

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

ISSUE ONE
September 2008

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Next General Meeting:
Sept. 16 at 7 pm,
Clifford School

President's Message

Dear 4-Hers,

Welcome to a new year. After being in 4-H for nine years, I am thrilled to be your president. I hope to improve our club and make your 4-H year a good one.

This year I am proud to serve with our club officers Jeff Wilfong, Amanda Marsters, Kathleen Marsters, Peter Warrick, Rebecca Lewit, and Victorina Jeffers.

During the September meeting, the members who attended the County Fair will talk about their experiences and share what they won. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Your president,

Danielle Grimsby

This month's theme:
Welcome Newcomers!

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Sept. 16	7 pm	September General Meeting
Oct. 6	7 pm	Jr/Teen Leaders Meeting
Oct. 7	7 pm	Returning Parents Meeting
Oct. 8	7 pm	New Parents Meeting
Oct. 11	9 am	Fall Farm Clean-up
Oct. 14	7 pm	Project Leaders Meeting
Oct. 21	7 pm	October General Meeting and Project Fair
Nov. 1		Serve Tri-tip Dinner with Lions' Club

Club Officers

President: Danielle Grimsby

Vice President: Jeff Wilfong

Corresponding Secretary:
Kathleen Marsters

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Did You Exhibit at the Fair?

Did you show a goat or rabbit at the San Mateo County Fair last month? A pig? Poultry? Did you enter a photograph? A place-setting? Cookies? An article of clothing you made in a sewing project? Did you help at Pen Pride or the cake booth?

Please bring pictures and/or any awards you won to display at September's general meeting. Or just bring a good story about what you did.



It's Time to Register Once Again

Returning youth members and adult leaders please re-register for 4-H at the Returning Parents meeting. Fees for youth members will be \$50, with no fee charged for adult leaders. We encourage all 4-H parents to register as volunteers. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips and visiting the farm).

We've had to raise the annual dues from \$40 to \$50 this year, which is a large increase. This increase is the first for the club in at least six years and includes a \$6 increase in the per-member fees we pay the county and state organizations. The club will keep \$4 of the increase (which will net the club about \$320 if we have 80 members). Last year, we essentially broke even with our budget, so the increase will help us cover our expenses. The good news is that the only fundraisers we do are club activities (the lemonade booth at hometown days, and the cake booth and Pen Pride at the fair). Some of that money goes to the county and some comes back to our club. We don't have plans to have other fundraisers (like door-to-door sales), so we can focus on 4-H activities.

Returning Parents Meeting

Welcome back to another great 4-H year! 4-H can't exist without parent support and participation. Our youth have requested some exciting, new projects this year that require parent support in order to happen. We have a lot of turnover this year and need new, enthusiastic leaders. Attend this meeting to learn what our club is planning and how you can contribute to a fun and meaningful 4-H experience for the kids.

**Tues., Oct. 7,
7-9 pm
Clifford Library**

New Parents Information Meeting

Do you know families interested in learning more about 4-H? Invite the potential 4-Hers and their parents to attend our club's general meeting on September 16, and invite the parents to attend the new parents information meeting. This meeting (for parents only, please) will inform them about 4-H and our club's programs and activities, and we will try to answer all of their questions about participating in 4-H. For more information, call Bruce or Maeve Knoth at 654-4975.

**Wed., Oct. 8,
7-9 pm
Clifford Library**

This Year's Projects

Thanks to the parent volunteers who have enthusiastically offered to lead the following projects for the 2008-09 year:

Archery
Advanced Rabbits
Beginning Rabbits
Cats
Cavies
Cooking
Digital Photography
Electronics
Exhibition Poultry & Avian Bowl
Sewing
Web Design

If you would like to lead or co-lead a project for this year, please contact Julie Wong at 853-1305 or girlfig2u@yahoo.com.

4-H'ers: Please discuss the projects you are interested in with your parents and the project leader and be ready to sign up at the Project Fair after our general meeting on Tuesday Oct. 21. It looks like it's going to be a great year!

Leadership Project (Junior/Teen Leaders)

If you are a 4-H member in grades 7 through 12, you are eligible to join the Leadership Project and plan club activities. We will meet from 7 to 8 pm on the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be at 7 pm, Monday, October 6, at the Knoth home, 519 Prospect Street, San Carlos. For more information, contact Bruce or Maeve Knoth at 654-4975.

