

NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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General Meeting Tuesday, April 1st

Dinner 6:30pm
Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner

Rhonda and Valerie will make Tri tip, cheesy gooey potato bake, asparagus, caesar salad, garlic bread, apple crisp and lemon cheesecake fudge

RSVP to Rhonda (707) 935-3180 or Valerie (707) 363-6506

Monthly Event Calendar

★ CLUB EVENTS ★

- 3/29 Main Arena CLOSED – Open Tetrathlon Clinic
3/30 Main Arena CLOSED – Tetrathlon
3/30 Club Trail Ride – See Feb. newsletter for details
4/1 Senior General Mtg – 7:30 at Club House
4/2 Junior General Mtg – 7:30 at Club House
4/6 Main Arena CLOSED – CGA Gymkhana (See Page 8)
4/14 NHI Open Jumping – 6:00 Club Arena
4/20 Club Memorial Trail Ride – See Page 2 for details
4/22 Senior Board Mtg – 7:00 Club House
4/23 Junior Board Mtg – 7:00 Club House
4/26 NHI Gymkhana – See Page 2 for details
4/27 Main Arena CLOSED – Western Cow Horse Assoc.
5/4 Club Trail Ride – w/ MHC at Willow Tree Stables
5/4 Main Arena CLOSED – CGA Gymkhana
5/6 Senior General Mtg – 7:30 Club House
5/7 Junior General Mtg – 7:30 Club House

★ OTHER EVENTS ★

- 4/4-12 Grand National Rodeo – S.F. Cow Palace
www.grandnationalrodeo.com
4/5 CSHA Color Guard – Cow Palace
4/12 CSHA Trail Trials – Lynch Canyon www.trailtrials.com
4/12-13 California Trail Days – www.parks.ca.gov
5/3-4 CSHA Trail Trials – Hale Ranch, Cottonwood

President's Message

From Gary Sello

Spring has sprung so I hope you are enjoying some of the warmth and getting to spend time with your horses, spouses, family, and friends, not necessarily in that order. I am continuously surprised to see so many people using our facility every morning, afternoon, and evening, and expect that to increase as our days get longer. The majority of people who are hauling horses onto club grounds are closing the gate behind them. This minor inconvenience shows how conscious people are about preventing accidents, and I applaud their concern for their horses and our club. The current board strives to put out the message "Please Close the Gate" and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

On the flip side, I would expect all club members to be respectful of other members regarding verbal attacks pertaining to the different levels of horsemanship that exist among us. Accidents are called that because they were not planned. Most are preventable, and many could be averted by all of us being aware of what goes on around, and getting involved when you see some behavior or lack thereof that may end up in an injury to horse, rider, or anyone else. When many that we consider good horse people say they learned from lots of experience, we must remember that not all those experiences were good or pain free. I encourage people who think they know a better way, to at least make an offer to help, and share their experience, at the risk of not being listened to. The diverse background of our members and the many different ways we use our horses is clearly a part of what makes Novato Horsemen's such a great club.

The board approved 2008 operating budget and 2008 approved capital expenditures are available in this newsletter, and will be voted on at the April 1st meeting. Please take a moment to review the sources of our projected income, and the day to day expenses that our club incurs. On behalf of the club, I thank the budget committee Kristina, Curt, Jill, Greg, and Ken for their time and effort. The budget committee has historically been within 1% of its estimated income compared to actual income at the end of the year. Bring a big appetite and a good attitude to the 7:30 meeting, preceded by a fantastic dinner.

This concludes my "fireside chat", thanks for your time.

Welcome New Members

: Bonnie Cressler, Margaret Meinberg,
Jim McDermott, Kim Vogee, Kelly Osborne,
Denise Ricker and Morgan Dudley



Club News



COWS COWS COWS – Hey buckaroos, the NHI cattle season is fast approaching. We expect the first 40 head to arrive May 12th. Your cattle committee has been hard at work planning your entertainment. Monte and Jill will chair Beginning Cow Work. These gals are good hands and will get both horse and rider new to cow work headed down the right trail. Scott will chair Ranch Cutting ala Mike Bridges. Scott has a lot of experience in this style of cow work. It will be fun and educational. Chris, as in years past, will chair Working Cow Horse. To get an idea what that's all about, attend the WCHA show at NHI arena on May 18th. Ken will chair Team Penning. Plan on a raucous good time that night. It can get a little "western". Steer Stopping (or heifer stopping as the case may be) with break-away Hondas is being considered. Dates and times are still in the planning stages. Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Call the cattle guy at 415-897-8453 or e-mail to rangosp@comcast.net



APRIL MEMORIAL TRAIL RIDE & DINNER RUSH CREEK TRAIL, NOVATO

Sunday, April 20th–Meet at Horsemen's. 4:00 PM–in saddle ready to ride. Members only–I'll have membership forms for those who want to join. Dinner 6:30–RSVP required by April 15th. Gilda (415) 892-1034 or gldk@comcast.net Have any photos or stories about our past Horsemen? Please share them at dinner.



Novato Horsemen Gymkhana April 26, 2008

CSHA point approved, 3 show Hi–point series, all are welcome, Lots of fun – good prizes, sign ups at 8:00am, ride at 9:00, \$45.00 for the day, For more info call Karen Kilian (415) 897-0794



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. Always wanted to jump? Come learn and practice in a supportive environment. Western riders are welcome too. The focus will be on jumping safely and correctly, and jump height will be set according to the experience of the riders in attendance. Rain cancels. Please come early if you can to start the set up. See you there!



