

# NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Dinner 6:30pm  
➔ Meeting 7:30pm ←  
New Earlier Meeting Time

Dinner

Alyssa Aubrey will make  
meat & veggie chili, salads, cornbread & dessert

RSVP to Alyssa (707) 878-2440 or  
[alyssa@horsesenseforteens.com](mailto:alyssa@horsesenseforteens.com)

## Monthly Event Calendar

- 1/22-26 **Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale** - [www.redbluffbullsale.com](http://www.redbluffbullsale.com)
- 1/27 **NHI Soup & Video Night** - 6:00 at the Clubhouse., see Club News pg. 2, for details.
- 2/2 **CGA Gymkhana** - NHI Arena, Entry form in newsletter [www.calgymkhana.com](http://www.calgymkhana.com)
- 2/2 **PRDC Crab Feed** - PRDC Clubhouse, Petaluma (707) 762-7007
- 2/5 **NHI General Meeting** - 7:30 at the Clubhouse, note new time
- 2/6 **NHI Junior General Meeting** - 7:30 at the Clubhouse., Sean Daley guest speaker
- 2/9 **Disaster Preparedness for the Horse Owner** - Marin Horse Council at Marin Humane Society, [www.marinhorsecouncil.com](http://www.marinhorsecouncil.com)
- 2/9-10 **H.S. Rodeo, Jr's** - Lake Port, [www.chsra.com](http://www.chsra.com)
- 2/16 **NHI Trail Ride** - TBD., contact Monte or Gilda for details
- 2/16 **NHI Crab Feed** - at the Clubhouse, see pg 3 for details
- 2/19 **NHI Board Meeting.** - 7:30 at the Clubhouse
- 2/23 **CSHA Trail Trials Clinic** - Windy Ridge, Santa Rosa [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com)
- 3/1-2 **PCQHA Weekend** - Rancho Marietta
- 3/4 **NHI General Meeting** - 7:30 at the Clubhouse, note new time

## President's Message

From Gary Sello

The big storm of January passed over the club with minimal damage, one large branch missing a parked trailer, some smaller limbs scattered around various arenas, and eucalyptus bark everywhere. Karen's lost part of her front porch overhang, and two pieces of deflector came off the horse pens. Along those lines, Steven, Sylvie, and Chief volunteered to be part of the Grounds committee but the club still needs someone to come forward to coordinate this "ready to go staff" and the membership

Many people are working hard planning out the year and like every other year, the success of early planning is helped by people coming forward and pitching in. Chairpersons and board members try hard to publicize upcoming dates through the bulletin and the web-site. People who come to meetings seem to know more about what's going on with the club. I always hope for more members to show up at meetings than do. The February meeting will start at 7:30 PM, as will all others till we change the time again. If you get there at 8:00 PM, it will be a sure sign that you're not keeping up with the web-site and/or bulletin, to say nothing about whether you read these messages.

The Crab Feed is right around the corner on February 16, more details inside the fold. We are looking for someone to cook at the March meeting. I invite any members who are interested to come to the first Jr. Meeting of the year on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to hear Sean Daley, an award winning young man from CSHA. Public thanks to Karen for putting most of the loose stuff away so it didn't get blown around the ground, and to Beth for jumping right in to the swift current that is getting the newsletter put together, and distributed each month. I'll be at the February meeting, will you?

## Welcome New Members

Janet Peters and Ron Sauls (thanks for the song!), Marty Benson and Quin Fokes



## Club News



**Soup & Video Night** – Cowgirls Jill and Monte are hosting a Soup and Movie Night on January 27<sup>th</sup>, - that's a Sunday night. Dinner is at 6:00 pm and horse video at 7:00pm. The video is

"Understanding Horses". There will be a toasty fire in the fireplace and a delicious hot soup to warm your insides – so come join the fun. Call Jill to let us know you'll be there. PLEASE RSVP to 897-2404.



**NHI ANNUAL ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEED** – SAT. FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Early seating at 5:00PM \$30.00  
Late seating at 7:30PM \$35.00

We will be serving fresh cooked crab, salad, pasta, bread and dessert. Despite the increased cost of crab this year, we are not increasing ticket prices. Seating is limited and tickets will go fast. Buy your tickets at the February 5, general meeting or by calling Amy Hutchinson @ 415-517-3907.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, contact Amy or sign up at the general meeting. We will need volunteers to help set-up tables and chairs on Saturday morning at 11: 00AM, kitchen helpers and bartenders the night of the event. Remember, this is a volunteer sponsored event. Please help if you are available. SEATS ARE LIMITED. BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY.



