

# NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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## General Meeting Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dinner 6:30pm - Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner (\$10.00)

Pam Fike and Mari Benson are serving Pesto  
Tortellini, Caesar Salad with Chicken, Garlic Bread,  
Apple Cobbler with ice cream!!!

RSVP to Pam at [psf2800@comcast.net](mailto:psf2800@comcast.net)

## Monthly Event Calendar

### ★ CLUBEVENTS ★

9/2 General Mtg - 7:30 Club House  
9/3 Junior General Mtg - 7:00 Club House  
9/8 Open Jumping - 6:30 Club Arena  
9/14 Juniors Demo Day - Club Arena See Pg. 6 for details  
9/19 Family Night - Club Arena See Pg. 6 for details  
9/23 Board Mtg - 7:00 Club House  
9/24 Junior Board Mtg - 7:00 Club House  
9/27 NJH Hosted Playday - Club Arena  
9/28 T.T.R's Trail Trials Club Arena See Pg. 5 for details  
10/2 General Mtg - 7:30 Club House  
10/3 Junior General Mtg - 7:00 Club House  
10/4 NHI Trail Ride - Halleck Creek

### ★ OTHEREVENTS ★

9/6-7 Western Cow - Snaffle Bit - Lodi  
9/13 CSHA Double Point Gymkhana - Santa Rosa  
9/14 Denim & Diamonds - Marin Stables  
9/24 CSHA Pt. Riders Mtg. Gymk. - call Marci Frank  
9/27-28 CSHA Trail Trials - State Final - Sonora  
10/4 MHC Fall Ride & BBQ - Presidio Riding Club

## Welcome New Members

Christine Mudge, Kate Fike, Pam Fike, Keith Jackson,  
Homer Osgood and Becky Roseles



## President's Message

From Gary Sello

Here we are, quicker than you would think, summer is ending, school is starting, and the nights are getting shorter. I hope you have been making good use of our facility, working our cattle, or whatever. This is the time of year when the club is seeking members for the Nominating Committee, which is charged with procuring a slate of well intentioned competent members to fill the various officer and board positions for the 2009 year. If you would be interested in being on the nominating committee, please contact Chris Mathonis at 707.795.1093 or Alyssa or Aubrey at 415.878.2440. If you would like to be on the Board of Directors for the 2009 year, or know someone who you believe would make a good officer or director, please contact Chris or Alyssa. The nominating committee will be named at the September meeting, and will present a slate of officers and directors at the October meeting. I encourage everyone to think about who would be in the best position to lead our club through the foreseeable future. Keep those cards and letters coming.....

### An Old Horsewoman

*When I am an old horsewoman, I shall wear turquoise and diamonds and a straw hat that doesn't suit me.*

*And I shall spend my Social Security on sugar cubes and carrots, and sit in the alleyway of my barn and listen to my horses breathe.*

*I will sneak out in the middle of a summer night and ride the old sorrel mare across the moonstruck desert if my old bones will allow it.*

*And when people come to call, I will smile and as I walk past the garden to the barn and show -- instead of flowers growing -- stalls freshened with straw.*

*I will shovel and sweat and wear hay in my hair as if it were jewels.*

*And I will be an embarrassment to all who will not yet have found the peace in being free to have a horse (or pony) as a friend....a friend who waits at the midnight hour with soft muzzle and a nicker and patient eyes for the kind of woman I will be when I am old.*



## Club News



**SEPTEMBER TAMALPAIS TRAIL RIDERS TRAIL TRIALS- HORSEMEN CLUB** – Sunday, September 28th–See page 5 for details .

**OCTOBER TRAIL RIDE-HALLECK CREEK RANCH RIDE** – Saturday, October 4th–Details to come. PLEASE SUPPORT BOTH OF THESE RIDES.

We had another great ride at Limantour Beach. Thank you for those who supported our July ride: Linda Kruger, Jeff and Kristina Albright, Lydia Jenner, Carroll Rotkel, Marianne Skinner, Monte and Emily Kruger, Denise Ricker, Michael Santy and me.

