

Monterey Bay Equestrians April 2019

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Welcome New Members

Helen Clary
Amy Dore
Carole Edwards
Adeline Forrest
Kathy Frankel
Sheryl Germany
Kelly Getreu
Kathy Grandfield
Annell Hayden & Nannette Benedict
Linda Heywood
Noel Jensen
Winston & Joleene Kasparian
Tracey Kerbs
Karen & Michael Larson
Luann MacIntyre
Victoria Mahony
Sherilyn Marcuson & Shelby Jason
Pat Potter McAndrews
Jane Minglana
Brandi, Mike & Sami Mount
Jourdan Murphy
Susanne Muszala
Laura Nichols
Jamie Pennisi
Judith Sedillos
Randy Schurtz
Sally Sims
Karen Streeter
Laura Linda Strickland
Mona Swanston

Editors Note

Welcome to spring everyone, hopefully the rain will stop soon.

The news letter is now quarterly, a new format. If I have missed something or anyone please except my apology. Our president is busy with moving to a wonderful new home, so look for her message in the next newsletter. I'd like to thank Nikki for her contributions of the ride reports, Cathleen for the new member report and everyone else who sent in photo's. All contributions are welcome.

Save the Date for our annual Poker Ride, June 14-16, 2019 at the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Showgrounds. See more info in this newsletter.

Poker Prizes Needed: We need all member's help in collecting poker prizes. Please plan on attending the April 11 club meeting in Prunedale to bring any poker prizes you have collected.

Hope to see you all on the rides and campouts this year.



Welcome Brandi and her daughter Sammy Mount! Look forward to riding and camping with you in 2019.



Welcome Ashley and congratulations on your engagement. Ashley is a school teacher who loves to compete in endurance races with her arabian cross gelding.



Welcome Jane, on Wizard, Jamie on her boy a retired US forest service horse. Cherilyn Jewels, Jason Brodie. Looking forward to many rides and campouts.



Welcome new member Mona with her youngster Gunner, glad to have you join MBE, your going to love our group!

2019 MBE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	HOST
JANUARY				
20th	Reg at 10am	Presidents Ride & Membership Drive <i>(Guests Invited)</i>	Marina Equestrian Center	2019 Board
FEBRUARY				
24th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride <i>*(Public Ride)</i>	DeAnza Trail San Juan Bautista	Liz Gheen
MARCH				
17th	Ride at 11am	St Patty's Day Ride & Potuck <i>(Members Only)</i>	Chasing Time Ranch	Nikki VanSteenwick
APRIL				
4th - 7th		Spring Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	McCormick Ranch, Santa Maria	McCormicks
25th - 28th		Full Moon Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Harvey Bear Ranch San Martin	Cathleen Sittig
TBD	Ride at 11am	Day Ride <i>(Members Only)</i>	Diablo Foothills Open Space, Gilroy	Sunday Minnich
MAY				
11th	Ride at 11am	Vineyard Trail Ride, lunch & Wine Tasting <i>(Members Only)</i>	Cooper Garrod Ranch & Vineyards, Saratoga	Sunday Minnich
16th - 20th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Montana Day Oro, Morro Bay	Carolyn Tucker
JUNE				
2nd	Ride at 11am	Day Ride & Potluck <i>(Members Only)</i>	Golden Gate Park	Heather Shupe
14th - 16th		Poker Ride Fundraiser <i>*(Public Event)</i>	Santa Cruz County Horsemen's	MBE
JULY				
5th - 10th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Jack Brooks Horse Camp	Syd Blankenship
31st - Aug 5		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Dru Barner Horse Camp, Georgetown	Nikki VanSteenwick
AUGUST				
Jul 31st - 5th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Dru Barner Horse Camp, Georgetown	Nikki VanSteenwick
18th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride <i>*(Public Ride)</i>	Henry Cowell, Santa Cruz	Lois Connell
29th - Sept 3rd		Campout <i>*(Public Campout)</i>	Wrights Lake	Liz Gheen
SEPTEMBER				
Aug 29th - 3rd		Campout <i>*(Public Campout)</i>	Wrights Lake	Liz Gheen
18th - 24th		Campout <i>*(Public Campout)</i>	Big Meadow Kings Canyon	Patti & Mike Garcia
OCTOBER				
12th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride <i>(Members Only)</i>	Pebble Beach, Carmel	Syd Blankenship
17th - 24th		Ladies Catered Campout <i>*(Guests Invited)</i>	Pointe Reyes Stewart Ranch	Cathleen Sittig & Shannen Bostwick
NOVEMBER				
7th - 11th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Lake San Antonio	Nikki VanSteenwick
DECEMBER				
14th	6pm	Christmas Party <i>*(guests invited)</i>	California Grill, Watsonville	Patti Garcia
12th	7pm	Ride Meeting	Prunedale Library	

* **Public Campouts/Rides** are not sanctioned MBE events. Reservations are made on your own and at your own risk. **Guests Invited/Public Events** are MBE Sanctioned rides and guests are covered under MBE Insurance.

