



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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February 2012

President's Message

Howdy everyone, I hope your year is coming on well. I went out to the arena at the end of January. Although there is no water setting it is sloppy underneath. I ended up not riding that day, but did turn my horse loose just to roam and he took a mud bath. When I went to hook up the horse trailer I had a flat tire and thought you know this would be a good time to do any trailer repairs, fix flats, etc that your trailer needs so we can be ready to ride come spring. We had our Calendar meeting in January and are happy to welcome back this year the Nor-Cal rodeo in June as well as the Merced County Fair Horse show. They have said they would like to do a bigger and better horse show so check out their website and if you would like to see something take the time to suggest it. We look to be busy again come summer, and are also trying to add things you and others would enjoy. We have a couple of work days coming up and have several things to be repaired or cleaned up. So break out your trimming shears, shovels, paintbrushes grease those elbows and come on out to help. If we get enough positive response we could do a potluck that day and enjoy each others great company over food and get things done as well. So keep smiling and thank the Lord for the rain.

President

J. A. Thomas

2012 MHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Note: all area codes are 209 unless otherwise indicated

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mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com

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NEWSLETTER: If you have something to submit, please do it by the 20th of the month to insure that we have time to get it to the printer. Submissions should be sent to: mhanewsletter@yahoo.com

Limited classified ads are free to members, space permitting.

Business Card Ads are \$20 per month or \$100 per year! If you would like to customize an ad let us know.

ADVERTISE: ARENA SIGNS:

Contact J.A. THOMAS 209-761-7740 or LISA KROGH 209-357-8866 FOR INFO!

Quick Schedule of Events/Meetings

February

- 9 Thursday, Board, General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 18 Saturday, MHA Open Play Date , 9:00 am
- 19 Sunday, MHA 2012 Gymkhana Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 25 Saturday, MHA Workday , 9:00 am

March

- 4 Sunday, MHA 2012 Gymkhana Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 8 Thursday, Board, General Meeting, 6:30 pm

Need to renew your membership? Know someone that would like to join? Print off copies of the following pages and turn them in with your fees then enjoy a year of good old family fun!!!



MHA NEWS



MHA Annual Work Day February 25 at 9:00 am

MHA Work Day List:

- Spray weeds
- Trim Trees and chip limbs
- Fill in Squirrel holes
- Paint Yard rails (kids needed)
- Replace Bleacher seats
- Nail down porch roof
- Fill holes with foam to prevent wasp
- Fix water leak in ally
- Fix Front Gate (Help Expertise needed)
- Bucking chute repair
- Build/Paint judge/flagger stand
- Gravel around water tanks (gravel needed first)

MHA work day tools needed:

- Back pack sprayers, or spray rig with quad
- Chain saws, tree loppers
- Chipper shredder
- Shovels, rakes, hoes
- Paint gloves/brushes
- Construction Tools
- Wheel barrow or small pickup for gravel and sand :O) or bobcat/front loader

For us to enjoy our arena there are some things we need to take care of. Following is a list of some things that need taken care of. If you have any expertise to do them please call President J. A. Thomas (209) 761-7740 and let him know, also which tools you may have that we can use. If you already volunteered please call again to make sure you can be there and we can find out how much help you need. If you don't feel like you could do anything, come on out and volunteer to help someone that does. Each of these will need several people to accomplish them and some are going to need more. So even if you have no tools but your hands we can use you. We will also have a list of things to do indoors, but will be focusing outside unless it rains.



Not sure where to find the By Laws for MHA? Check out the MHA website under Club Documents or, if you have an electronic version of the newsletter copy and paste the URL into the URL window:

<http://www.mercedhorsemenassociation.org/clubdocuments.html>

Foster Farms

P.O. Box 831 1000 Swan Street
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(209) 394-6969 EXT. 4946
Pager (209) 520-8674

Membership Application/Renewal

Merced Horsemen's Association

P.O. Box 2585, 499 W. Nevada Street Merced, CA 95344

Date: _____

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Please List Your Children (ages 17 and under) Below:

First and Last Name	Birth Date	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Check here if you DO NOT want the newsletter link to be sent to you by **email**

