



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello all and welcome to the heat wave. Be sure you keep plenty of water for your horses as well as yourself. This is the time of year that we slow down out at the arena, because of the heat and head for the mountains. There are a few people going up to the hills for rides up where it is cool. So take some time and enjoy the scenery God created for us to enjoy. I have hiked a lot up in the Sierra's and ridden a little and there are some breathtaking views that don't require that much riding. There are some great horsecamps that cater to horse people with their horses as well. There are also some riding clubs up in the hill country that cater to riders as well. So go on out there, make some new friends and find some nice new cool place to ride. Then come on back and tell me about it. I am hearing of a lot of new places to ride and love it. You can check out our facebook page to read of some great places that people have gone and their experiences with their horses. Keep on riding and stay cool. Just as a note of thanks we want to be sure and thank all of the sponsors of our great club, so if you go into a business that does sponsor be sure and tell the manager thanks.

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Schedule of Events/Meetings

AUGUST

- 6 Saturday, RSNC Ranch Sorting Sign up 9am Start 10am (open event)
- 7 Sunday, Gymkhana 5 pm sign ups (open event)
- 11 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 12 Friday, Sorting. 6pm sign ups, Sort at 7pm (open event)

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 10 Saturday, Cutting/Stock Horse/Reining Show + Pre Futurity Practice
Start Time: 8am (call 1 week prior for cattle classes) (open event)
- 11 Sunday, Versatile Ranch Horse Show start 8:30 am (open event)
- 16 Friday, Sorting. sign up 6pm, sort at 7pm (open event)

"Feed your faith & doubt will starve"



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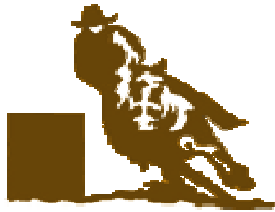
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NEWSLETTER: If you have something to submit, please do it by the 20th of the month to insure that we have time to get it to the printer. Submissions should be sent to: mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com

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!

MHA NEWS



Gymkhana Report

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011. SIGN UP 5pm. Events: 1, Bi-rangle, Single Stake, Speedball, Barrels and Mystery Event (freebie). Members: \$5 per event or for all events \$25. Non-members: \$7 per event or for all events \$35. 1 mystery class. Divisions: Leadline (limited to 3 events); 10 & under; 11-17, 18-25; 25 & over. Ribbons for each event and high point awards. Contact: Jennifer 209-769-0765 crzy4appys@gmail.com

Sorting Report

AUGUST 12th FRIDAY NITE SORTING SIGN UPS: 6pm! SORT at: 7pm!

(NOTE: DATE CHANGED FROM SATURDAY TO FRIDAY)

Jackpot will be a 50% payout PLUS Brett Weaver & Arnie Kiil have donated an additional \$150 to the jackpot!!!

Bring your friends to the club for open sortings. Practice Runs are \$5.00 per go, you pick your partner. \$10 per jackpot run (draw). Jackpot sign ups have a specific time and if you are not signed up by the jackpot time deadline you will not get to jackpot that night. PLEASE make sure that you pay before your run. In order to practice run you must have a ticket showing proof of payment. Please note that our buy two practice goes and get 1 free special deal has been **discontinued**.

Contact: Brett 209-756-8733 Arnie 209-769-3270

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NEWS CONTINUED....

Ranch Sorting National Championships Sanctioned Ranch Sorting AUG 6, 2011

Hosted by Merced Horsemen Association Sign up 9am, Start 10am

FREE RSNC MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2010-2011 SEASON!

CLASS	Per Rider	Payback
All Levels HC open	\$28	50%
#12 HC	\$28	50%
#10 Masters HC	\$28	50%
#8 HC	\$28	50%
#6 HC	\$28	50%
#4 HC	\$28	50%
Beginner (#1 Cap on Sorter)	\$18	50%

1 pick and 1 draw required (except beginner)

entry fees include \$3 RSNC sanctioning fee.

CONTACT TEREASA CANADA, SHOW MANAGER FOR DETAILS AND SIGN UPS: 707-318-5933 or
gssinfo@sbcglobal.net



Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Contestants



Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest continues with On Stage Performance on August 13th & Horsemanship and Personal Interviews on August 21. Miss Caitlen Amos of Greeley Hill, Miss Lindsey Crafts of Mariposa & Miss Jocelynn Barrington of Mariposa (shown above) are the young ladies who are questing for the crown this year.

Awards ceremony will take place just before the start of the CCPRA Rodeo on Sunday September 4, 2011 at the Gold Bowl Arena, Mariposa County Fairgrounds.

We wish all the contestants good luck and great fun!!

Rodeo Tickets: e \$10 general admission & \$12 box seats and are available at the Mariposa County Fair box office.

MHA NEWS CONTINUED....



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. Ondrea
Edwards is our Show Manager and
Tereasa Canada is the Show Secretary
for these events & 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. Special Buckle for highpoint
MHA member, must show in both shows to
qualify. For info on sponsoring contact:

Lisa Krogh 209-357-8866

or

Brett Weaver 209-756-8733

THANKS TO FOSTER FARMS FOR THEIR
SPONSORSHIP OF SPECIAL MHA MEMBER
BUCKLE FOR THIS EVENT!

