



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Summer is here! We are in full swing out here at MHA. We are doing many events at the arena from Gymkhana, Sorting to Cowboy Challenges. If you have not come out to ride you are missing out. We will be doing many more things and have other outside events going on as well. So check out the Website and our events page. Just a short reminder to anyone willing to help. We can always use help running events. If you can't ride, come on out and let the event chair know you can help. The more help we have the smoother things go. I will make a plea now for two big events we anticipate. June 4th we have the NorCal Junior Rodeo. We run the kitchen that day and get the proceeds. Also the following week, June 11th, we host the Merced Fair Jr horseshow. This is exciting news as it has been 10 plus years since we have hosted it. We would really like to make these both come off really good. This will be free publicity for us and hopefully help let more people know about us.

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Schedule of Events/Meetings

- 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)
 - 14 Sorting 4pm (open event)
 - 15 Sunday, Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen Horsemanship/Interviews (outside event)
- JUNE
- 21 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
 - 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 & Gymkhana (outside event)
 - 11 Saturday, Tack Sale/Flea Market 8am- 3pm
 - 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)



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Note: all area codes are 209 unless otherwise indicated

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MHA EVENT NEWS



Woo Hoo well finally with Mother Nature's cooperation we were able to start our gymkhana season. Thank you to those of you that came out and competed.

Here are the results for April 16th:

Event: Poles I	Event: Single Stake	Event: Speed Bar
1 st : Heidi Ekstrum/Honey	1 st :Havanah Ulrich/Willow	1 st :Havanah Ulrich/Willow
2 nd : Havanah Ulrich/Willow	2 nd :Melissa Moors/Flame	2 nd :Melissa Moors/Flame
3 rd : Melissa Moors/Flame	3 rd :Mischa Ulrich/Shoni	3 rd :Mischa Ulrich/Shoni
4 th : Mischa Ulrich/Shoni	4 th :Rebecca Lange/Sparkles	4 th :Paige Gavette/Can-D
5 th : Rebecca Lange/Sparkles	5 th :Paige Gavette/Can-D	5 th :Heidi Ekstrum/Honey
Event: Big "T"	Event: Barrels	Overall Day high point
1 st :Havanah Ulrich/Willow	1 st : Havanah Ulrich/Willow	Havanah Ulrich/Willow
2 nd : Mischa Ulrich/Shoni	2 nd :Mischa Ulrich/Shoni	
3 rd : Melissa Moors/Flame	3 rd :Melissa Moors/Flame	Leadline High Point
4 th :Paige Gavette/Can-D	4 th :Paige Gavette/Can-D	Hudson Camp/Savanah
5 th :Rebecca Lange/Sparkles	5 th :Rebecca Lange/Sparkles	

Thank you to our crew for helping with the day's events: Dennis Fresien, Brett Weaver, Kathy Amos, Karen Camp, Marsha, Michael Conley, Joel & Bryan Gavette, Shari, Yvonne and to all others. For those of you members that helped please see me (Jennifer) at the next gymkhana for your Gymkhana Bucks.

Attention: Incentives for MHA Members

There is an opportunity for you to earn either Gymkhana Bucks or a FREE Gymkhana!

For the Gymkhana Series we need 6 year end Buckle Sponsors the sponsorship amount is \$150 each. Bringing the Chairperson a buckle sponsor will earn you 1 gymkhana free. (Only one sponsorship per member) For those of you that are interested the deadline to get back to Jennifer (Chairperson) is May 21st and the Deadline to have the sponsorship is September 3rd. Also, for the Gymkhana Series we are in need of Day High Point awards and year end awards. We need as many awards sponsors as we can get! The more awards we get the more we can give out. So bring your day or year end awards to a gymkhana and you can redeem the awards for GYMKHANA BUCKS.(THE GYMKHANA BUCKS WILL EXPIRE 12/31/11 AND MAY ONLY BE USED FOR GYMKHANAS) Next Gymkhana: May 7th and May 21st Sign-ups 8:30am and Ride 9am.

Ride Safe,

Jennifer McCulloch

MHA EVENTS CONTINUED....



SORTING REPORT

Congrats goes out to our 2 jackpot winners from April: Brett and Lacey who took home \$40 each

Bring your friends to the club for open sortings. Next one is set for **May 14** at 4pm, after the Cowboy Race. Practice Runs are \$5.00 per go you pick your partner. \$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. PLEASE make sure that you pay before your run. In order to practice run you must have a ticket showing proof of payment.

