## July 11, Mt. Madonna Pleasure Ride & General Meeting

Greg will be BBQing Tri-tip lunch around 1:30. RSVP to, Greg Linden, [smha.president@gmail.com](mailto:smha.president@gmail.com) or 408 683-2936, so we know how much meet to cook. Staging will be at the top, not the lake area. Ask Greg when you RSVP. Trial riders will leave about 11am. Mt. Madonna has much shade cover, it is an ideal riding place in summer months. Bring:

- A side dish or desert to share
- Your own silverware, utensils, napkins, etc
- Something to sit on (besides your horse), folding chairs, etc.

## August Horse Camping @ Jack Brooks along with General and Board Meetings.

Your next opportunity to camp at Jack Brooks will be throughout the week of Aug 24 - 31. The trails are wonderful with filtered and solid shade canopy. There are plenty of showers and toilets, and electrical outlets for those who can't live without their blow dryers! It's a great place to relax and read book or a wonderful place to ride.

**The club REALLY needs someone** to coordinate the Jack Brooks August camping dates! Contact Greg Linden, [smha.president@gmail.com](mailto:smha.president@gmail.com) or 408 683-2936 if you would like to volunteer, or even if you can be pressured into by hog tying and whipping!

**A big thank you to Mary Atwood** who took care of all the Jack Brook details for May. These wonderful opportunities are paid in advance by the club. Your participation covers the costs. There were seven people on Thursday night, and 21 on both Sat and Sunday. The camp accommodates 40+ people and horses per night so the May camping trip ran at a small loss, although it was a great time for all. (Okay, who can I spank for not giving me any pics?)

One visitor needed to have their horse trailer towed and luckily they belong to USRider, Equestrian Motor Plan. It is a tow service specifically for horse folks. The service is very reasonable priced; you can find out more information at their website [www.usrider.org](http://www.usrider.org) or by calling (800)844-1402

We look forward to your help, feedback and ideas about making the August camping trip profitable to help fund other events or services provided by the club. The camping price is a great bargain for a camping vacation.

Approximate cost will be between \$10.00 and \$12.00 per person. The campground has room for 40 people and their horses.

### Volunteer Opportunities in the Club

- **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.
- **Jack Brooks Program Chair** --
- **New Programs?** - Plan ahead for the calendar next year.

### Member Tips for Fat Horses

Members Melanie Headrick and Elaine Hickman both told me about a great invention for those horses who eat themselves into oblivion. A fine mesh hay bag. You can purchase a 1 flake size online for about \$10.00. I did a Google search on "small mesh hay", and found several shopping opportunities.

Melanie uses a larger one that can be purchased from freedomfeeder.com. It is 4' x 2.5. It holds about 35lbs. of feed for those weeks when you need to sleep in.....

I have seen these bags in action. It takes the horses a long time to eat because they can not fill their mouths with hay, they must nibble a few pieces at a time. Some of my greedy little devils paw the bag to try to get at the food faster. My filly can't even leave the bag to steal other horses feed. She's like the monkey with her hand in the jar! If you are not familiar with this little story, Google search on "monkey jar hand" or email me! smhanews@gmail.com.

### Trail Trials and Poker Ride



**Food, and Shade and Wonderful Prizes!!**

The Trail Trials and Poker Ride were great, safe, fun on a warm morning. In the afternoon heat, we all had the wonderful shade of the big ole' hay barn at Bear. Joan Throgmorton did an excellent job at getting prizes! I bought five extra cards to get the winning hand, four of a kind, Ace high! I got a 10amp power saw! Wow!!!! Thanks to gambler Melanie Headrick who told me since I had a Joker, my full house became 4 of a kind! I was sooo lucky!

Just some of the other prizes were: wine, wine racks, member Karen Topping gave away free riding lesson (What a bargain!), halters, headstalls, figurines, supplements, bags of feed and treats, two for one bales of hay (another super deal from Throgmorton's). There were more prizes than there were hands of poker. What a blast!!!



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**Tanya & Maverick & Christine getting the almost winning hand from Kitty and Chere!**

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## **SMHA 2010 Calendar Ideas Now?**

The adjustment to the planning calendar will take place in November 09. Four or five new activities for the 09/10 year will be added, as well as 12 activities for the May 2010 to May 2011.

The insurance company charges the club \$50.00 for each activity added to the calendar after the calendar has been submitted. By adding the activities and submitting them with the 2010 schedule, which will have activities up to May 2011, the club saves several hundred dollars.

This gives you, and all club members, another opportunity to get your ideas of Members-Only activities to board members and committee chairs. If you have an interest in a particular activity, contact a board or committee member and let them know. If you are willing to "chair" the idea; this means volunteer to be the person who will organize the activity and make it happen, that is all the better. Either way, get your ideas known. You may have an interest that someone else wants to promote or chair.

