



MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS
NEWSLETTER
JULY 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All I can say is "WOW." The Obstacle Clinic & Challenge sponsored jointly with the Mariposa Sheriff Posse & MMR was a huge success. We were lucky to have one of the best weather days you could ask for. Together, we had an excellent array of obstacles for our riders. The Challenge portion went off like clockwork and we were able to have the last contestant finish their ride just as the Lions Club dinner bell rang. We had one of the best raffles with loads of headstalls and great equipment for you to try your luck at winning. The tack booths had a good array of used equipment to browse, plus we sponsored a collection of goodies you could take home with a donation to the Mariposa Fair Rodeo Royalty. A big thank you to our sponsors for helping us put on this event. Kelly Maple and her crew worked really hard getting the grounds mowed and the arena dragged. We were hoping it dried out enough for our event and it was perfect with one corner with just enough water for one of our obstacles. Our judge, Alex Long, was knowledgeable and did a great job helping our clinic riders learn the "How To" of the class. What a great day!!! We have another obstacle clinic jointly run in October. We have decided to add more obstacles and just make it a fun learning event. The whole purpose of these clinics is to expose you and your horse to different things and help you navigate them. The more you do the better you become. These are fun for all.

General information about your board is we are working toward acquiring our Non-Profit status. This will be a big benefit for the club and sponsors. Our board tried to get this completed, but with Covid and other problems it has been slow to finalize. I hope by the end of the year this will be completed. As always, we invite you to attend our board meetings and give us some input. Check out the calendar of events and come join us. Remember, as a board we represent you. Let us know what you would like your club to offer.

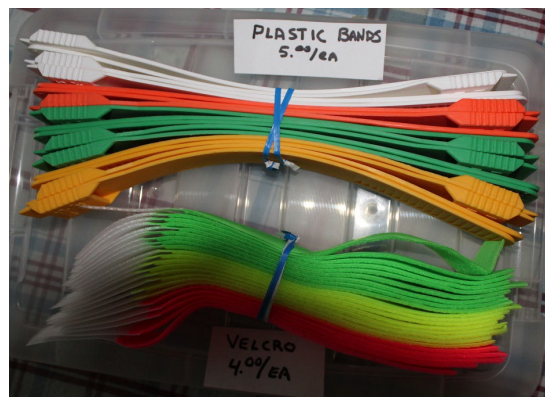


Fire season is upon us. After Beth Kellner's lecture on disaster preparedness the MMR & Mariposa Sheriffs Posse are selling leg bands that you can put on your horse's pastern to identify ownership, name, phone number & address. Look at the end of this newsletter to see what they look like and the cost. I am sure you will see the value of keeping these in your trailer/pack/barn in case you need to evacuate. On the other hand, it helps the fairground personnel identify your animal or the temporary shelter you might need. I truly believe it is better to be prepared for the worst than try to deal with it in the middle of an emergency.

If you are interested in purchasing some leg bands you can message me on Facebook or send an e-mail carliejune@gmail.com or send a text to 209-819-9773. You can also order from Kathy Maxwell at 209-742-8120 cell or text.

Please be safe this season.

Carla Kelly



TRAIL BOSS REPORT



Quote of the Month

“One hour spent in the saddle is never time wasted.” Anonymous

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! I hope everyone took the time to celebrate our country, spend some quality time with friends a family, and perhaps throw a leg over your horse. I have good news and bad news about our scheduled ride and camp out this month. The good news is the trail out of Goat Meadow in Fish Camp is open to the Yosemite Park boundary. This is the trail that will take us to the Big Trees in the Mariposa Grove. The Sierra Freepackers of the Backcountry Horsemen of California cleared this trail, and continue to work tirelessly to keep the trails open in the forest. Gwen, Kevin, and I rode the single track trail that climbs steadily up to the trail head that takes you to the Big Trees. The bad news is we do not have a trail ride or a camp out at Goat Meadow this month. One of the big reasons is we had to wait 45 minutes in the line of cars waiting to get into the park. This makes it impossible to schedule a reasonable departure time for a ride. When we got there we discovered that the area we had always camped in with our horses was not accessible by vehicle anymore. Last year a clean porta potty was provided at the parking area, but it isn't there now. We will be contacting the forest service to see if we can get answers and remedy this unfortunate situation. We will continue to look for someplace to ride this month. With last winter's extreme weather, the damage caused by the fires, and the loss of staging areas, this is becoming more difficult. If we find a place to ride we will send out an e-blast to our members ASAP.

Mariposa Trails is continuing their work in the Jerseydale area. In spite of the damage caused by the Oak Fire the trails are still there. One of the popular trails that most trail riders are familiar with is the Owl Creek Trail, and it is now open. I have ridden this Owl Creek Trail many times before and after the fires. And one thing I'd like to share about it since the fires is there are now views that weren't there before when it was an enclosed Manzanita tunnel. You can now look down into Owl Creek, and if you look across the canyon you see the rugged mountain that is Granite Ridge. I will be riding this trail in the very near future.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Verity Racht, Kellie Carroll, Russ Bryson, and Rebecca Johnson

SUNSHINE!



Carol Suggs had a recent horse accident and broke her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Norma Jean Worchester, long time member on our Trail Team had to put her beloved Wrangler down who carried her faithfully for 26 years. We send her and her husband Dave our condolences.

Beth Kellner injured her wrist and wasn't able to join us on our ride at Goat Meadow. We send her healing sunshine and hope she will be joining us out on the trail soon.

Our next meeting is August 20, 2023 at the Happy Burger at 6:30 PM

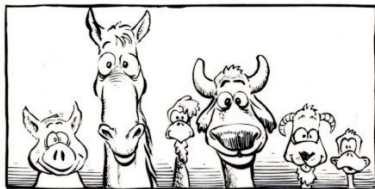
Wendy Brown



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