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NEWSLETTER

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March 17th

President's Letter

As we prepare for riding in the Spring, it's important to prepare your horse and tack!

☐ Tack & Equipment Check – Before your first long ride, inspect your saddle, bridle, and other tack for wear and tear. Leather may need conditioning, and girths or cinches should be checked for any weak spots.

Foring Health Care – Warmer weather means an increase in flies, ticks, and other pests. Make sure your horse is up to date on vaccinations, deworming, and fly protection to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Hoof & Leg Care – Spring mud can be tough on hooves, leading to issues like thrush or abscesses. Regular farrier visits, hoof picking, and leg checks will keep your horse sound and comfortable.

We look forward to seeing you on the trail



Meeting Recap February 20, 2025



February meeting was very productive. We filled several chair positions, filled in dates for the calendar. Came up with new merchandise, and discussed the upcoming May Play Day, as a joint event with MCSP!

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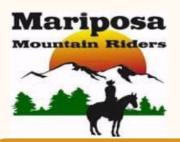
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Join us for the Next Business Meeting: Thursday March 20th at 6 pm Happy Burger Meeting Room



March: Sunny Charman, Selene McDaniels, Joe Orth, Emily Ramsey, Lauren Roderick, Roy Steele, Launa Towe April: Kevin Barry, Wendy Brown, Mike Kelly, Debby Laughlin, George Naas, Jessica Varney May: Edward Harner, Adrian Wolf



?ALENDAR 2025

Check the website or current newsletter for updates. Dates subject to change. With each months' newsletter we will drop the prior months' events.

March

3/15 Saturday, CSHA Region 4, Rider & Horse First Aid Clinic,8am-2pm Diamond Bar Arena, Ceres

3/20 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

3/29 Saturday, CSHA Region 4, Trail Trials Clinic, 8am-4pm, Double Bar G Ranch, Stevenson April

4/5 and 4/6 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials at Peoria Flats

Trail Ride TBA

4/17 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

4/27 Sunday, Teleki Ranch Ride

May

5/15 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

5/17 Saturday, MMR and Posse Play Day, Camp Creek Arena, Mariposa

June

6/7 Saturday, Hunters Valley BLM Ride

6/19 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

July

7/17 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

August

8/21 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

September

9/18 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

October

10/16 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

Halloween Play Day TBA

November

11/20 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

Lunch and Learn, TBA

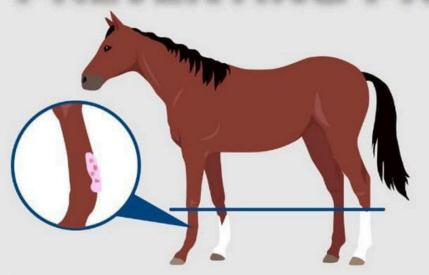
December

General Meeting and Christmas Party date TBA

Members Wanted!

Sign someone up or gift a membership to a friend. Applications are available on our website at: mariposamountainriders.com

PREVENTING PROUD FLESH



Horses are more prone to proud flesh than other species, especially when it comes to wounds on the distal limbs. (Distal limbs = lower limbs, below the knee/carpus or hock/tarsus.)

WHAT IS IT?

Granulation tissue is the pebbly or granular appearing tissue which develops in healing wounds anywhere on the horse's body. Granulation tissue is a very important and necessary part of wound healing in the horse. However, there can be problems when the horse develops too much granulation tissue — which is more commonly known as proud flesh.

WHAT CAUSES IT?

It is believed that some of the main contributing factors are:



Excessive wound movement



Persistent inflammation and infection

In addition:

- Minimal soft tissue coverage around the wound.
- Reduced blood supply.

PREVENTION

Prevention of proud flesh involves **good wound management**. Bandaging and rest are vital to wound healing, as continuous wound movement and contamination cause persistent inflammation, which complicates the process.



TAKE-HOME:

For the best healing, identify and treat distal limb wounds in horses quickly. Involving your veterinarian in wound evaluation and management is paramount to appropriate wound healing.





Remember, keep it clean and wrapped if you can, don't put anything caustic on the wound. When in doubt, call your vet.



Mariposa Mountain Riders & Mariposa Sheriff's Posse presents:



MAY DAY PLAY DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN & EDUCATION!



Camp Creek Ranch 3097 Triangle Road, Mariposa

Games on horseback, raffle, prizes, trivia and lunch
\$45 per horse & rider entry or early bird \$40 (inc lunch)

lunch only \$20 or early bird \$15

early bird payment due by Friday May 9

PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR LUNCH

Kathy (209) 742-8120 Or Carla(209) 819-9773

May Day / Play Day

May 17, 2025

Camp Creek Ranch 3097 Triangle Rd

Sign up 8:30 AM Games Start 9:00AM

Entry Form

Name	Date
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Emergency Contact	

\$45.00 per horse and rider or early bird \$40.00, lunch included \$20.00 Lunch only or early bird \$15.00

Please make checks payable to Mariposa Mountain Riders Venmo @ Kathy-Maxwell-28 PayPal @KathyMaxwell951 Entries can be emailed to kdranch@sti.net or mailed to P. O.Box 1329 Mariposa Ca.95338

EARLY BIRD ENTRY BY FRIDAY MAY 9

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No Dogs please

Riders under 18 must wear a helmet and be accompanied by adult Riders must sign three release forms



Between the Ears submitted by Carol Suggs

While the first day of spring doesn't come until March 20th, this crazy weather we've been having is enough to drive anyone bonkers. One day it's warm, the next it's cold, then raining, then the sun

is out again. While I guess this is great for the grass to start growing it also tricks our horses into shedding their winter coats. It's this transitional period that I hate, you know what I mean. When you've got horse hair flying around when you brush. It's in the air, in your face and heaven forbid you just put on chap stick it's stuck to your lips. Don't wear that cute fleece sweatshirt to the barn because you know it's a hair magnet. You think you got it all and then you go to throw your saddle pad on and realize there's thousands of loose hair everywhere. I've used a curry comb, a slick n easy grooming block, a shedding blade, circular motions with the jelly mitt...what can I say? I can't wait for the shed to be over!



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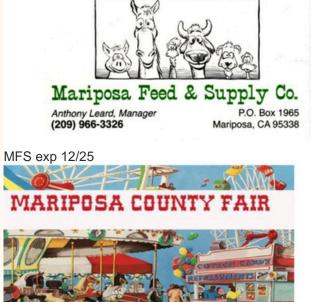
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BZLT exp 12/25



WB exp 3/25







Special shout out to: Mariposa Portable Sanitation (10/25), Dayhoff Cabinets (12/26) Casner Ranch (12/26)



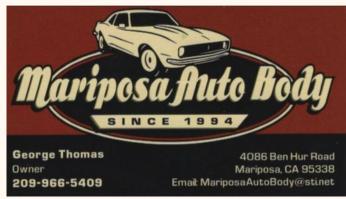




BWTS exp 12/25



RF exp 10/25



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LE exp 12/26



TCPW exp 12/25