Jack Brooks dates for Aug next year were not available. In fact, we will need to get into a lottery to begin booking there in the future. Because of the competition for booking dates the club may explore "piggy backing" with another club to open up possibilities for club members.

## **Do You Like Cute Horsie Videos?**

Check this out :<http://vimeo.com/5020134>

## **SMHORSE.COM --- the SMHA Website SMHA Membership**

- Participate in CSHA events or programs, club# 512
- Discounts at SMHA events like Trail Trial / Poker Rides
- Members Only club 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](mailto:smha.membership@gmail.com) or download membership form at [www.smhorse.com](http://www.smhorse.com).

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

## **Local Penning and Sorting**

The local club, **Pacific Penning and Sorting Assoc. (PPSA)**, contact is: [ppsa2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ppsa2000@yahoo.com). and the website is: <http://ppsa-teampenning.com>.

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

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## **Santa Clara County Park and Rec**

### **Public Meeting Update**

There were two community meetings to present to the community the feasibility study for equestrian stable facilities at County Parks. Ed Levin, in Milpitas and Harvey Bear are the two suitable candidates. More information about the feasibility can be found at [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org). The link is on the left side of the page, below General Information.

### **Open Space Authority (OSA)**

The OSA has webcams on some of their trail lands. Here is



a mother and cub mountain lion at Rancho Canada del Oro in Almaden. This has a nice horse staging area, go to their website <http://www.openspaceauthority.org> or contact them at (408) 224-7476

### **SMHA members who Volunteer at County Parks**

Please remember that when you volunteer for the county, you must sign up to dedicate your hours to discount SMHA fees for park use. Contact Heidi McFarland, [heidi.mcfarland@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:heidi.mcfarland@prk.sccgov.org) (Volunteer Coordinator) Phone: (408) 355-2254

## **Coyote Lake - Harvey Bear Ranch County Park Work Days July 18 -19**

V-O-Cal Project at Coyote Bear  
8am - 4pm each day

Come out to this beautiful park where we will work on trail restoration and rock work on Waterfall Loop Trail at Coyote Bear. For more details and to register for this event, please visit the website at [www.v-o-cal.org](http://www.v-o-cal.org).





and two or three members of the Volunteer Committee. Go see the website, <http://www.coe-park.org/volprogram.html>. You can also talk to Chere Berger, Kitty Swindle or Pat Sharfe. These are just a few of our members who are active volunteers!

## SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### Board Meeting – June 17, 2009

Present: Greg Linden, Pat Scharfe, Phil Atwood, Christine Amber, Sharon Hensley, Karen Hallenbeck, Dera Oldofredi, Kitty Swindle, Chere Bargar, Melanie Headrick

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

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Karen reported April and May month-end bank balances.

#### POKER RIDE/TRAIL TRIALS:

Sharon reported that she has secured the necessary judges and that the porta potty will be delivered and picked up for a fee of \$124. Kitty will set up two coolers each for lemonade and water. Greg and company will food shop and do cooking. Joan is in charge of volunteers and appears to have enough (Kitty will check with her to make sure). Insurance is in order and awaiting endorsement from carrier.

Greg will need assistance loading chairs, etc on Tuesday 6/23 (6:30 p.m. Club Barn @ Columbet Drive, San Martin.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Melanie reported that membership is 127 adults, 32 children, 12 lifetime and 2 honorary members.

CSHA has changed the rules regarding juniors and wants to have juniors listed separately as a "junior club". SMHA has always been a "family club" and includes juniors as part of their family membership. After some discussion, it was decided to maintain SMHA as a "family club." Motion was made by Dera that we be listed in CSHA as a "family membership." All agreed.

#### NEWSLETTER:

Christine wished to clarify the advertisement policy for the newsletter. The general consensus was that prior fees had been \$25 for half page and \$50 for a full page. With the increase in postage fees, folding fees, printing fees, etc. the advertising charges need to be re-visited. Fees charged will be pending space availability.

#### VICE PRESIDENT:

Dera reported that the insurance certificates for all Club events are in effect.

#### JACK BROOKS:

Phil reported a good time was had by all at the May outing. Phil also presented projections for the August outing with several options on how to keep Jack Brooks in the black. Options were discussed but no decision made.

Phil and Mary will not be able to handle reservations for August. Feelers will be put out for volunteers to handle August reservations ASAP.

Availability for Jack Brooks for next year is questionable. A lottery is held in March. Our Club meets criteria for lottery and should become part of lottery.

#### SMHA

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

On June 25, Thursday, there is a community meeting on the County Park sites being considered for possible stable

locations. Meeting is to be held at Alma den Winery Community Center, 5730 Chamberlin Drive, SJ, 6:30pm to 8:30 p.m.

