



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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January 2012

President's Message

Well hello all and welcome to a brand new year. 2012 !!! What a great year we anticipate out here at MHA and what a finish to 2011. That Christmas dinner and awards night was fantastic. From all the members to the Cowboy poets the night went great. We would like to say welcome to all new members and hope we see you out riding. We would like to welcome our two new board members. Karen Kiil, who actually filled in for a board member that couldn't finish out his term, and Dawn Rinehart, who has been very helpful and involved with multiple events this year. Thanks you two for committing to three years. We also have a couple of other changes, Kathy Amos will no longer be doing the membership, we appreciate her years of helping instead she has agreed to be a historian of sorts. Maybe we will get some interesting articles about things MHA used to do. Membership instead will be taken over by Bev Eppich and I am sure she will do a great job. Carol Suggs was the Secretary last year and also did the Newsletter as well as help keep me in shape and on top of things. She has decided to give up the E-newsletter and Kim Conley has agreed to do that. So the editor for your new improved newsletter is Kim. Thanks to all these new people as well as the returning board: Lisa Krogh, Karen Camp, Jenifer McCulloch, and Mike Conley, as well as returning officers, Tony Aragon Vice-president, Bill Suggs Treasurer and Dennis Freisen Caretaker we hope to bring you a very exciting Year in 2012. Merced Ranch Supply has once again offered to put up four \$25.00 gift cards to be put in a drawing for memberships turned in before January 31. So get that application back quick so you have a chance to win one of these prizes. Merced Ranch thank you. So load up your horse on those few sunny days this winter and come on out to the arena to ride. Don't forget to bring that application with you and drop it off or get it mailed. All members can ride out at the arena, weather permitting, if there are no events scheduled. See you soon and hopefully it's on a horse.

President

J. A. Thomas



Schedule of Events/Meetings

January
12 Thursday, Board, General Meeting, 6:30 pm
(Start of Calendar Planning)

February
9 Thursday, Board, General Meeting, 6:30 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

RENEWALS OR NEW MEMBERSHIPS POST MARKED BY January 31, 2012 CAN TAKE \$10 off FAMILY, COUPLE or SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS or \$5 OFF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS! TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



2012 MHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Note: all area codes are 209 unless otherwise indicated

Karen Camp	394-8784
Mike Conley	262-5851
Lisa Krogh	357-8866
Jennifer McCulloch	769-0765
Karen Kiil	722-5862
Dawn Rinehart	

2011 MHA OFFICERS

President:

J.A. Thomas 761-7740

Vice President:

Tony Aragon 357-8866

Secretary:

Carol Suggs 966-8150
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CFO:

Bill Suggs 966-8150

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!

MHA NEWS

ELECTION RESULTS

Congrats to the following Officers and New Board Members for 2012.

President:

J.A. Thomas

Vice President:

Tony Aragon

Secretary:

Carol Suggs

CFO:

Bill Suggs

Directors:

Karen Camp

Mike Conley

Lisa Krogh

Jennifer McCulloch

Karen Kiil

Dawn Rinehart

Merced FFA would like to thank Merced Horseman's Association for allowing them to volunteer at various MHA events!



A BIG THANKS TO

Pat Richardson

The Cowboy Poet

For coming and sharing his wonderful world of cowboy poetry with us during the Year End Banquet. If you did not get a chance to see him for yourself, here is the link to his website:

<http://www.poetpatrichardson.com/>

If you would like to purchase one of his CDs or Books you can contact him at:

Pat Richardson
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Merced, CA 95348

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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:

- | | |
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| <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)

**PAY OR POSTMARKED BY
12/31/11 and TAKE \$5 off JR
MEMBERSHIP AND \$10 OFF
FAMILY, COUPLE OR SINGLE
MEMBERSHIP!**

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.

