



# 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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## HORSEY BINGO

Sunday, November 17th

We will be playing HORSEY BINGO on November 17, Sunday afternoon, beginning with a ride at 1 pm, at the AJ Rodeo Grounds. We will open the grounds at 12 noon, give directions to horse riders at 12:45 pm and the ride(s) will pull out at 1 pm. We will ride for two and a half hours, come back at 3:30 pm and play HORSEY BINGO and then eat at 4:15 pm. We will have a pulled pork Bar-B-Que truck at the Rodeo Grounds for you to buy your supper so you can enjoy eating great food and touting your wins to all of your friends.

The cost is \$10 per HORSEY BINGO card. You can purchase up to 3 cards. You will need to REGISTER by replying to this article/email with your first and last name and how many cards you want....i.e. Pam Gaston (1).

### You will need to bring:

1. Your horse
2. Water
3. Money for your card(s)
4. Money for supper



\*If you want to play HORSEY BINGO but do not have a horse to ride or you are unable to ride, you can come to the Rodeo Grounds at 3:30 pm and pickup a pre-purchased/ordered card that can be purchased at the October 23rd Chili Supper/Watch Party or the SHA Board Meeting on November 6th. You can let us know you intend to participate by responding to this article/email by sending your reply to [rrr97w@msn.com](mailto:rrr97w@msn.com) by November 12th.



- \* First prize is \$100
- \* Second prize is \$75
- \* Third prize is \$50

...and there will be various other prizes available for you to view and pick out.



## SHA Board Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024

**The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024.** The meeting started at 7:00 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Judy Hood, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, Jan Kramer and Sheila Shattuck. Other SHA members were Bob Diroff, Chip Wilson, Director of the Political Committee, Ed Kramer, Sharna Watson, Jeff Watson and Roger Luth. Barb Houck and Phil Fedor were online.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from September were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone introduced themselves: Darryl Cross, Chairman, Sheila Shattuck, Vice Chairman, Jeanne Kennedy, Treasurer, Pam Gaston, Secretary, Lisa Rogers, Director at Large, Judy Hood, Director at Large, Peggy Wilson, Director at Large and Jan Kramer, Membership Chair.
- **TREASURER** – The checking account has \$9449.61. The Equine Welfare has \$1773.19. No Income for the month and expenses were

\$1389.82 which consisted of the plaque for Barb Houck, \$795.61, and PO Box, \$182, stamps, \$32.85, Pony Tracks to Lisa Rogers 63.36, Gift for Roger \$100, General Membership Meetings in the Spring, \$180, \$36 for room on Sat.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Jan Kramer reported there are 20 memberships which includes 30 individual members. Renewal membership forms will be in the Pony Tracks in October.
- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for political.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Chip Wilson cautioned all of us NOT to tell others that SHA is a horse rescue. Discussion ensued revolved around is the abuse in the county or in the city.
- **PARADE** – Nothing for parade.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing for Store Director.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - There is nothing for the AJ Rodeo Grounds.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – On October 23rd, Watch Party, in Multi-gen Center 114 and Chili Supper. Road Clean up will be held on November 9th, in November there will be Horse Bingo but we are waiting on a Venue, December 7th will be the Christmas Party, January General Membership on the 15th, and Jan 26-27th for Silent Auction, General Membership in February on the 19th and Lost Dutchman Days at the end of February, March 1st is the Pony Express and March 15th, General Membership. Jeff Watson suggested a Breakfast Ride with Breakfast and a ride and suggested Pickett Post. It has to be in the next four

months because he has Saturday's off. Jeanne Kennedy spoke about Horse Bingo and showed the cards.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - Lisa Rogers stated we need 225 copies for the Pony Tracks.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - There will be a Pony Express meeting at 6 pm, on the 16th of October.
- **WEBSITE** - We would like to look at other horse organizations' websites and get some ideas as to how to work on our own website to make it more attractive.
- **GUN RAFFLE** - Darryl mentioned a revolver, a Colt -357 magnum, 4-inch barrel, the Classic Python - to be raffled. Discussion ensued as several pictures were circulated. Darryl Cross spoke about limited ticket sales. Discussion ensued. Pam Gaston made a motion to purchase a 357, magnum Colt Revolver 4-inch barrel, the Classic Python, to be raffled at the October 23rd Watch Party, with \$20 a ticket for only 200 tickets to be sold. Judy Hood seconded it. All were in favor.

### NEW BUSINESS

**PONY TRACK RENEWAL** - Lisa Rogers mentioned that all folks who advertise in the Pony Tracks need to renew for business. Lisa Rogers also mentioned the January SHA Meeting is on the 1st .

