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# NEWSLETTER

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Jamie Zoller and fellow MMR members

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## President's Letter

Congratulations to all our participants who enjoyed the practice and later the judged portion of our June Obstacle Challenge. This is one of the events that makes everyone a winner! Both you and your horse are challenged and learn skills to make you a better team. This truly is the more you do, the better you get.

We have officially entered our fire season. Now is the time to get a plan ready. Mark your calendars to attend the "LIVESTOCK EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS" on Sunday, July 28th. This event will help you make a plan and understand what you need to do to ensure you and your animals get out safely. We are making this a Lunch and Learn so make sure to bring your potluck item. In addition, we are having a General Meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your MMR Board and give suggestions on what you feel the club should add to what we presently offer. Please think about those committees you might like to lend a hand to help us continue to hold quality functions. See you on the 28th!

Carla



# Event/ Ride Reports

## from June



June 8th Ride at the Long Ranch had to be cancelled 😞

June 29th Obstacle Challenge Race joint event with Posse went great! 26 riders turned out to practice and 19 competed. While most of the entries came from Mariposa and our mountain communities there were a few from the valley and one from as far as Coalinga! Jessica and Kerrylee did a great job on the raffle. Thanks to all those that chipped in for arena support (timing, set up, tear down, scribing etc) and Vanessa Holt for secretarial and tabulation support.

YOUTH (18 and under)

1st Shylah Jolsin (buckle)

2nd Maleah Varney (buckle key chain)

LEGENDS (55 and over)

1st Bill Suggs ( buckle)

2nd Mike Cardoza (buckle key chain)

3rd Cheryl Cardoza (hand forged hoof pick)

4th Dorraine Smith (chore bucket and horse treats)

OPEN (any level any age)

1st Tiffany Beechinor (buckle)

2nd Debben Beesley (buckle key chain)

3rd Shylah Joslin (hand forged hoof pick)

4th Stan Miranda (chore bucket and horse treats)

Special thanks to our sponsors as without these folks we wouldn't have been able to produce this show:

CAMP CREEK RANCH, SANDY UNRUH, CASNER RANCH (Larry Casner),  
YAMSHON HAY, MARIPOSA FEED & SUPPLY, A. L. GIBSON WATER TRUCK,  
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(Bill & Carol Suggs) & MIRANDA CATTLE COMPANY (Stan & Corrina Miranda) &  
MARIPOSA LIONS for lunch!



# 2024 June Obstacle Challenge Winners!



Winners showing off their prizes!

Maleah, Debben, Shylah, Tiffany, Dorraine,  
Stan, Cheryl, Mike and Bill

More pictures to come in the next newsletter as we are already past our deadline!



## June Meeting Recap

June meeting found discussions on the P.O. Box. Post office found the "lost" check for the annual renewal. We will be changing names to Maxwell and Combs for the P.O. Box application to take off Mary Darlene Theodore.

Also in discussions was the joint event with Posse on June 30, at Camp Creek Ranch, and the fire presentation on July 28, at Kelly Ranch, 10:30 am, which will also be a pot luck lunch and general meeting to follow.

Christmas party thoughts were a theme of Winter Wonderland. Swager and Casner to work on meal planning and decorations. It was mentioned to ask Dr Mero to do a presentation for MMR and Posse to see when she would be available. That is always a well attended event.

Kelly also discussed a Yosemite Park ride and it was noted that reservations for entrance end on October 24.

Also to note that the Thursday July 18, meeting will be moved to the July 28 event at Kelly Ranch, French Camp Road.