OVERNIGHT DRY CAMPING & PEN RENTAL
AVAILABLE, STAY OVER IN SEPTEMBER &
DO THE VERSATILE RANCH SHOW ON
SUNDAY!



MHA HOST'S OPEN VERSATILE RANCH COMPETITION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Compete in 4 classes:

Trail ~ ~ Cut Work & Pen

Reined Working Cowhorse ~ Riding

NON MEMBERS OPEN/LIMITED RIDERS: \$150 + CA Drug
Fee. MEMBERS OPEN/LIMITED RIDERS: \$125 + CA Drug
Fee (Limited riders will not go "down the fence" or rope live
cattle) ***New for this year***: Open riders can opt out of
roping and circle up for a penalty without disqualification in
the Reined Working Cowhorse Class. Buckles to the overall
top scoring rider in each division ~ overall awards down to at
least 3rd placing in each division ~ special prize for top MHA
scoring rider.

PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

(check our website for forms and updates)

Food is available for purchase on site

(discount on lunch if you pre order)

Prearranged dry, overnight camping arrangements &
limited pen rental available

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CLASSIFIEDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS



For Sale: 2003 FORD F250, 2WD, Super Cab, XLT, Super Duty Power Stroke 6.0 Turbo Diesel, Auto Transmission, tow hitch & gooseneck hitch, air bags for heavy loads, 97K miles, 2 WD, Super Cab, Brown w/Tan Interior, Air, Cruise, Long Bed, Power Windows & Mirrors, Power Locks with Keyless entry, Power Seat, Running Boards, Aux Pwr, ABS Brakes, Alloy Wheels, CD Audio...One Owner!!! Excellent Shape! The average diesel goes over 400,000 miles! High Blue book:\$20,000 Low Blue Book:\$15,000. Was: \$17.5K / obo Now \$15K/OBO READY TO HAUL YOUR HORSE! (209) 357-8866 - Lisa or Tony

For Sale: 16" Billy Cook Show Light oil Equitation saddle. Loaded w/ silver plate, in great condition. Comes w/ matching headstall & breastcollar. New sells for over \$2000, buy this one for \$750. Also a 16" burgundy basket stamped Simco trail saddle, very nice saddle, hardly used but does have a bite mark on it from one of our horses. \$350. 15" Hereford Tex Tan Reiner, Light oil, full QH bars, some silverplated conchos, some scratches from a barbwire fence but not too noticeable when oiled. \$400. 18" Black Pebbled leather Crump Prima Dressage Saddle w/ fittings (girth will fit most TB & QH) \$300 and 18-19" Brown Leather Rickett & Lovetts (made in England) Saddle Seat Saddle w/ fittings (Girth will fit Arabian & some QH) \$300 (when the saddle seat sells the money goes to Mariposa County 4H). (209) 966-8150—Carol

Discount on Vet Services: 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!) www.coarsegoldequine.com madisonseamans@gmail.com
Non Emergency: 559-689-3343 or 209-742-1020 Emergency Pager: 559-658-3157



LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST



"BLUE JEANS & FAIR DREAMS"

MARIPOSA FAIR HORSE EVENTS:

Contact the fair office at 209-966-3686 or see www.mariposafair.com for rules and entries.
SATURDAY AUGUST 20th: WESTERN SADDLE MOUNT & GYMKHANA

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd: RANCH CUTTING, REINING, STOCK HORSE SHOW and ***NEW THIS YEAR*** RANCH SORTING

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4th: TEAM ROPING, SADDLE ROPING AND CHAMPION of CHAMPION (all Sunday Roping events are for Local Mariposa Residents only).

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5th: CALF BRANDING & TEAM PENNING

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE AUGUST 6, 2011 by 5pm. Post Entries accepted for the Saddle Mount and Gymkhana August 7 through August 12 w/ late fee & Post Entries accepted for the other events listed above accepted from August 7 through August 20. Entries are available at the fairgrounds or on line. Ranch Sorting & Team Penning Events are open to the following county residents: Mariposa, Madera, Merced, Fresno, Stanislaus, Calaveras, Tuolumne. Horse Show, Stock Horse Show and Calf Branding are open to the world.



Sept 18 Horse Show in MARIPOSA! OPEN WESTERN HORSE SHOW . Mariposa Mountain Riders hosts this show at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds Gold Bowl Arena \$8 per class for non members or \$6 per class for members (you can join MMR that day); \$5 drug fee per horse. Day End High Point for AGE DIVISION (except lead line) CLASSES. As we had to cancel one of our shows this year we will not be offering a series high point. Open Reining class available. Mariposa County 4H Horse and Pony Project will be running the Cowboy Cook Shack so come and have some good eats & support the local 4H! For entries, rules and other info checkout our website at: www.mariposamountainriders.org or call 209-377-8202 or email: mariposamtnriders@gmail.com



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