Chere and Kitty expect to camp at Pt. Reyes again this fall and invite interested parties to join them.

If we are unable to obtain Jack Brooks in the spring, Chere suggested using Coit Camp at Coe Park.

We should plan on setting the Club calendar in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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### Classifieds:

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**Pet Portraits** by artist member **Elaine Hickman, elainehickman.com.**

### **Facebook, Yahoo Group, Photo Bucket, You-tube?**

Is there interest out there in an email group for exchanging trail ride information, club chatter, pictures, stories? I'd be glad to set up a site if there is interest. If you post your pictures to any of these sites, it would be very easy to have them put into the newsletter.



**Thank you Erica Healy & Gunner for taking pictures for the Newsletter!**



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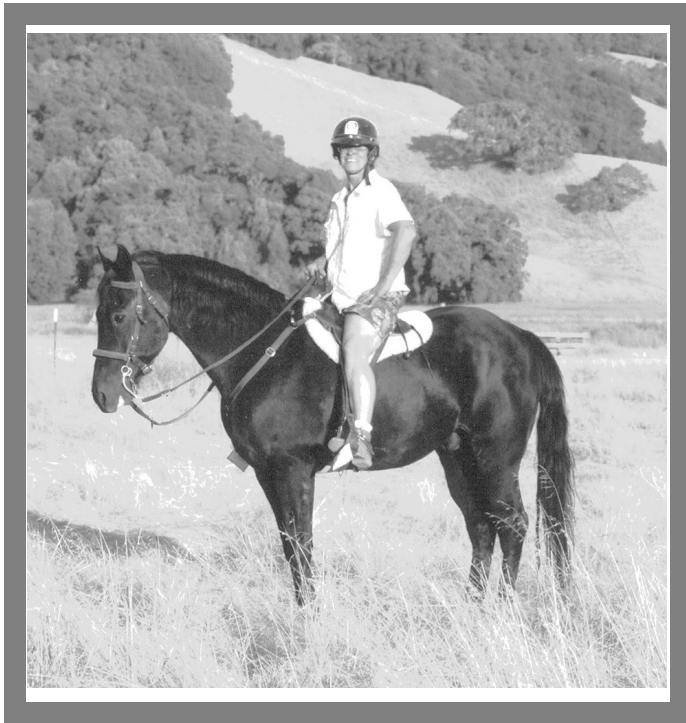




**New Member Tanya Gholamipour and Maverick Practicing for the Poker Ride**

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**Heart-felt Condolences**



**The Elegant Pandar, 2006**

are sent to Nikkii Van Steenwyk on the passing of her 29 year old Missouri Foxtrotter, Pandar (reg. name Rawhide's Pandar) (6/28/09). Pandar was every bit a member of this club as Nikkii. He was the consummate horse volunteer, ambassador, participant and companion. His resume is indeed a volume filled with examples of "what can you do with a horse". He will be missed.

Cards may be sent to Nikkii at 2570 Purissima Creek Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

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<p><b>JUNE 16, 6-8pm:</b> Hold your horses! *Horse handling on the ground, how to halter, lead, and control a horses' body parts - especially those feet - on and off your horse.</p>	<p><b>JUNE 16-19---JUNE 23-26---</b>  <b>JUNE 30-July 3</b></p>
<p><b>JUNE 30, 6-8pm:</b> What's all this STUFF?? * Tacking up - Everything from saddling and bridling to proper booting up (not like a computer) your horses. *</p>	<p><b>JULY 7-10---JULY 14-17</b>  <b>JULY 21-24---JULY 28-31</b></p>
<p><b>JULY 14, 6-8pm:</b> Who's your Alpha Mare? * Round Penning - Learn horse psychology, herd behavior, (and about yourself!) as you become horse herd leader.</p>	<p><b>AUG 4-7---AUG 11-14</b>  <b>AUG 18-21</b></p>
<p><b>JULY 28, 6-8pm:</b> First Aid*<i>Guest Speaker Stacy Lumbar</i> Everything you need to know about basic equine first aid and what should be in your barn first aid kit.</p>	<p><b>Sonrisa has moved to Taylor Made Farms,</b>                   TMF now under new ownership!                  24 hr. Security, New footing, A quality place for your horses or your family!</p>
<p><b>AUGUST 4, 6-8pm:</b> Trailer Loading*Safe, calm, easy techniques to get your horse in (and out) of the trailer - without getting trampled in the process.</p>	
<p><b>AUGUST 11, 6-8pm:</b> Colic: bellyaching or call the vet? *<i>Guest Speaker to be announced</i> Signs and different kinds of colic, how to take vital signs to inform the vet , colic preventatives and treatment.</p>	

Please call **Karen Topping** to register at **408-644-5867**. \*\*\**Thank you for supporting the horses at Sonrisa Stables !*



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