

# NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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## Senior General Meeting Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner \$10.00

Ollie Gallagher and the Gallagher Performance Horse team will be cooking. They're not sure just what they'll be cooking, but bets are it will be great. RSVP to Ollie at 707-486-9595 or [olliegalligan@yahoo.com](mailto:olliegalligan@yahoo.com).

## Monthly Event Calendar

### ★ CLUB EVENTS ★

- 5/30 NHI/CSHA Gymkhana - Club Arena 9:00
- 6/2 NHI Senior General Meeting - 7:30
- 6/3 NHI Junior General Meeting - 7:00
- 6/7 ARENA CLOSED - CGA Gymkhana
- 6/9 Vaulting - Club Arena 5:00
- 6/15 Open Jumping - Club Arena 6:00
- 6/20 Club Trail Ride - See Pg. 2 for details
- 6/20 Jr's Play Day - Club Arena
- 6/23 Vaulting - Club Arena 5:00
- 6/23 NHI Senior Board Meeting - 7:00
- 6/27 CB Mounted Shooting - See Pg. 6 for details
- 6/28 NHI/CSHA Gymkhana - Club Arena 9:00
- 7/1 NHI Junior General Meeting - 7:00
- 7/4 Novato 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- 7/7 NHI Senior General Meeting - 7:30

### ★ OTHER EVENTS ★

- 5/30 PRDC Cowboy Challenge
- 5/31 CSHA Trail Trial - Mt. Burdell [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com)
- 6/12-14 Western States Horse Expo - [www.horseexpo.com](http://www.horseexpo.com)

## Welcome New Members

Isabel Rowley, Kevin Von Dem Kamp, Leslie Baxter,  
Kelly Corbett, KT Maedens, Lauren Magner and  
Wayne Vieler



## President's Message

From Ken Frank

We have been working on the best way possible to address the club's relationship regarding the caretaker facility/position. We were advised that our legal relationship was one really of an employee/or and thus, we embarked on an employment agreement. For those lucky enough to have been at our last meeting and those even luckier few who stuck it out until the end, know that while it was ultimately ratified, there were a lot of unhappy campers and related grumblings on both sides of the issue.

It's funny, how similar contentious and consensus sound, yet convey such different meaning; in this case, consensus could not be built because it was so contentious an issue. The board felt the situation created by trying to address everybody's needs and concerns of the employment relationship was splitting the club in half, certainly not what was intended or desired. We heard numerous times, "why can't we just go back to the way things were?" Ok, so that's what we'll do.

I want to give a shout out to Dan Ritter for busting his behind getting the arena in shape. It has been and will be a work in progress and it's shaping up nicely - thank you Dan. So, while we're on the subject of volunteerism, I want to remind the members that nothing gets done around the club without volunteers. This is probably not "PC" but it's hard for me to hear criticism as to the things that "others" should do to fix, repair or improve upon ...*Ask not what the club can do for you.*

Ok, off the soap box into the frying pan... I'm thinking this summer should be a lot of fun around the farm, the cows are here and we have Family Night (June 26<sup>th</sup>) around the corner, with a killer surprise for the adventurous - ok, so maybe I shouldn't say *killer* but it'll be fun - I'll give you a hint: Makaha, Waimea, Sunset, Jan and Dean, Beach Boys, and Dick Dale... yeah that's what I'm talking about.. Music, food and fun - what a concept; come on out and get your grove on...

Hey, anybody up for a Novato Horsemen's night at the Giants?. Bleachers, dogs and peanuts - sounds like a blast... we need 25 to get group rates, so if you're interested let me know, tix in the \$20 range depending on who's playing..

What else can we do... let's put our collective thoughts together and go for it.

## Club News



### JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> TRAIL RIDE

#### RALPH GIACAMINI RANCH

The June 20<sup>th</sup> Trail Ride will be on the private ranch of Ralph Giacamini.

Members Only. Applications will be available. Be on time and ready to ride at 10:00AM. This is a substantial ride with variable terrain. The horses must be in good condition and be ready to walk - trot. We will all bring lunches with us. Juniors are welcome with guardian and an approved riding helmet.

This is a very beautiful ride; we will cross gates and will encounter cattle. RSVP's and for parking details or any questions, call Mike Radast at 897-0227.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Kim Peterson will be leading the Club ride on August 8<sup>th</sup>. She would like to camp at Stewart's Horse Camp Aug 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested please contact Kim at (707) 664-1681. She needs to make a reservation ASAP.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUB MEMBER AND ROPER EXTRAORDINAIRE . . .

