

NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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Senior General Meeting

Tuesday, June 7th
Dinner 6:30pm
Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner \$10.00

Sharon Finston will be serving a delicious dinner of Tri-tip, marinated chicken thighs, roasted red potatoes, salad, and garlic bread. Please RSVP to Sharon at finston@sbcglobal.net before June 4th.

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Monthly Event Calendar

All arena events are subject to the re-opening of the facilities to horse traffic

★ CLUBEVENTS ★

6/7 NHI General Meeting – Clubhouse 7:30 pm
6/11 NHI/CSHA Gymkhana – Arena
6/14 NJH General Meeting
6/18 Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition
6/18 Halleck Creek Trail Ride – see page 3
6/19 Arena Closed – CGA Gymkhana
6/21 NHI Board Meeting – Clubhouse 7:00 pm
6/25 NJH Playday – Arena
7/4 Fourth of July Parade

★ OTHEREVENTS ★

6/10-12 Western States Horse Expo
6/11-12 CSHA Trail Trial – Taylorsville
6/18 CSHA Trail Trial – Mt. Burdell

“The club that cares more about riding than drinking!!”

Welcome New Members!

Linda Wallgren, Dana Adams, Collette Patt, Suzanne Gray and Jack Bingham

President's Message

From Gary Sello

I am happy to report that Gisela Wentworth, long time member and cherished friend of many has returned home following her surgery and two months of physical rehabilitation at Smith Ranch Road. Gisela's arrival home proved that she had regained plenty of strength to navigate all the stairs in the house. Gisela sounds strong and determined, (that is clearly the Gisela we know), and ever so grateful to be home with Saint Doug, he used to be a husband, now he's a saint. I'm sure Gisela would be delighted to hear from her many friends.

Then there is the EHV-1 virus, putting everyone on notice to be super cautious. Stables are "locked down", many shows are being cancelled, and facilities such as ours and many others throughout the state are temporarily closed. We expect to have an email out by Monday regarding any change from our closed status, based on information including a symposium at UCD on Friday night, May 27th. As of Thursday night May 26th, this is third day in a row that no new horse infected with the virus has been added to the list in California.

We're selling "Monzo" tickets once again as a fundraiser. Steven Schwindt has ticket books to give to members to sell. It would be great if each of us could sell ten books in the next few months before Boots and Buckles. Thank you in advance, for your help with ticket sales.

The Arbor is built, under budget, and a very nice addition to our patio area. On behalf of the club, I thank all those who joined in to design and build it. Even though quite a few cooks were "tasting and stirring the soup" any flying ladles or hammers were unintentional and not directed amongst the crew.

Our busy season is right around the corner. My guess is we'll be back to normal (or as close as we can get) in no time at all. "Summertime, and the living is easy...."

Gary



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Arena:	Scott Colvin 415-897-8438 Karen Kilian 415-897-0794 Dan Millikin 415-233-0658
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Event Chairs

Boots & Buckles:	Susan Atamaniuk 415-382-0101 Amy Hutchinson 415-517-3907
Cattle:	Scott Colvin 415-897-8438
Cowboy Mounted Shooting:	Dan Millikin 415-233-0658
Gymkhana:	Kelly Drosihn 415-892-3983
Halloween:	Collette Patt 707-623-0945 Jim Williams 415-897-3966
Parade:	
Team Penning:	Art Yee 415-899-1025
Western Day:	Kim Kouri 415-608-2984 Sally Moses 415-827-2481

Club News



SUPPORT YOUR CLUB - WEAR YOUR COLORS!

Our new sweatshirts and tee shirts 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.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE CHAIR NEEDED!

The Fourth of July Parade is almost here and we do not currently have a chair. We need someone to step up or our fabulous club will not be represented in this fun event.



GREAT NEWS FOR JUNIORS!

Karen will be keeping a third horse on the property during the summer show season. She has agreed to work with the Juniors and Norm so that Juniors without a horse to ride will have an opportunity to ride! Thanks Karen!

SPECIAL THANKS

To all that came out and made the arbor work day a success especially Jim Williams, Art and Doug Nunes, Jon Fix, Scott Colvin, Art Yee, Matt Koalkin, Steven Schwindt, Norm Dunham, Hutch and Amy Hutchinson and Sally Moses! It is the work of our membership that makes this such a great club!

THANK YOU

VOLUNTEER UP!

NHI Gymkhana, Sat, June 11th
Halleck Creek Ride, Sat, June 25th
NJH Playday, Sat, June 25th
Plenty of fun jobs still available! Please don't forget that our fabulous NHI shows happen thanks to the wonderful volunteers who help out. Many hands do make light work so if you have a few hours to spare, we promise to put you to work! Call Sally at 827-2481 for more information or to sign up.



COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING

NHI will be hosting a Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition on June 18th. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 10:30 a.m. Come try your hand at this fun sport!

TRAIL RIDE



HALLECK CREEK RANCH

Life Without Barriers

Saturday June 25th, Halleck Creek This is always a fun and special ride. See page 5 for details. This ride is open to all so invite your friends! **Volunteers needed for the bbq lunch at Halleck Creek.**



INTRO TO COWS

Introduction to cows with Jack Bingham and Mike Piero Basic beginning cow work. How to drive, read and position you and your horse. Develop your cow instinct so you may apply to your choice of cow event such as Penning, Working Cow, Cutting and Sorting.

