



Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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October 2011

President's Message

Howdy all, and welcome to the fall. Cool weather is right around the corner and the days are getting shorter. This is the time to start thinking about blankets and making sure your horses have shelter from the wind and rain.

October is the month to worm again and be sure to include blot fly medicine. Here at horsemen we want to remind you about our last few days of fun events. We are having a club challenge on Oct 30th between Merced Horsemen's and Mariposa Mountain Riders. They have sponsored a trophy plaque that is to be transferred to the winner with name engraved for the upcoming year. So come on out and help us win this event. There will be all types of fun, games and good times with your horse.

Also don't forget our Christmas/awards dinner, which is free to members. We are planning some fun things on this night as well, so be sure to put it on your calendar.

We are taking nominations for board members as well. If you know some one that is willing to serve for three years as a board member or officer and would benefit the club ask them to contact a current board member to see how to proceed.

We also want to mention that the EHV-1 is back and they are monitoring it closely. The CA Department of Food and Agriculture have a good website with the most up to date information. If you have been exposed to this disease please do all your friends a favor and keep your horses at home and isolated. We hope that this passes faster than the other case and pray none of you have to deal with it.

Enjoy the fall weather.

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Schedule of Events/Meetings

OCTOBER

- 8 Saturday, Cutting/ Stock Horse/Reining (open event)
- 13 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:00 pm (Note: 1/2 hour earlier start time)
- 22 Saturday, Kids Camp, 9am (special event, closed to the general public)
- 29 Saturday, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Clinic (arena rented, rsvp required)
- 30 Sunday, MHA vs. MMR Challenge, sign up 9:30 am first class 10am (note time change) (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

"THE HARDEST THING ABOUT LEARNING TO RIDE IS THE GROUND"



2011 MHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 UPCOMING EVENTS



MERCED HORSEMEN'S vs MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS



In a head to head, battle of the clubs competition... Just for fun!

Sunday October 30 at MHA arena

Sign up 9:30 am First game 10:00 a.m.

\$20 per participant (includes games and lunch) Spectator lunches: \$10

Horse back games for all levels... **COSTUME CLASS!** Dress up you & your horse for costume class. It will be first class of the day with special prizes for top adult and top child costume.

Haunted Trail Class...are you prepared?

Cool Raffle Prizes (tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5) Winners of each game receive 1 ticket

QUESTIONS? CALL: Carol: 209-966-8150

RAIN WILL CANCEL THE EVENT.

MMR BEAT MHA the first year, the second year we were rained out and had a photo costume contest which again, two MMR members beat MHA.



COME ON MHA LETS BRING IT! THIS IS OUR HOME TURF.



WE WANT YOU... WE NEED YOU...

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

2012 Directors & Officers NOMINATIONS

Candidates sought for 2011 Officers President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & two Directors. Interested members please contact any current board member or officer or send your nominations to mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com as soon as possible as we need to have a nomination slate prepared for the board to review. Nominations may be taken at the floor at the November meeting. Get involved in the club & help make MHA the best it can be. IT TRULY TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE TO RUN THIS CLUB SO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



OPEN CUTTING, STOCKHORSE & REINING SHOW

AQHA ~ PCQHA ~ WCRHA APPROVED

One down one more to go!

Saturday **OCTOBER 8th**

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

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Gymkhana Report

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Well the September 17th gymkhana was great! The weather was awesome with a nice breeze and it stayed fairly cool. Thank you to the Merced FFA for coming out and helping again (you guys and gals are a peach to have!). Also thank you to Derek Nance, JA Thomas, Karen Kiil, Carol Suggs, Karen Camp, Dennis Freisen and everyone else that helped out that day. I greatly appreciate you coming out and spending the day with us. So now here are the results for this show:

Leadline: High Point: Lilly Matmiller and Res. HP Hudson Camp

Division 4: High Point: Elizabeth Lange/Star and Res. HP Havanah Ulrich/Willow

Division 5: High Point: Mischa Ulrich/Shoni and Res. HP Rebecca Lange/Sparkles

Division 6: High Point: Bryan Gavette/Can-D and Res. HP Paige Gavette/Mia

10 & Under: High Point: Taylor Conely/Barbie and Res. HP Josiah Lange/Savanah

Now Congratulations to everyone for competing this year and here are the results for the Year End MHA Gymkhana Buckle Series:

