



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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BOARD MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of every month at 7PM
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
on N. Apache Trail
next to Hitching Post Saloon

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SHA MEMBERS — *It's time to VOTE*

Here are the instructions for electronic voting on
September 22nd-24th, 2023 for the SHA Election

Here's how online voting will work for members who have provided SHA with their email address.

1. You will receive an email entitled "Your Invitation to Vote in the Election: SHA Board Election" from SHA via noreply@electionrunner.com. It will tell you when the voting period is and give you a Voter ID and Voter Key.
2. Click the button that says "Click Here to Vote".
3. Enter your Voter ID and Voter Key on the webpage to open the ballot.
4. Fill in the ballot.
5. Click "Submit Ballot".
6. Confirm you want to submit the ballot.



Note: If your membership includes multiple people using the same email address, the ballot system can send multiple emails to the same email address, and each email will contain its own Voter ID and Voter Key. But each member needs to use only one Voter ID and Voter Key to submit their ballot.



Paper ballots for those of you who do not utilize the internet will be in this mailed issue. You must mail those back in by September 21st or they will not be counted.

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BYLAWS REVISION FOR SHA

The new SHA Bylaws that we will all vote on this coming election — Sept. 22, 23 and 24th were included in August 2023 Pony Tracks. You will notice there are changes such as staggered voting plus a few minor things. **On your electronic ballot, you will receive a "YES" or "NO" for these proposed changes.** Our last revision of bylaws was in 2010 so we certainly needed this revision and now it is up to you to approve it. Please read it and make sure it is something you want for SHA.





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023

The SHA Board Meeting was held on Teleconference on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023. The meeting started at 7:34 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Sheila Shattuck, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Barbara Houck, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson and Roger Luth. Darryl Cross was absent. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Director of Political and Equine Welfare, Sharna Watson and Jeff Watson.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from August were approved. Sheila made a motion for them to be accepted and Roger seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The Equine Welfare Account has \$1723.19 in it. There is \$7768.21 in the checking account. We had \$ 0 deposited in August. There was \$26.40 paid for Stamps, and \$54.91 at Office Max by Lisa Rogers for June and July. The Office Max bill for August was \$60.95. This was paid to Lisa Rogers. Jeanne Kennedy also paid out \$118 for renting rooms for our Membership Meetings in January, February and March. It was \$118.00 because we had credit.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 97 memberships which includes 122 individual members.
- **POLITICAL** – Chip Wilson reported on October 5th, The City of Apache Junction will host an event that is like a ribbon cutting celebration. The City of Apache Junction will be official owners of the Rodeo Grounds. Diverse groups will be invited including SHA, plus legislators and state representatives. Pinal County flood control and Maricopa Flood Control district will be working on this. The City of Apache Junction received 44 million dollars from the federal government for a retention basin of Weeks Wash. This is a three-year project. The Salt River Project owns part of that for right of ways to place power poles in that land. This right needs to be eliminated for the retention pond to be constructed. The Bureau of Land Management did not allow core samples to be done and the archeology surveying still needs to be done by NEPA .
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – There have been no new horse issues other than the three animals that have previously been discussed and turned into the Department of Agriculture and the Apache Junction Police Department. On another note, the Trainer Incentive Program is going to be cancelled; therefore, the Bureau of Land Management want to adopt out as many mustangs as people can take. The price of a gentle mustang is \$125. These mustangs can lift their feet, be caught and haltered and can get into a

trailer. If you are interested in purchasing a mustang, go to a TIP Trainer or view the Mustang Heritage Foundation website to find a mustang or a TIP Trainer.

- **PARADE** – If you are interested in being in the SHA parade group, please contact Pam Gaston at rrr97w@msn.com. Our next parade will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023, for Veteran's Day. We will have four practices before this parade and those practices will be at the rodeo grounds in October and early November. Those dates are October 17th, October 26th, November 1st and November 8th starting at 4 pm, gates open at 3pm.
- **SHA STORE** - Ann Adkins was absent.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – The SHA Christmas Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 2. There are tentative plans to watch the tree lighting and become involved in the community celebration including the electric light parade. Our AZ Trail Segment 17 and 18 needs to be looked at for possible maintenance. We are hoping to have a Trail Ride in November. Jeff and Sharna Watson are in charge and are talking about riding Brown Ranch with lunch afterwards. We need to have a Membership Drive on Saturdays where Apache Junction has community events. Barb Houck will reach out to our members and Pam Gaston will help organize.

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Board Meeting Notes

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- **HISTORIAN** - We are looking for a Historian. Do you like to Scrap Book? This is the job for YOU!!

