



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope this message finds you all healthy, happy and hitting the trails. After months of unsureness over whether we would ever get to camp again, it happened. First at McCormick's Ranch, then Skillman National Forest and finally a tag along with WANAC at Point Reyes National Seashore. It was restorative to be able to participate in activities we all love, it almost makes one feel like all is "normal".

The diversity of the horse community abounds, one would not need to look far to see differences, yet similarities. Diversity defines our uniqueness and gives us variety, so that we can grow, learn and experience new ideas, or ways of viewing the world.

It does not matter that your horse is 16.2 or 14.1 hands, roan, bay, black & white or buttermilk, big ears, gaited, or trotters. Nor does your style of riding matter. Western for the cowboy/girl, English for the eventer's, endurance for the hardy, trail for the nature lovers, side saddle for the princesses, or for that matter no saddle at all for risk takers. The point is it makes no difference if you are happily going down the trail or rail on your steed.

I have learned a great deal from our members by sitting around the fire and listening while people shared their tales of the trails. Mondo taught me that my horse could in fact cross a creek with boulders in it. Val taught me how to high tie, Liz how to stay centered while traveling up hill. I believe where we embrace our diversities and unite, we grow!

Happy Trails, Cathleen

Save the Date

Aug 15: Mt. Madonna Ride

Oct 1-5: 4th Annual Point Reyes Ladies Campout

For details & more upcoming events, please see the Calendar.

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Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

We're excited
to meet you!

- Christie Partsafas
- Christine Hallett
- Peggy O'Shea



DEAR MEMBERS:

We'd love to include you and your horse(s) in our next newsletter! It helps us get to know each other and sparks conversation on rides. Please reach out to Stephanie at s.lam@me.com for a quick member profile questionnaire.



Henry Cowell

RIDE REPORT

by Patricia Anderson
Member

What a beautiful ride on Saturday the 25th of July for nine of us who set out on some of the most scenic trails in the area. Patricia Anderson led our group of members that consisted of our President Cathleen Venn, Erin Beatie, Stephanie Lam, Mona Swanston, Frank Rossini, Tina Borselo, Pat McKnight, and our newest member Christine Hallett!

Starting out along the river trail beside the San Lorenzo River, we then started to climb up Eagle Creek with many different obstacles such as large steps, muddy creeks, downed trees and wooden bridges up to the top of the hill to the observation deck. Here we got to take a short break and then continued on down the sandy incline and back toward the river again and to the staging area.

It was such a peaceful ride among the redwoods, oaks, and varieties of plants and shrubs on mostly shaded single track trails. Thanks to all the riders and horses that made this a very enjoyable ride!



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Skillman

CAMPOUT REPORT

by Cathleen Sittig
President

Due to the cancellation of the Santa Cruz Campout, reservations were made at Skillman Horse Camp. 20 MBE Members attended who enjoyed great camping accommodations, food, well maintained trails, perfect weather and fun! Skillman is a hidden gem and everyone was in agreement that it is definitely a do-over next year.

Everyone enjoyed fabulous catered meals from Thursday's dinner to Monday's breakfast. Dinners consisted of ribs, chicken, prime rib, Mexican fiesta, and breakfasts had everything you could think of from eggs, breakfast meats, potatoes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, blueberry pancakes, etc. The campgrounds were very clean with picnic tables, some corrals, fire pits and plenty of room.

The trails were well maintained and mostly single track and shaded. Everyone had great rides with no mishaps. Some were treated to a guided ride on Monday by Gold Coast Trail Council Member Karen. The horses had some excitement at night by visiting bears getting into the dumpsters and even saw some on the trail. We will definitely be back next year.



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Point Reyes

CAMPOUT REPORT

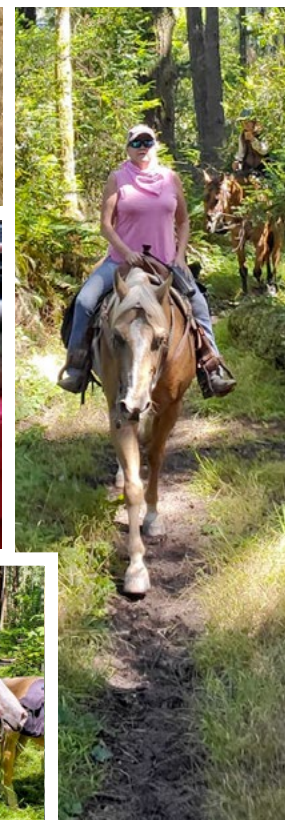
by Stephanie Lam
Newsletter Editor

There's a reason this place ranks among many folks' top places to camp! The terrain is beautiful, with ferns and woodsy trails that lead out onto the gorgeous beaches of Point Reyes.

Mike's Catering spoiled us as always, with treats like cioppino and corned beef hash. We rocked out to Bruno Mars on the stumpfiddle and celebrated with some cowgirl dancing! We counted 13 MBE members among the 70 rigs (WANAC folks, and others) at the campground.

Five Brooks has a number of high line poles, picnic tables and fire rings (which we enjoyed every night). Bees and a downed tree prevented the use of a couple trails, but we expect this to be resolved by our Ladies Campout in October. Designated "dung bins" are cleared out each afternoon. Due to COVID-19, the bathrooms are single person only. Multiple showers are available, the water is nice and hot. Sadly, the in-town bars and visitor's center are closed due to the pandemic.

Fame and I had a terrific camping experience thanks to the warm MBE welcome and generous, helping hands!



