

# NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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## General Meeting Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Dinner 6:30pm  
Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner

DINNER FEATURING "AN ALL AMERICAN BBQ" WITH HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND SIDE DISHES ALL COOKED BY THE NHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS. RSVP TO AMY HUTCHINSON 415-457-0115 OR [amy@sonnenbmw.com](mailto:amy@sonnenbmw.com)

## Monthly Event Calendar

### ★ CLUB EVENTS ★

6/28 NHI Work Party - 9:00 - 1:00  
6/29 Western Cow - NHI Arena CLOSED  
7/1 NHI General Mtg - 7:30 Club House  
7/2 NJH General Mtg - CANCELLED  
7/4 4th of July Parade - See pg. 6 for details  
7/5 Team Penning Buckle Series - 2<sup>nd</sup> in series  
7/14 Open Jumping - 6:30 NHI Arena  
7/20 Western Cow - NHI Arena CLOSED  
7/22 NHI Board Meeting - 7:00 Club House  
7/23 NJH Board Meeting - 7:00 Club House  
7/26 NHI Club Ride - See Pg 2 for details  
7/27 CSHA - NHI Arena CLOSED (tentative)  
8/5 NHI General Mtg - 7:30 Club House  
8/6 NJH General Mtg - 7:00 Club House

### ★ OTHER EVENTS ★

6/29 Gymkhana - Russian River Riders  
7/12 English Western Show - Dickson Ranch  
7/12 Gymkhana - Sebastopol Wranglers  
7/12 CSHA Trail Trial - Lake Sonoma [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com)  
7/26 National Day of the Cowboy

## President's Message

From Gary Sello

Who would have ever thought this particular person would run out of words with six more Presidential Messages to write. Maybe by next month I'll regain some of my verbosity. I'll try to keep moving forward, just heard a quote "The only good reason to ride a bull is to meet a nurse."

I would like to thank Cindy Roberts, Lori Frugoli and Kathy Paulsen for hauling Halleck Creek horses to the Western Weekend Parade, photograph the loading, saddling, and the parade, and then the whole thing in reverse except for the parade. What great club-members we have in this club, when they make personal sacrifices for community on behalf of themselves and Novato Horsemen's. "When in doubt, let your horse do the thinking."

Steve Grandin, our grounds chairperson, is coordinating many of our capital improvements, as well as planning a "Get It Done" workday on June 28th. Whatever your skill level, bring your favorite tool and we'll figure out how to put it to good use, or read further in the newsletter to see specific goals. I know for sure, we will among other things be filling a large debris box with miscellaneous garbage and the remaining faux buildings. If you want one, come get it. The club could really benefit from a good turnout so please come on down for a few hours anyway.... Lunch is on us. "If you get to thinking you're a person of influence, trying ordering someone else's dog."

The cattle are well, doing what cattle do best..... Our club meetings have been going well.....Our evening programs and shows on the club grounds seem to be full of happy people spending money, enriching our treasury..... No one's complaining that I'm hearing..... Come join us for our July 1st BBQ Dinner cooked by the board of directors, and maybe even hang around for the meeting. The first 10 minutes of the meeting we have guests Connie Berto, Linda Novy and Ann Burke to discuss some equestrian trail issues around many of our member's favorite local trails. Read the minutes to find out what issue our "Need to stand up for ourselves" committee will be advocating for. And my final quote for the night; "Just because trouble comes visiting, you surely don't have to offer it a place to sit down."

## Welcome New Members

Kim O'Brien, Carmen Acton, Mary Bayley, Eric Kruger (Jr. to Sr.)  
and Lori Veliquette

## Club News



### JULY TRAIL RIDE - LIMANTOUR BEACH

#### PT. REYES NAT'L. SEASHORE

Saturday, July 26 (National Cowboy Day) 10:00AM-in saddle, ready to ride. MEMBERS ONLY. Please wear your Novato Horsemen shirt if you have one. I'll have forms for those who want to join. Bring lunch. Gilda (415) 892-1034 or [gdkhag@comcast.net](mailto:gdkhag@comcast.net)



We will be having another work party June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 1:00 to remove the debris we gathered at the last work party - we will need help with some more raking and brush gathering. The old jail and other booths will be discarded, if you want these, speak up now or they'll be gone!

We are planning on painting the weathered panels in the arena, the panels in the warm up pen, and the snack shack. We will need someone to help with pressure washing these areas the Friday evening before. If you have a pressure washer and you can make it out late Friday afternoon (the 27<sup>th</sup>) please let me know. If you have an airless sprayer and would like to help with the painting please let me know. If not we will have rollers for a mass attack (so if it takes twenty man hours to do the painting can 20 people do it in an hour?)