OLD BUSINESS

- **ELECTIONS** - These will be an online ballot or on paper on September 22-24. Paper ballots will have to be in the SHA Post Office Box by September 21st.
- **PONY TRACKS** - Roger Luth stated we need 250 copies for the Pony Tracks. Office Max charges a fee for 250-fold for \$15. It was suggested that our old copies should be used at events so people can see what we do.
- **ROAD CLEANUP** - On November 4th at 8 am, we will have a road cleanup. Coffee and donuts will be there before eight and we will meet at the Rodeo Grounds at 8 am. Pickers will be supplied, and you need to bring your gloves and as many friends as you can gather. More people make for better and shorter work.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - The SHA Pony Express will be held on March 2nd. Planning and organizational meetings will be coming up soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- **BEST OF AMERICA TELEVISION SHOW ON RFD** - This television show will be in Apache Junction on Feb. 9, 10 and 11th. On Friday, the first ride goes from the rodeo grounds to Treasure Loop, the Museum, finishing at the Rodeo Grounds with a Chuck Wagon dinner. Saturday there will be a chuck wagon breakfast, followed by

a ride up and through the Deer Tanks, followed by the Goldfield Ghost Town and then dinner at the Rodeo Grounds. This will be followed by singing, cowboy poetry and a campfire. On Sunday, there will be Cowboy Church with Randy Helm and coffee and donuts.

There will be a ride led by Darryl Cross through the town of Apache Junction and showing part of the SHA Pony Express and then back to the Rodeo Grounds. More information will follow as it grows closer.

- **PINK MAILBOX CLEANUP** - There will be a Pink Mailbox cleanup on September 16th at 7 am. It is across from the Lost Dutchman State Park, and it is sponsored and arranged by the Forest Service. Please bring your gloves, pickers if you have them and a willing heart to assist with cleaning up this area.
- **BLACK RODEO** - Jeff Watson mentioned having an event pertaining to Black Rodeo. Pam Gaston mentioned the Buffalo Soldiers Reenactment group as well.
- **AT THE MUSEUM ON JULY 14** - On July 14th, SHA, EVBCH and the Museum, led approximately 240 children from the Mesa Parks and Recreation for a guided tour of all things western. EVBCH taught and led a packing clinic, the Museum sponsored a tour and the Elvis Chapel, and a tour of the barn and the foundry. The Superstition Horsemen's Association gave a lesson on roping. Each child was given a goodie bag with water from AZ Cowgirls for Christ. The bag was fashioned after a Pony Express Bag.

In the end, the children were exposed to the history of the Pony Express and then witnessed a live demonstration between Ted Grefe and Darryl Cross performing a running handoff. The children had a marvelous time. We received many thank you cards from the children and adults.

- **END OF SEASON** - The end of the season will be on September 30th. We will be having a Cornhole Tournament and a chicken dinner afterwards followed by a synopsis of this last season and what is to come in the future for SHA. Time to arrive for Cornhole participants is 3 pm, tournament starts at 3:30 pm. The dinner will be served at 5:15 pm.

Sheila Shattuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Peggy Wilson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

**3rd Annual
SHA Pony Express
March 2, 2024**

*Sponsored by
Hitching Post Saloon*

**Contact Darryl Cross*

**Best of America
by Horseback
Television Show**

Coming to Apache Junction, AZ
February 9-11, 2024

Stay tuned for more details

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BYLAWS DO NOT PASS?



The SHA New Bylaws were put together in the Fall of 2022 and then presented to the Membership in a Membership Meeting step by step. An email with all changes on the old bylaws was sent out in the Spring of 2023 and then the completed new bylaws were sent out this summer.

This coming election we will be voting on the new bylaws. This will be with paper ballots for those of you who do not email. The rest will be done by email. The election process is set up according to the new bylaws.

If the SHA New Bylaws do not pass, then we will have a second election of the remaining candidates soon. If the SHA New Bylaws do pass, we will continue as directed by the SHA New Bylaws.

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SHA MEMBERSHIP

SHA Membership is **NOW OPEN**
for the new membership year
OCT 1, 2023 - SEP 30, 2024

- * Single membership \$20.00
- * Family membership \$30.00

Use your smart phone camera to scan this QR Code for a quick link to our membership page, or visit sha4u.org



Cowboy Church
at Superstition Mountain Museum
*See Arizona Cowgirls for Christ
[website](#) for schedule*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

September 2023

Submitted By: Barb Houck

At the end of our current fiscal year our membership stands at 97 memberships, including 122 individual members. **Renewals for the upcoming 2023-24 year can begin anytime. Our fiscal year begins October 1. Your current membership will expire. To renew, or to join as a new member, you will need to fill out our membership form for the coming year. One is included in this issue of the Pony Tracks, or you may sign up and pay through PayPal on our SHA website, SHA4U.org.**

Your membership and participation in SHA is important in helping to maintain the western lifestyle here in our community. With the support of our involved membership over the years SHA has been instrumental in establishing the current conditions favorable to horse ownership and horse-keeping.