Activities/Interest

Please Check Horse-Related Activities You Are Interested In:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymkhana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Penning | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Reining | <input type="checkbox"/> Roping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sorting | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Rides | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

2012 Annual Membership Dues:

Please Check Membership Type/Amount:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership Dues (including children age 17 and under) | \$70.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Husband/Wife Membership Dues | \$60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership Dues (age 18 and over) | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Junior Membership (under age 18) | \$30.00 |

Requested Previous Years Workday credits: Number of hours worked: _____

Note: Membership dues may be reduced by receiving credits for participating on scheduled workdays. Workday credits will be applied to the next year's dues at a rate of \$5/hr to a **minimum of \$20.00**.

Official Use Only

Amount Paid In Cash: _____ Amount Paid By Check: _____ Check No. _____

Collected By: _____ Date: _____

(Please Read and Sign Release of Liability on Back)

Release of Liability

I acknowledge that horseback riding, activities/events involving horses and/or cattle, is a sport which carries inherent risks and damage to myself, my horse, and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding and activities/events involving horses and/or cattle.

I hereby release the Merced Horsemen's Association (hereinafter referred to as MHA), its members, directors, and/or officers, or any other organization or person responsible for sponsoring or in any way involved in any event that I may participate in from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of MHA or any of its agents. In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by MHA, I wave, release and discharge MHA, their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless MHA, their directors, officers, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceedings or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

MHA, its agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse, or property. I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Participant: _____ Telephone: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Date: _____

MINORS DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM

PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the minor in consideration of my minor's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his animals, and property arising out of his participation in events. I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Name(s) of Minor: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



MORE MHA NEWS



1 horse ~
1 rider ~ 1 day ~
5 classes
*Reined Working
Cowhorse,
Ranch Cutting,
Ranch Trail,
Ranch Riding and
Halter*

Is coming back to Merced Horsemen's and this time it will be sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association. Not a member of the AQHA? Not to worry, you do not have to own or ride a quarter horse to compete at this show as we will have an option for those who do not want to ride for AQHA points. We are in the process of getting this show sanctioned and should have all information available to you by the March newsletter. We are hopeful for a early June show. **WE NEED SPONSORS** for this event. Part of the entries for this event will be jack-potted and we would like to have a few sponsors add in some jackpot money to sweeten the pot. We also will be providing awards in two divisions: 1st thru 3rd placing for overall high scorers and will have our top MHA rider award. We look forward to these exciting changes! If you would like to help out at the event or can provide a sponsorship please contact Carol at 209-966-8150 or email her at mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com



**MERCED HORSEMAN'S ASSOC.
HOSTING
OPEN PLAYDAY**

(shine only)

**FEBRUARY 18, 2012
SIGN-UPS START AT 9:00AM**

***ASSORTED FUN EVENTS ON
HORSEBACK***

\$10 for MHA Members

\$15 for Non-members

Light lunch is included w/ paid entry fee



To all MHA members:

**ITS GYMKHANA
TIME!!!!**



We had a wonderful Gymkhana season last year and I would like to take this time to say Thank You to all of the sponsors **Maria Moore, Agricom** and to our parent sponsors for their support. I would also like to say Thank You to all of the competitors and volunteers for coming out and participating.

Last year the board and officers shared with me all of your thoughts, suggestions and ideas to make the gymkhanas even better. Well I would like to give you the members a day to come and share those thoughts, suggestions and ideas with me Jennifer McCulloch your Gymkhana Chairperson. I also have some ideas that I would like to share with you before the Gymkhana season officially begins.

So here are two dates to choose from **February 19, 2012 at 1pm or March 4, 2012 at 1pm**. Please contact me (Jennifer) either by email at crzy4appys@gmail.com or leave a message at (209)769-0765 and let her know which day you are able to attend. Thank you and hope to see you there!

Congrats goes to the following
Winning Members:

Bev Eppich

Sierra Rinehart

Kent Harsted

Lisa and David Wetherington

They all won a 25 dollar gift certificate
at **Merced Ranch Supply**.