We need to bury 60 feet of water line that services Karen's house. The line got stepped on and the coupling separated. Karen was without water all afternoon, so we need to get it under ground to protect it. We welcome any diggers!

Barbecue will be provided for those who come to work. Please let me know if you intend to be there so we can plan accordingly

Thanks again to all of you who made our last work party such a success. Questions... contact Steve Grandon (415) 895-1262 or [steveng@dprinc.com](mailto:steveng@dprinc.com)



**TOPAZ "LOWER LOOP" TRAIL CLOSURE** - Open Space plans to close the "lower loop" of Topaz (trail behind Clubhouse) for trail maintenance during the month of August or September. This is temporary. If you see the trail is closed, please respect the closure and do not create a new trail around the closure.



Hey, do you want to be part of a team that's to help with Club events? Call Karen at 897-0794 and I'll check you out on the Club's ATV and teach you how to set-up the sound and timer systems and how the watering works.



## ☆ NOVATO HORSEMEN'S ON-SITE CARETAKER POSITION ☆

The Novato Horsemen's Board of Directors is accepting applications for the On-site Caretaker position, which has been on a three year contract, due to expire September 15, 2008

You must be a "member-in-good-standing" and willing to live on-site. This position comes with duties to the Club, clubhouse and grounds out-lined in the Rental Agreement.

1 bdrm, 1 bath mobile home, space for up to 2 horses (you supply panels) and pets allowed. Current monthly rent \$500. 1-3 year lease possible.

If you're interested in applying for the position please contact Kristina Albright at (415) 310-6750 or kmz@pobox.com for more information and an application.

The application process closes August 1, 2008

## Do Horses Get Sunburned? Gleaned from [www.todayshorse.com](http://www.todayshorse.com)

Yes, horses do get sunburned, and light-colored horses and horses with white markings (anywhere the skin is pink under the hair coat) can sometimes get quite badly sunburned, especially on the muzzle and around the eyes. Dark-coated, dark-skinned horses usually experience a certain amount of bleaching – a black coat will go reddish, for example – but nothing actually dangerous.

Sunburn can be serious and there are some diseases, medications, and pasture plants that can make horses extremely photosensitive. A pink-skinned horse in strong sun is likely to suffer from sunburn; if that horse were being treated with tetracyclines, it could suffer from much more severe sunburn. If it found some alsike clover in a corner of the pasture and ate that, it could develop even more sun sensitivity – and might also sustain liver damage. There is a correlation between sunburn and liver damage – some systemic diseases involving the liver will make horses very photosensitive. If your horse shows signs of severe sunburn, your veterinarian will probably want to have the horse's blood tested for liver disease.

Although the best solution is to limit the skin's exposure to direct sunlight, sometimes it's necessary to use sun protection or sunblock products to keep horses from burning and peeling in sensitive areas.

Some owners use the same products on their horses that they use on their children. The protection provided by a sunblock such as zinc oxide is just as helpful for horses as it is for humans. The key is to keep it on the horse – grazing in tall grass can remove a lot of product from the equine face, and even

short grass can remove a great deal from the horse's muzzle.

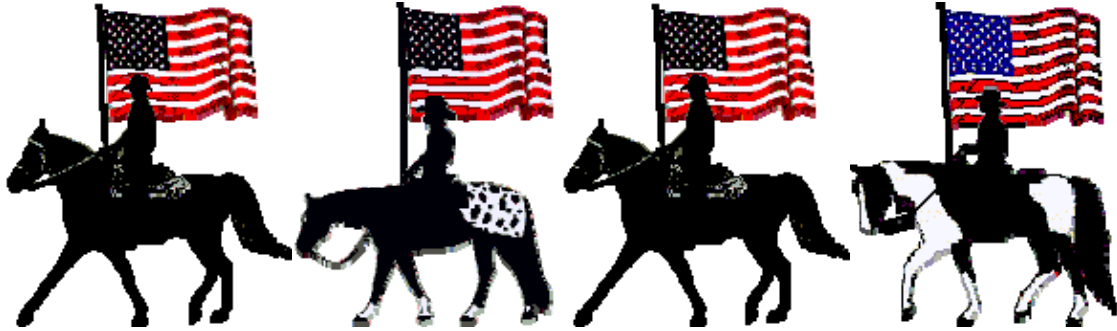
Look for one of the brightly-colored products that are popular at the beach! Nowadays, you can find blue, purple, green, or pink zinc oxide products! If your horse is wearing purple sunblock you will quickly be able to tell, even from a distance, whether the sunblock has worn off and needs to be reapplied around its eyes and to its muzzle and other sensitive pink-skinned areas.