Besides all that, your participation in SHA benefits from social and educational events including meetings with informational speakers, trail rides, overnight camp-outs, parades, potlucks, Christmas party, and whatever else we might come up with.

We've enjoyed having you all with us. Please continue your support. And, we look forward to lots of new members too!

SEPTEMBER 2023 ELECTION CANDIDATES

Chairman candidate

Darryl Cross

Hello SHA Members,

I am asking for your vote to retain me as the Chairman of the Superstition Horsemen's Association.

As most of you know, I have been the Chairman for 11 years or so. I am honored to have been a part of this organization for all these years and enjoy serving SHA and its members. Over the last 2 years we have added the Pony Express and our SAFE RIDE program. We have also updated our bylaws.

The new Bylaws state that the position for Chairman is a 2-year appointment and commitment. I would be honored to continue to serve in this capacity. There are a lot of changes coming to our community and we will need to stick together to preserve our rights as Horsemen and women. We must continue to show our presence within Apache Junction and one of the biggest ways we can do this is by growing our membership. A bunch of us are members of other horse groups and being a part of multiple groups helps to solidify our presence. There is strength in numbers!

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the coming season with some new and awesome events. We are going to need a lot of help this year. Please consider helping out on a committee.

I look forward to serving you for another term and once again, I am asking for your vote.

Happy Trails,
Darryl Cross

Secretary candidate

Pam Gaston

Pam Gaston is a native Arizonan who was born in Flagstaff, Arizona, and lived there for 22 years. She has always had a passion for horses and has worked with and ridden them since she was two. Pam enjoys all animals and currently owns three dogs, eight horses and two cats. She lives in Waddell, Arizona, in the far West Valley and also has a home in Star Valley, Arizona, where she usually spends her summers. She has been a member of SHA since 1997 and enjoys helping people learn about horses and standing up for the rights of horses and folks who work with them.

Treasurer candidate

Jeanne Kennedy

This year we celebrated 20 years in our home on Signal Butte. My daughter, Kara, and I joined SHA a couple years before that. Not long after we moved here, I started the treasurer position.

Once again, I'm running for treasurer for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I run my CPA business out of my home and enjoy working with numbers.

I have four horses. This organization is critical to our community. It is so important to preserve our horse community and its value to our state.

A piece of history that you have heard before:

My oldest daughter, Kara, and I joined when we heard about the group as we sat next to Karen Ayote in church one Sunday. We had two horses and wanted to learn more about horses and share our love with others who enjoyed our passion. And here we are, many years later, still sharing our love of horses with others, only Kara does it from afar. She lives in New Zealand and maintains our SHA website.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue to serve SHA and spread our good work.

Jeanne Kennedy

Membership Chair candidate

Barb Houck

In 1986 we moved to Apache Jct. From Minnesota. We joined SHA that same year and I've been an active member ever since. I've served on the board for many of those years as secretary (long ago), member at large, and membership chair. I led SHA trail rides for many years. I've ridden and owned horses most of my life and was involved in showing for a number of years. I was a 4H horse project leader in MN on the county and state level. Here in Arizona I am dedicated to and involved in promoting, implementing, and maintaining open space and trails. I am also a member of SALT (Superstition Area Land Trust), the Arizona Trail, Back Country Horsemen, and Pinal Partnership. I assisted in the planning of the new Peralta Regional Park, and participate in trail maintenance with two or three groups. I enjoy working with SHA and assisting with decisions and policies affecting the equine community, and I look forward to many more years of continued participation.

Calendar

of Events



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND CHICKEN DINNER

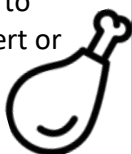
On Saturday, September 30th, starting at 3 pm., at the Rodeo Grounds, we will start practice for the Cornhole Tournament. The Tournament begins at 3:30 pm and it will be a Round Robin Tournament where everyone plays everyone else.



Kirk and Jeanne Kennedy are Team #1, who else wants to play? Send in your name of you and your partner's name to rrr97w@msn.com and I will send you a Team Number.

All you need is a good sense of humor...good athletic footwear...sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen, water and a willingness to compete. So, find yourself a partner and come join in on the fun. **First place gets \$25 a piece, second place gets \$15 a piece and third place gets \$10 a piece.**

Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm. If you want to bring something to share, please bring a dessert or nothing at all. We will have water so if you want something else to drink, bring that too, plus a chair.



We hope to see you there!