Fall Farm Clean-Up

All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in our fall farm clean-up. We have many jobs to do, and the farm needs everyone, including parents! **This is a mandatory event for every member who was involved in a farm project (goats, sheep, pigs, poultry, bee-keeping, etc.) this past year.** It is also a fun club event, which you may enter in your record book as "attended event." Hot chocolate, coffee, juice, doughnuts and other goodies will be provided.

Sat., Oct. 11, 9 am - noon

Poultry Show Season Begins in October

Two great shows happen next month!

Central Coast Feather Fanciers holds its annual fall show at the Paso Robles Event Center (formerly known as the California Mid-State Fairgrounds) in Paso Robles, opening the Cal-National show season. Events include breed judging, five categories of youth showmanship, Avian Bowl of Knowledge, ABA/APA youth testing for levels two & three, raffles, sales, a banquet, and other events. Sanctioned by the American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association, this show is open to exhibitors of all ages and all standard breeds of poultry—large and bantam chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and guinea fowl. Entries **MUST** be postmarked by Sept. 22. For more information, go to www.centralcoastfeatherfanciers.com/showinfo.html

The American Poultry Association 135th Annual National Show takes place October 25 and 26. “The Bash at the Beach V”, held at the Ventura Fairgrounds on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, will feature an incredible number of junior activities. This is a rare opportunity to attend this national meet on the west coast. For more information, contact Dave Anderson at danderson@keygroupinc.com.

Lions Club Tri-Tip Dinner

The Lions Club Tri-Tip dinner will be held November 1 at Mahaney Hall (San Carlos United Church of Christ, 1336 Arroyo Avenue). Our San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H club traditionally runs the kitchen and we make around \$1,200 that evening so it is a great moneymaker for us. A sign-up sheet for parents and kids to help with this will be available at the September general meeting.

Do You Want to Raise an Animal This Year?

There will be a mandatory farm families meeting on Tuesday, November 4 at 7 pm at the Clifford School Library. In addition to discussing general farm topics, farm animal project leaders will distribute a project syllabus—project meeting dates and topics, project leader’s expectations, etc.—and speak briefly about their plans. Note that all farm use requests must be submitted before this meeting.

<p>Tues., Nov. 4, 7 pm Clifford Library</p>
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This meeting is very important for the successful operation of the farm and it will count as the first project meeting for every animal project (which means it counts toward the 80% attendance requirement). If you plan on raising an animal at the farm this year, attend this meeting!

Cake Booth at the Fair

Thank you to everyone who worked at and baked for the cake booth at the fair this year. We hope you all had fun. We had about 25 cakes that we delivered to the fair the Saturday night before our shift and they all looked fabulous, as well as the others that were dropped off during the day. The San Bruno club who was working that Saturday before us was impressed by what we brought in—a great variety.

Thank you again for helping to make the event so successful. And remember, it's not too early to start saving those plastic domes and boxes for next year's cakes. —*Kate Lyn and Sarah Sutherland*

Our New 4-H Stars

Congratulations to the following members for earning their star rank:

Primary Star—Carrie Fulton

Bronze Star—Peter Warrick, Gabriella Pons, Kate Lyn Sutherland, Caitlyn Pons, Andrew Bowler, Kathleen Marsters, and Amanda Marsters

Silver Star—Tristan Knoth

Rifle Project Report

Congratulations to our first time Rife Project shooters and parents on earning state awards. Here are the 4-H'ers and parents who participated and their results:

Chris Ortiz—2nd Place Intermediate Division (Silver Medal)

Suzie Ortiz—4th Place Intermediate Division

Steve Wong—2nd Place Leader/Parent division (Silver Medal)

Lee Torno—4th Place Leader/Parent division

I am very proud of these shooters and look forward to having more participate next year.—*Lee Torno*

San Mateo County Fair Awards And the Winners Are...