#### MEETING IN JANUARY 2025

**RESCHEDULED:** December 30th, Monday at 7 PM.

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## Board Meeting Notes

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Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.



We need an SHA Historian to keep our history alive through pictures and write-ups. You will notice on the front page that we have removed the Historian label because no one has stepped up to do this job.

**If you like to scrap book or keep memorabilia, this is the job for you.**

If you are interested, please notify Pam Gaston, Secretary.  
*We need a Historian desperately!*

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## Membership NEWS

**October 2024**

*Submitted By: Jan Kramer*

The 2024-25 membership year has begun, and with that comes a new membership chair. I'd like to introduce myself to you. My name is Jan Kramer and I will be taking over the membership duties from our longtime chair, Barb Houck. After many years of dedicated service, Barb has decided to pass the torch to someone else. Since she's leaving in the middle of her two year term, I will serve the remainder until next year's elections.

I am a relatively new member; my husband, Ed and I joined last year. Although we are not horse owners, we've always had an interest in them. In addition to SHA, we are volunteers at the Superstition Mountain Museum and active in the Cowboy Church. I'm a retired teacher originally from Buffalo, New York. I look forward to serving the organization and meeting the members.

**Please renew your membership soon! Don't forget to complete your membership form so we can keep our records up to date.** You can renew online, by mail, or in person. If you have any questions or concerns about your membership, you can email me at [imareadertika@icloud.com](mailto:imareadertika@icloud.com).

*Welcome new members!*

- ♦ Scott and Karen Brown
- ♦ Vincent Mendes

## SHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Started on October 1st, 2024**

I am writing this as your secretary to remind you that your Pony Tracks will not be delivered to you after October 31st, if you do not renew your membership.

You can renew your membership through our Website [SHA4U.ORG](http://SHA4U.ORG) or fill out the membership form in the PONY TRACKS and send your application and your money to PO Box 2120, AJ, 85117 or you can come to our Chili Supper on October 23rd and Jan Kramer, our membership Chair, will have you fill out an application and pay your money. ***It is still \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family.***

As of November 1st, I will remove your name from any more correspondence and my distribution list.

**Please enroll today - Let's get 'er done!**





# SHA Election Potluck

By Pam Gaston

On Saturday, September 28th, we had our election lunch and potluck. There were 25 members in attendance. Due to the extreme heat warning, the dinner was switched to the Multigen Center in room 117, at 12:30 pm. A notice was sent out to all who responded for a chicken count/registration, and then a general email was sent out to the general membership in case somebody forgot to register or changed their mind. The Multigen Center closes at 3 pm so the change in time was necessary in order to get out of the heat. For anyone who missed the dinner and you wanted to come, my apologies.

Here is a brief synopsis of what we did. Our set up began at 12 noon with Lisa Rogers leading the pack, and Jeanine Preston and Cathy Diroff assisting. We started with a welcome and a prayer. Roger Luth and Barb Houck were honorees. Roger Luth could not attend but Barb Houck started the food line of yummy chicken, salads and desserts and

ice-cold water brought by Bob Diroff. At 1:45, **Barb Houck was honored with a presentation of a bronze plaque for her over 30 years of service on the SHA Board.** Until October 1st, she was in charge of the membership as the chairperson, but she has served in many other positions throughout the years. The bronze plaque will be put in the ground underneath a hitching rail put in by SHA either at the Museum or at Prospector Park. "Thank you, Barb Houck, for your many years of service, The Superstition Horsemen's Association, 2024" is what the plaque reads and if you would like to see it, I am sure Barb will show it to you.

The complete SHA Board was introduced including the ones who did not run for office this term. Those people are Darryl Cross, Chairperson, Jeanne Kennedy, Treasurer, Pam Gaston, Secretary and a Member at Large which is vacant.



