

NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



December
2010

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Monthly Event Calendar

★ CLUB EVENTS ★

- 12/4 Arena Rental - CGA Gymkhana
NHI Holiday and Installation
- 12/4 Dinner
Clubhouse Rental - CSHA Awards
- 12/5 Banquet



**Welcome New Members,
Tonya Azar, Tracy Engelen,
Vicky Falkenthal and
Vick and Patty Vockoff!**



Novato Horsemen, Inc. PO Box 456, Novato, CA 94948
Web: www.novatohorsemen.com

2010 Holiday and Installation Dinner Saturday December 4, 2010

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm with General Membership meeting following.

This dinner will not be the usual first-come first-served affair. To guarantee your place in line, you must RSVF to Amy Hutchinson by November 30, at heydere@sbcglobal.net or (415) 457-0115. Anyone who does not RSVF will have to wait until all who did RSVF are served and may find themselves without a meal.

Main Course:

Spiral Cut Ham, Salmon Picatta and Roast Beef prepared by the BOD

Pot Luck by Last Name:

A - G Appetizers

H - N Starches, including potatoes

O - S Veggies

T - Z Desserts

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available from the club bar at the usual cost.

RSVF's a must! Contact Amy Hutchinson at heydere@sbcglobal.net or (415) 457-0115 by November 30th.

President's Message

From Jon Fix

Hello All.

I have written you all thanking you for your voting, your election of the new board and my re-election as president. I thank you here, again. The existing board held an interim meeting last Monday and many of the new board members were there also. It quickly became obvious, to me, that everyone is very dedicated to the upcoming year. We are proactive in resolving the patio situation and I am excited to see that everyone is knowledgeable and serious about the club's business.

The next general meeting is the December dinner. There will be no real club business, just a lot of good food and an evening of ringing in the new year. There will be a lot of "Thank You's" and probably some pretty good stories of the last year's notable moments. The new board will be installed. No firearms are allowed at this meeting.

I want to relay to you my feelings about being president (past and future). As you know, I really did not expect to be re-elected.

I recently talked to an old friend and ex- NHI member who is retired and living on a ranch in Oregon. I hadn't talked to him in a couple of years and it was good to catch up. I told him about my being last year's and next year's president. His response was "now that's a thankless job". His statement moved through our long conversation and after we hung up, I gave it some thought. Thankless? Although I can understand how it could be said, I don't see it that way. Without going into the whole "we all have pride and ego" routine, I will admit that I am a proud and happy man with many things in my life. Being re elected is one of those things. My last year as president had its share of problems and "thankless" moments, without a doubt. Events have gone wrong, there are disagreements, there are complaints, members are sometimes inconvenienced and disappointed in this or that. But you know what? With only a few exceptions, everyone who has had a complaint or disagreement has expressed themselves in a very respectful and un-confrontational manner. I appreciate that more than I can say. Being treated badly is what makes for "thankless".

When someone introduces me to someone else as the "President of Novato Horsemen's", I am admittedly a little embarrassed at hearing such a title. I am admittedly proud of the position.

Happy trails,
Jon

Committee Chairs

Arena:	Scott Colvin 415-897-8438
Bar:	Jon Fix 415-898-7797
Budget/ Finance:	Curt Kruger 415-897-7308 Greg Yates 415-725-5034 Alyssa Aubrey 707-878-2440
Bylaws:	Greg Yates 415-725-5034 Jim Williams 415-897-3966 Sally Moses 415-827-2481
Calendar:	Karen Kilian 415-897-0794
Caretaker:	contact Employment committee
CSHA:	Mary Shannon 415-652-5353
Custodian:	Tina Georgeson 415-328-7695
Employment:	Jim Williams, Alyssa Aubrey and Rebecca Jones 415-264-5457
Entertainment:	
Equine Policy:	Rebecca Jones 415-264-5457
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Trail Boss:	Susan Atamaniuk 415-382-0101
Volunteer Coordinator:	Sally Moses 415-827-2481
Website:	Jeri Ireland 415-883-2330

Event Chairs

Cattle:	Scott Colvin 415-897-8438
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Gymkhana:	Marci Frank 415-328-1537
Open Jump:	Mary Shannon 415-652-5353
Parade:	Kim Fix 415-608-2984 Colette Patt 707-623-0945
Team Penning:	Steve Murphy 415-850-8788





Club News



Support Your Club - Wear Your Colors!

Our new sweatshirts and teeshirts are here, with our name on the front and our 3-horse logo on the back. We've got ball caps too! All are available for sale at membership meetings, and by request to Sally Moses at 415.827.2481 or sallymoses@msn.com.

