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NEWSLETTER

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Happy
Valentine's
Day

President's Letter

Our first meeting of the year lacked a quorum to work on the business part of the club, but we utilized the time to work on the events calendar. We are striving to get trail rides that are sack lunches and fun to attend. The St. Patrick's Day on March 17 in Raymond will be our first sack lunch of the season. I always hear from members that they couldn't attend because their truck/ trailer was down. Don't wait till the last minute to let us know you need a ride. Start planning on going and if you need help, reach out. Remember, not all of us have lived here our whole life. Most of us are transplants from other parts of California or other states, we found our friends and learned to ride together in this club. The MMR strives to help our members with a better understanding of how to care for your horse. If you would like to have a specific topic discussed, let us know and we can add it as a clinic topic.. Remember, you get out of this club what you put into it. Help us by offering to help at the rides, sell tickets for raffles, help set up or call and see what you can do. Till next month!

Carla

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January Meeting Recap



Thank you to Happy Burger for allowing us to continue to have our monthly board meeting at their facility! Several of us like to come early and have dinner and visit prior to the meeting. The meeting started at 630pm and unfortunately we didn't have a quorum. We were able to put a few trail rides on the calendar and had to table all regular business until the February meeting. At the February meeting we will have special guests Victor Pedroza and Maria Hines of CSHA who will talk about their upcoming Trail Trials this summer to be held at Goat Meadows. Next Meeting: February 15, 2024 630pm Happy Burger.



Congrats to Members Lynette & Kegan Richards, Grandma Suzette Combs and Great Grandma Pat Martin on Baby Leona Richards born January 18, 2024 welcome to the newest MMR member!



Activities for 2024



You asked for more member trail rides and you've got it! Check out the rides we have scheduled for 2024! Some rides are at private ranches and places that we either haven't been or haven't been in awhile. Our joint fundraiser with the Sheriff's Posse is set at Camp Creek Ranch on June 30th and CSHA has a trail trials happening at Goat Meadows in July. We will have a couple of lunch and learn talks scheduled later and are hopeful for a Scavenger Hunt to be scheduled as well. While not a MMR event, our current Mariposa Rodeo Queen, Miss Tillyanna will be scheduling her fundraiser soon so we'll make sure members know about that event. Check for the updates on our calendar in each monthly newsletter. If you would like to host a trail ride or put on an event for MMR please contact Carla for details. 209.810.0772

Board Spotlight- Jamie Zoller



Jamie was previously a director for MMR and is now the MMR Vice-President. She has been an MMR member for three years. Jamie moved to Mariposa about 30 years ago with her parents and resides in Bootjack with her husband. Jamie has two quarter horses and is a barber at the PDQ Barbershop.

She enjoys trail riding and doing obstacles with her horse and says she is always open for a new adventure and looks forward to a fun year filled with horse related events.

Board Spotlight- Jeanne Casner



Jeanne is currently a director for MMR and has been an on and off member of MMR for about 10 years. She moved up to Mariposa in 1986 to work with White Water River Expeditions. Jeanne is currently retired from Tenaya Lodge, but still managing Mariposa Termite Control, which she runs with her husband Don, in between babysitting her granddaughter, Quincy.

Jeanne loves gardening, music, a good glass of wine and hanging out with friends and family and will travel anytime the opportunity arises. Jeanne also enjoys finding treasures while junking (flea markets, thrift stores, garage sales) and has a talent in crafting and repurposing.

Jeanne was one of the co-founders of the Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty Program which started in 2011 and she is the current head coordinator. She also has been instrumental on the TASTE of Mariposa Team now going on her third year and is a member of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse.

Her long time mount, Dan "the Man" has carried many a rodeo queen in his life and spent many miles trail riding. Jeanne says that she will be riding a new horse in the spring as Dan is in semi retirement.

Jeanne is looking forward to some great trail rides and new friendships made along the trail.

CSHA Region 4 Obstacle Challenge update 2024

While not yet finalized for the year, we reached out to Ashley Gauthier to see what's up for this years obstacle challenges for region 4 and here's the info so far: tentative dates: March 9 or 30th, April 20th, May 4th or 25th, July 20/21st (July will end the season). Dates have not been sanctioned yet and are subject to change. Ride 4 out of 5 to qualify for year end awards. (CSHA membership needed to qualify for state and year end). You do not need to be a member to just come and ride. Past events have been held at Bridlewood Equestrian Center in Copperopolis. When we have more information we will share it, or just check the CSHA website for updates.

March 17, 2024 Sunday

St. Patrick's Day Ride

Footman Park, Raymond



Plenty of parking, restrooms and nice easy first ride of the year in Raymond. Sign in at 9 am and Ride out at 10am. Great opportunity to bring a friend to ride. All riders must sign release forms. Haven't renewed your membership? We will have membership forms available at the ride. Bring a sack lunch. Ride will be approximately 1 1/2- 2 hours long. Feeling lucky? We will have a small raffle including some sweet treats so bring some \$ to try your luck. Remember to wear green, which makes you invisible to leprechauns...and might just earn you a prize!

Directions:

From Mariposa: Take Hwy 49 South for 1.8 miles and make a right onto Ben Hur Road for 3.9 miles and Ben Hur will curve to the left. Continue on Ben Hur Road for about 19 miles, turn right onto Road 600 go 1.2 miles, make a left on Road 606 and Footman Park will be on the right.

From Oakhurst: Take Hwy 41 South for 7.5 miles, turn right on Road 415, in 11 miles turn left on Road 606 go 4.4 miles. Footman Park is on the left.

Questions?

Contact Jessica. 209-201-8421 jessica_swager@ymail.com
or message her on our FB page



Membership Renewal

Make sure you renew your membership for 2024 as forms have been updated on line. MMR membership qualifies you as a CSHA affiliate club member. Forms are located on the website. Don't delay renew today!



*"The more you use the reins,
the less they use their
brains."
Pat Parelli*

Sunshine!



If you know of a member who may need a little sunshine shout out let us know!

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