



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Well March came and went and hopefully will take the downpour of rain with it, although I am grateful for the rain as I know it helps the farmers out. Our arena takes a beating and floods really bad though, which seen us cancel all of our events for March. Well here is to hoping that April has better riding days. I am looking forward to seeing everyone out at the different events Help us out by spreading the word around to your friends that we have a riding club here in Merced. Also be sure and let the business and people that sponsor us know that you appreciate them helping out the club. If you don't see your favorite business as a sponsor ask them why? Then get them a sponsor ship sign up sheet. Hope to see you at many of the wonderful riding events we have going on this year.

J. A. Thomas



Schedule of Events/Meetings

APRIL

- 9 Saturday, Work Day 9am (Rain Date if needed from March)
- 9 Sorting 4pm (open event)
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2011 MHA

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MHA EVENT NEWS

MEMBER DUES DINNER REPORT

We enjoyed homemade chili, cornbread and green salad. Several desserts were auctioned off as well as several silent auction items. (thanks to everyone who brought items and who bought items!) Kathy, Karen and Carol did a great job with the meal and to Tony, Lisa and Jennifer thanks for bringing cheese and sour cream to dress up our chili. Past President, Kevin Moore was awarded with a beautiful buckle for his service to the club in 2010.



MHA GYMKHANA

Howdy y'all-

Well it looks like mother-nature decided to extend winter just a bit longer, bummer. Anyways I spoke with JA this evening and unfortunately the arena has standing water in it. I know what you are thinking, we are suppose to have warm weather this week, but the arena is going to need at least 10 days to dry out and be safe to run our horses. So hopefully with mother-natures cooperation we will be running April 16th sign-ups at 8:30am and ride at 9am. So get your horses shed out and see you then.

Safe riding,

Jennifer

P.S. WEAR YOUR HELMET!!!

Also the rain date for April 30th is cancelled.

YEAH HAW!!!

SORTINGS ARE OPEN!!!

Bring your friends to the club for open sortings. First one will be held on April 9 practices start at 4pm. \$5.00 per go. \$10 per jackpot run (draw). Jackpot sign ups will have a specific time and if you are not signed up by the jackpot time deadline you will not get to jackpot that night.

Special deal for **members only**: Buy two practice goes and get 1 free. Only one freebie per member, per night.

Questions? Contact:

Arnie 209-769-3270

Or

Brett 209-756-8733

MERCED COUNTY FAIR RODEO COMMITTEE

SEEKING

QUEEN CONTESTANTS

Open to young ladies 14-21 years of age who reside in Merced, Madera, Mariposa or Stanislaus Counties this contest has a **deadline** for application extended to: APRIL 3, 2011 10am For info please contact Amanda Jensen 559-665-3056.

Cowboy Race Playday/Practice

SATURDAY April 23

10am-3pm

Sorry that we had to cancel the March play-day/practice but bring your bag lunch and \$15 and come join us April 23rd for this look & practice on some typical race obstacles. Get to know the inside scoop from our own president who happens to also be a cowboy race competitor. This is for members only but folks can join the day of the event. Questions? Contact J.A. at : 209-761-7740



When it rains or something happens and we have to cancel an event...

No one wants to cancel events..but sometimes we have to. Arena condition and your safety is very important to us. Always call the event chair or look to our facebook page or website for current updates if an event time has changed or has been cancelled, especially if it has rained a few days before the event.



Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest is underway & seeking 2011 contestants

Do you live in Mariposa, Merced or Madera Counties? Are you a young lady between the age of 16-21? Do you possess good horsemanship skills and a knowledge of Mariposa County, Rodeo and the western rural lifestyle? Then you might just be the next Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen! Application Due Date is May 22. Contest details can be found at:

www.mariposafair.org or www.mariposamountainriders.org
contact Carol at 209-966-8150 or Jeanne at 209-742-7866 for info.

ANYTHING WESTERN!



**TACK SALE...SWAP MEET...
FLEA MARKET...BAZAAR...WHATEVER YA
WANT TO CALL IT,
WE ARE HAVING IT!**

June 11th, 2011

\$25 per space for MHA members and clubs or organizations and \$35 per space for non members. Come watch the Merced Jr Fair Horse Show and buy or sell stuff! Food will be available for sale throughout the day. Spaces are available on a first come, first paid basis. No trailers or vehicles on the lawn. Provide your own awning and table(s). It's a few months away so start cleaning out that tack room and contact Carol 209-966-8150 or Melony 209-394-5055 for more info or to reserve your space.

28th Annual PICK A COLT DAY PRODUCTION SALE

Saturday May 7, 2011

Stock Horses with Color! 80 AQHA & APHA

60 head in the price range of \$575-\$975

New this year- futurity prospects by:

Lotta Stuff to Shine (own son of Shining Spark)

559-760-7055 or 559-665-2908

Preview Catalog on line at www.lazykranch.com



AWESOME OFFER:

Dr Madison Seamans, DVM, MS, is offering a 10% discount on equine veterinary services to Merced Horsemen's members. (No this doesn't mean that if you are a member of the Mariposa Club and the Merced Club that you can double this offer!)