# General Meeting, Lunch & Learn!

**JULY 28th SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.**

## **KELLY RANCH**

**French Camp Road, Mariposa**

**Livestock Evac Prep & What to Expect**

presented by Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse and other agencies



## **LIVESTOCK EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS DO YOU HAVE A PLAN ?**

**MAINTAIN PROPER  
CLEARANCE AROUND  
STRUCTURES**

**IDENTIFY BACKUP SOURCE  
OF FOOD AND WATER**

**PRACTICE YOUR EVAC  
PLAN, INCLUDING TRAILER  
LOADING**

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR  
OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS?  
PHOTOGRAPHS?**

**DON'T WAIT, MAKE A  
PLAN!**



### **HELP IS A CALL AWAY**

If an evacuation order for your location is in effect, call the Sheriff's Office to be directed to Animal Control if you need assistance transporting your livestock to a designated care facility or if you will need assistance caring for animals left at your home.



### **CHECK OUT THE WEB FOR UPDATES**

The County website and Facebook pages for the County and the Sheriff's Office are good sources of information. Make sure you stay informed.



### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP**

The County keeps a current public information map on the County's website. This site is a great source of information, including evacuation areas.

## FIRE SEASON IS HERE



*We are reprinting information that was provided to the group over 15 years ago, but it's still pertinent today. Fire season is upon us and as always we need to be vigilant and have not only a plan for us, but a plan for our pets and livestock. Coming up on July 28th at our Lunch and Learn at the Kelly Ranch we will have special guests from the Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse, Central California Animal Disaster Team (CCADT) and Animal Control to speak to us about "Evac Prep, what to Expect". Hope to see you out there. In the meantime here is a reprint from the Mariposa Mountain Riders newsletter, June 2010.*

If your farm was threatened by flooding, tornadoes or wildfires... Where would your horses go?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages all pet and animal owners to have a plan in case natural disaster strikes. When an evacuation is called, there is rarely time to have a plan to make decisions about animals, particularly large animals. They can't simply ride along in the car with you, furthermore, an evacuation may take days or weeks.

Residents may not be able to return to check on animals that have to be left behind. The American Veterinary Medical Association offers these tips for animal owners to prepare for disaster.

1. Familiarize yourself with any type of disaster that may affect your area, including a non-natural emergency, such as a hazardous material spill.
2. Be prepared for a possible disruption of services, such as electricity and water. Identify a back up source of food and water for your horses.
3. Err on the side of caution. If evacuation seems likely, don't wait until the last minute. Having time to take your horses with you is the easiest way to avoid potential problems in a disaster's aftermath.
4. Maintain your pastures and barns. Get rid of unstable structures, dead trees on your property and maintain your fences. This will minimize danger in a situation if you have to leave your horses behind.
5. Have a back up person. Ideally a neighbor that would be able to implement your animal evacuation plan if you're not home.
6. Practice your evacuation plan, especially trailer loading.
7. Know the location of the equine evacuation sites nearby. These may be equine, hospitals, fairgrounds, or other boarding facilities.

In conclusion what are the most important things that you can do for your horses is to make sure they have some form of identification. Have a halter with a nameplate or tag that lists your name and phone number. If disaster is impending leave your horses halter on so that relief workers will immediately be able to contact you if you were unable to return home. Make sure your dogs and cats are wearing collars with this information as well. Microchips can provide permanent identification for all of your animals.

## HAVE A PLAN!



# RAFFLE TIME!

## RAFFLE ONE:

Winning ticket gets 1 free equine dental float from Mariposa Equine.  
\$10 per ticket.



## RAFFLE TWO:

Winning ticket gets 1-2 nites at the Yosemite Foothills Ranch at The "56" in beautiful Catheys Valley, just south of Mariposa. This nicely appointed guest home sleeps 6 with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Enjoy this vacation rental with beautiful views complete with mini horses! Facility is pet friendly and can make accommodations for your horse. if you want a quiet getaway this is it! \$20 per ticket.



Contact Carla Kelly at:(209) 819-9773  
Or any MMR Board Member for tickets

Tickets will be drawn December 1, 2024 at the Mariposa Mountain Riders Holiday Party. Need not be present to win. Must redeem winnings within 2 years of drawing. Equine Dental Float does not include ranch call. Dates of vacation rental are subject to availability.



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# Welcome to the contestants for the 2024-2025 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty Contest!

