



Merced Horsemen's Association

Newsletter

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President's Message

May is under way at MHA and boy are we busy! This month is full of events for everyone to try. Along with our monthly Gymkhanas and Sorting we will also be hosting the **Miss Merced Rodeo Queen's Horsemanship May 23rd**. Lynn Anderson will be in town **May 22nd** for the cow working clinic. I hope you all can make it out!

In April, our Secretary and Gymkhana Chairperson, **Sarah Friesen**, announced that she will be moving to Stephenville, Texas to continue her education. We wish her all the best in her endeavors. With her **leaving** this **opens** her position as **Secretary** and **Gymkhana Chairperson**, so if you know anyone that is **interested** in either of these **positions** please let one of the board members or myself know.

With all these events coming we could use everyone's help in the kitchen. There will be a lot of mouths to feed and people to serve. If you would like to **volunteer** please contact **Maria Moore at 357-3122**.

Happy trails and God bless!

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 1st 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!

Kitchen Crew

We need help in the kitchen. If anyone would like to donate some time working in the kitchen it would be greatly appreciated. Our two biggest events will be the High School Rodeo and the Nor Cal Rodeo. We need 10 people to work the Nor Cal Rodeo on June 5th, we can work in 3-4 hour shifts. I will have a sign up sheet at the gymkhana, please check your schedules and volunteer for the kitchen duty! It's really a lot of fun!

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**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
13 May: Board Meeting 6:30 pm
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

**June
Schedule of Events**

June 4: Jackpot Barrel Race and Pole
Bending Sign Ups: 6:00 pm /
Run: 6:30pm
June 5: Nor Cal Rodeo
7:00 am
June 10: Board Meeting
6:30 pm
June 19: Versatile Ranch Horse Show
June 26: Gymkhana
Sign Ups: 8:30am / Run: 9 am
June 26: Sorting 7pm

**July
Schedule of Events**

**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:

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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 **May 8th** 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 Sponsors: Krogh Ranch buckle sponsor, Merced Rodeo buckle sponsor, Tractor Supply Company day prize sponsor, and Conlin's Supply day prize sponsor.**

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 fulfilled 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 **May 8th!**

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.

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.

Classifieds

For Sale. Our daughter is leaving for college in the fall and her 8 yr old cow horse, Magic, needs a new owner. He has an excellent foundation; he was born at Wedemeyer Ranch, started and trained by Gary Wedemeyer. Magic slides, spins, sorts cattle, has done some penning, and has competed in local stock horse competitions: reining, boxing a cow, and down the fence. Trail competitions have also been easily mastered with this guy. We love him, but have to part with him. **Price \$5000.** Call # 209-357-5712 email: kngfysh@comcast.net

Classifieds ads can be placed by members for free for 2 consecutive months. Please submit your ads by the 15th of each month to be put into the newsletter. Submissions made to mercedhorse-mens@yahoo.com



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