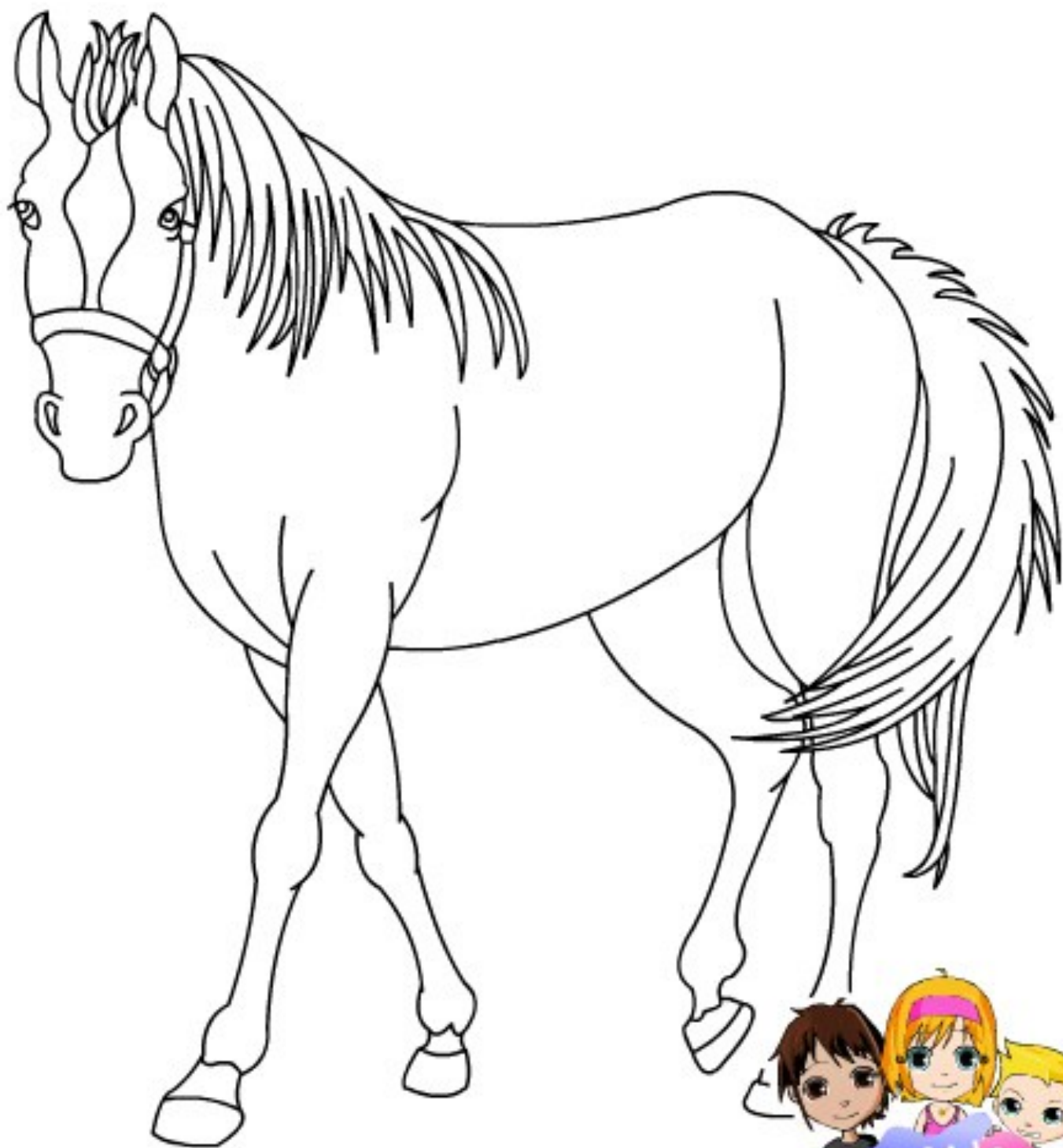
Name(s) of Minor: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Kids Corner....





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ASSOCIATION

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