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME TO NOVATO HORSEMEN'S 2011 BOARD

President: Jon Fix
V. Pres.: Gary Sello
Treasurer: Alyssa Aubrey
Rec. Sec.: Linda Leathers
Corrsp. Sec.: Beth Roens
Board Members: Amy Hutchinson, Kim Fishman, Greg Yates, Kim Fix, Jim Williams and Sally Moses



Equipment for Sale

The club has some equipment for sale, we have a Makita generator and a 8 ft diameter circular Roto-Harrow. If you are interested or want more information come to the next meeting



December's Board Of Directors Meeting

The 2010 and 2011 Board Members will be meeting Sunday, December 12th at 9:00 am at Sam's Restaurant in Novato. If you have an item for the agenda or need to attend, please contact Jon Fix at JonFix13@yahoo.com.

Membership Applications.

2011 Membership renewal applications are requested. Please take a moment to look at the volunteer section and check any events for which you would be willing to volunteer. Remember, renewals received after NHI's March meeting are subject to the initiation fee. So, don't wait, complete the attached application and mail it to Novato Horsemen, Inc., P.O. Box 456, Novato, CA 94948 or drop it off in person at any General Meeting.



Advertising.

With the New Year quickly approaching, it's time to think about advertising your business card in our newsletter. As of January 2010, business card listings will increase to \$10.00 per month (members price).

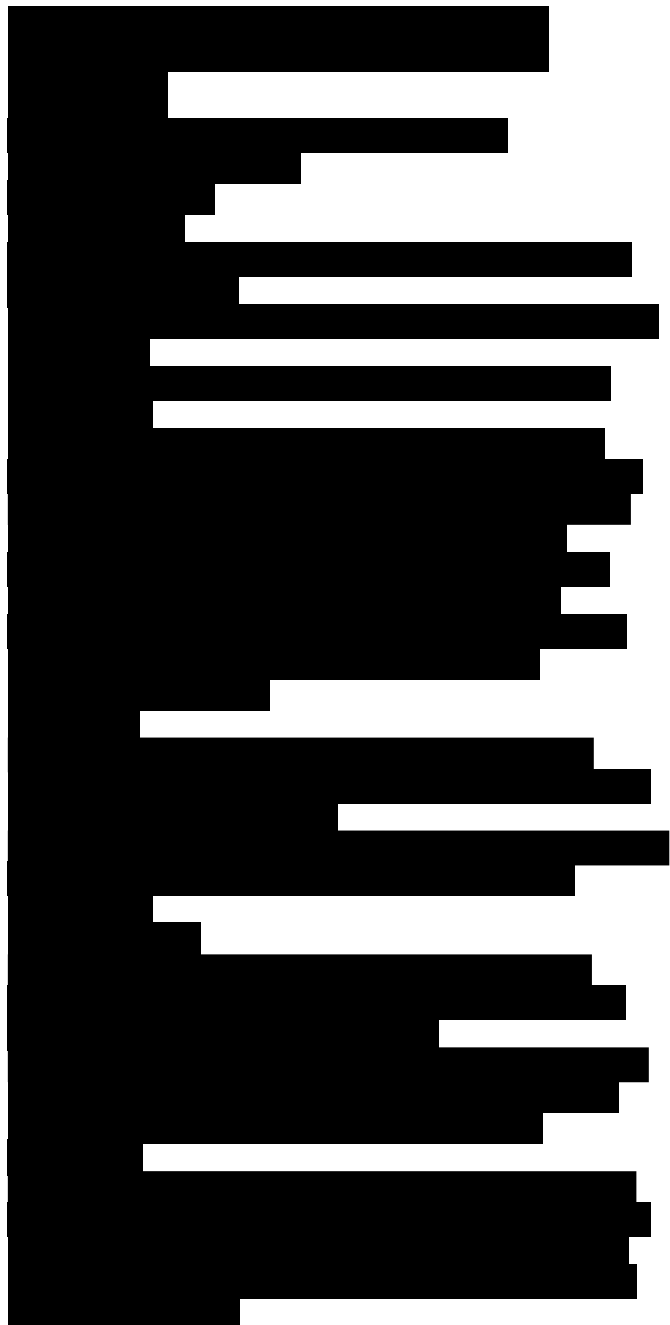
(Run your card for one year and receive a discounted rate of \$100.00 for the year. Consider that you get an audience of 350+ members and our newsletter goes out to PRDC, CSHA, MHC and others. Please support the newsletter and our club by advertising here. Contact Mary Shannon at (415) 652-5353 or hicute@yahoo.com for information. Space is limited.