Another great ride was our August Moonlight ride. The riders were Linda Kruger, Denise Ricker, Emily Zallsner ( a junior!!), Karen Kilian, Kim OBrien, Diane George, Crystal Glass (thank you for your help) and me. Thank you all for coming out and showing your support for the trail rides. Gilda Hagerty



With Nancy Olson's impending nuptials and move to Oregon, the Club is in need of someone to step forward and take over the very important bartending responsibilities.

This person will be responsible for licenses, stocking, ice and making sure we have servers for meetings and events. Please let the board know if you are interested.



If you haven't noticed, there's been a lot of work going on at the Club! We have new stairs for the announcer's booth (thanks Jon Fix & Ken Frank).

Now you don't have to take your life into your own hands when you volunteer at all the terrific shows we put on. Also, we have sprinklers in the dust bowl . . . I mean the warm-up arena (thanks Curt Kruger & Ken Frank). What a pleasure to warm-up without all the dirt in your nose! The front gate is almost ready to be installed, more to come on this project. If you have a special skill, a ton of energy or just want to burn a few calories, get in touch with Steve Grandon 895-1262 and see what projects he has on his To-Do list. Steve will have organized work party dates to share with us, but don't hesitate to stop by the Club any time and whack a few weeds, pick up some trash or scrub out a water tub . . . your efforts will be greatly appreciated by all!!



The Department of Parks and Open Space has requested our help. If you notice misuse or dangerous conditions on trails, while riding, please call (415) 499-6387 and ask for the Park Watch Hotline (or Greg) and tell them what's going on. They want to hear from us and it's important that we all participate. This will allow the Department of Parks and Open Space firstly to immediately correct or respond to the problem and secondly to keep a record log of where violations are most prevalent. Put the number in your cell phone and always carry you cell phone on the trails in case of emergency.



At the time of printing we still had volunteers helping with Boots & Buckles. We want to thank all the great volunteers who made this event possible. Look for Amy and Jim's thank you's in the October newsletter.




**TAMALPAIS TRAIL RIDERS  
ANNUAL TRAIL TEST**

**NOVATO HORSEMEN'S ARENA  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2008  
EVENTS START AT 9:00AM**

**TROPHY  
RIBBONS THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
SEPARATE DIVISION FOR JUNIORS  
ENTRY FEE \$30.00**

**LIMITED TO 50 RIDERS, CALL FOR DETAILS AND TO RESERVE SPACE:  
HOWARD HOEFLEIN (707) 795-7670**

September Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 	2 BEGINNING COW	3 RANCH CUTTING	4 WORKING COW	5	6 TEAM PENNING <small>(4<sup>th</sup> in Buckle Series)</small>	7
8	9 BEGINNING COW	10 BASIC COW	11 WORKING COW	12	13 TEAM PENNING	14
15	16 BEGINNING COW	17 RANCH CUTTING	18 WORKING COW	19	20 TEAM PENNING	21
22	23 BEGINNING COW	24 BASIC COW	25 WORKING COW	26	27 TEAM PENNING	28
29	30 BEGINNING 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. Basic Cow Chairpersons – Jill Peterson (415) 897-2404, Monte Kruger (415) 897-7308 – Working Cow Chairperson – Chris Maitonis (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 Junior Horsemen Information and  
 Demonstration Day  
 September 14, 2008  
 1:00-6:00pm



Come and see the wonderful un-mounted information for children and adults to learn more about horses.

Demonstrations will include adults and children from Novato Horsemen.

Reining, barrel racers, jumping and more to come.....

Please email Elizabeth as to your availability to help us with this endeavor.  
[Ectapia1@comcast.net](mailto:Ectapia1@comcast.net)



**Novato Horsemen Family Night**  
**Friday Night, September 19, 2008 5:00pm till 11:00pm**

Come and enjoy a night at Novato Horsemen with a BBQ, some Night Horse games, Campfire, and Movie

**Welcome all members young and old alike**  
**Bar B Que and social hour starts at 6PM**

Bar B Que Starts at 6PM Novato Horsemen Inc. will provide Hamburgers, Hot dogs & Drinks  
 Please bring something to share, Salad, dessert or Side dishes

8pm- 10pm Campfire, Smores and sing along, sit around the fire pit and sing along to your favorite songs, roasting Marshmallows and making Smores (Guitar player and crooners welcome)

9:00-11pm Movie in the clubhouse with popcorn and treats

Riding Games 5pm-10pm

Start at 5pm: Water Balloon target practice: toss your water balloon Thrown from the fence at Special Guests Riding the Gator: win a ticket for each hit.