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Members of the Month



Patricia Lee Anderson

Other Family Member names: Craig (husband)

My horse(s): Purebred Egyptian Arabian - IBN Ecclipse aka "Ben"

What other animals do you have? We have an older Appendix Quarter Horse orse mare "Tsunami" who is retired. We alos have 2 Queensland Heelers (Australian Cattle Dattle Dogs) Terra & Kai.

What horse activities do you like the most? I love to ride trail and horse camp.

What hobbies outside of horses do you like? I hike and mountain bike and love to travel (when I can without COVID getting in the way) and am very involved in my professional association

Where is your favorite place to day ride? Henry Cowell State Park, Felton, CA

Where is your favorite place to horse camp? The Little Luxury Point Reyes Country Inn and Stables (horse B&B) but Jack Brooks as far as camping goes.

Any other horse clubs you belong to? Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association and the Arabian Horse Association

How did you hear about MBE? I've been a member of MBE getting close to 20 years now and a fellow horse woman invited me to join way back when.

Anything else you would like us to know about you? I am down to working just 2 days a week as a registered dental hygienist at my office in Santa Cruz. I board my horse in the Aptos Hills at Equisance Moon Valley Ranch. I formerly completed level 2 Parelli Natural Horsemanship and have competed in NATRC (North American Trail Riders Conference) for several years competing in long-distance competitive trail with my trusty steed "Ben."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

AUGUST

AUGUST 15 / DAY RIDE: MT. MADONNA

11am Host: Toni Whedon

More details coming soon

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 3-8 / WRIGHT'S LAKE CAMPOUT (SOLD OUT)

Host: Liz Gheen

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1-5 / LADIES CATERED CAMPOUT

Point Reyes Five Brooks Horse Camp

*Guests Invited**

More details coming soon, registration mid-August

Host: Cathleen & Sunday

OCTOBER 31 / DAY RIDE: PEBBLE BEACH

11am

Halloween Ride with CATERED Box Lunch

Host: Syd Blankenship

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 12-16 / MONTAÑA DE ORO CATERED CAMPOUT

Lake San Antonio as backup location

Host: Cathleen Sittig & Carolyn Tucker

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5 / CHRISTMAS PARTY 5pm

Location TBD - *Guests Invited**

Host: 2020 Board of Directors

DECEMBER 10 / GENERAL MEETING (RIDE PLAN) 7pm @ Prunedale Library

Due to COVID-19, we've had to change and/or cancel several of our upcoming campouts. This Calendar reflects the current status but is subject to change. Please keep an eye out for email updates. Cheers to Sunday for her hard work in finding us places to camp!



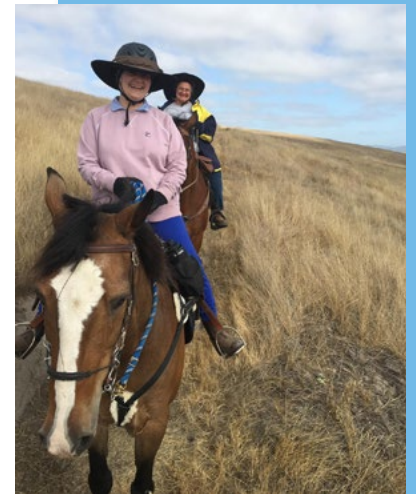
PLEASE NOTE: All events are MEMBERS ONLY unless otherwise specified.

**"Open" Campouts/Rides are not MBE sanctioned events. Reservations are made on your own and are at your own risk.*

"Guests Invited/Public" Events are MBE sanctioned rides and guests are covered under MBE insurance.

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.
18. 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 your 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.



Classifieds

SEEKING HOME FOR RENT

I am looking for a place to live: 2 people, 1 dog, 1 cat and vehicles. Anywhere between Soquel and north Watsonville would be ideal. Needs to be a free standing home not apartment building, too many motorized toys.

Ursula Worthen alamarana00@gmail.com

FOR SALE

CONTACT PATRICIA AT
RIDINRDH@SBCGLOBAL.NET

*SYNERGIST TRAIL SADDLE FOR SALE. 15.5 IN SEAT IN GREAT SHAPE ALL LEATHER ONLY WEIGHS 18 LBS. COST \$2400 I'M ASKING \$950.

* PARELLI CRADLE BIT WITH LEATHER HEADSTALL. ASKING \$175.

*TIPPERARY LIKE NEW HYBRID MATTE BLACK HELMET SIZE LARGE BUT THEY RUN A LITTLE SMALL. ASKING \$35.

Have something for the Classifieds or Announcements? Email a description and pics (if relevant) to s.lam@me.com.



Announcements

HOW TO HORSE CAMP

EXPERIENCE THE FUN OF HORSE CAMPING AND TRAIL RIDING!

AUGUST 15, 2020 OVERNIGHT

POT LUCK DINNER!
(MEAT PROVIDED BY SMHA)

LEARN ABOUT:
- **HORSE CONTAINMENT**
- **CAMP COOKING**

WHERE:

BLOMQUIST ARENA
8885 GUIBAL AVE.
GILROY, CA 95020

\$20 ENTRY FEE

- **AND OTHER TIPS AND TRICKS**

HOSTED BY

THE SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FOR MORE INFO,
CONTACT KAREN:
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(408) 203-5730

BRING YOUR
OWN HORSE,
TRAILER,
CAMPING
EQUIPMENT, OR
JUST A
NOTEBOOK!



SMHA HOW TO HORSE CAMP EVENT

The San Martin Horsemen's Association is hosting a "How to How to Horse Camp" Event on August 15. It's a one night event in Gilroy where you can learn the basics of horse camping in a safe, fun environment. Check in at 4pm, potluck dinner. \$20 fee. Contact Karen Luke to sign up at: kluke@gmail.com or 408-203-5730.