REQUESTING ARBOR DESIGNS:



If anyone has an arbor design that they would like considered; please submit the design to the Landscape and Arbor Committee before or at the January general meeting. We will need the design and a materials cost evaluation so that the committee may evaluate the design and bring it to the board for consideration

before presentation to the general membership for approval. Questions, contact Committee Co-Chairpersons, Linda Leathers and Jim Williams



**NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC.
P.O. BOX 456, NOVATO, CA 94948**

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2011

*To Be Completed By NHI
Board Member*
Ck# _____ \$ _____
Date Voted In _____
Date Card Mailed _____

Name of Member _____ Spouse _____
New Member Renewal - No Change Renewal - w/ New Info.
(go to Annual Dues Section)

Mailing Address: _____
Street City St. Zip

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Profession _____ Spouse _____
Birthday _____ Spouse _____
Email _____ Spouse _____

ANNUAL DUES

Individual Membership \$50.00 Couples Membership \$75.00
Initiation Fee \$30.00 Couples Initiation Fee \$60.00

New members (and existing members renewing after the March General Meeting) are subject to initiation fee

May we publish your address/phone number in a member's directory? Yes No
Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by email? Yes No Email _____

VOLUNTEER EVENTS 2011

As a NHI member, your participation in club events is essential and will be greatly appreciated. Please check the events for which you will be volunteering.

- Lead Club Ride Cook Dinner for Gen. Mtg. Marin County Fair Bartending
- Valentines Crab Feed Halleck Creek BBQ Ride 4th of July Parade Snack Shack
- Clubhouse Cleaning Horse Shows Western Day Cattle Events
- Work Parties Gymkhanas / Play Days Fundraising Parties Serve on a committee

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

As a member, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Bylaws of Novato Horsemen, Inc. I understand that, if I am a new member, I must attend a General Membership Meeting within 60 days of submitting the application to complete the requirements for membership. If I do not attend a meeting, the dues and initiation fee are retained by Novato Horsemen, Inc., and membership is cancelled.

✓ Member Signature _____ ✓ Member Signature _____
Sponsor's Name _____

WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I (We) have read the contract on the back (or attached hereto) of this Senior Membership Application and I (we) am (are) aware that the contract is legally binding and that I (we) am (are) giving up legal rights and/or remedies to assert a claim for negligence.

✓ _____ ✓ _____
Signature – Contracting party Date Signature – Contracting party Date

Printed Name Printed Name

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I (we) am (are) voluntarily entering into the following agreement with NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC. and/or NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN ("NJH's") together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, and affiliated persons or entities (all of these persons and entities will collectively be referred to in this agreement as "NHI").

In addition to myself (ourselves), I (we) also make this agreement on behalf of the following persons who are my (our) children or legal wards (under 18 years of age). These persons may attend or participate in open events sponsored or organized by NHI or closed events of members of NHI, and I (we) agree to bind them to this agreement. :

Child's Name. _____ Age: _____ Child's Name. _____ Age: _____

All parts of this agreement shall apply to me (us) and the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call ourselves "I", "me", "my", "we", "us" or "our" throughout this agreement.] This agreement shall be binding at all times, now and in the future, when NHI permits me (us) (directly or indirectly) to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized by NHI at any location.

In consideration of NHI allowing me (us) and/or my (our) minor children or legal wards to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI, I (we) agree as follows:

1. EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS. When preparing for, entering, attending, participating in, or leaving events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. Horses, mules and ponies are unpredictable by nature. For example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of a horse, mule or pony are to jump forward or sideways, or run away from danger by trotting or galloping. Horses, mules and ponies are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I (we) know that horses, mules or ponies can do these things without warning. I (we) also understand that all horses, mules and ponies are powerful and could have the potential to be dangerous to people who ride, handle, or are around them.

Further, I (we) understand that riding, handling, or being near a horse, mule or pony can expose me (us) to numerous hazards, which could include, for example: the propensity of a horse, mule or pony to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons around them; the unpredictability of a horse, mule or pony's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions on the land; and/or collisions with other horses, mules, cattle, ponies, or objects. I (we) understand that these risks and dangers can occur with or without negligence on part of NHI, and I (we) expressly agree to assume all of these risks. I (we) also understand that these are just some risks, and I (we) agree to assume others; I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to list all possible risks for me (us).

2. WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE. As lawful consideration for being permitted to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI at any location, now and in the future, I (we) agree to assume full responsibility for any and all bodily injuries or damages which I (we) may sustain when engaging in these and other activities caused by the ordinary negligence of NHI. The term "damages" means, for example, medical expenses; losses incurred because of bodily injuries or property damages, and/or personal property damages. I (we), for my (our) heirs, administrators, personal representatives, agents, and assigns, waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and others acting on their behalf of and from any and all claims, damages, actions, omissions, suits, or causes of action (present and future), whether or not the claims are known or unknown, arising out of the ordinary negligence of any of these parties.

3. INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. I (we) also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and other acting on their behalf against all damages which are sustained or suffered by any third person(s) [people who are not parties to this Agreement, including, *but not limited to*, participants, spectators, visitors, guests, or others], including any and all injuries or damages whatsoever that I (we) [or my (our) horse(s), mule(s) or pony(ies)] may cause, directly or indirectly, while attending or participating in events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. The indemnity shall include reimbursement of NHI's attorney fees and court costs.

4. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR. For my protection, NHI advises me (us) to consider purchasing and wearing properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard/SEI-certified protective equestrian headgear when riding or when near horses or ponies I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to monitor my (our) compliance with this suggestion, and I (we) understand that NHI will not check my (our) helmet (if I (we) wear one) or provide one for me (us) (if I (we) do not).

5. MISCELLANEOUS. This agreement is governed by California law and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted under the law. Should any clause conflict with California law, only that clause will be null and void and the remainder shall stay in effect. This agreement can only be modified or terminated by a written agreement that is signed by the President of NHI and me. If I (we) breach this agreement, I (we) agree to pay attorney's fees and court costs incurred by NHI related to such breach.

6. HEALTH AND DISABILITIES. Many disabilities have conditions that pose special physical risks to participants during exercise. Horseback riding is exercise. I (we) understand that NHI recommends that I (we) seek the advice of a physician before participating in activities that involve riding or being near horses, mules or ponies.

7. ALSO, I (WE) REPRESENT THAT:

- **AT THE TIME I (WE) AM (ARE) SIGNING THIS, I (WE) AM (ARE) OF SOUND MIND AND NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICANTS;**
- **I (WE) HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (BOTH PAGES), AND I (WE) FULLY UNDERSTAND IT; AND**
- **I (WE) AM (ARE) AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I (WE) AM (ARE) GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS AND/OR REMEDIES TO ASSERT A CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENCE.**

Classified Ads

AQHA Mare 3 year old, Red Roan, 2 hind socks and blaze. Smart Little Lena and Shining Sparks breeding. 6 months training on cattle. Also does reining pattern. Ridden on trails. \$4500. Please contact Melisa at 707-246-3520.

AQHA GELDING – 'JOEY' 15 Hands – 20 years *young*, Sound and handsome, High energy and enthusiastic to be ridden, Solid in both arena and trail, Great at trailering, tie-up and shoes well, A past member of the Search and Rescue, Has flourished in Gymkhana for the past 7 years, An easy keeper, Needs a loving owner who likes to ride. Asking price \$1,000.00 OBO. Peggy Vaughn at 707-338-5093.

AQHA GELDING – 'CEY' 17 +/- Hands – 20 years, Big Boy – quiet/well minded, sound, Graduate of numerous Reese Ranch Classes, Great at Trail, Western Pleasure, Cow work and Gymkhana for the past 7 years, Trailers, ties-up and shoes well, Available only to a solid home and owner. Asking price \$2,000.00 OBO. Peggy Vaughn at 707-338-5093.

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2 EQUIPEDIC PADS FOR SALE. I have a lightly used royal blue (\$75) and never used black (\$100) Equipedic pad for sale. Or both for \$150. Call Mary at 415-652-5353.

General Reminders

General Information – Dogs must be leashed or safely located in a vehicle while on club grounds.

Chair People – It is the responsibility of each on-site event chair to have a cell-phone for emergencies.

Close the Gate– It is an NHI Standing Rule that all members need to close the gates. If you see a gate open, close it. We must all be vigilant.

Club Gear – Show your support by wearing NHI logo'd products on your hat, t-shirt, sweatshirt or window cling. Let the community know you are a member of this great club. Contact Susan Atamaniuk at 415-892-8962. for availability and pricing.

Newsletter – If you have something for the newsletter please email it to Mary Shannon at hicute@yahoo.com or call (415) 652-5353 All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.

Sunshine– If someone needs a little sunshine in their life, contact, Nancy Olson-Cuff at 415-939-5005 or jnc_ranch@yahoo.com



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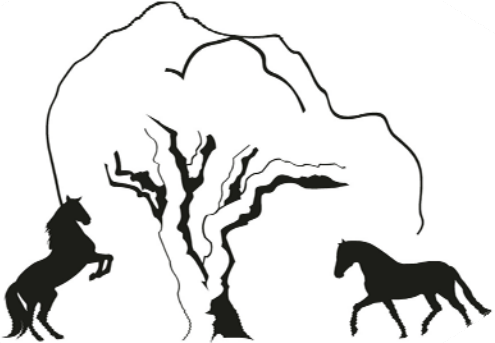


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