Diablo Foothills Day Ride was supposed to be on April 28th, we will be rescheduling that ride. As soon as we have a confirmation on another date for Diablo Foothills, we will let you know.

Presidents Ride Sunday Jan 20 2019 Marina Equestrian Center at Fort Ord

Today's MBE event "President's Day Ride - Membership Drive" was well attended by members with or without horses, guests and new members. I was greatly impressed by the turn out considering the not so long ago discussion of disbanding the club. I think it's pretty obvious that option is not what our membership wants, considering today's turn out, in spite of the threat of rain. For those of you new to MBE ...FYI - MBE also stands for "More Better Eaters" as those present can attest to. There was as always plenty of food to go around while talking or watching the amazing slide show presentation. It was fun looking back on the good times we as a club have shared and a forward look at what's to come in this New Year 2019. Didn't win anything at the raffle??? No Worries...there's always the next occasion. Wait till you see the "prize coral" at the poker ride newbees!!! Thanks go out to our new 2019 Board members and to the other committee members who play a most important part in keeping MBE function as a whole. Welcome to all of our newest members...see you all at our next event...

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!

Nikkii van Steenwyk



**SUNDAY FEB 24
MARINA EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Due to problems with parking at DeAnza Trial the February ride was changed to Marina Equestration Center. Aprox 35 riders showed up for the ride which was really great....especially since alot of the faces were those of our newest members!!! Yahoo yippee keep on a coming. From what I heard no one got un-seated or had to threaten too much bodily harm to their mis-behaving horses so all in all it was a good ride and a fun time was had by all on and off the trail as visiting continued in the picnic area after the ride. Thank you all for coming. Hope to see you next month in king city. Thanks to those who got raffle tickets. Didn't forget em? See me at Chasing Time.

Nikkii van Steenwyk



**St Patty's Day Ride
March 17, 2019 King City, CA**

24 Riders showed up for the St Patty's Day Ride (ride host delighted) which the weather couldn't have been more perfect for. Thanks to Curtis, everyone got parked ok and was able to get back out ok too. Some of the riders opted to do the slightly longer and a bit more difficult and headed off with Ashley and the rest followed Nikkii. As far as I know no small green Irish men or pots of gold were sighted out on the trail. Although there was horse and rider sporting big green sparkly bow ties. After the ride we all enjoyed a typical St Patty's Day feast and if anyone went home hungry, it wasn't due to lack of food. Thank you everybody for cleaning up after yourselves in both the picnic and parking area. I did find one kitchen Knife with sheath (claimed) and a piece of wide ribbon, possibly "kicking horse tail marker" Thanks again for coming out and having a good time. Hope to see you at the next ride.

Nikkii van Steenwyk





18th ANNUAL POKER RIDE & CAMPOUT FUNDRAISER

June 14-16, 2019

Santa Cruz County Horsemen's
Graham Hill Showgrounds

1145 Graham Hill Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Beat the heat and attend the 18th Annual Monterey Bay Equestrians Poker Ride & Campout, located in the beautiful forested redwoods of Santa Cruz. The Graham Hill Showgrounds offer beautiful trails meandering through rolling hills, beautiful redwoods, rivers, and spectacular views. Enjoy trail riding, poker, entertainment, Saturday dinner & continental breakfasts, obstacle trail competition & much more!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th

- Registration Opens at Noon
- Set Up Camp
- Ride at your leisure on the beautiful trails from camp
- Entertainment & dessert from 7pm – 9:30pm in the Clubhouse

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th

- Continental Breakfast
- Trail riding on your own or sign up for a guided ride
- Obstacle Trail Competition (*awards up to 5th place for Advanced & Novice*)
- Poker in the Clubhouse
- Saturday BBQ under the stars by the award winning Porktera BBQ
 - **Tri Tip, Pork Loin, Beans, Roasted Veggies, Green Salad, Patti's famous Potato Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert**
- Obstacle Challenge Awards & Poker Hand Prizes in Prize Corral



SUNDAY, JUNE 16th

- Continental Breakfast
- Break down camp by Noon
- You are more than welcome to stay and ride the trails from the day parking area

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 1st COST PER PERSON INCLUDES:

