



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Howdy all, I hope your summer went as well as you expected. Now that it summer is over and we are all headed back to school don't forget we still have great events going on out at MHA. Now is a good time to be looking for winter items for your horse. It looks like hay is going to be going up this year so start checking well in advance so you can shop around. Your horses will appreciate you making sure they have food to eat all winter long. We would like to give a hearty thank you to Arnie Kiil for his time as a MHA board member and wish him success in his new life in Florida. His resignation was accepted and we replaced him at the last meeting with Karen Kiil, who will finish out his term, which ends in December. We appreciate Karen being willing to accept this responsibility and also her attendance at meetings even before being a board member.

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Schedule of Events/Meetings

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)
Pre Register 1 week ahead so we can order
- 17 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 8am (club only event) (NOTE: NEW DATE & TIME)
- 18 Sunday, Sorting, sign ups 5pm sort at 6pm (open event) (NOTE: NEW DATE)

OCTOBER

- 8 Saturday, Cutting/ Stock Horse/Reining Time: (open event)
- 13 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 22 Saturday, Kids Camp, 9am (special event, closed to the general public)
- 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

Children may close their ears to advice, but they keep their eyes open to example.



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Note: all area codes are 209 unless otherwise indicated

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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

The Open Gymkhana that was held on August 7th at 5pm was amazing. We had 40 riders and I would like to thank all the riders for being at the gate and ready to go. I would also like to Thank Lisa Krogh, Dawn Reinhart, Carol & Bill Suggs, Dennis Friesen, Karen Kiil, Sean McCulloch, and the Merced FFA and anyone else I am missing for coming out and helping. If it wasn't for all of the riders and helpers, these events would not be possible, so thank you again.

The Club is still needing sponsorships for year end awards. We need 3 buckle sponsors, 4 reserve year end high point sponsors and individual awards. For more information or if you are in need of a sponsorship form please contact Jennifer McCulloch (209) 769-0765 or email crzy4appys@gmail.com.

Our last Buckle Series Gymkhana is September 17th sign-ups start at 8am!

Sorting Report

SEPTEMBER 18th SUNDAY NITE SORTING SIGN UPS: 5pm! SORT at: 6pm! NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE!

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

Ranch Sorting National Championships

Sanctioned Ranch Sorting AUG 6, 2011 REPORT



A BIG Thank you to everyone who helped with the sorting and jumped in to fill all the jobs! JA Thomas announcer/timer, Carol Easton announcer/timer, Brett Weaver cattle change/numbering, Arnie Kiil cattle numbering, Kelsey Kiil (computer protection from Motormouth Michael), Brittany announcing timing Kim Weaver-provider of the iPhone for lap times. Lisa Krogh, Tony Aragon, Dawn and Sierra Rinehart, Donna Leigh and anyone else who we may have forgotten to mention. It was a super fun day and thank you to everyone who came out and played with us (Sean Martin and AnnaMay Naef you win the award for the farthest travel, coming all the way from the LA Area!) Hope to see all of you at more of the events that are coming up soon! Special thanks also from Brett and Jennifer to Richwood Meats for their hot dog donation! Brett also wanted to thank everyone for the discussion of when to have the normal sortings so as not to have conflict with other area sortings.

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SEPTEMBER 24th, 2011

Appetizers 5pm/ Dinner 6:30pm
Raggio Ranch- 512 S. Arboleda Drive
Steak dinner, raffle, silent and live
auction

Tickets Available at: Merced Fruit Barn 4526 Hwy
140, Merced 385-222 or Merced County Farm Bureau
656 S. Hwy 59 723-3001 Or contact Allan Rios 617-
7987 or Anrie Carvajal (evenings only) 723-8146



FFA FALL
PLANT
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SEPTEMBER
17, 2011
9AM to 3PM

Visit the website to see the
list of availability:

tinyurl.com/mercedffahorticulture



2011 Queen News



2011 Miss Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen, Kristina Tatom was present at the On Stage Performance Night on August 14 for the 2011 Miss Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen and she also came out to support the Saddle Mount and Gymkhana Show on Saturday August 20. Thanks Kristina!

Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Contestants

The work is all done, now we just have to wait until September 4, 2011 at 8pm at the start of the CCPRA rodeo at the Gold Bowl Arena, Mariposa County Fairgrounds to see who wears the crown! Miss Caitlen Amos of Greeley Hill, Miss Lindsey Crafts of Mariposa & Miss Jocelynn Barrington of Mariposa (shown below) are the young ladies who are questing for the crown this year. We wish all the contestants good luck and great fun!!

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



MHA NEWS CONTINUED....



OPEN CUTTING, STOCKHORSE & REINING SHOWS

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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:

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or

Brett Weaver 209-756-8733

THANKS TO FOSTER FARMS and Rod Burr
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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

Judge: Karen Arlin

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 HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

(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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(hm) 209-742-1224 (wk) or email at: limofunder@sti.net



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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. 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

Sept 18 Horse Show in MARIPOSA! OPEN WESTERN HORSE SHOW & GYMKHANA . 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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