DRAFTING

Buzz Bozzini, CSHA's cattle guy, is willing to do a Cattle Drafting clinic at our arena if there is any interest in learning the program. Call Steve Schwindt for info (415)897-8453





**NOVATO HORSEMEN'S
29TH ANNUAL RIDE AND
BARBECUE
TO BENEFIT
HALLECK CREEK RIDING
CLUB FOR THE
HANDICAPPED**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

9:30 AM SHARP

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
HALLECK CREEK RANCH,
INCLUDES BARBEQUE LUNCH WITH
THE RIDERS AT HALLECK CREEK)

This year, the ride will start from the Grossi Ranch in Novato (just west of Stafford Lake). We will cross three adjoining ranches to reach the riding club in Nicasio. This ride will offer vistas from vantage points otherwise unavailable.

For reservations and more info:

Steve Schwindt 415-897-8453

rangosps@comcast.net



NOVATO HORSEMEN'S PRESENTS Gymkhana 2011

CSHA AWARD SERIES NOVATO AND SEBASTOPOL

Rider/horse team must compete in 4 out of 5 shows in Novato and Sebastopol (combined)

Awards in divisions 1-7 to best 3 out of 5 shows

We will have first place awards in Division 1-7 and Open

High Point and Reserve to each Division 1-7 and Open

Participation award will be given at the end of day to lead liners.

SHOW DATES


JUNE 11
AUG 13

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JULY 9
SEPT 11

SEBASTOPOL WRANGLERS
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June Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2 RANCH CUTTING	3	4 TEAM PENNING	5
6 WORKING COW & INTRO TO COWS	7	8	9 RANCH CUTTING	10	11 TEAM PENNING	12
13 WORKING COW & INTRO TO COWS	14	15	16 RANCH CUTTING	17	18 TEAM PENNING	19
20 WORKING COW & INTRO TO COWS	21	22	23 RANCH CUTTING	24	25 TEAM PENNING	
27 WORKING COW & INTRO TO COWS	28	29	30 RANCH CUTTING			

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 - Charlie Raposia (707) 774- 1900

Intro to Cows: 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: Jack Bingham (707) 495- 4989

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

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: Art Yee (415) 899- 1025

Boots and Buckles



Black Tie and Jean Dinner Dance

Saturday

September 10, 2011



- 5:30 pm ♦ Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres and Oyster Bar
Live Music by Home Brew and Dan Steadman
- 6:30 pm ♦ Buffet Dinner
Tri-Tip, Salmon Piccata, Corn on the Cob, New Potatoes in Dill Butter,
Ceasar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert
- 8:00 pm ♦ Live Music and Dancing with CCB - The Craig Caffall Band
Silent Auction

Advance Tickets: Adults \$40 ♦ Juniors \$15
At the Door: Adults \$45 ♦ Juniors \$20

RSVP: Amy Hutchinson 415-517-3907 or
Susan Atamaniuk 415-382-0101

NHI and SFHA Joint Ride to the Marin Headlands



Classified Ads

CIRCLE Y WESTERN SADDLE 15 ½", Full QH Bars ~ Dark Leather, \$475.00 Tina Georgeson 415-328-7695/Tinageorgeson@earthlink.net

RENTAL DONKEY OR MULE WANTED Group of 5 experienced backpackers seek a donkey or mule, preferably with a trailer, to spend two weeks in the Sierras--likely on the John Muir Trail beginning right around August 3rd. Most will carry their own packs, so the mule/donkey only has to carry extras (whatever it can handle). Don't need a guide, we have experience with horses, etc. RSVP to grrreenes@gmail.com. Chuck Greene 415-235-8206.

Got Pony? Safe, private boarding available 4 doors down from NHI. Pasture with barn, shade, level and hills with trees. Great for exercise. Must get along with my friendly pony. Prefer pony or small horse, gelding and no shoes but open to possibilities. Cost - reasonable to no charge depending on the arrangement. Call Roberta at (415) 370-5454.

BOARDING WANTED Large paddock with shelter and riding arena anywhere in Novato for large draft horse. Willing to do some of the work. Contact Kate at 707 484 8258

HORSES FOR SALE by Charlie Raposa, please call 707-774-1900 for information.

QH MARE Beautiful big quarter mare, 15 hands, unflappable, trail/cowboy challenge/mounted shooting horse. Well cared for, doesn't-look-her-age (about 17 y.) Big fast walk. Never-ever turns an evil ear to another horse. (If we told you she was a gelding you'd believe it.) Any obstacles plus strollers, flags, umbrellas, bikes, tarps, trailers, baths, etc., are never an issue. Pull from the field today after 6 months rest, she is the same horse. Quiet, safe and mannerly for ANYONE to handle. So many plusses! But... NOT for rank beginner or child that clings like a monkey. (She will "head for the gate".) Ideal for large man with a little experience. \$1500 firm. E-mail with your questions and for pics. Selling as she doesn't have a drop of cow in her. We like to pen and sort. falconvalleytrails@comcast.net

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 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 jnc44equipment@yahoo.com



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