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

We need help. It takes time to get the cattle in, numbered, set the panels up, register people, run the sorting and put away the panels at the end of the night. PLEASE if only a few people can help out we can run the sortings more effectively.

Contact:

Brett 209-756-8733

Arnie 209-769-3270

COWBOY RACE PRACTICE REPORT

On April 23rd we had a Cowboy Race Playday. JA walked us through 12 different obstacles that are common at most races. Although this is a timed event, it is not just about speed. Execution of the obstacle and horsemanship skills are also part of your overall score. After practicing the obstacles we broke for lunch and returned to have a practice "race". It was a lot of fun, some riders had times in the low 5 minute range. We will have an EXCA Cowboy Challenge on Saturday May 14, 2011 look below for information on this exciting event...

EXCA COWBOY RACE Saturday MAY 14, 2011

Sign Ups 8:00 am and walk through the course starting at 9:00 am sharp

\$60 for MHA Members

\$80 for non Members


\$15 fee if you are going for points with EXCA

50% payback

Other awards possible if sponsored.

You can join MHA that day and take advantage of the discount on this event.

Contact J.A. at : 209-761-7740



MHA EVENTS CONTINUED....

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). Start cleaning out that tack room!

contact Carol 209-966-8150

or Melony 209-394-5055 to volunteer or to reserve your space! (WE COULD USE HELP IN THE KITCHEN)

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!

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



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



Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest Horsemanship & Personal Interviews

Sunday May 15th 9am

Come out to the club and cheer on your favorite Rodeo Queen Contestant during their horsemanship portion of the contest. The more people that are in the stands the bigger these girls smile and wave! No charge to come and check out this event. (Note: personal interview portion is not open to the public). **Crowning will take place on**

Friday June 17th 6pm at the Merced County Fair Rodeo Grounds, Main Grandstands.

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

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MERCED HORSEMEN'S WISH LIST!

The board would love to announce that we have a benefactor who has given us unlimited funds to do capital improvements on the property...but sadly that is not the case. Following we have listed a few items that we need in order to keep the club looking and running great:

- * The weed wacker is sick beyond repair, we need a replacement, preferably a gas one since an electric one would need a really, really long cord...
- * A riding lawnmower...anyone got one that they can donate?
- * Plywood, we are always in need of plywood.
- * Fencing supplies, as with plywood we can always need rolls of barb wire, clips and t posts
- * Wasp/Bug Spray and spray foam
- * Cleaning supplies
- * Antibacterial wipes for the porta potties
- * Flowering plants or bushes for the planters near the club house

We will be updating this list from time to time, but if you have something that you think that we can use, please contact any board member!



MHA HOST'S OPEN VERSATILE RANCH COMPETITION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Compete in 4 classes:

Trail

Cut Pen & Work

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

Contact: Carol 209-966-8150 (hm) 209-742-1224 (wk)
or email at: limofunder@sti.net

THANKS TO OUR EARLY SPONSOR COMMITMENTS, YOU ROCK!

~MERCED RANCH SUPPLY ~

~ LAZY K RANCH ~

~SILVER VALLEY RANCH ~

OTHER AREA EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CUTTING CLUB SHOW # 6: MAY 1, 2011



BLASINGAME Ranch
19606 Auberry Road
Clovis, CA 93619

Show 5 went off well with 73 works and fun was had by all. We now look forward to an even better show on May 1, so come on out and have a good time cutting at the Blasingames. We will announce the remaining schedule which will move to Stober Ranch. That announcement should be in the next week or so. Our shows are for members only but you can join day of the event. \$50 per first family member and \$5 for each additional family member (spouse and minor children). If you wish to show in a lower point class (no trainers) you'll need to qualify your horse at the show before entering.

Order of Classes for the May Show: Open, Non Pro Youth, 500, 250,150, 175, Ladies, 1500 & 1000.

For rules, or to pre enter and for general information check out our website at:

www.centralcaliforniacuttingclub.com

Bob Tombs 559-252-2167
Coleman Alberta 559-689-3469



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.



**Mariposa
Mountain Riders**



OPEN WESTERN HORSE SHOW & GYMKHANA SERIES!

June 5 (rain date June 19)

July 17

Sept 19 (rain date Sept 25)

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... Series High Point Fee \$20 payable at the 1st or 2nd show, no charge for Day End High Point Fees

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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