Many of today's grooming products contain sunscreens – shampoos, coat conditioners, even some flysprays. Be sure to note how much protection each product provides – there is a big difference between 8 SPF or 15 SPF in some grooming products, and the 30 SPF provided by (for example) Absorbine Ultra-Screen.

Get your veterinarian involved if you have any reason to suspect that your horse may be ill or reacting to medication or to a plant in its forage. Get your veterinarian involved if your horse is suddenly showing signs of sunburn when it has never before reacted to even strong sun with anything but a slightly pink nose.

If you ride, reapply the sunscreen after the ride, especially to those areas where it may have been rubbed off by the bridle.

Aside from that, just use your good sense – apply sunscreen when and where you think the horse is likely to need protection, and reapply it as needed.



## PARADE RIDERS COME OUT AND JOIN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE – FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

Here is a great opportunity to have some fun with your horse and show up for our Club and the community! The parade theme is “The Best of Novato” and we have plenty to offer so please call and let me know you will be there:

[Jana Hefner \(415\)897-3955.](tel:4158973955)



We will be assembling at 8:00 a.m. and marching out at 10:00 a.m. As soon as I have the staging area assignment I'll pass it on. In the meantime, please call to let me know you will ride in the parade.

### Attire

Horses: Red leg wraps and a red saddle blanket.

Riders: Blue Jeans, White Shirt and a cowboy hat.

We will have glitter and decorations available.



We need people with experience to help with: leg wraps, tail braiding, and tail decorations.

We also need: Two people for poop patrol and two people to walk the route and two people to collect flags at the end of the route.


We also need some dry ice and an ATV for the poop patrol.

Please let me know if you are available for any of the above duties.

Thanks very much for your participation – I'll see you there!



July Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 BEGINNING COW	2 BASIC COW	3 WORKING COW	4	5 TEAM PENNING <small>(1<sup>st</sup> in Buckle Series)</small>	6
7	8 BEGINNING COW	9 RANCH CUTTING	10 WORKING COW	11	12 TEAM PENNING	13
14	15 BEGINNING COW	16 BASIC COW	17 WORKING COW	18	19 TEAM PENNING	20
21	22 BEGINNING COW	23 RANCH CUTTING	24 WORKING COW	25	26 TEAM PENNING	27
28	29 BEGINNING COW	30 BASIC COW	31 WORKING COW			

Nightly Fee: \$20.00 per rider – All events start at 7 p.m. except penning which starts at 6:30 and Beginning Cow starts at 10:00am .Please feel free to 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.  
**COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN** Basic Cow Chairpersons – Jill Peterson (415) 897-2404, Monte Kruger (415) 897-7308 -- Working Cow Chairperson – Chris Maithonis (707) 795-1093 -- Ranch Cutting – Scott Colvin (415) 897- 8438 -- Team Penning – Ken Frank (415) 898-7768,-- Beginning Cow – Steven Schwindt (415) 897-8453.

## Novato Horsemen 2008 Team Penning - Buckle Series\*



1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month  
 6:30 PM Sharp!  
 Best 3 of 5-show series  
 Buckles for each Sr. team & Jr. team.  
 Prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 (or lower as participation allows)  
 Entry: \$75 senior / \$50 Junior

*Other nights will include:* Pick your partners nights, partner Hat picks, grudge matches (you challenge another team - maybe a small gimmick bet), Jr/Sr matches, Jackpot nights

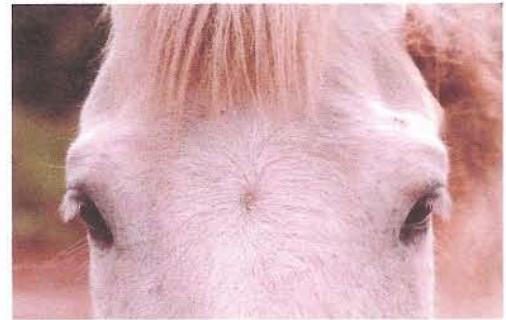
\*You do not have to be enrolled in series to ride on these nights, however, we will follow buckle series rules

We need your help... Volunteers needed. In order to run the series we need a foul line judge and a pen judge and a timer judge too.

Volunteers needed. In order to run team penning, we need people to help with numbering cows on/off, moving pens up/down.

# THE NOVATO HORSEMEN'S BOOTS AND BUCKLES DINNER AND DANCE

*Featuring the music of  
The AfterMidnite Band*



Saturday August 23, 2008

Novato Horsemen's Clubhouse 600 Bugeia Lane, Novato

Cocktails/BBQ Oysters

6:00pm

Dinner

7:00pm

Music

8:00pm-12:00am

Presale tickets:

\$40.00 adults

\$15.00 juniors

At the Door:

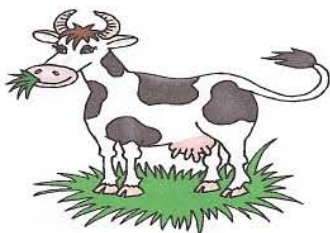
\$45.00 adults

\$25.00 juniors

DANCE ONLY \$ 15.00

Dinner featuring: Prime Rib, Catch of the Day, Salad, Corn on the cob, Garlic mashed potatoes, and pie a-la-mode.