Division 4: H.P: Havanah Ulrich/Willow (Res. HP: Elizabeth Lange/Star)

Division 5: H.P. Rebecca Lange/Sparkles (Res. HP: Karen Kiil/Merada) 3rd Pl. Mischa Ulrich/Shoni

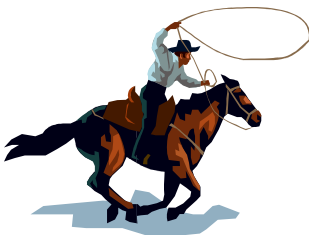
Division 6: H.P. Mikayla Good/Felix (Res. HP: Katherine Lange/Chief)

10&under: H.P. Josiah Lange/Sparkles (Res. HP: Calahan Camp/Zena) 3rd Pl. Taylor Conely/Barbie

Leadline: H.P. Hudson Camp/Sara

Ride safe and wear your helmet!

Jennifer



Ranch Versatility Report

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th. We had a great time. Thanks to Bev Eppich for the challenging trail course design, Kathy Amos, Karen Camp, Jennifer McCulloch, Karen Kiil, Suzette & Lynette Combs, Danielle Dumolt, Jimmie Joe Yanez, Sierra Reinhart (and the nice cowboy who came with Sierra) along with anyone else who helped out and especially the FFA Crew for your help through out the day. Thanks also to Karen Arlin for coming out and judging for us.

Open (Buckle) & Top MHA Rider (Trophy Blanket): Karen Lopes of Atwater

Open Reserve (Headstall): Lisa Krogh of Atwater

Open Third Place (Framed Tim Cox Art Print) : Lissa Villanueva of Madera

Ltd (Buckle): Sarah Williams of Hunters Valley

Ltd Reserve (Headstall): Mikaela Williams of Hunters Valley

Ltd Third Place (Framed Tim Cox Art Print) : Emma Hoffman of Half Moon Bay

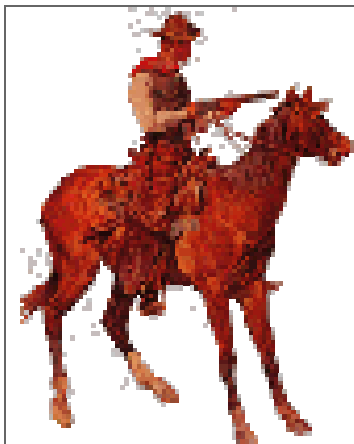
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ADDITIONAL AWARDS SPONSORS:

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Cowboy Mounted Shooting Clinic for "Beginners"

When: Saturday Oct 29th 9am to 4pm
Where: Merced Horsemen's
499 Nevada Street
Merced, CA
Contract: Steve Holland 408-710-1616
Cost: \$75 clinic participants (\$25 cancellation fee after Oct 15th)
\$35 auditors (no riding) (\$15 cancellation fee after Oct 15th)
Make checks payable to: **CRR and Mail to:**

Steve Holland
2480 Day Road
Gilroy, Ca 95020

Come see what this exciting event is all about! Lecture and Q & A followed by de-sensitizing your horse to gunfire, skills & drills (dry fire), break for lunch then come back for the live fire, raffle and end with Q & A. Limited participations slots, so make sure you get your check in and contact Steve.

Did you know that Merced Horsemen's:

...is one of the oldest clubs of it's kind in California?

...has 38 +/- acres, a club house, two arenas, stock pens, wash rack, lawn and viewing area and plenty of parking?

...as a member, you can use the grounds (when an event is not scheduled) for your personal riding use?

...as a member you get discounted rental on the club house? (great for family reunions, birthday parties and gatherings)

...as a member you may be eligible for special awards when you participate in specified events throughout the year.

...is available for rental to the general public?

Help us spread the news about this wonderful facility!

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2011 RODEO Queen News

Special thanks to 2011 Miss Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen, Kristina Tatom for being on hand to crown our new 2011-2012 Miss Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen on September 4 at the CCPRA Rodeo in Mariposa.

Ms. Jocelynn Barrington is our new Queen and she has already represented Mariposa at several rodeo venues since her crowning. Thank you to all the sponsors, contestants, family and friends that made this event possible.