6pm: Cowboy Hat poles: Place cowboy hats on the poles or barrels to win tickets

7pm: Cowboy Cowgirl Rope off see who is the best roper in the club

8pm: Sit a buck

**Then free ride in the arena till 10pm**

## MARIN STABLES & TRAILS, INC. DENIM & DIAMONDS

Marin Stables & Trails, Inc. will hold its third annual "Denim & Diamonds" fund raiser on September 14, 2008 at Marin Stables. As many of you in the equestrian community may know, we are implementing a comprehensive renovation plan for the historic buildings at Marin Stables and we are working to raise the financing required for this expensive project. One of the most critical structures at Marin Stables is the Riding Arena, and this is the first building that must be repaired in order to keep Marin Stables open to the public. We hope to have the Arena repaired in time for winter, but we cannot do it without your help.

Denim & Diamonds is a fun event for adults and children, offering live music, a silent and live auction hosted by Joel Bartlett, gourmet food, activities for children, and, of course the horses and our historic barn. For tickets and more information, please call 415-459-9455, mail box #2. Remember to wear your finest cowboy boots, jeans, and diamonds! Your participation will help restore this wonderful horse facility located in Fairfax. Thank you!

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## Classified Ads

**SORREL ARAB/CROSS**: 15.2 hands Unbroke 5yr old. Halters and Leads, Has had a Saddle on but it has been awhile. Willing attitude. Wants to learn. \$500 firm for Horse and there is tack available. Call Jackie or Chief 415-898-0448

**APHA OVERO MARE**: 11yr old, ranch horse, incredible trail horse, very reliable, safe, trailers, clips, ties, very friendly. \$7000.00 or b/o. 707-338-2613

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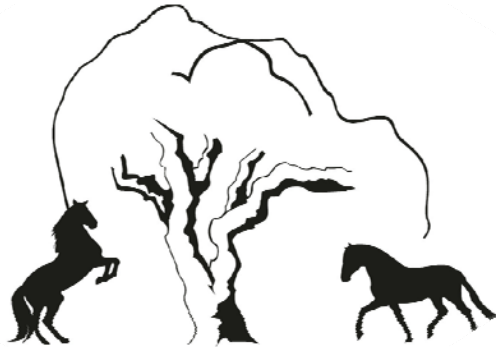
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**HORSE BOARDING IN INDIAN VALLEY** - paddocks w/stalls & paddocks w/shelters available - large turnout areas. Full serve or save some \$ and clean your own. Chris Perry (415) 892-1227

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**MARIN HORSE COUNCIL FALL  
 FUNDRAISER RIDE & BBQ**

On Saturday, October 4, 2008 the **Marin Horse Council** is sponsoring its **Fall fundraising ride and BBQ** at Presidio Riding Club, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Ft. Cronkite near Sausalito. Coffee, juice and snacks will be offered to those checking in starting at 9:00am. The ride starts at 9:30. Maps will be available for the many scenic trails. Ride the trails with vistas of the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco and its Bay, and enjoy the largest urban park in the world!

The gourmet BBQ will be served from 1pm until 3pm. The ride and BBQ cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids under 16. Lunch for non-riding guests is \$15. (All are tax deductible donations). Water is available for riders and horses. Come and support our many causes.

For more information and reservations contact: Joel Bartlett at joelbartlett@yahoo.com or 415-381-0309.

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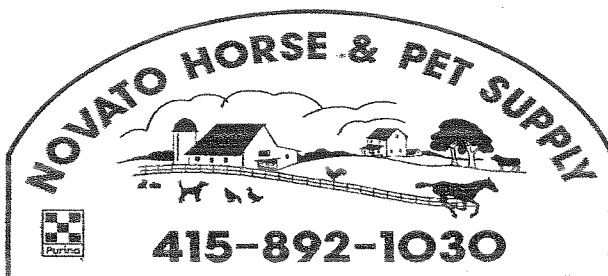
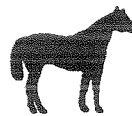
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