

# HOOFBEATS

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To all Jr. members, parents, and friend of our club

It was with a heavy heart and over obligated schedules that both Monte and I were unable to attend the 2009 Junior Banquet on December 12. We knew everything would go as planned because Steven said he would handle everything and apparently he did, It is a blessing when one person can handle the job of three with ease and finesse. Although we missed the banquet, neither of us are on our way out, in fact we are feeling quite the opposite. Monte and I are both totally energized by all the people involved with the juniors, and feel like we are just about getting everything in order to capitalize on our successes of last year.

This year, "Blood on the Saddle" Steven will be leading the senior club as its President, and will devote whatever time he can to the Junior Club. His interest in each individual member, and the club as a whole will not diminish; we guarantee you he will be there when you need him. In his place Kim Fix will become the third Junior Advisor, working equally with Monte, myself, the members and their parents in helping us achieve our agreed upon 2010 goals. One of our goals this year are to add some structure to the meetings; by having jr. board members and older club members pair off with an adult committee chair-person, and do the talking for the adult at the meeting. By having to present a need for volunteers at the snack-shack, or announce a service day at Halleck Creek, puts the responsibility onto the jr. member to recruit the members they need. Likewise the calendar report will be given by the jr. members. 2010 will mean each board member committee/co-chair will come to the meeting prepared for their presentation, and cleared for it through the adult chair person. Next year's board will be responsible for planning an overnight trip that makes sense financially, and is in accordance with our stated goals as a horse club. Education and Record Book updates will also be a part if every meeting. We plan to utilize some social networking sites, so members can easily access information for everyone. We want to meet all our goals while having fun and a high rate of member participation. On behalf of Monte and myself, we thank you for all the joy and warmth we experienced watching all the members in the club mature, become leaders, improve their horsemanship, and show compassion for others. It is a job with a lot of rewards and lifetime friends. We are both appreciative of all we got out of the last year.

On behalf of Kim, Monte, and myself, I say "buckle your seat belts, we are going for ride" We expect 2010 to be a jewel of a year, with great performances, high expectations, and many successful achievements. We are going to need your help to pull it off, but we believe together we can do it. Thank you for being there for us, and for how you accept us being there for you

Kim, Gary, Monte

**Next Up!**

**Wednesday January 6th**

**5:30 Board Meeting**

**6:30 Dinner**

**7:00 Meeting**

**Please Note that the organization of the Parent board will take place at the January Meeting.**

**All parents are encouraged to attend to help plan our year!**



**Gary, Monte and Kim want to wish you a very happy horsy New Year !**



Look for your membership form below



**1<sup>st</sup> Junior Fundraiser of the New Year!**

Novato Horsemen Annual Crab Feed

**Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>**

2 Seatings: 5:00PM and 7:30PM

All You Can Eat!!

\$30 per person 1<sup>st</sup> seating

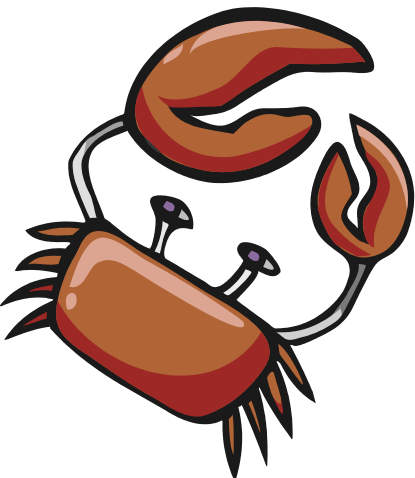
\$35 per person 2<sup>nd</sup> seating



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Junior help earns points plus \$\$\$\$!



# Where's Boog?

"Boog, Boog, where are you?" Who could imagine that such a cute and otherwise extremely well-behaved horse could cause so much trouble being the Houdini of the horse world? Boog, which is short for Booger, got his name from his grandfather, the famous Booger H Chex. He was born at the B Bar B Ranch in Picabo, Idaho and is now all of 6 years old. Booger is a brown horse with a black mane and tail. This makes him a Bay. He's about 4 ½ feet tall which makes him 15 hands in horse language. He has gentle brown eyes and always has a really runny nose. That's another reason they call him Booger.

Booger is a very amazing horse. He does just about anything you ask him to do and always has a calm attitude. If you were to ask most horses to do some of the things that Boog will do, they would probably freak out, but not Boog. He goes to trail trial competitions which have taken him through car wash scrubbers, across tarps, into ditches filled with rocks and he's also dragged an animal carcass. He has let people shoot guns off his back and doesn't even mind the balloons popping. He likes to chase cows and has helped his owner win a buckle or two.

So, as I was saying, Boog has one other special trait that really sets him apart from other horses. He is Houdini! Houdini Boog has gotten himself out of all sorts of enclosures. This is never because he hasn't been put away carefully; in fact, they have even tried electric fences to stop him from escaping. One time, Boog was in his pasture, quietly eating his food when the sun was going down and everyone was leaving the ranch. The next morning, his owner got a call saying we can't find your horse. Of course, Beth, Boog's human mom, raced to the stables and joined the hunt for the missing Boog. I can tell you where they found him but you'll have to promise to keep it a secret. As everyone was on the hunt for Boog, Beth traced his exit and tracked him to the golf course next to the ranch. Now you can imagine how they don't like horses on the golf course and Boog seemed to be especially fond of the bright green part. There's no doubt that he had a good time. We have to keep this a secret because when they find horse hoof prints on the grass, they charge \$50.00 for every one of them. Let's just say Boog had a very expensive adventure.

Another time, Boog went camping with his good friend, Tater. They are cousins and were born in the same foal crop. They traveled in a trailer up to Humboldt County to Cuneo State Park where they were staying for 4 nights. The plan was to set up portable pens for each of them so they had room to move around and would be contained. Boog didn't cause too much trouble for the first night. When Beth woke up, she found that he had spent the night moving his pen but at least he was still inside. The second and third nights were not as successful. Beth and Tater's mom, Kim, were woken in the middle of the night by banging on the trailer. The neighbor to the left of them had found Boog wandering around her trailer and her horses. The following night, it was the people camped on the right. I guess Boog wanted to make sure to meet all of his neighbors. The funny part about the escape was that the pen was still completely intact and shut. He had to either go under or jump over and both would be practically impossible, but knowing Houdini Boog, he can do anything.

Member contributions are always welcome and should be sent via e-mail to [montek@hughes.net](mailto:montek@hughes.net)

Thanks Hayley for this delightful story!



Please don't miss the January planning meeting. We have much to discuss about the year ahead. We want your input and ideas. Let's work together to make our club a fun and engaging environment for our junior members. See you at the meeting!

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR