



# Merced Horsemen's Association

Newsletter

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## President's Message

Happy March to everyone! I am excited for the events to begin at Merced Horsemen's. This month will kickoff the events for the year to come. **March 13th** will be our annual Dues Dinner. We will be serving a traditional Corned beef and Cabbage dinner with all the fixings, and yes there will be hot dogs for those who want them. **The Social begins at 6:00 pm, Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.**

On **March 27th** will be our first gymkhana **beginning at 8:00 am**. Our first sorting will also be that evening **beginning at 6:00 pm**. Weather permitting these events will take place. Please check out the website, as it has been updated, for further information about these events and others we have planned for the year.

I am very excited to get things started here at Merced Horsemen's and I look forward to seeing you all at the Dues Dinner March 13th. Until then, Happy Trails and God Bless!

Kevin

## Lynn Anderson Cow Working Clinic

On May 22 we will be hosting a clinic with veteran cow horse 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 of March 1<sup>st</sup> this event is now open to the public so if you know someone who isn't a member who would like to attend, this is their opportunity.

Checks will be held up to 30 days

prior to the event.

***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 Horsemen's 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

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**March  
Schedule of Events**

11 Mar: Board Meeting  
6:30 pm  
13 Mar: St. Patricks Day Dues Dinner  
6:30 pm  
27 Mar: Gymkhana  
Sign Ups: 8:30 am / Run: 9 am  
27 Mar: Sorting  
6:00 pm

**April  
Schedule of Events**

10 Apr: Gymkhana  
Sign Ups: 8:30 am / Run: 9 am  
24 Apr: Gymkhana  
Sign Ups: 8:30 am / Run: 9 am  
24 Apr: Sorting  
6:00 pm  
30 Apr: Jackpot Barrel Race and Pole  
Bending Sign Ups: 6:00 pm /  
Run: 6:30pm

**May  
Schedule of Events**

1 May: District 5 High School Rodeo  
Finals 7:00 am  
8 May: Gymkhana  
Sign Ups: 8:30 am / Run 9 am  
22 May: Lynn Anderson Clinic  
23 May: Miss Merced Rodeo 2010  
Horsemanship 8:00 am  
29 May: Gymkhana  
Sign Ups: 8:30am / Run: 9 am  
29 May: Sorting  
6:00 pm

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

**Saturday June 22, 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***

***SILVER VALLEY RANCH, LLC***

***AMANDA JENSEN STANEART***

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



## Dues Dinner

Dues Dinner March 13th

Social: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

The Dues Dinner is free to all paid members and \$10 for guests. Take advantage to this great opportunity to have a free meal of corned beef with all the trimmings (don't worry hot dogs will also be available) and pay your 2010 dues. A current membership list and applications will be available at the door or on the web site. Any membership not paid by March 13 will be considered delinquent and all rights and privileges will be revoked. So come on out have a great meal, socialize with friends, hear about all the wonderful events planned for the year and help the club by paying your dues. We look forward to seeing y'all.

## Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held **March 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm..**

This a great opportunity as a member for you to see what goes on behind the scenes of your club. Event chair persons and board members will be in attendance for you to bring up any issues you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## March Agenda

Merced Horseman's Association

Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 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 February 2010
5. Correspondence to President
6. Financial Report – Maria Moore
  - Account Balance and Activity
7. Caretaker Report – Dennis Friesen
8. Old Business
  - Update on Ray Pombo and plumbing locations
9. New Business
  - Purchase of portable headset for PA System
  - Review and approval of Cattle Contract with Diamond Bar Arena, Shane Parsons
13. Committee Reports
  - Sorting- Brett Weaver
  - Gymkhana- Sarah Friesen
  - Kitchen- Maria Moore
  - Scholarship- Karen Camp
  - Fundraising/ Advertisements- Lisa Krogh
  - Membership– Kathy Amos
14. Sharing and Open Discussion
15. Adjournment



## Take Inventory

By: Carol Suggs

Take a few hours to inventory your tack and equipment, including taking photos. The time you take now, may just save you time later if items are ever stolen or if you have a barn fire. Recently a local ranch had their barn broken into and various saddles and tack were stolen. If they would have had an inventory of their items the authorities would have a better chance of locating the stolen property and of notifying the public to look out for the stolen merchandise.

1. Photograph your barn and tack room. Date photos.
2. Pull all your saddles out and photo-graph them. Photograph any distinguishing markings and date and log the photos. Do the same with headstalls, bridles, bits, reins and any other tack and equipment that

you have. Make sure you write down any registration # or serial # .

3. Put all this information in a binder or book, making sure that you date it and put it in a safe place.
4. When you add a piece of tack simply photograph it , date it and put it in your book. When you sell a piece or remove a piece from your inventory note it in your book.
5. Check with your insurance company to see what and how much of this personal property would be covered in case of theft or fire. If you have unique or rare items, you may want to insure those separately.

## Gymkhana

By: Sarah Friesen, Gymkhana Chair

The 2010 Season is about to begin and I am very excited to get started. Our first gymkhana will be **March 27th**, remember **sign ups** begin at **8:00 am** and our first event will start at 9:00 am. We will be running the events on **Schedule A** which include, Barrel Racing, Single Stake, Poles I, Big "T," and Speed Barrels. Entry fees for this year have gone up, they are now **\$25** for the days events and **\$5** per individual event.

At this gymkhana I will be collecting items to donate to the Merced Rescue Mission (Merced's Homeless Shelter). Items can include any of the following: food (non-perishable items), clothing both men's and women's, shoes, hygiene products (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.), cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies (paper plates, napkins, utensils, etc.), laundry detergents, etc. If you bring items to donate at check-in, the points you earn that day will be doubled.

As always, volunteers are greatly appreciated! Through out the season I will need help in the arena setting up and changing the events, re-setting knocked barrels and poles, and someone to run the gate. I will also need help in the announcers booth keeping times, and announcing names. We are also looking for sponsors for the 2010 awards. If you know of anyone who would be interested in donating please contact **Sarah Friesen at (209) 617-6023 or by email: kanchaser05@yahoo.com**. We are looking for Buckle sponsors in each division, as well as other cash donations for top 5 and top 10 year end awards.

I would like to say a big thank you to our buckle sponsors from last year: **Lyons Hay Company, Ryan Fowler and Skyline Silversmiths, Diamond H Dairy and the Hooker Family, and D & L Domestic Well Inspection Services**. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I look forward to seeing all of you **March 27th!** Happy Trails!

# Classifieds

The classifieds section is up and running! Members can list items for sale and/or services offered in this section for free. Please submit your information to [mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com](mailto:mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com) by the **15th of every month** to have it listed in the next newsletter. Ads will be listed on a first come first serve basis, and must be renewed each month.

## For Sale

15 inch Billy Cook Barrel Saddle. Turquoise ostrich seat, square skirt, unique tooling has LOTS of sparkles in it. Nice saddle to ride in, in great condition only 3 years old. Very vibrant and bright. Asking \$600 (209) 617-6023

## LOTS of Rodeo Queen Clothes

Lots of Rodeo Queen Clothes for sale. Local and National level quality available. Everything to get you started in the queening business I have! (Queen lessons also available.) Serious inquiries only please, prices vary. (209) 617-6023



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Here!**



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