Ondrea Edwards (2010 Miss Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen) is running for Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen. We can help her in this quest by purchasing Rodeo Tickets for the PRCA October 21st event held at the Cow Palace in Daly City. General Admission Tickets are \$18! Come and see the Nations Top Cowboys compete at this prestigious event! Contact Ondrea at 209-626-7820 or drea4GNR@gmail.com

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Please be mindful that if there are any issues that arise with events at MHA, that you contact the chairperson that is in charge of that particular event or contact any officer or board member so that the issue can be addressed appropriately.

MADERA COUNTY CATTLEWOMEN FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29th 11AM

MADERA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

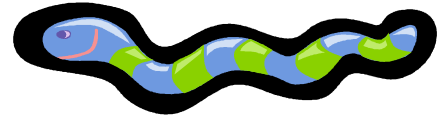
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January/ February: fenbendazole or oxibendazole

March/April: 1.87% Ivermectin or moxidectin or a combo of moxidectin & praziquantel

May/June: pyrantel pamoate

July/August: fenbendazole or oxibendazole

September/October: 1.87% Ivermectin or moxidectin or a combo of moxidectin & praziquantel

November/December: pyrantel pamoate

If you use a daily feed through wormer such as Strongid C, check and see as most are not effective against bots. If they are not effective against bots then you will want to use a ivermectin wormer every 6 months. Because worms are tough, it is important to rotate your dewormer medication so you can try and prevent resistance. If you have concerns about what is a good schedule for your horse you can also consult with your veterinarian as to what they suggest.

Tips:

Use 1.87 % Ivermectin takes care of:


Large & Small Strongyles ~ Pinworms ~ Hairworms ~ Threadworms ~ Stomachworms ~ Lungworms ~ Ascarids ~ Bots

Then a few times a year use a pyrantel pamoate product which will take care of:

Large & Small Strongyles ~ Roundworms ~ Pinworms and some will also take care of Tapeworms.

- ⇒ Make sure that you dispose of the tubes or packaging properly as some wormers for horses may be toxic to other small critters like dogs and cats.
- ⇒ Buy a weight tape and log your horse's weight, and make sure that your amount of dosage is correct.
- ⇒ If the wormer you use is not effective for tapeworms, then get one that is.
- ⇒ Get your wormer in advance for 6 months or up to a year. But when you do be mindful of the expiration dates.
- ⇒ Keep a calendar in your barn or tack room that you can write the date down as to when you gave the wormer, how much and to who you gave it to.
- ⇒ Also speak to your vet about worming. A more precise way to do your worming is to take a fecal sample and have your vet test it to see what type of worms (if any) that your horse has. This way you can give specific treatment for the specific worm and you are not giving your horse unnecessary treatments. By the time you add up the cost of all the wormers you might give in a year and compare it to fecal testing and specific worming you might be surprised that the overall cost is about the same.



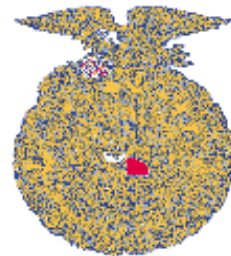


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Discount on Vet Services: Dr Madison Seamans, DVM, MS, is offering a 10% discount on equine veterinary services to Merced Horsemen's members. (No this doesn't mean that if you are a member of the Mariposa Club and the Merced Club that you can double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

Saturday October 15, 2011 Mariposa Mountain Riders hosts a California State Horsemen's Association sanctioned Trail Trials at the Kelly Ranch in Mariposa. The Kelly Ranch is located at the end of French Camp Road off Highway 49 North and is home to a beautiful vineyard and historic ruins of the French Camp Settlement. Kick off the new CSHA year with this first trail trials of the awards season. Please RSVP if you need overnight camping spot or pens.

www.trailtrials.com www.mariposamountainriders.org or email Carla Kelly at heartquestfarms@aol.com



www.bchcmidvalley.org

Join us for Tresetti's Non-Profit Fundraiser for
Mid Valley Unit, Backcountry Horsemen of California on

Thursday, October 20 5:00pm-9:00pm

Make this a night in which you can give back to the community by simply dining at Tresetti's. Just mention to your server that you'd like to help and a percentage of your bill will be donated to support this organization.

Celebrity Bartenders for this evening will be:

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