



Merced Horsemen's Association

Newsletter

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President's Message

Whew! I hope you all have survived this cold and wet January. This past month I'm sure has left many of us with water logged stalls and arenas.

We still have some planning to do and will continue our calendar discussion at the next board meeting scheduled for Thursday February 11th at 6:30 pm. I hope to see all of you there as your input is needed and appreciated as we plan the year.

So far we have planned to act as the host arena for the District 5 High School Rodeo Finals on May 1st, as well as the Nor Cal Junior Rodeo on June 12th. We also will have the Lyn Anderson Clinic on May 22nd. The Merced Rodeo Queen contest will be back again this year on May 23rd. As well as the Versatile Ranch Horse competition June 19th and Golden State Shows will host two events, the first being August 7th and the second being September 11th. Our calendar is filling up and I am excited for the year ahead.

Happy Trails!

Kevin

2010 Membership Dues

We would like to thank all those members who have sent in there membership dues and would like to remind those that have not paid their membership dues to please do so before or at the Dues dinner on March 13th.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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If you paid your 2010 dues and don't see your name on the list, please contact our Membership Chair, Kathy Amos.

February Schedule of Events

11 Feb: Board Meeting
6:30 pm

March Schedule of Events

11 Mar: Board Meeting
6:30 pm
13 Mar: St. Patricks Day Dues Dinner TBA

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held February 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing and finalizing the calendar at this meeting. This meeting is especially important for those interested in holding events at the club during the 2010 year.

Also, as a member you can experience what goes on behind the scenes of your club. Event chair persons will be in attendance for you to bring up any issues you may have had throughout the 2009 season. We look forward to seeing you there!

**"Action is the
foundational key
to all success"
- Pablo Picasso**

Lyn Anderson Cow Working Clinic May 22, 2010

Merced Horsemen's Members get first opportunity to sign up!

On May 22 we will be hosting a clinic with veteran cowhorse trainer, Lyn Anderson. She will work with us on horsemanship/reining skills in the morning and cattle work in the afternoon. Lyn is flexible according to the needs of the group.

This clinic will fill up fast. \$150 per rider and we can only take 15 riders. Cost to audit (spectator) at the clinic will be \$30. Food will be available for purchase at the snack shack.

Send your check in as soon as possible as we will be taking sign ups on a first come basis. There will be no refunds, but you can "sell" your spot if you can't attend. As a Merced Horsemen's member you have until February 29th to get your check in. We will hold the checks until 30 days prior to the event. After February 29th, if there are slots available we will advertise those slots to the public. We are not advertising this event prior to March 1st as we want to give the members first shot at getting a spot.

This is a great opportunity to ride and learn with a world class horsewoman...don't pass this up!

In order to make sure you get on the list, make out your check payable to Merced Horsemens Assoc (or MHA) and send it to :

Carol Suggs
PO Box 5008-202
Mariposa CA 95338

Giving your check or sending it to someplace other than the above address will not insure that you get on the list!

Questions? Call Carol at 209-966-8150 or Melony at (209) 505-3259

Arena Advertising

We are selling arena signs to generate income for repairs and maintenance on our wonderful arenas. Signs are 4 foot by 8 foot in size.

There are two types of signs to be made:

- plastic with vinyl lettering for \$120. These signs will last for up to 3 years.
- 1/2" plywood with baked enamel paint lettering for \$300. These signs will last up to 5 years.

To advertise your business and show support for your club the initial investment would be based on the type of sign you choose, plus the yearly fee for hanging your sign in the arena. The fee for advertising in the arena is \$ 150.00/year. When you purchase a yearly arena sign you will also get exposure on our website.

If you are interested or know someone who is please contact Board Member Lisa Krogh.



Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest

Miss Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest is fast approaching and is looking for contestants. This year the winner receives a saddle, crown, buckle, sash, cash and more.

There is an On-Stage Performance which includes a 2 to 3 minute speech.

Horsemanship where your riding ability is judged.

A Personal Interview at which time you will be asked questions by a panel of members from the Rodeo Committee, and

Sponsorships, you are required to bring in a minimum of 500 dollars in sponsorships to be eligible for the contest, placing and prizes.

Deadline for applications is

April 18, 2010.

For more information please call Amanda Jensen at 559.665.3056 or 559.907.0349.

February Agenda

Merced Horseman's Association
Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome to Guests and Introduction
3. Agenda Items (items to be added or deleted)
4. Adoption of Minutes for January 2010
5. Correspondence to President
6. Financial Report – Maria Moore
 - Account Balance and Activity
 - Change banking from WestAmerica to Rabobank
7. Caretaker Report – Dennis Friesen
8. Old Business
 - Update on Ray Pombo and plumbing locations
 - Plywood for replacement
 - PA system in announcer's booth
 - Price on new two-way radios
 - St. Patrick's Day Dues Dinner
9. New Business
10. Calendar of Events for the upcoming 2010 Season (cont)
11. Discussion regarding a cattle contract with Brett Weaver
12. Review and approval of Rental Application/Agreement Addendum
13. Committee Reports
 - Sorting- Brett Weaver
 - Gymkhana- Sarah Friesen
 - Kitchen- Maria Moore
 - Scholarship- Karen Camp
 - Fundraising/ Advertisements- Lisa Krogh
14. Sharing and Open Discussion
15. Adjournment



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