Prepared by Chef Jim Williams & THE CREW

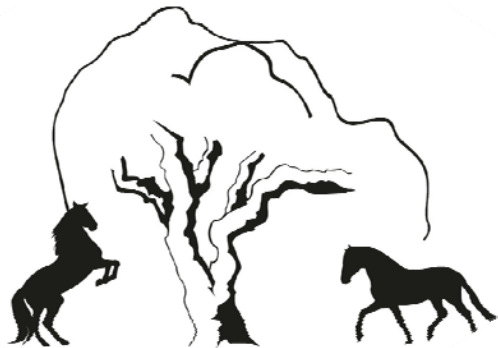


A returning favorite..... the cow flop contest

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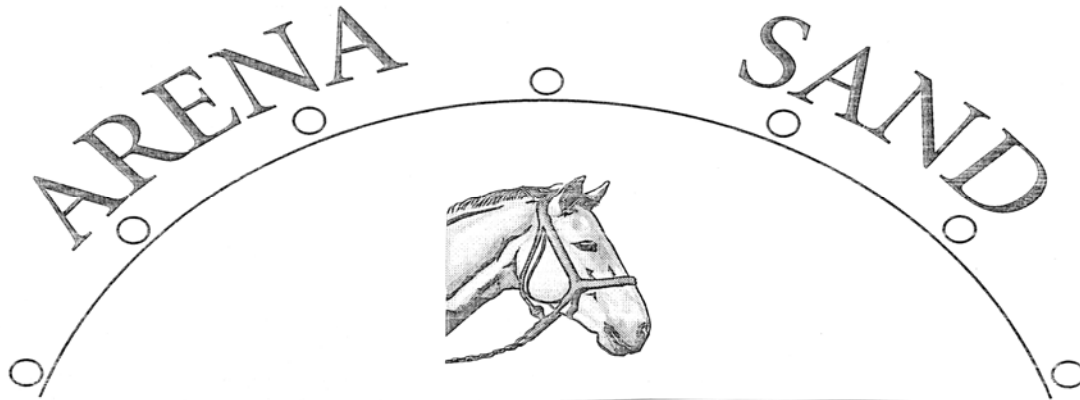


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## Reminders

**OPENING JUMPING** – The second Monday of every month. Free of charge and open to all members. We will all help set up and take down jumps. The focus will be on working towards jumping courses with some cavaletti and gridwork. Riders must be able to control their horse at all gaits. Open to riders with any level of experience over fences. Western riders are welcome too. Please come early if you can to start the set up. See you there!

**ELECTRONIC CUTTING** – Charlie Raposa will be with an “electric cow” that works up and down the rail with pre programmed moves or through the use of a remote control, most Saturday & Sunday mornings. Charlie will work with you, your horse, and the movement of the “cow”. Interested people could show up around 10:00 or call Charlie at 707.338.6611

**General Information** – Dogs must be leashed or safely located in a vehicle while on club grounds. Also, 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 or sweatshirt. Let the community know you are a member of this great club. Contact Kristina Albright for availability and pricing.

## Classified Ads

**HORSE BOARDING IN INDIAN VALLEY** – paddocks w/stalls & paddocks w/shelters available – large turnout areas. Full serve or save some \$ and clean your own. Chris Perry 892-1227

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**HORSE FOR SALE**– Big 9yr old AQH gelding, very sweet, and willing to please, and a very easy keeper. Needs exp. rider. For more info and price please call Christina at (707)-481-4280

**CLASSIC MILEY HORSE TRAILER:** in very good condition. Beige color \$1400 obo. Karen Berke 897-4011.

**NEWSLETTER** – If you have something for the newsletter please email it to Beth Roens at b\_roens@hotmail.com or call (415) 613-9955. All submissions must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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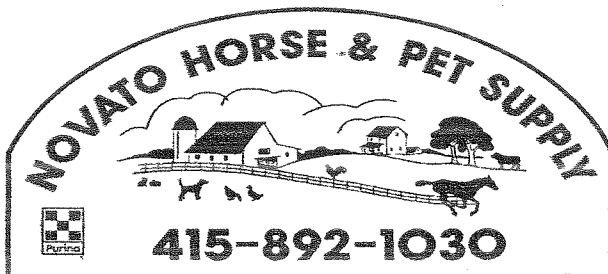
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