Two (2) Nights Camping, Trail Riding, Souvenir T-Shirt, Friday Entertainment, Continental Breakfast Saturday & Sunday, Saturday Night BBQ, 1 Poker Hand (Extra Poker Hands \$5 each). Hot Showers, Flush Toilets

- \$150 with Corral (*includes reserved corral on a first come, first paid basis*)
- \$125 Meadow Camping or Individual W/O a horse
 - (*bring your own panels or tie to trailer*)
- \$25 Additional Camping Per Night (*Wednesday 6/12 & Thursday, 6/13*)
- \$35 Obstacle Trail Competition (*Awards up to 5th Place for Advance & Novice*)
- \$25 Saturday Night Dinner & Poker only (*no horses or camping, no day riding*)
- \$25 Late Fee after June 1st if space is still available. No onsite sign-ups.



MBE RIDE RULES

1. For your safety and pleasure, we ask that you use common sense, and show courtesy and consideration toward others at all times.
2. Please leave sick horses at home. Any horse with a noticeable cough, runny nose, or any other potentially communicable illness will be asked to leave.
3. If your horse kicks, indicate with a red ribbon on its tail.
4. For safety reasons, organized day rides will be paced at a walk.
5. Respect our lands and stay on designated equestrian roads/trails.
6. Keep one-horse length between you and the other riders, and a two-horse length on narrow trails and hills.
7. Do NOT pass the leader of a ride if there is one.
8. Ask permission to pass a horse in front of you and pass quietly.
9. If leaving the group during a ride, advise the ride host or leader.
10. Horses should not exceed a flat-footed walk in camp or in a staging area.
11. No loose horses are permitted in camp or on the trails. Hobbled horses are considered loose horses due to their tendency to travel.
12. Wherever MBE goes, dog rules must be followed. Dogs are NOT allowed on group day rides. When in camp, dogs and other pets must be confined or leashed. Owners are responsible for their own pets' behavior.
13. Animals are not allowed in eating areas.
14. Do NOT litter. Carry all trash to a trash receptacle.
15. Follow any park/camp/facility rules as set forth by location of ride/campout.
16. No alcohol or firearms permitted on the trail.
17. Smoking is permitted ONLY in designated areas.

Just a friendly reminder that we have ride rules for a reason. We would like to respectfully ask everyone to please follow the rules for you own safety and to ensure everyone's enjoyment. Ride Hosts do not want to be the bad guy and ask members to please follow the rules. We thank you for your consideration and diligence in following these rules.

PLEASE NOTE: Rules are subject to change for specific rides & campouts, which will be stated on the individual ride flyers for day rides & campouts.

TBS Yard Sale and Open House Hosted by The BackStretch Equine Rescue, Rehabilitation and Retirement

Did you know that there is a 35 ACRE safe haven for abandoned, abused or neglected horses in OUR NEIGHBORHOOD in Aromas, California?

We'd love for you to come over and CHECK US OUT!

The BackStretch Equine Rescue, Rehabilitation and Retirement is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and we're having a Yard Sale and Open House on Sunday, April 7 from 10 am until 4 pm.

If you have items you'd like to donate to TBS or if you're in need of tools, tack and various odds and ends, plan to join us. Oh, and tell your ANIMAL LOVING FRIENDS.

We currently have more than 40 Rescues on the property. They are available for sponsorship, trail rides or just for you to visit and love on!

Join us on April 7th and stay tuned for other upcoming events at "THE RANCH"!

"We Rescue Each Other"

18500 Rea Avenue
Aromas, California 95004

"Thank you Sunday Portera Minnich and all the MBE's, such a great day and beautiful ride! Sorry I couldn't get more pic's, too busy trying to control my naughty horse"

Erika Reid

"Thank you for a wonderful ride! Beautiful ranch and perfect weather! Nice to ride with you all once again."

Laura Linda Strickland

"Happy St. Patrick's Day! Great ride today at Chasing Time Ranch in King City! Nikkii VanSteenwick did a fabulous job organizing this very successful day ride. Was great to finally see the sunshine and share some fun with friends."

Cathleen Sittig

"Soooo much fun!! Can't wait to do it again with ya all!"

Mona Swanston

"Thank you for a great day yesterday! It was a great ride and for being so welcoming! I look forward to joining more events this year! Your friendly group and outstanding program schedule convinced me to join, even though I wasn't sure I would have much more time to do anything!"

Judit Sedillos

"It was absolutely so much fun riding with so many people and meeting so many new friends thank you so much."

Jason Marcuson

MBE CLUB MEETINGS:

April 11 – Prunedale

August 8 – Watsonville

October 10 – Prunedale

December 12 (Ride Meeting) – Prunedale

NEWSLETTER MONTHS

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