**Big Thanks goes to Merced
Ranch Supply for donating
the 25 dollar certificates**

Mark the Date

February 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7	8	9 MHA Board Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 MHA Play date
19 Gymkhana Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25 MHA Workday
26	27	28	29			

March 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Gymkhana Meeting	5	6	7	8 MHA Board Meeting	9	10
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Dr. Madison Seamans

MHA would like to give a hearty thank you to Dr. Madison Seamans for opening for Pat Richardson at our Holiday Party in December! Your good natured humor was certainly enjoyed by all and we can't wait to hear more stories.

We are also happy to announce that Dr. Seamans will have a few equine information articles for us in the 2012 year and that he will continue to offer a 10% discount on equine veterinary services to current Merced Horsemen's members.

Not only a talented Veterinarian and Cowboy Poet, Dr. Seamans also is a beautiful artist. His piece, "Romeo", (see below, minus of course the copyright mark!) was the people's choice award for the 2011 Mariposa County Fair.

Select prints of some of his art work can be purchased and he will also do consignment pieces so if you want to immortalize your best horse, give him a call!

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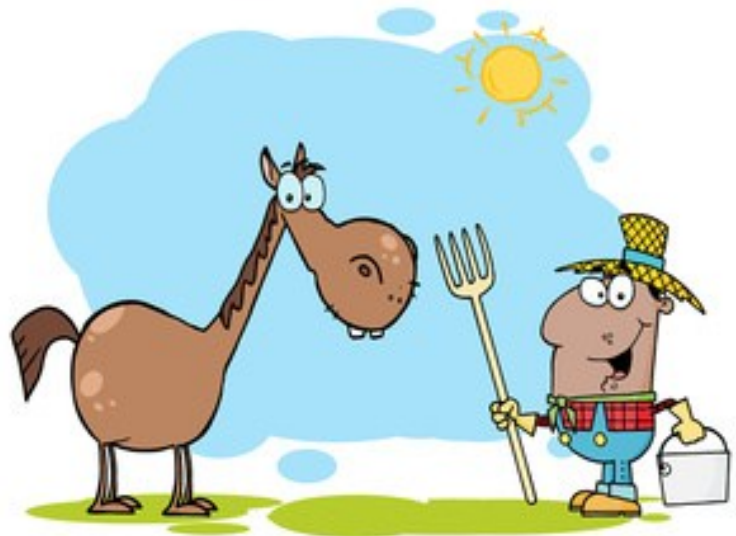
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A tidbit of information

