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Senior General Meeting

Tuesday, September 7th

Dinner 6:30pm

Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner \$10.00

Alyssa Aubrey and Susan Atamaniuk will be serving a delicious dinner of tri tip sandwiches, salads and dessert.

Please RSVP to Alyssa at 707-878-2440
by September 3, 2010.

Those that RSVP will be entered to win a door prize! Get your RSVPs in!

Monthly Event Calendar

★ CLUB EVENTS ★

9/1 NJH General Meeting

9/7 NHI General Meeting – Clubhouse 7:30

9/14 Open Jump Night – Club Arena 6:00 (see page 3)

9/17-19 Mike Bridges Clinic

9/19 NHI Trail Ride – Napa Skyline Park

9/26 TTR Trail Test – (Howard Hoeflein 707-888-7059)

★ OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS ★

9/4-5 CSHA Saddle Series Gymkhana –Fortuna

9/11 CSHA Double Point Gymkhana –Sebastapol Wranglers

9/11 Dickson Ranch Playday
(Grace 454-0454)

9/12 WCHA Show

9/12 Poker Ride at Annadel State Park

9/17-19 Martha Josey Clinic, Santa Rosa Fairgrounds

9/18 CGA Gymkhana – Sebastapol Wranglers

9/18 Dickson Ranch Dressage Show

9/25 PDRC Cowboy Challenge

9/25-26 CSHA Trail Trials State Championship Event

9/26 Willow Tree English/Western Show

9/27 CSHA monthly meeting – Star Restaurant, Cotati



Welcome New Members,
Diane Gardner, Greg MacKinnon,
Kristine Sheets-Stewart and Robyn Tucker!

President's Message

From Jon Fix

Hello Members

I am two days late getting this out to the newsletter. In hopes that it is not too late, I wanted to wait until after Western Day. What a day it was. This is a day that will go down in NHI history as one of the biggest events ever! The day was, in and of itself, an event that will have a multitude of stories told over and over. I will take time at the next general meeting to allow folks to expand on their most memorable parts. This little note is not so much about the day. It's about what made the day. You did! If you take all the energy that you volunteers put into that event, you could power a rocket to the moon. I am so proud of all of you that I can't express it. I had people come up to me at the dinner / dance and thank me. That's right, me... I did so little, in comparison to the likes of Kim Fix and her committee, Susan Atamaniuk and her kitchen crew, Dan Millikin and his grounds crew, Scott Colvin and his concrete crew that I am without words (I know, "that's unusual"). The daytime event was nothing less than spectacular. The opening ceremony, with the presentation of the Mayor, color guard, Petaluma Riding and Driving Club and the rest of the riders was like a parade in our arena. I was part of the ceremony, but wished I could have been in the bleachers watching. What an impressive mass of horses and riders. I was particularly impressed with the PRDC. Not only did they look terrific with their outfits and American flags, but the precision riding had me transfixed. I have seen some pretty impressive horse events, but I can't remember being more impressed than I was with their work. The rest of the day went on without a hitch. More to come. I am supposed to stay to 400 words or less, and that is clearly not enough words for a recap of your work, the day, dinner and dance. The dinner? Holy moley. A feast for sure. The dance? What a great time. Anyone take time to notice the new dining, dance and stage area? My guess is that the area will be used for such events as weddings, birthdays and more. Novato Horsemen's Inc. I couldn't be more proud. Come to the next meeting.



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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
Western Day:	Kim Fix 415-608-2984



Club News



THANK YOU to all our fabulous volunteers that helped at all the various preparation for Western Day. You are the best! We could not do it without you!



TRAIL RIDE

Napa Skyline Park Sunday September 19
Come and enjoy a trail ride around Napa Skyline Park. Bring a sack lunch Your horse must be in excellent condition. Riders must have control of their horse at all gaits. This ride will be a [trail trial practice](#) where we will practice negotiating various obstacles. Those not interested in doing obstacles, can join us for the ride too. The ride will meet at the parking lot at 10:00a.m. No minor children will be permitted unless escorted by one of their parents or designated guardian. If interested please e-mail, trail boss, Mary Shannon at hicute@yahoo.com. Please note that this ride is not a sanctioned NHI ride.