ELECTRONIC CUTTING – Charlie Raposa will be working one or two of his horses 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. This activity takes place in the "warm-up arena". All club members are invited to come work their horses on whatever level is appropriate. 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

Time for Spring Horse Trailer Safety Check

Excerpts from www.ultimatehorsesite.com, Author: Michelle Staples

TIRES AND WHEELS – Are tires in good condition? Look for bulges, slices, bare spots, worn tread. Are tires the right size for the load? Rotate the tires (including balancing and properly inflating them). Clean and repack wheel bearings and replace seals. Are the wheel lugs tight? Are they all there?

FLOOR AND BODY – Check for floor for soft spots, rotting, splintering. This includes the ramp if you have one. Replace damaged floor boards and treat floor with a preservative. If you are using mats, do they fit snugly? Are they worn and need replacing? Check metal for rust. Check fiberglass for damage. Check the registration to be sure it's up-to-date. Make sure the license plate is positioned so there are no sharp edges exposed. Check and oil all hinges, dividers, doors, locks, and windows. Check all gaskets and molding to ensure good fit of windows.

BRAKES AND HITCH – Clean and oil the jack stand. Grease the ball and

the coupler. Inspect and service the brake drums and wheels. Check fluid levels and lines to hydraulic brakes. Do a loaded and unloaded drive test to check for even stopping. Inspect emergency trailer brake battery. Check levelness of hitched trailer.

WIRING AND SUSPENSION – Do all the lights work? Is the wiring intact, clean and secured? Grease the springs, shackles if appropriate. Check shock absorbers and bushings. Tighten up the axle bolts.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT – Is your first aid kit complete? Is your truck and trailer safety kit complete? Do you have extra halters and lead ropes?

For more information check out *Save Your Horse! A Horse Owner's Guide to Large Animal Rescue* and the "Teach It Yourself Class" Horse Awareness and Safety. You can contact Michelle Staples through the Large Animal Rescue, www.saveyourhorse.com or info@redjeansink.com.

The History of the Cow Palace

Gleaned from Cow Palace Web site

The idea for what was to become the Cow Palace was born at the 1915 Pan-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. When the fair's huge livestock exposition proved to be one of its most popular attractions, local business leaders met and resolved to build a permanent structure to house a great animal livestock exposition in San Francisco.

For ten years after the Pan-Pacific Expo, the idea lay dormant. In 1925, the San Francisco Exposition Company was formed to finance the project. Nineteen firms and individuals each contributed \$20,000, and the land was purchased in the Marina District, the site of the 1915 fair.

A legislative appropriation of \$250,000 was passed in 1931. This appropriation was to be used in part to purchase a suitable site. However, as the depression of the 1930's worsened, resistance developed to using public funds for construction of a livestock pavilion. The economy was in a state of shock. Millions were unemployed. A local newspaper asked, "Why, when people are starving, should money be spent on a "palace for cows?" A headline writer turned the phrase around, hence the origin of the world famous name.

The Cow Palace was completed in 1941. The new arena boasted a concrete and steel roof that covered nearly six acres. The first event to be held in the new arena was the Western Classic Holstein Show in April, 1941. In November of that year, the first Grand National Rodeo was held,

featuring a tribute to the late Will Rogers. The show was declared a smash hit.

Two short weeks after the close of the first show, Pearl Harbor was attacked. Rented by the Federal Government for \$1.00 per year, for the next five years the huge structure was filled with troops embarking for combat zones in the



Pacific Theatre. Following the war in 1946, the facility was again readied to host the Grand National. The show was again a success, despite rain and wind storms that flattened the enormous outdoor livestock tents. This near disaster led to the construction of the permanent storm-proof pavilions that had been in the original plans.

In the spring of 1946, the Junior Grand National was established to encourage the youth of California in their livestock projects. In December of 1947, inter-collegiate basketball came to the arena, beginning the Cow Palace's nationwide reputation as a major sports arena.

Other Cow Palace highlights include appearances by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Liberace, the Billy Graham Crusade (with attendance of 696,525), John F.

Kennedy, Evel Knievel, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Elvis Presley. In addition to these, the Cow Palace has been the host of many successful sold-out concerts.

The long term tenants of the Cow Palace include the Grand National Rodeo, Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, the San Francisco Sport & Boat Show, the Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show, and Disney on Ice.



April Horse Sale

All breeds

April 19th and 20th 2008 11 A.m. to 6 p.m.

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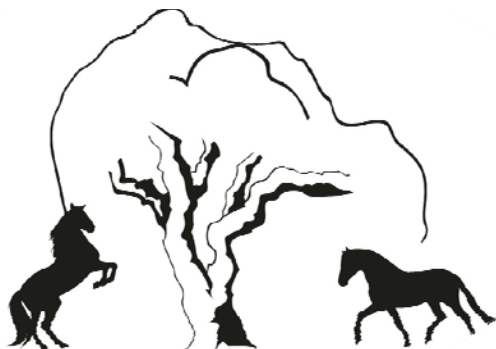
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Sunshine– Someone in need of a little sunshine in their life. Contact Nancy Olsen (415) 939-5005.

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 20th of each month.

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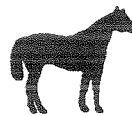
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