



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Helloooo all from the state of MHA. :) Well here we are at the end of the year and elections again. We have two board positions open and all officers are back up for re-election. I have committed to running for a second year and hope that you give me the opportunity again. Please check out your ballot and make your choice carefully. We have made some changes that we hope are for the better and have made some connections that we hope will benefit the club whomever gets the positions. We are looking forward to a wider variety of events this coming year. You also should check out the changes made to the By-laws, which we updated for the first time since 1947. There is an article later on that covers the changes that we made. We hope to see you out at our last couple of events here at MHA. The club challenge is going to be a lot of fun and then our Awards and Christmas dinner is our last event. So come on out and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship of other horse people. Until I see you on a horse (or at the party!)

J. A. Thomas

President

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Schedule of Events/Meetings

NOVEMBER	
10	Thursday, Board, General Meeting and 2012 Nominations, 6:30 pm
DECEMBER	
3	Saturday, General Meeting, Elections, Awards & Christmas Party Dinner 5:30pm
8	Thursday, Last Board, General Meeting for 2011, 6:30 pm



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

For each new morning with its light,
 For rest and shelter of the night,
 For health and food,
 For love and friends,
 For everything Thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



2011 MHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Note: all area codes are 209 unless otherwise indicated

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

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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: 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 VS MMR CLUB CHALLENGE OCT 30th

SCORE w/o costume class:	MHA 45.5	MMR 30.5
SCORE w/ costume class:	MHA 55.5	MMR: 50.5

Great attendance this year for the club challenge. In the past I have not included the costume class in the scoring and someone had asked me about that. So I decided to include it...either way MHA still came out on top. We had about 34 participating in the games, and around 10 spectators or so.

We played eyeball & spoon pleasure, dueling goblins barrel race & in & out of the grave race. Along with a very cool costume class & a trail course judged and designed by MMR member Vicki Kardell. All costume class participants and all game winners received a raffle ticket for a chance at the raffle. Thanks MMR for the amazing raffle prizes!

Thanks to all that helped with this event, including Karen Camp who organized the kitchen, Karen Kiil and Jennifer McCulloch for some amazing Halloween cookies. Suzette Combs for timing and for taking photos and misc odds and ends and everyone else who helped out to make this event a success, thanks!

Our top adult costume winner was **Beth Savage** riding her friesen gelding Chagall. Chagall was superman (or super-horse) and Beth was Wonder Woman. Beth created her Wonder Woman body armor out of a back brace that she had to wear earlier this year when she broke her back, the costume (and her riding the horse that she had the accident on) was especially fulfilling for her. We had a tie in the youth costume class with **Lynette Combs** dressed as Gumby the cowgirl riding her trusty sidekick, Pokey and **Savanna Savage** as an Indian riding her war horse. Beth went home with a bottle of wine, Savanna a bottle of sparkling cider and Lynette a pair of embellished horse shoes to hang on the wall.

All the costume folks need mention so here they are: **Cindy Lundberg**, dressed in a baby blue footed pjs was a little girl riding atop a nightmare. Her horse was painted with all sorts of things you might find in a dream. **Kathy Bughardt-Cobb** was a lady bug atop a flower...or was it a flower atop a lady bug? I have to look at the photos! **Pat Lemon** came in dressed as a pumpkin head and pumpkin horse. Her big pumpkin head kept going sideways so it looked as if she was never looking straight...spooky. **Amy Ekstrum** came in as a beautiful Arabian Princess and her horse was adorned with all the finery. **Heidi Ekstum** rode in as an Indian, bareback with feathers on her and her horse and wearing a buckskin tunic. **Lisa Krogh** dressed as a cutter and came out chasing and working Peggy Priest who worn devil horns and played "cow". **Tristen McCulloch** wowed us with his double transformer outfit. Tristen as Optimus Prime riding Bumble Bee...very cool. **Karen Kiil** was a warden with a rifle, leading her horse who was a convict in full black and white stripes complete with a chain, apparently right off the chain gang! **Karen Camp** and her horse came in as both pumpkin trick or treaters and the treat for her horse was a hay bag decorated and filled with hay. **Amber Kaus** rode a paint horse and was a masked Bandito. Check out the photos on facebook!

Carol Suggs-Challenge Chair

MHA NEWS

SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2012

- The following members are running for officer positions for 2012. Officer positions are for a one year term.
- All officers are incumbents and are currently running unopposed:

■ President: JA Thomas
■ Vice President: Tony Aragon
■ Secretary: Carol Suggs
■ Treasurer/CFO: Bill Suggs

- 2 director positions are open for 2012. Director positions are 3 year terms. The following members are running for director positions:

Kim Conley
Karen Kiil
Dawn Rinehart

- If you would like to run for a position, please contact any current board member and attend the meeting on November 10th at 6:30 p.m. .

- Note: Current Directors: Karen Camp and Lisa Krogh have terms that expire at the end of 2012 and Jennifer McCulloch and Michael Conley have terms that expire at the end of 2013.

- Voting will occur at the December General Meeting/Awards Dinner and Holiday Party on December 3rd.

BYLAWS REVISIONS Over the last few months the board and officers have been working on by law revisions in order to bring our current bylaws up to date. Mainly this was a clean up of the bylaws which included changes for such things as allowing for the use of electronic mail, correcting our address, clarity on definitions for such things as adult, junior and lifetime members, lessening the number of required meetings of the members, clarity on how a member can revoke a ballot, lessening the number of people required for the nomination committee as well as some basic grammatical and re numbering edits.