Jamie Rinkor, who just competed in the High School Rodeo's district finals in Ferndale. He placed 1st in the average for the weekend and 2nd over all for the year. He's going on to the State Finals in Bishop, CA on June 15 - 21st. Let's all wish him luck . . . git 'er done!!!

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### HELP ME TO HELP OTHERS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

Hi everyone! I am raising money to help our wounded heroes by walking/running the Marine Corps Marathon 10k on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Washington DC. The Wounded Warrior Project directly helps these soldiers and their families during the healing process. I have seen them in action, and they truly make a difference! Please make a donation and help me reach my goal of \$1,000. To visit my web page and help me in my efforts to support Wounded Warrior Project, paste this link you're your browser:

<http://WWPProudSupporter.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=308932&u=308932-255565990&e=2424694496>

Thank you, Kim Peterson, Mother of Marine Sgt. Steven Kieman



### NEW CLUB GEAR

If you are interested in having your very own Novato Horsemen's Blue Fleece Vest, please fill in the below order form. The vests will cost \$35 each. Return the order form and check to Mary Shannon at the meeting. If we get enough pre-orders we will go ahead with the order.

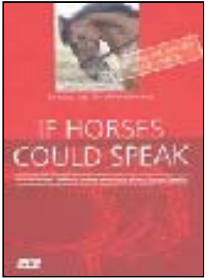
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## Horseflix – Equine Related Video Rentals

Gleaned from Bay Area Equine Network Newsletter

Have you ever wished you could watch a video on “how-to” horse topics but didn’t want to purchase the video? Well, now you can with Horseflix.

Horseflix is based right here in the Bay Area (Novato).



They've made a tremendous investment in technology and inventory to ensure their customers have an enjoyable and easy user experience. The good folks at Horseflix Management tell Bay Area Equestrian Network "We're very excited to offer BAEN and its sister

site users an opportunity to rent training DVD's from a global variety of trainers and clinicians. This is just the first step in offering those looking for more sources of information access to these wonderful educators."

## RACHEL ALEXANDRA: First Filly To Win Preakness Since 1924

Gleaned from [www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)

Girls rule! The best 3-year-old in the land just happens to be a filly named Rachel Alexandra. Jockey Calvin Borel all but guaranteed victory in the Preakness Stakes and, boy, did she deliver, becoming the first filly in 85 years to win the second leg of the Triple Crown.

A rangy bay, as big as most of the horses she beat, Rachel Alexandra shot to the front Saturday and wasn't seriously challenged until a late close by Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird. By beating him she ended any chance that thoroughbred racing would have a Triple Crown winner this season. Affirmed was the last Triple Crown winner in 1978.

Rachel Alexandra led by a head at the quarter and half-mile poles. She stretched it to a half-length at the three-quarters pole. She was ahead by four lengths going down the stretch. In the end, the 9-5 favorite won by a length in her first race against the boys. The win also validated Borel's decision to climb off Mine That Bird and stay on the filly as her regular rider.

Rachel Alexandra had already beaten up on her own gender, winning her five previous races by a combined 43 1/2 lengths.

The last filly to win the Preakness was Nellie Morse in 1924. Rachel Alexandra became the second filly to go off as the wagering favorite and win. Whimsical at 8-5 odds was the first, in 1906.

Rachel Alexandra stumbled slightly leaving the gate, then stuck her head in front at the first turn and refused to give way. Her first challenge was to get rid of Big Drama, a persistent presence from inside down the backside

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and into the final turn. Once she shook him loose and opened up the four-length lead at the top of the stretch, Mine That Bird made a run at her.

Borel sensed she was tiring, and took firm hold of the reins. "I had to put the bit in her mouth because she was kind of struggling," he said. "It kind of took a lot out of her." Still, she had enough left at the end and crossed the finish line to the cheers of 77,850 fans.

This ending was far different from the last time a filly challenged the boys. Eight Belles finished a gallant second in last year's Kentucky Derby, then broke both front legs while galloping past the finish line and was destroyed on the track. This time, it was all cheers. No tears.

"Rachel Alexandra was great," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "She took it right to them, led every step of the way. She deserves a lot of credit." Rachel Alexandra, marked by two white spots on her head, wasn't even supposed to be in the Preakness. Her original owners, who named the filly after a 13-year-old granddaughter, didn't nominate her to the Triple Crown races, believing fillies should run only against their own gender.