Check him out on the web at:

www.coarsegoldequine.com or send him an email at : madisonseamans@gmail.com

Non Emergency: 559-689-3343 or 209-742-1020
Emergency Pager: 559-658-3157

FREE YOUTH GYMKHANA
Chowchilla Western Stampede!
Thursday Nite: APRIL 7, 2011
6:30 pm

The Chowchilla Western Stampede is offering a free youth gymkhana at the covered area. NO ENTRY FEES! Ribbons 1st thru 6th and 3 High Point Awards in each age group. There is no roping that nite so the committee is putting this on for the kids.

For 4H/FFA members that are competing in the Chowchilla Jr Horse Show later in April this would be a good warm up to get your horse used to this arena!

**OPEN CUTTING, STOCKHORSE
&
REINING SHOWS ARE BACK!**

AQHA ~ PCQHA ~ WCRHA
APPROVED!

SEPTEMBER 10 & OCTOBER 8



Special thanks to Debbie Valdero Tweedy & Stacey Cook for sponsoring the sanctioning of these shows. Tereasa Canada is back as our show manager for these events and everyone knows she runs a great show. Contact her at: 707-318-5933 or email: gssinfo@sbcglobal.net

Remember sign ups for cow classes are 1 week ahead.

For info on sponsoring this show you can contact:

Lisa Krogh 209-357-8866

or

Brett Weaver 209-756-8733

ALSO...along with Brett Weaver, Tereasa will be managing:

**RSNC sanctioned RANCH
SORTING AUGUST 6**



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
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RANCH HORSE SHOW:

MERCED RANCH SUPPLY
LAZY K RANCH
SILVER VALLEY RANCH

If you would like to be a sponsor for this event please contact Carol at 209-966-8150 or limofunder@sti.net

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: mercedhorsemens@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!

2011 MHA COMMITTEES/CHAIRS

Advertising/Marketing:	Lisa Krogh, J. A. Thomas
By Laws Updates:	Kathy Amos, Tony Aragon, Michael Conley, Carol Suggs
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Sorting:	Arnie Kiil and Brett Weaver
Stock Horse Events:	Lisa Krogh, Brett Weaver, Tereasa Canada
Tack Swap/Sale:	Melony Reed & Carol Suggs
Versatile Ranch:	Carol Suggs
Web Site:	Jan Eldridge
Work Day Chair:	Dennis Friesen

Not sure who to contact? Send us an email at: mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com and we will direct you to the right person for the job!



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MERCED HORSEMEN'S CALENDAR FOR 2011

(note: look at website or check us out on Facebook for updates)

MARCH

- 5 Saturday, Dues Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 10 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 19 Saturday, Cowboy Race Playday/Practice 10am- 3pm (club only) **CANCELLED**
- 26 Saturday Work Day, 9am (Rain Date will be 4/9 if needed)

APRIL

- 2 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only) **CANCELLED**
- 9 Saturday, Work Day Rain Date, 9am , Sorting 4pm (open event)
- 14 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 16 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 23 Saturday, Cowboy Race Playday/Practice 10am- 3pm (club only)
- 30 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only) (rain day for 4/2) **CANCELLED**

MAY

- 7 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 12 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 14 Saturday, Cowboy Race Show 9am- 3pm (open event) Sorting 4pm (open event)
- 15 Sunday, Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen Horsemanship/Interviews (outside event)
- 21 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)

JUNE

- 3 Friday Nite Poles & Barrels (open event)
- 4 Saturday NorCal Jr Rodeo (outside event)
- 9 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11 Saturday, Merced County Fair Jr Horseshow and Gymkhana (outside event)
- 11 Saturday, Sorting 4pm (open event)
- 18 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 25 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)

JULY

- 9 Saturday, Sorting 4pm (open event)
- 14 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm

AUGUST

- 6 Saturday, RSNC Ranch Sorting (open event)
- 11 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 13 Saturday, Sorting 4pm (open event)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830 am, start 9am (club only) (Rain Date if needed)
- 8 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 10 Saturday, Cutting/Stock Horse/Reining Show + Pre Futurity Practice Time (open event)
- 11 Sunday, Versatile Ranch Horse Show start 8:30 am (open event)
- 17 Saturday, Sorting 4pm (open event)

OCTOBER

- 8 Saturday, Cutting/ Stock Horse/Reining Time: (open event)
- 13 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 30 Sunday, MHA vs. MMR Challenge, sign up 9am, start 9:30 am (club event) (shine only)

NOVEMBER

- 10 Thursday, Board, General Meeting and 2012 Nominations, 6:30 pm

DECEMBER

- 3 Saturday, General Meeting, Elections, Awards & Christmas Party Dinner 6:30pm
- 8 Thursday, Last Board, General Meeting for 2011, 6:30 pm

Club only: indicates that participants must be club members, however spectators are allowed
Outside event: indicates that the clubhouse or arena grounds are being used by an outside organization or private party
Open event: indicates that this event is completely open to the public, no need to be a member to participate



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