MONZO!

Monzo was a huge success for the Juniors club. The cow that was on display was actually sold as breeding stock to one of the cowboy mounted shooters. The winners of the auction will get their choice of \$200 or beef.



OPEN JUMP NIGHT

Open Jump Night on September 14th.
Jumping starts at 6:30. Come at 6 to help set up the jumps or stay after to put away jumps. Suitable for all level of riders, English or western saddles acceptable. This is a great way to introduce your horse to jumping in a low

pressure environment. Riders must have control of their horse at all gaits and follow appropriate arena etiquette. Free of charge and open to all members. Questions? Contact Mary Shannon at hicute@yahoo.com.

Muir Beach Trail Closures

Some of the trails out at Muir Beach will be closed due to the Redwood Creek Restoration project taking place from July 15 through October 31. The following trails will remain available: Dias Ridge Trail, RWC Trail, Heather Cut-off to Coastal View, Deer Park, and the Miwok up to Dias Ridge. (Those folks who don't know the area well, however, are probably advised to just trail ride elsewhere for the remainder of the year!)



TEAM PENNING, AUGUST 2010


Well first off I would like thank all the folks that have helped out this year so far. Rachel and I could not have done this without all of you. Without your efforts (and you know who you are) team penning would not run the way it has. It has been a very exciting year for penning. The crowds of been huge and it seems everyone is having a great time. We are getting new teams almost every week and everyone has been having fun! This last week (14th) Monte was thrown from IRS, which seems unbelievable but it happened, and earlier in the season Mark was thrown from Cigar. I hope they both are ok and we all worry about them and ours getting hurt when doing his event. On to happier notes as of August 14, 2010 there may only be one more night of the Buckle Series left and here are the standings:

1. Kim and Joannie: 5 pens with an average time of 34 sec
2. Sean and Trish: 5 pens with an average time of 35.54 sec
3. Art and Tim: 5 pens with an average time of 42.3 sec
3. Andrea and Brian: 5 pens with an average time of 42.3 sec
5. Mark and Ron: 4 pens
6. Sarah and Sean: 3 pens with an average time of 39 sec
7. John and Sean: 3 pens with an average time of 47.6 sec
8. Shannon and Hannah: 3 pens with an average time of 49.6 sec
9. Sean and Lydia: 2 pens
10. Kerry and Marissa: 1 pen with a time of 55.9 sec
11. Charter and Yvonne: 1 pen with a time of 56.7 sec

As you can see it is still pretty close and really almost anyone can with the Buckles. There are prizes to 5th place this year. So if you are reading this and are not doing anything on a Saturday night you come on over to the Horsemen's arena and cheer and eat some food, I hear there usually is food there. Thanks again to all that help to set up, tear down, number, clean up and feed.



September Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4 TEAM PENNING	5
6 WORKING COW and RANCH ROPING	7	8	9 BEGINNING COW	10	11 TEAM PENNING	12
13 WORKING COW and RANCH ROPING	14	15	16 RANCH CUTTING	17	18 TEAM PENNING	
20 WORKING COW and RANCH ROPING	21	22	23 BEGINNING COW	24	25 TEAM PENNING	26
27 WORKING COW and RANCH ROPING	28	29	30			

Nightly Fee: \$20.00 per rider – All events start at 7 p.m. except penning which starts at 6:30 and ranch roping which starts at 9:00 am on Fridays. 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

Beginning Cow: 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

Ranch Cutting: ranch cutting is an introduction to herd work; this program is for both beginning and advanced riders and horses. Chairperson: Scott Colvin (415) 897- 8438

Ranch Roping is an introduction to roping. Chairperson: Stephen Schwindt (415) 897- 8453

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) 850-8788



NOVATO HORSEMEN'S PRESENTS
Gymkhana 2010



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

DAY & DATE JUDGE
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