



# Merced Horsemen's Association

Newsletter

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## President's Message

Wow! Time sure fly's when your having fun! Even with this weather we have still managed to enjoy some awesome events. We had a great turn out at the District 5 High School Rodeo Finals as well as watching beautiful young ladies in their pursuit of the Miss Merced Rodeo Queen title.

June is underway and we are booked again! We have the **Nor Cal Rodeo June 5th**, the **Versatile Ranch Horse Show June 22nd**, and of course the **Merced Rodeo June 18th**. Also, the **Secretary** and **Gymkhana Chairperson's positions** are **still open**. With Sarah **leaving in August** for Stephenville, TX we will **need** a member to **fill this vacancy**. If you or anyone you know maybe interested **please contact** myself, or one of the other board members.

With all the **Nor Cal Rodeo** coming we could use everyone's **help** on the **grounds and in the kitchen**. If your are **interested** please **contact** one of the **board members** to sign up.

## Lynn Anderson Cow Working Clinic

*Submitted By: Carol Suggs and Melony Reed*

It was a typical cool and windy morning at Merced when we had the clinic. 10 riders and a couple of spectators bundled up and put their thinking caps on to absorb all they could from Lyn. The weather warmed up in the afternoon and we were able to shed some of our layers.

Karen and Kathy had fruit, bagels, juice, rolls and coffee laid out for breakfast and served bbq pork sandwiches for lunch. Thanks gals for the great food.

Also thanks to Melony for pulling out her check book so that Bill and Karen could go to Radio Shack mid morning to pick up a lapel mic so that we could actually hear Lyn. What a difference that made!

In the morning Lyn worked individually with each rider on different aspects of reining and horsemanship. After each rider had their

time with Lyn, she would come over to the group and give us a re cap and answer any questions. After lunch the riders had two of three choices on cow work: 1) herd work 2) boxing 3) fence work.

The cows were perfect for this type of clinic situation. (thanks Arnie for organizing getting us the cows for that day). During the cow work it was great having Lyn there giving us guidance especially on the fence work. This was a non pressure day so a lot of us took advantage of that and decided to try a go at fence work. Wow that is a lot harder than it looks!

We would like to do another one in the fall if Lyn can squeeze it in her schedule. Special thanks to everyone who helped out with this clinic, especially Dennis as he had the grounds and the arenas looking great as usual.

## Kitchen Crew

We still need lots of help in the kitchen for the Nor Cal Junior Rodeo on June 5th! We will need about 10 or more people who will work 3-4 hour shifts. Please contact Maria Moore for more information!

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**June  
Schedule of Events**

June 4: Jackpot Barrel Race/Pole  
Bending **\*CANCELED\***

June 5: Nor Cal Rodeo 7:00 am

June 10: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

June 12: Gymkhana Sign Up: 8 am /  
Run 9 am

June 19: Versatile Ranch Horse Show

June 26: Gymkhana

Sign Ups: 8am / Run: 9 am

June 26: Sorting 7pm

**July  
Schedule of Events**

July 8: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

July 31: Sorting 7 pm

**August  
Schedule of Events**

Aug 7: Reining Working Cow horse  
Show

Aug 12: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Aug 28: Sorting 7pm

**Merced Horsemen's  
Open Breed Versatile Ranch Competition**

**Saturday June 19, 2010**

**Compete in 4 classes!**

**~Trail ~ Cut Work & Pen ~**

**~Reined Working Cow horse ~ Riding~**

Showcasing the talents of the ranch horse (or mule!) we are offering two divisions: Open (goes down the fence and ropes cow during RWC class) and

Limited (boxing only in RWC class, no fence work, no roping live cattle). Note that there will be no halter class at this show.

Awards for top scoring overall horse and rider in both divisions

Champion: Buckle

Reserve Champion: Trophy Blanket

Third Placing: Western Framed and matted Tim Cox Print

Special Awards for top overall scoring MHA member and top youth rider and ribbons for the top 5 in each class. Additional awards may be added if we have more sponsors.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR EARLY SPONSORS:

***MERCED RANCH SUPPLY***

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We have many sponsorship opportunities available for this event, so PLEASE contact Carol as soon as you can to get your sponsorship solidified.

Check the website for the entry form and additional information about the event.

Questions? Call Carol at 209-966-8150

## Gymkhana

*By: Sarah Friesen, Gymkhana Chair*

We have had an excellent turn out at our first two gymkhanas this season! Thank you all! Our next gymkhana will be **June 12th** we will be on schedule B. Remember sign ups begin at **8 am** and the first event will begin at **9 am**.

We are still in need of year end sponsors for our awards. **Buckle sponsors are \$150** and other monetary donations are accepted. If you or any one you know may be interested in donating please contact Sarah Friesen or Maria Moore for further information. I would like to **thank our 2010 Buckle Sponsors:**

**Krogh Ranch, Merced Rodeo Committee,**

**PMZ Real Estate-Maria Skordos-Moore.**

**2010 Day Prize Sponsors: Tractor Supply Co., and Conlin's Supply.**

## Rainy Day Weather

The sun might be out more these days but we have experienced a lot of rainy weather this year. As some may know our arena's are not made to with stand that much water. A lot of the time even just a little rain will flood our small arena.

With this being said whenever there is **questionable weather situations** please **contact your event chair person** to find out if your event has been canceled.

As some of you may know I am leaving in August to continue my education at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. This means that the Chair position will be open as well as my spot on the officer team. If anyone is interested in taking over any of these spots please contact myself or another board member. Thank you all for a fun filled and exciting 2 years as your gymkhana director. I had a blast getting to know all of you and watching you grow in your events. I wish you all the best!

As always if you have any questions please call or email me anytime. See you all **June 12th!**

**Gymkhana Chair: Sarah Friesen**

**Sorting Chair: Brett Weaver**

If you have any questions about your events please do not hesitate to contact one of the directors listed above.

## Sponsors and Volunteering

The club really **needs** more **member involvement**. Whether it is with volunteering to come out and help at events or with financial help. **Membership dues** alone **do not cover** the **expenses** that the facility has. We **need** to start **putting money back** into the facility for items that **need repairs** and / or **replacement**. If you have **ideas** or **want to help out**, please **attend a board meeting** and let your **voice be heard**.

Remember, this is **YOUR CLUB** and members need to be the **driving force** for the **club activities** and the financial **welfare** of the **club**.



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