

NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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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.

Newsletter_- If you have something for the newsletter please email it to Mary Shannon at hicate@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

Senior General Meeting

Tuesday, January 4th

Dinner 6:30pm

Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner \$10.00

Alyssa Aubrey and Amy Hutchinson will be serving Sloppy Joes (and vegan Sloppy Joes), Cole Slaw, French Fries and Fruit Salad plus mystery dessert. Please RSVP to Amy at (415) 457-0115 or heydere@sbcglobal.net

before January 1st.



Monthly Event Calendar

★ CLUBEVENTS ★

- 1/4 NHI General Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
- 1/5 NJH General Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
- 1/12 NHI Calendar Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
- 1/18 NHI Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00

- 2/1 NHI General Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
- 2/2 NJH General Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
- 2/12 NHI CRAB FEED - See page 3 for details

President's Message

From Jon Fix

Well, how are all of you doing through these storms? I went out to get Rocky out and he just backed up and laughed at me. He is now hard to find as he is so furry that he blends in with the shrubbery. And when I do find him and get him tacked up and out for any exercise at all, he immediately breaks into a sweat that will take twice the riding time to dry off. No matter. We are horse folk and this is part of it. Imagine living in Montana.

The first general meeting is on January 4th. I am looking forward to what is coming up. The new board has met and there was 3 hours of discussion on topics that will be brought to the membership as priorities and time allows. I will tell you that everyone has very positive and energetic attitudes. We have some return veteran board members that have already shown their expertise. As always, I urge all of you members to come to the meetings. There will be some voting on issues that will make a difference throughout the year.

There are some winter events that are taking place at the arena over these next few days that you may not want to miss:

1- Saturday: Equine scuba lessons in the main arena. Yes they now make diving equipment for your horse. The flippers are a bit tough to get on, but once your horse is submerged, they work fine. HorseSnorkle lessons in the round pen. (say "HorseSnorkle without smiling.)

2- Sunday: Arena water skiing. Gary Sello is donating his 6 horse team for maximum speed. If you survive the sand and water being kicked into your face, you are guaranteed an exciting ride. Everyone gets to drive Gary's team, full speed, around and around in the mud. Gary is very generous to allow this.

3- Monday night, 11:30 pm. Horse hockey. (No that is not what you muck out of the stalls.) This is the real thing. Horses on ice. Steve Schwindt developed ice hockey shoes for horses and they are selling like crazy. We figure by 11:00 Monday night, it will be cold enough. Come out and be the first to give this a try. You can see that NHI is not wasting winter time at the club. Can't wait to see y'all at the next meeting.

Have some dang happy holidays.

Jon



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Bar:

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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.



MANURE CARTS

The club bought two manure carts to help keep the grounds clean, please help out by using them! One is in the parking lot area and the other is for the horse pens. If you use horse pens,

please clean them up before you leave so they are ready for the next person. Thanks for your help!

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. Let me know by January 31st so you can take advantage of our 12 months for the price of 10 promotion, that's only \$100 for a full year of advertising (or upgrade to a quarter page ad for only \$125 a 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



WELCOME TO THE 2011 NHI COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

A big thank you to all the members who have stepped up and volunteered their time to chair a committee next year! We still have lots of empty spots! They will need lots of help so please consider joining a committee!



2011 CALENDAR MEETING

Come join us on January 12th to get your events on the 2010 calendar.

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

NHI ANNUAL CRAB FEED



ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEED SERVED WITH SALAD, PASTA, BREAD AND DESSERT!

Save the Date: February 12, 2011

When: Two seatings at
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Where: NHI Clubhouse at
600 Bugeia Lane, Novato, California

\$30/person for 5:00 seating and
\$35/person for 7:30 seating

Get your tickets early
as seats are limited!

Tickets are available at the January
general meeting or contact Kim Fix at
415-608-2984 or kfix@marinhorizon.org

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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

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 Fundraising Parties Cattle Events
- Work Parties Gymkhanas / Play Days Serve on a committee

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

As a member, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and By-Laws 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's, 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 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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