



Monterey Bay Equestrians December/January 2019

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January 2020 Presidents Message

Happy New year, and welcome to 2020! Last year was a busy year for Monterey Bay Equestrians, with a whole new board of directors, online registrations, new venue for the Annual Poker Ride, and new faces on the trail! With the help of our awesome club members we were able to raise over \$5000, making it possible to donate to several non-profits, that members had submitted donation request forms to the 2019 board of directors

I wanted to take the time to personally acknowledge just a handful of members that did an exceptional job last year. These members contributions made our events seem effortless. Nikkii hosted the Saint Patrick's day ride, at Chasing Time, with a huge turnout, in riders and the potluck. At the poker ride Lois and Robyn organized the prize corral donations, and put together beautiful baskets, you two were a life saver for me. Ann was the queen of the kitchen at the poker ride, and we hope to have her organize the dinner again. Ann why you don't own a restaurant I don't know? She kept us on task, and on time, smiling the whole time. Also, Caroline, our fashionista, who is always making sure we not only have MBE clothing, but totes that stuff to and fro so we have the opportunity to purchase, might I say, at cost, high quality clothing. Last but not least Lois, who creates our MBE Newsletter despite the fact we forget to send her photos, ride reports, and content. Every newsletter is filled with the happenings of our club magically. If you love a ride or have just hosted a club ride, please remember to send a report and photos to Lois. A huge thank you to Liz our past President, who thought she was done with the board whenever the new board came on, NOT! Thankfully, she is willing to continue to help us, despite our technology antics, like online registration, social media, you know the high-tech era.

Finally, we could not have done any of this without Sunday, who can organize a fishbowl, making it possible to explore the sea. As I step into some huge shoes as MBE's 2020 President I look forward to working with our new board of directors, VP Sunday, Sec. Carolyn, Treasurer Shannen, Past Pres. Liz. At our ride meeting we put together an exciting ride schedule, with new places to explore!

I look forward to seeing you all on the trail, join me at the President's Ride and membership drive on January 26th at the Marina Equestrian Center!

Cathleen Venn Sittig

President Monterey bay Equestrians





Annual Presidents Ride & Membership Drive

Sunday, January 26th

10am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

11am

Ride on own or sign up for a
guided trail ride (provide own horse)
(Arena open)

2pm

Lunch - BBQ Burgers & Hotdogs
MBE Apparel Sale
Door Prize Drawings

RSVP (by Jan 17th)

Sunday Minnich
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**No charge to MBE
Members**

**Non-Members
\$10 per person**

*(Sign up on day of event and
apply your registration fee to
your membership)*

**Marina Equestrian Center
2830 5th Ave. Marina, CA 93933**

From highway 1, take the Imjin
Parkway exit 408. Turn right on
California (at the light).

Go through stop sign.

Marina Equestrian Center will be
located on your left.



2019 DONATIONS by MBE

Due to the success of this year's Poker Ride and other fundraising efforts, members of MBE were given an opportunity to fill out donation request forms to support horse related groups, trail acquisition support, trail maintenance, camp & trail upgrades, trail signage and other horse related causes. Early in the year the board made a decision to support the San Mateo Mounted Patrol for the construction of the Towne Creek Bridge at Jack Brooks. Five more donation requests were received by the deadline date of November 30th. The 2019 & 2020 Board of Directors reviewed all the donation requests and are proud to be able to provide support for each donation that was submitted. They are all worthy horse related causes. Cathleen Sittig, 2020 President will be contacting the members who put in the nominations, to join her and other board members in a photo opportunity to present the checks to the groups/organizations listed below. This is what our Poker Ride Fundraiser is all about. Giving back to support horse related support!!

Here are the donations that were approved for the 2019 year!

\$1000 San Mateo Mounted Patrol - for the Towne Creek Bridge at Jack Brooks (completed)

\$500 CAPE (Center for Animal Protection and Education, Submitted by Kathy St. John

CAPE, located in Grass Valley, rescues horses who are older and have special needs. Currently there are 46 animals in their care, many who have come to live out their lives at the CAPE Animal Sanctuary. One equine in particular, Renegade, needed special help due to costs of medication, special diet, vet care and supplements to get him back on his feet and healthy.



Renegade

\$1000 Pregnant Mare Rescue, Submitted by Ed Kilduff

The Pregnant Mare Rescue, located in Aptos, is a sanctuary dedicated to rehabilitating and re-homing abused and mistreated horses to forever dwellings where they will be genuinely cherished and loved. Pregnant mares and orphaned foals from all over the nation are protected at Pregnant Mare Rescue. In almost thirteen years, PMR has rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed over 345 horses. In their care, the spirit of the horse is protected, alive and well.



Rescued foal & mom with leg injury

\$500 SPCA for Monterey County, submitted by Caroline Spicher

The donation for the SPCA Monterey County will be specified for horse related care and treatment of rescued horses to go toward feed, vet bills, supplements, hoof care and dental, necessary for the recovery, health and adoption of these horses.

\$500 CanHam Farm Horse Rescue, submitted by Sheryl Germany

Located in Scotts Valley, CanHam Farm rescue is starting a new program "Horses Helping Humans" that is intended to help people benefit from the therapeutic power of horses! The program will cater to those suffering from anxiety, stress, addiction, recovery, difficult life circumstances, and adults and children with physical disabilities or limitations such as Cerebral Palsy, Stroke and Head Injuries.