Andrew Bowler: 6th Place Class Hog; 4th Place Novice Swine Showmanship

Jeannette Chow: 1st place knitted scarf, 2nd place knitted hat

Carrie Fulton: Participation ribbons for Pet Cavy and Dress-up Cavy

Danielle Grimsby:

Poultry: 3rd Meat Pen Chickens, 4th Meat Pen Chickens, Best Female Duck – Blue Swedish, Best Female Duck – Crested White, 2nd Duck Magpie, 1st Place Sr Poultry Showmanship, 1st Sr Avian Bowl Team

Dog: 1st Sr Showmanship, 4th Round Robin

California State Fair: Award of Merit in small animal – Best of County Showmanship

Rabbits: 3rd Place Sr Doe- Jersey Wooley, 4th Place Sr Buck Dwarf Hottot, 3rd Place Sr Buck Broken Polish

Nik Grimsby:

Poultry: Grand Champion Meat Pen Chickens; 5th Meat Pen Chickens, Grand Champion Turkey. 3rd Place Showbird – White Cochin

Rabbits: Reserve Champion Mini Rex, 1st Sr. Mini Rex Buck, 5th Jr Showmanship

Goat: Grand Champion Market Goat, 7th Sr Showmanship

Forestry Booth: Best in Show

Anya Knoth: 1st place Sewing – dress, 2nd place Mission drawing, Best in Show – Citizenship - poster changing the rabbit /chicken SC City Ordinance. 1st Place Livestock Judging Team. 3rd Place Novice Poultry Showmanship

Tristan Knoth: 1st Place Livestock Judging Team, 1st Place Jr Division Livestock Judging, High Point Award Livestock Judging. 4th Place Jr Poultry Showmanship, Reserve Class Champion Market Goat

Rebecca Lewit: 4th Place Sr Lamb Showmanship, Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, 6th Place Lamb

Madison Mills: 5th place Meat Pen Chickens, 1st and 2nd Showbird - Americaunas , 1st and 8th (16 total) Showbird - Silkies

Christopher Nielsen: Participation Award

Nicole Nielsen: 1st place Youth Collections, 1st Place Youth handmade doll

Claire Nolasco: Primary Participation Award for: Novice Poultry Showmanship, Table Setting, Poster, 2 roosters

Kate Ortiz: 2nd Place Class Winner

Caitlyn Pons: 2ⁿ Place Hog - feeders

Cutler Pons: 3rd Place Class Hog

Gabriella Pons: 2nd Sr Lamb Showmanship, 6th Place Lamb

Christopher Rubingh: Primary Ribbon for Beginning 4H Potted Plant - succulent

Jesse Taylor: Best in Show Forestry booth; 1st Place Livestock Judging Team, Class Champion Dairy Goat

Lance Torno: Participation Awards in: Woodworking, Astronomy, Beginning 4-H Potted Plant & Artwork.

Peter Warrick: 1st Place Livestock Judging Team, 2nd Place Jr Division Livestock Judging, Reserve Class Champion Dairy Goat

Justin Weaver: Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen Chickens, 1st Place Meat Pen Chickens

Jeff Wilfong: Best of Breed- Holland Lop, 1st Place Sr Buck – Holland Lop

Jonny Wilfong: 1st Place Livestock Judging Team

Peri Wong: 1st Place Sr Avian Bowl Team

Elena Wyckoff:

Poultry: Reserve Champion Turkey, 1st Place Sr Avian Bowl Team, 3rd Place Jr Poultry Showmanship,

Lamb: 4th Place Novice Lamb Showmanship, 4th Place Lamb

Rabbits: 7th Sr Rabbit Showmanship, 2nd Place Sr Buck Mini Rex

Hog: 8th Place Hog

Parents

Robin Nielsen: 1st and 3rd in Machinery Embroidery

Lee Torno: 2nd place Salsa

My 4-H Summer School

This was my first year raising chickens. I did not show my chickens at the San Mateo County Fair because I was not sure if I going to be in town during the Fair. We went up to the Farm on Labor Day weekend to process all the meat chickens and turkeys that did not go to Fair.

Here are some of the steps in processing poultry. First, some of the dads took the chickens/turkeys and put them in this metal-looking funnel. Then, with the poultry's head facing downwards, the dads cut off their heads and waited for the blood to drain out. I did not want to watch my chickens be killed, but eventually I was able to watch.

The chickens were dunked in boiling water for a short time to loosen the skin. The "pluckers" (including me) would pluck the birds of all their feathers. After that, we put the chickens into a tub of cold water. After the birds sat in the water for a little while,

the “gutters” would take the birds and put them on the table. The gutters would take out the guts, and cut off the birds’ feet. The birds were then put into freezer bags. The bags were then placed in an ice-filled cooler to keep the chickens cold.

This was not as bad as I thought it was going to be. I really was not looking forward to this day at all, but I actually had a good day even though I had to process the chickens I raised since they were baby chicks. I learned a lot about how chickens are processed.—Jeanette Chow

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