The following people were elected to a two-year term. They were Sheila Shattuck, Vice Chairperson, Lisa Rogers, Director at Large, Peggy Wilson, Director at Large and Judy Hood, Director at Large. Since Barb Houck is leaving her position mid-term, Jan Kramer has been appointed by the SHA Board to take the Membership Chair Position for a year. Sheila Shattuck introduced Jan Kramer and Jan told everyone a little about herself and so did Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson and Judy Hood. Sheila Shattuck told those in attendance that on October 23rd, in room 114, at the Multigen Center, from 5 pm to 7 pm, we will be having a Chili Supper followed by a viewing party of Best Across America by Horseback, Segment 1 and 2. You will bring cornbread, salads and desserts and something to drink and SHA will supply the Chili. In November, we are having a road cleanup on Nov. 9th and we are



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## SHA Election Potluck

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having horse bingo with a pulled pork dinner sometime later in the month. We are currently working on a venue for this. On December 7th, we will have our Christmas dinner at the Handlebar, and we are hoping for an opportunity to ride in a horse drawn wagon for the electric light parade and singing carols throughout the parade. In January, the East Valley Back Country Horsemen are having a Festival on the 25th and 26th, and SHA is hoping to register our group for a Silent Auction, an SHA Booth and a Pony Express Booth. In February, if we can find a good date, we will have Tack-n-Stuff followed by the Lost Dutchman Days Parade and Booth plus riding in the grand entry of the rodeo. In March on the first Saturday, March 1st, we will have the Pony Express. We will also have an end of the season get together sometime either in March or April, so there is lots to do and we encourage your participation.

**At the end of our Election Lunch, Darryl Cross, our Chairman, got up and told everyone about the Pony Express and encouraged everyone to participate either as a rider or a helper.** Also, he encouraged each one of us to bring in a new member. We are currently aging out and we need a younger set of folks to keep our organization up and running for the years ahead.

**We all had a great time of comradery and learned a thing or two about our newly elected SHA Board Members.**

## SHA WATCH PARTY AND CHILI SUPPER Wednesday, Oct 23rd at 5 PM

(By Pam Gaston)

There will be a Chili Supper first at the Multi-Gen Center in room 114, beginning at 5 pm, on Wednesday, October 23rd. All you need to bring is your appetite and a side to share including cornbread, salads and desserts. You need to bring your own drink if you do not want water to drink. We will eat from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm and then watch "The Best of America by Horseback" by Del Shields, Part 1 and Part 2.



**If you are interested in attending, please respond to this email/article and give us your name and a head count for the chili by October 20<sup>th</sup>. i.e. – Pam Gaston (1).** Her email is rrr97w@msn.com

If you recall, this television show was here in Arizona last Spring and SHA was one of the sponsors and our own Sheila Shattuck was the liaison.

Come and join us for a night of fun and comradery. Everyone is welcome!!

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**\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP FORM \*\*\***

**OCTOBER 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025**

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Summer Address**

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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](http://www.sha4u.org) via PayPal
- Mail to SHA at PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117



# Calendar

## of Events



**By Sheila Shattuck**

Program Director

- **October 23** - Chili supper and watch party of the Best of America by Horseback tv show segments 1&2 of their visit to Apache Junction
- **November 9** - Road cleanup, all volunteers meet at rodeo grounds at 8AM
- **November 17** - AJ Rodeo Grounds Horsey Bingo Trailride and BBQ
- **December 7** - SHA Holiday party and light parade participation from the Handlebar
- **January 15** - Membership meeting at the Multigen center 7
- **January 25 & 26** - Participating in the Evbch festival with a silent auction booth and Pony Express booth kick off to Pony Express post card sales
- **February 19** - Membership meeting at the Multigen Center 7
- **February 21-23** - Participating at Lost Dutchman Days parade , running handoff at the rodeo, a SHA booth, tack and swap
- **March 1** - 4th annual Pony Express
- **March 19** - Membership meeting at Multigen center 7

**4th Annual - SHA Pony Express**  
**March 1, 2025**

*Sponsored by*  
**Hitching Post Saloon**

\*Contact Darryl Cross



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**COWBOY CHURCH - Every Sunday @ 10 AM**

Services are held at the Superstition Mountain Museum

*See Arizona Cowgirls for Christ website and Facebook for schedule*

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# Important Dates to Remember



- **October 16, 2024** - Pony Express meeting at 6 PM. Contact Darryl Cross for information.
- **October 23, 2024** - SHA Chili supper and watch party of the Best of America by Horseback tv show segments 1&2 of their visit to Apache Junction, Multi-Gen, RM 114 at 5PM. RSVP
- **November 9, 2024** - Meet at rodeo grounds on Lost Dutchman Rd at 8am. Coffee, donuts & water provided, also vests, gloves, bags & pickers. Pickup trash between Idaho Rd and Apache Trail. Volunteers needed.
- **November 17, 2024** - AJ Rodeo Grounds 'Horsey Bingo' trail ride and BBQ
- **December 7, 2024** - SHA Holiday party and light parade participation from the Handlebar
- **March 1, 2025** - SHA 4th Annual Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: NOV 6, DEC 4 & DEC 30 (No Jan 1)** 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: 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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