"There was a lot of social criticism and doubt about whether she was capable," Jackson said. "I think I would've taken some heat if she hadn't performed well, so that takes some heat off my shoulders." Borel had total faith in the filly, making the unprecedented decision to dump Mine That Bird after his stunning Derby victory at 50-1 odds. "She's the best horse in the country right now, bar none," he said.



**Novato Horsemen's  
presents**

**CSHA Region 1 Gymkhana**  
Honorable Ray Divisser, presiding

**Saturday - May 30, 2009**  
2<sup>nd</sup> of a 4 Show Series  
**Sunday - June 28, 2009**  
3<sup>rd</sup> of a 4 Show Series

**Gates open at 7:00 Sign-ups at 8:00**  
**show starts at 9:00AM**  
**CSHA rules apply.**

**Dress Code Required.**

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For more information contact Marci Frank at  
cshamom@gmail.com or 415-264-7768  
Entry form and pricing can be found at  
www.novatohorsemen.com

**Attention NHI members  
all members, all families,  
all friends & relatives too.**

Family night Friday June 26. 3:30-9:30.

Gourmet Burgers and Sausages

Pot luck, bring Salads and Side dishes  
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Horse games and old fashioned family picnic  
events, jumpy house for the kids  
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★ June 27<sup>th</sup> ★

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**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 22, 2009  
6:00 PM**

**EXCITING  
DETAILS  
TO  
FOLLOW**



June Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	2 WORKING COW	3	4 RANCH CUTTING	5	6 TEAM PENNING	7
8	9 WORKING COW	10	11 BEGINNING COW	12	13 TEAM PENNING	14
15	16 WORKING COW	17	18 RANCH CUTTING	19	20 TEAM PENNING	21
22	23 WORKING COW	24	25 BEGINNING COW	26	27 TEAM PENNING	28
29	30 WORKING COW	Nightly Fee: \$20.00 per rider – All events start at 7 p.m. except penning which starts at 6:30. Contact any chairperson for information. If it's hot (85+) at the time of event, the chairperson may cancel that event. Call the chairperson if you're unsure.				

**Working Cow:** this event is designed to give horse and rider an allotted amount of time to work their cow in a pattern that is based on Reining Cow Horse events. Chairperson - Terry Clancy (707) 766-4641

**Ranch Cutting :** ranch cutting is an introduction to herd work; this program is for both beginning and advanced riders and horses.

**Basic Cow Work:** for those who are new to cattle, this program will help you and your horse learn how to read and work cows and have fun doing it. Everyone can benefit from this event.. Chairperson: Scott Colvin (415) 897- 8438

**Team Penning:** team penning is a timed event; a team will cut their cow from the herd and put it in a pen for the best time. Chairperson: Steve Murphy (415) 794-7918

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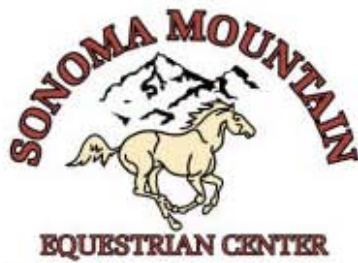
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## 2-Day Performance Horsemanship Clinic with Les Vogt July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2009



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- ◊ Directions: 101 to East Washington, go East until Adobe Rd., make left, Lynch Rd is on right

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**SUPER SWEET ARAB, SAPPHIRE** - Great 4H prospect! Really cute bay mare. 14.1 H. Goes English/Western. Jumps x-bars with good form. Has been used in summer camp/lesson program by intermediate children. This horse has a wonderful personality, and is always willing and eager to please. \$4,500 OBO (415)328-8620

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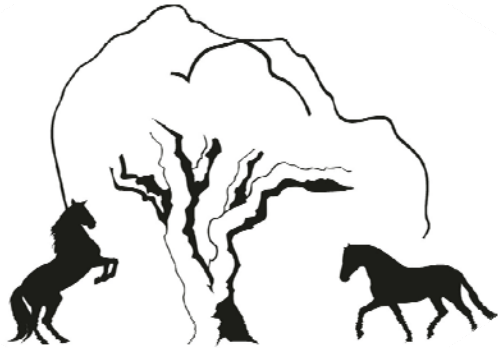
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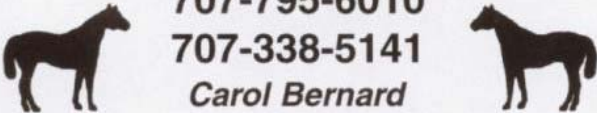
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