

Mariposa
Mountain Riders



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NEWSLETTER

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Happy
Holidays

President's Letter

I would like to thank all of the Board Members from 2023 for all their hard work and time spent to make your club flourish. Our board has had to face a fair amount of challenges but we are starting to see the rebirth of our club to its' former glory. We intend to host rides with educational themes through the year and have potluck meetings so our members can attend and participate in event planning. When you join or renew your dues, please think of helping to sponsor events. Our board ends up wearing many hats to insure successful, profitable events. Please offer to help set up, collect tickets or even clean up after an event will lessen the workload. We are all busy but the little things help us all. I look forward to riding with you this season. I wish you a Happy Holiday with friends and relatives plus many trails ahead.

I wish to give a personal shout out to our sponsors, Mark Harris, Dr. Jay Mero, Yamshon Hay, Mariposa Feed, Tractor Supply, Larry Burton, Mariposa Portable Sanitation, Wendy & Kevin Brown.

Carla



2024 Officers & Board

President: Carla Kelly

Vice- President : Jamie Zoller

Treasurer: Suzette Combs

Secretary: Kathy Maxwell

Directors:

Jeanne Casner

Pat Martin

Jessica Swager

Opps we had an error in the November Newsletter: we accidentally thanked Cotton Creek Ranch instead of of Camp Creek Ranch for hosting our joint obstacle challenge practice. Sorry about that. CAMP CREEK RANCH hosted and will be hosting again June 30! Thanks Camp Creek!

Holiday Party Lunch & Learn

24 people were in attendance at the Holiday Party, Lunch & Learn which took place on Sunday December 3rd at the Mariposa Fish & Game Hall.

There was plenty to eat at the potluck and many items were donated* for the raffle. Jessica had brought the most popular raffle item, a cinch, which everyone seemed to want to win. A special raffle was held for an equine teeth float, courtesy of Dr. Mero which was won by Cindy Love.

The Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Tillyanna Healey was in attendance with her Princess Emily Ramsey and Jr Princess Elly Krull. Thanks ladies for helping out!

Dr. Mero's presentation about Colic was well received. Members were able to participate in a question and answer session which followed Dr. Mero's talk.

Wendy Brown entertained everyone with one of her original poems.

Emily Ramsey took home the door prize for the day and Maleah Varney won the new member prize.

The UGLY, UGLIER and UGLIEST sweater awards went to: Jessica Varney, Suzette Combs and Maleah Varney.

Members were able to renew their memberships and we gained some new members at the party. Great to also see lifetime members Erin Andrews and Gwen Nitta in attendance.

The afternoon ended with a brief business meeting and elections for the 2024 year.

*thank you to all the members who brought items to donate to the raffle and special thanks to the following businesses who sponsored items: Mariposa Equine Services, Lone Wolf Designs, Costa Livos, Bootjack Feed and The Coffee Shop. Lastly, we are all appreciative of Dr. J. Mero for her educational talk and for her continued support of our club!



Got something for the newsletter?
Contact Carol at
mariposarodeo@gmail.com by the
25th of the month to get something
in the next months' newsletter.



In January we will be planning our 2024 year, therefore events will be added as they are set. Check the website or current newsletter for updates. We also will be adding in CSHA events for our region. Parades are also being listed whether or not we will participate depends on member participation. Dates subject to change.

January

1/18 Business Meeting (organizational meeting) 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

February

2/15 Business Meeting 63 pm Thursday, Happy Burger

March

3/17 Footman Park Raymond Ride, Sunday (lead unknown)

3/21 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

TBA Catheys Valley Ride (Cathy Orth), talk on Equine Insurance by Chris Phillips

April

4/13 or 4/20? Raymond Parade, Saturday, Raymond

4/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

TBA Long Ranch Ride (Jamie Zoller)

May

5/3 Butterfly Festival Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

5/11 Motherlode Round Up Parade, Saturday, Sonora

5/16 Business Meeting 63 pm Thursday, Happy Burger

TBA Jerseydale Ride (Peggy DeBuyser)

June

6/20 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

6/30 Obstacle Practice & Challenge Race w/ Sheriff's Posse 730am Sunday, Camp Creek Ranch

July

7/13-14 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials Saturday & Sunday, Goat Meadow

7/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

August

8/10 Mariposa Rodeo Royalty Dinner and Crowning, Mariposa Fairgrounds

8/15 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

8/31 Labor Day Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

September

9/19 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

October

10/17 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

November

TBA CSHA State Convention

11/21 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

11/30 Bass Lake Tree Lighting and Parade, Saturday, Bass Lake

December

12/1 Holiday Party Sunday location TBA

12/14 Merry Mountain Christmas Parade, Saturday, Mariposa



Membership Renewal

Make sure you renew your membership for 2024! If we haven't updated the forms on-line, just print them out and manually correct the year and dates. We need to build our membership so make sure you invite your friends to join. More members = strength and being able to host more events! We look forward to 2024 bringing more educational and riding opportunities for all of us!



CSHA Scholarships Available for Junior Trail Trials Members

CSHA State Trail Trials chair, Victor Pedroza, wants to make sure that youth riders know about the Harvey L. and Maude C. Sorensen Scholarship Trust Fund for CSHA State Trail Trials Junior members. Program is offered to members between 14-17 years old with the scholarship application being due April 1 of that program year. There is a \$25 application fee. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year with the possibility of additional scholarship if funding is available. For the criteria and scoring any potential candidates should review the program on line at:

<https://trailtrials.com/TT%20Scholarship%20Packet%202023.pdf>



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Opportunities to Serve

There are always opportunities for members to serve the club. Whether it's taking on a chair position or simply assisting at an event, come to a business meeting and see how you can help! Business meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 630pm, Happy Burger. There are currently several board positions and chair positions open. Next meeting is 630pm January 18, 2024 and we will be discussing our calendar for the year. Our goal is to have a solid calendar provided to the membership so you can plan out your year.



Board Spotlight



MMR Secretary, Kathy Maxwell came to Mariposa with her husband in 1978, where they bought property in Midpines in 1979. Kathy's mother owned property in Catheys Valley which brought them to the area. Kathy works at Fremont House clothing store in Mariposa. She is actively involved with the Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse and Central California Animal Disaster Team. Kathy has been a member of MMR for three years and has a Quarter Horse who is a great buddy. Kathy enjoys schooling her horse and doing obstacles. Kathy stated that she looks forward to the new team in MMR and smoothing out some of the bumps encountered in 2023.

Contact Jessica Swager to get your Equine ID tag. Reach out to her on Facebook or see her at Fremont House, downtown Mariposa.

Perfect last minute stocking stuffer for your equestrian lover

EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION TAGS



ONLY \$5 A TAG !

Proceeds go directly to the club.

Sunshine!



Sunshine goes out to our President Carla who just had foot surgery. We wish her quick healing so she can get back in the saddle. If you know of a member who may need a little sunshine shout out let us know!

Sponsors



If you would like to place a business card ad in a future newsletter contact Carol for information at Mariposarodeo@gmail.com