Take care,
SHA

Nov 4-5, 2023
Buckle Series Obstacle Challenge
AJ Rodeo Grounds

Jan. 20-21, 2024
EVBCH Festival
AJ Rodeo Grounds

Mar 23-24, 2024
Ranch Experience
Bumble Bee Ranch

To learn more about EVBCH
visit our website at EVBCH.org



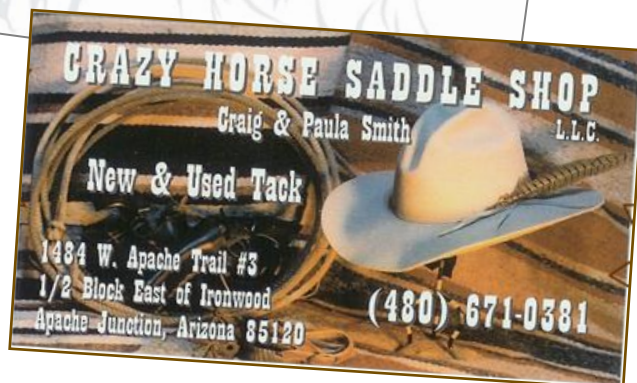
East Valley
Apache Junction, AZ

IT IS TIME FOR A PARADE

Parade season is upon us, and our first parade is **November 11th, for Veteran's Day.** As per usual, all people are welcome to participate. We do have four parade practices set up already at the AJ Rodeo Grounds and we will meet in front of the backside of the bleachers, facing south. The gates will open at 3 pm and practice starts at 4 pm. Most generally our practices last an hour. I am looking for someone to carry the SHA Flag. If you are interested, please let me know. How we present ourselves to the public speaks of who we are and what we represent. Apache Junction is headed toward new growth and it is our job to make sure that growth does not kick the rural lifestyle to the curb.

The dates of the practices are October 17th, October 26th, November 1st and November 8th.

If you are interested in joining the SHA Parade Unit, please contact Pam Gaston, at rrr97w@msn.com.





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***** MEMBERSHIP FORM *****

OCTOBER 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2023

I hereby make application/renewal to the Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc., and in so doing agree to abide by SHA's Mission Statement.

Mission Statement

The Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc. is a group of concerned citizens formed to ensure the rights and privileges of horsemen; to promote humane treatment of horses; and to actively pursue favorable legislation concerning the above.

I further agree to abide by the bylaws of the Association (copies are available upon request). I strongly desire to maintain the western lifestyle in this community.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of my/our Membership and participation in all events sponsored by the Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc., (SHA) of Apache Junction, Arizona, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the SHA for any claim or demand for personal injuries or property damage occurring while participating in any event sponsored by SHA, and the undersigned hereby further agrees to indemnify the SHA (including all officers and members, and all property owners upon whose property the various events take place), and save them harmless from any claims, demands or judgements which may be asserted or rendered against them by any person whatsoever for death, personal injury or property damage occurring during any event sponsored by the SHA, including the reasonable value of the services of attorneys retained by the SHA in defense of any claim of action arising there from.

Date of Application: _____ **New Applicant:** _____ **Renewal:** _____

Name(s): (1) _____ (2) _____
Print Name Print Name

Signature(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Winter Address

Dates: _____ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) _____
City State Zip Phone

Summer Address

Dates: _____ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) _____
City State Zip Phone

Email Address _____ ☐ I would prefer to receive my newsletter via email

Areas of Interest: *I am interested in the following committees:*

☐ Trail ☐ Activities ☐ Parade ☐ Road Cleanup ☐ Political ☐ How can I help? Call me.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$20 Single Membership, \$30 Family and Associations

All fees must be paid in U.S. Currency. You can pay online or by mail.

- Online at www.sha4u.org via PayPal
- Mail to SHA at PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117

Important Dates to Remember



- **September 22-24, 2023** - Election Voting & Bylaws Voting
- **September 30, 2023** - Cornhole Tournament and Chicken Dinner at Rodeo Grounds
- **November 4, 2023** - Fall Road Clean-up, 8AM at Rodeo Grounds
- **November 11, 2023**— Veteran's Day Parade, practice Oct 17, Oct 26, Nov 1 & Nov 8
- **January 20-21, 2024** - EVBCH Festival at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **February 9-11, 2024** - Best of America by Horseback Television Show coming to AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **February 23-25, 2024** - Lost Dutchman Days at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **March 2, 2024** - Third Annual SHA Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: OCT 4, NOV 1 & DEC 6.** The Board meets promptly at 7pm. Anyone is welcomed to attend either in person or online via ZOOM and hear what they are working on and planning for the yearly events. You may volunteer to assist with upcoming events or be part of a planning committee! In person meetings are being held at Breakfast at Tina's next to the Hitching Post Saloon in Apache Junction.

NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19, ALL BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE BY ZOOM & IN PERSON. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONNECTED IN THE ZOOM BOARD MEETINGS EACH MONTH TO LISTEN IN TO THE BOARDS DISCUSSION OF OLD AND NEW BUSINESS. IF YOU DO CONNECT, PLEASE MUTE YOUR MIC.

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