It should be noted that the changes that were made to the bylaws fall under the scope of responsibility of the board and officers and where not changes that would had involved a vote or review of the members.

The newest version of our bylaws can be found on the website. We want to thank the current board and officers for taking time out of their busy schedules to come together to review, discuss and amend these bylaws so that the club can run more efficiently.



MHA CHRISTMAS DINNER

(Turkey with all the trimmings YUM!)

AWARDS, GENERAL MEETING, ELECTIONS & COWBOY POETRY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd

~ 5:30 p.m. Awards ~ 6: 00 p.m. ~ *General Meeting/Elections* ~ 6:15 p.m. Santa ~
6:30 p.m. Dinner ~ After Dinner: Cowboy Poetry

COME PREPARED TO CHEER FOR THOSE GETTING AWARDS, SEE SANTA,
EAT & BE MERRY & ENJOY STORIES & POETRY BY LOCAL COWBOY POETS :

MADISON SEAMANS, SHARON POWER &

SPECIAL GUEST: PAT RICHARDSON

MEMBERS ARE FREE, \$10 FOR NON MEMBERS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AWESOME DESSERTS FOR OUR AUCTION AS WELL
AS SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, SO GET IN THAT WORKSHOP OR WHIP UP
SOMETHING IN THE KITCHEN TO DONATE TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

(Proceeds from the dessert and silent auction benefit the scholarship & building/maintenance fund)

Also, we will be taking a poll from members to see what events you would like to
have at the club for 2012. If you would like to chair an event or a fundraiser for
the club, please let us know.

MUST RSVP for Dinner and for children who will be seeing Santa.

RSVP by: Monday November 28, 2011

Karen Camp 209-394-8784



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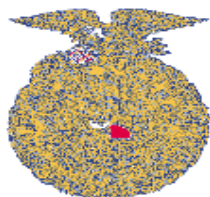
CLASSIFIEDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS



HUGE MULTI FAMILY RANCH SALE: Saturday, November 5th. Gate opens at 8 AM until 4 PM-ish
7615 W Hwy 140 Atwater, CA 95301 (Cross Streets - Applegate & Bert Crane). Western & English Saddles ~
Bird & Snake cages ~Windmill ~Adult Clothes ~ Books ~ Purses ~Plus much more!!!! For More information: Call:
209-357-8866.

PRICES SLASHED, NEED TO SELL. MY LOSS IS YOUR GAIN! 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 \$650. 18" Black Pebbled leather Crump Prima Dressage Saddle w/ fittings (girth will fit most TB & QH) \$150 ! That is the cost of the fittings by themselves...this is a steal. 18-19" Brown Leather Rickett & Lovetts (made in England) Saddle Seat Saddle w/ fittings (Girth will fit Arabian & some QH) was \$300 will let go for \$100. Childs tall english riding boots, almost brand new...make an offer. (when the saddle seat saddle and the youth english boots sell the money goes to Mariposa County 4H). These saddles and boots are available at the Multi Family Ranch Sale advertised above in Atwater on November 5th.

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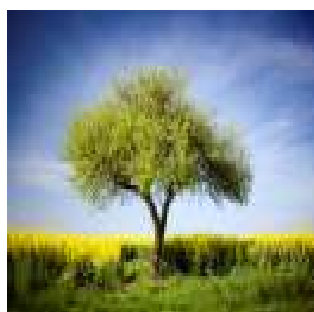


FOR ALL YOUR HELP THIS
YEAR!

Bumper Sticker seen at the Madera Cattlewomen's Luncheon
and Fashion Show on October 29th:

EAT BEEF

The west wasn't won on salad!



Please have the Steve Bauhr family & friends in your prayers as they deal with the loss of Steve's wife, Carolyn, who passed away on October 17, 2011 at the age of 55. Carolyn was an avid horsewoman and coach, who surely will be missed.

Bedouin Legend:

"...and God took a handful
of southerly wind, blew his
breath over it and created
the horse."



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JOB SO MUCH EASIER!

LOCAL QUEEN NEWS...THEY ARE BUSY YOUNG LADIES!



2011-2012 GRAND NATIONAL RODEO QUEEN:

MISS ONDREA EDWARDS

DREA WINS! Congrats to Ondrea Edwards for her most recent title win of the Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen. Drea was crowned on October 21st at the Cow Palace where she rode Teresa Canada's reining horse, Lot-soPlayMoney. Drea was the 2010 Miss Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen & has been a past member of Merced Horsemen's. Recently she helped to manager our Stock Horse & Reining shows with Teresa Canada.

2011-2012 MARIPOSA COUNTY

FAIR RODEO QUEEN:

MISS JOCELYNN BARRINGTON

Since being crowned in September, Jocelynn has been very busy, actively going to high school rodeo competitions several times a month and she most recently went with her FFA group to tour three ag colleges up north: Chico State, Butte College and Feather River College. Most recently Jocelynn did the flag presentation at her high school homecoming game and she will be participating in the Merry Mountain Christmas Parade in December.



2011-2012 MERCED COUNTRY FAIR

RODEO QUEEN:

MISS KRISTINA TATOM

Kristina has also been busy since her crowning earlier this year. Most recently she assisted at the Merced Horsemen's at Risk Kids Horse Camp Day on October 22 and the following week she modeled in the Madera Cattlewomen's Charity Luncheon and Fashion Show that was held at the Madera Municipal Golf Course, and later that evening she participated in the Trunk or Treat in Chowchilla.



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