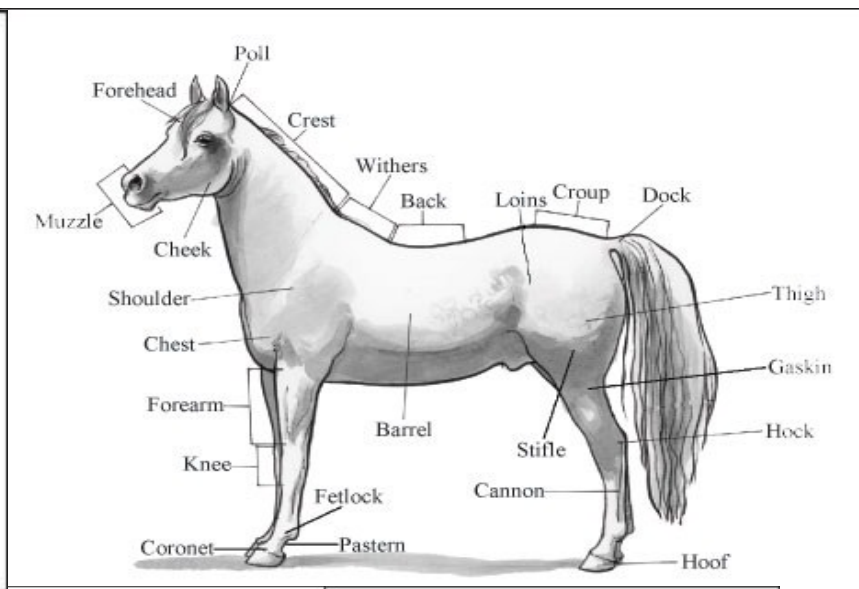
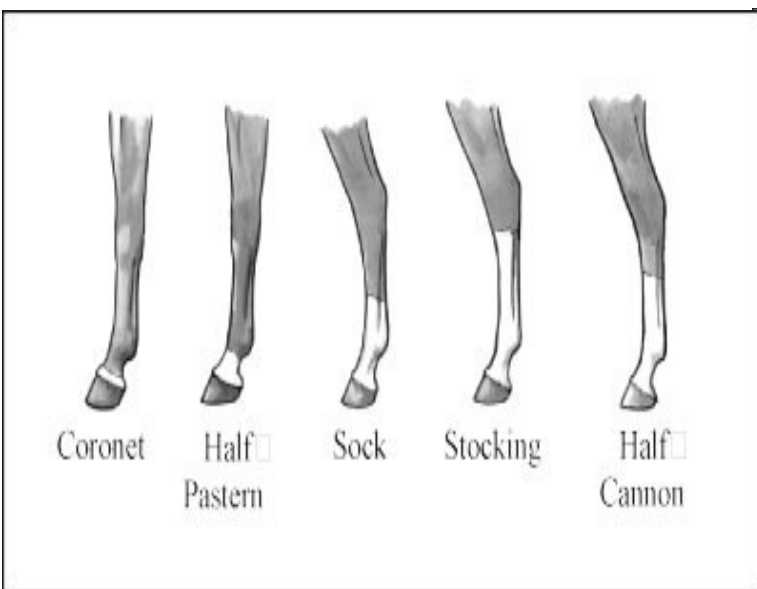
Did you know there are 17 recognized colors of the American Quarter Horse including the most prominent color sorrel (brownish red)? The others are bay, black, brown, buckskin, chestnut, dun, red dun, gray, grullo, palomino, red roan, blue roan, bay roan, perlino, and cremello.



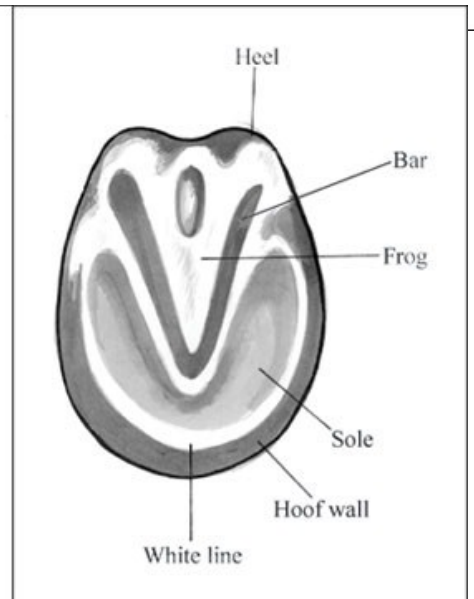
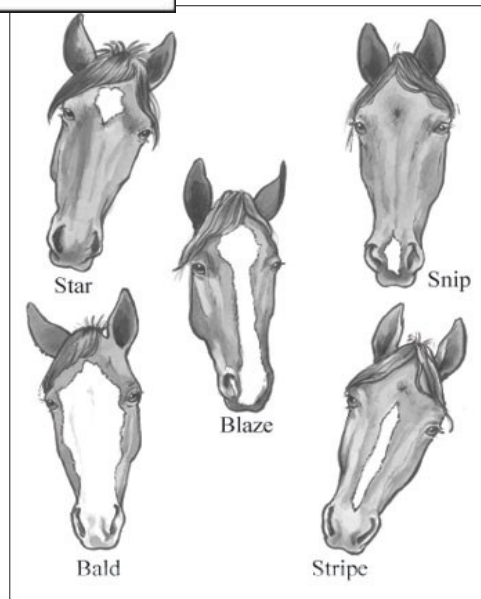
Credit given to: The American Quarter Horse Association web site

Kids Corner

Hey kids do you know all the parts of a horse? Have fun with a great game application called Horse 360! Its free so download it onto your smart phone today!



Try your hand at the parts of a horse!!!





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