These young ladies will be making a few community appearances, selling raffle tickets (for a chance at \$1,000 to be given away at the fair rodeo) and having their competition day on August 4th at the Hagens' Ranch in Catheys Valley! Horsemanship starts at 8:00 a.m. (open to the public to view) private interviews at 1:00 p.m., and then the On Stage Performance portion of the contest will be held in Building A at the Mariposa Fairgrounds on Saturday August 10th at the Royalty Dinner, where we will be crowning our new Royalty!

## Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Contestants



Miss Adison Rose from Sonora



Miss Heely Patterson  
from Catheys Valley



# Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Princess Contestants



Miss Lauren Roderick  
from Mariposa



Miss Caitlyn Knight From  
Newcastle

# Mariposa County Fair Rodeo JR Princess Contestants



Miss Aurora Kelling  
from ValleySprings



Miss Juliet Kiely from  
Mariposa





# CALENDAR 2024

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. with each months newsletter we will drop the prior month events.

## July

- 7/13 & 7/14 CSHA SCE Benefit Trail Trials Saturday & Sunday, Goat Meadow
- 7/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 7/20 & 7/21 CSHA Region 4 Obstacle Challenge, Sat & Sun, Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Copperopolis
- 7/28 General Meeting, Lunch & Learn: Livestock Evac Prep & What to Expect, Sunday, 10:30am Kelly Ranch

## August

- 8/10 Mariposa Rodeo Royalty Dinner and Crowning, Mariposa Fairgrounds
- 8/15 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 8/17 & 8/18 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials Saturday & Sunday, Eagle Meadows, Pinecrest
- 8/31 Labor Day Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

## September

- 9/19 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 9/20 Teleki Ranch Ride, Saturday (Sandy & Roy Steele)

## October

- 10/13 Long Ranch Ride, Halloween themed ride (Jamie Zoller)
- 10/17 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

## November

- 11/3 Day of the Dead trail ride/trailer fun day, Sunday (Jessica Swager)
- 11/8- 11/10 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, Masonic Lodge, 5154 Jones Street, Mariposa
- 12/14 Merry Mountain Christmas Parade, Saturday, Mariposa



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



June: Sharon Bechler, Lille Charman, Cindy Suarez  
July: Erin Andrews, Cindy Love, Kathy Maxwell, Sandy Steele, Luke Prost

August: Peggy DeBuyser, Vanessa Holt, Bill Suggs, Jamie Zoller, Arbil Wolfe





# 2024 SCE Benefit Trail Trial



California State Horsemen's Association Inc.

Goat Meadow  
SNOWPLAY AREA

Fish Camp, CA

SIERRA  
National Forest

July 13/14, 2024

Maria Hines Senior Judge, Saturday

Carri Gunn, Senior Judge, Sunday



## Saturday/Sunday

**Check In: 8:00am**

**Ride Starts: 9:00am**

**Mild/Moderate Terrain**

**Saturday Trail: 10 obstacles, 6.5 miles**

**Sunday Trail: 8 obstacles, 5 miles**

## **OVERALL 2 DAY AWARDS**

**Overall Day Awards**

**1st-3rd Daily Awards**

**Ribbons to 6th place**

**Junior, Novice, Intermediate  
and Advanced Categories PLUS  
Age Divisions**

"A Trail Trial consists of a ride with approximately 10-12 judged natural obstacles that appear along a trail of several miles in parks or private property. This is not an arena event!"



**Complete Ride Information, Registration and CSHA Rules:  
[www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com)**

**EVENT MANAGER: VICTOR PEDROZA 209-605-3905 PEDROZAV195@GMAIL.COM**

**RIDE MANAGERS**

**Saturday: Jim Leach 417-849-1124**

**Sunday: Duane Peverill 559-908-3138**

**Looking for volunteer judges and participants!**

**Come help support CSHA!**



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Get your submissions in before the 20th of the month! Email to Carol at [mariposarodeo@gmail.com](mailto:mariposarodeo@gmail.com)