\$2000 Backstretch Horse Rescue, submitted by Debra Means and Liz Riehl
Located in Aromas, Backstretch Horse Rescue offers a safe haven for abandoned, abused or neglected horses, in addition to a variety of ways that the community can engage with these beautiful creatures. Donated funds will be used specifically for fencing, feeding and health care for the 43 horses that were rescued just this past year. You might remember the 9 starving Thoroughbreds that were rescued in Hollister this past year, which 1 required immediate surgery. Another 5 were rescued in Prunedale after their own passed away.



Backstretch Horse Rescue

Please join us for Art of the Cowgirl January 24th-26th, 2020 as we celebrate, gather, and connect western women around horses and western art. We will feature female makers, including master artists, silversmiths, braiders, saddlemakers, and horsewomen. The event will not only provide entertainment and honor women of the west, but also provide fellowships to individuals to further their knowledge with master artists in the trade of choice. The contributions of these cowgirl makers are truly worth celebrating and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Art of the Cowgirl is a gathering to celebrate cowgirls and their contributions to western lifestyle and culture, to raise funds to support up and coming artists to expand their knowledge and skills via fellowships with master artists in their field. Event includes a trade show, concert, all women's ranch rodeo, elite ranch horse sale, art auction, live music, horse clinician demonstrations, colt starting, stock dog demonstration, trick riding, artist demonstrations, and much more!

Happy Trails,
~Luz R

Congratulation
Sydney Blankenship
Member of the year

Syd has been a great supporter of MBE. Serving on the board of directors, organizing and leading ride, and MC of the Poker Ride for the past few years. Her contributions are many, to many to list. Syd received a custom silver pin. Well deserved Syd.



HOLIDAY PARTY 2019

It was a jolly and joyous evening of festivities at this year's Annual MBE Christmas Party held at the California Grill in Watsonville. Members and their guests were welcomed with a reception prior to dinner with Calamari, Garlic dip with Crestini's and veggie platters, while enjoying a variety of beer and wines. The dinner was delicious with Chicken Piccata and Carmelized Onion and Sherry Pork Loin with all the trimmings, followed by a delicious Lemon Cream Cake. Awards were handed out including our 2019 Member of the Year Sydney Blankenship who was given a beautiful, hand made silver pin. Sydney served on the board of directors for many years as President. She is also the ride chair for the Pebble Beach Ride each year, drives 2 hours to put in our campout dates for the Jack Brook Lottery, is our entertaining MC for the Poker Ride, and much more! The 2019 Board also awarded Lifetime Memberships to Jim Whitcomb and Ed Kilduff by presenting them both with a framed certificate of appreciation. The board also thanked Brenda Carpenter who stepped up as Treasurer for 2019 and will be resigning the end of this year. She was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and photo of her and her horse, Rylie, taken at the Ladies Point Reyes Campout. The board also recognized incoming Board Secretary Carolyn Tucker, Lois Connell our illustrious Newsletter Editor, 2020 Membership Chair, Erin Beatie and Patti Garcia as our Sunshine Chair and for making the wonderful homemade horse cookies as the highlight of our Christmas gifts. It was great to meet and see all the new members, seasoned members and our youngest member, James Murphy who was presented with a candy cane.





2020 MBE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	HOST
JANUARY				
26th	Reg at 10am	Presidents Ride & Membership Drive (Guests Invited)	Marina Equestrian Center	2020 Board
FEBRUARY				
15th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Salinas River Beach	TBD
MARCH				
21st	Ride at 11am	St Patty's Day Ride (Members Only)	Henry Coe Hunting Hollow Valley Floor	TBD
26th - 30th		Campout (Members Only)	Lake San Antonio	TBD
APRIL				
8th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Diablo Foothills Open Space, Gilroy	Carolyn Tucker
23rd - 27th		Campout (Members Only)	Mt Diablo hosted by Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association	Nikki VanSteenwick
MAY				
9th	8am - 6pm	Day Trip - Horse Expo (Members Only)	Party Bus to Horse Expo Rancho Murieta	Cathleen Sittig
14th - 18th		Campout (Members Only)	Del Valle Horse Camp Livermore	Cathleen Sittig
30th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride, Tour & Potluck (Members Only)	Backstretch Horsemen's Aromas	Debra Means
JUNE				
7th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Half Moon Bay Private Ranch	Heather Shupe
26th - 28th		Poker Ride Fundraiser *(Public Event)	Santa Cruz County Horsemen's	MBE
JULY				
10th - 15th		Campout (Members Only)	Jack Brooks Horse Camp	Syd Blankenship
25th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Henry Cowell, Santa Cruz	TBD
AUGUST				
6th - 10th		Campout (Members Only)	Montana De Oro	Cathleen & Carolyn
22nd	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Mt Madonna Park	TBD
SEPTEMBER				
3rd - 8th		Campout (Members Only)	Wrights Lake	Liz Gheen
24th - 30th		Campout *(Public Campout)	Big Meadow Kings Canyon	Patti & Mike Garcia
OCTOBER				
15th - 19th		Ladies Catered Campout *(Guests Invited)	Pointe Reyes Stewart Ranch	Cathleen & Sunday
31st	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Halloween Pebble Beach Ride & catered box lunch	Syd Blankenship
NOVEMBER				
5th - 9th		Campout (Members Only)	Rancho Oso Santa Ynez	Cathleen Sittig
DECEMBER				
5th	6pm	Christmas Party *(guests invited)	TBD	2020 Board
10th	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.

MEETINGS: Jan 9th Wats; March 12th Pdale; May 7th Wats; July 9th Pdale; Sept 10 Wats; Nov 12 Pdale; Dec 10 Ride mtg Pdale

2020 BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Cathleen Sittig – happyhillranch@yahoo.com
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Meetings for 2020

Jan 9th Watsonville Hospital - Redwood Room

Mar 12th Prunedale Library