**FEBRUARY TRAIL RIDE** –MT. BURDELL  
Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Meet at the end of San Andreas Dr., Novato  
10:30 AM–in the saddle, ready to ride

Easy ride–approximately 2 hours. Non–members welcome on this ride. Rain–No ride. Questions–call Gilda Hagerty 415 892-1034



**Newsletter by Email** - In an effort to reduce our newsletter expenses, starting March 2008, if you signed up to receive your newsletter by email you will no longer receive a paper version of the newsletter. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email please send your email address to Jana Hefner at [ihfner@marincountv.net](mailto:ihfner@marincountv.net).

# **NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC**

**ALL- YOU- CAN- EAT**

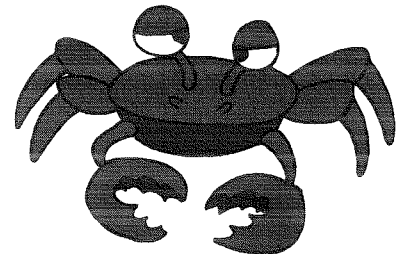
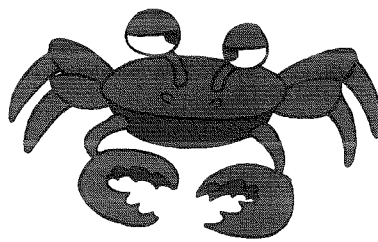
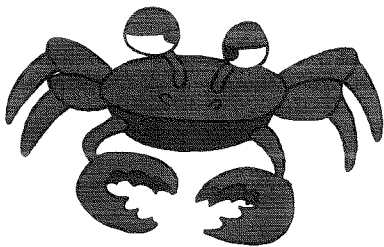
# **CRAB FEED**

**WITH SALAD, PASTA, BREAD, DESSERT**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008**

**EARLY SEATING 5:00 PM \$30.00**

**LATE SEATING 7:30 PM \$35.00**



**SEATS ARE LIMITED**

**CALL ( 415) 517.3907 FOR TICKETS**

**600 BUGEIA LANE, NOVATO**

## All About Gymkhana

Sonoma /Marin Gymkhana Rush Riders Dist 45  
By Dave Hamblly

Gymkhana is the action packed, precision sport of the equestrian world. A good Gymkhana horse must have the speed of a race horse, the turning quickness and agility of a cutting horse and the control and responsiveness of the stock horse. The word 'Gymkhana' is thought to have originated in India, probably meaning 'games on horseback'. The English military during the Colonial period, used horses for both transportation and military maneuvers. On Sunday afternoons, the Calvary would compete in horseback games to sharpen their horsemanship for war. Thus, Gymkhana had it's beginning. Through the years different events have been added, some of which originated in Europe and others which were developed in this country.



The California Gymkhana Association was formed in 1972 by a group of Gymkhana enthusiasts for the sole purpose of promoting the sport of Gymkhana and the welfare of Gymkhana riders. It was felt that an association was needed that would be responsive to the needs of Gymkhana riders. Gymkhana wasn't considered to be a full

fledged sport but was seen as fun events or play-days as relief from serious classes in English and Western Shows.

**A place for everyone.** It was time for the sport of Gymkhana to come into its own and that this could best be accomplished by concentrating time, energy and money on only Gymkhana. Today, the California

Gymkhana Association has grown into the biggest and finest Gymkhana organization in the State of California. Gymkhana has come a long way since it started in 1972. CGA has brought fairness and dignity to Gymkhana with the standardization of Gymkhana rules and the "Earn As You Learn" awards programs. Riders now have the opportunity to win awards in Gymkhana as they develop their riding skills. CGA is very proud that all riders, from 3 to 90, can

compete and earn awards.

Come on out to ride with a fun group of riders. Beginners welcome, Sign up at 8am Ride at 9am

Novato Horsemen Arena Dates: **FEB 2** (rain date, 2/9), **MAR 9** (rain date, 3/23), **APRIL 6** (rain date, 4/20), **MAY 4** (rain date, 5/11), **NOV 8** (rain date, 11/15), **DEC 6** (rain date, 12/13)

## What is CSHA Trail Trials

Gleaned from CSHA Trail Trials Web site

A "Trail Trial" consists of a ride with approximately 10-12 judged natural obstacles that appear along a trail of several miles in parks or private property. This is not an arena event!

The program is open to all breeds, as well as all riding disciplines. The rides consist of obstacles and situations people might encounter on a trail ride. A course is designed using the natural obstacles that already exist on a particular trail such as walking over logs, opening a gate, or maneuvering through a creek. In riding you may also encounter obstacles such as birthday parties, family BBQ's, volleyball games and mountain bikes...these are considered "natural" obstacles as well.

This is not a timed event, but casual in nature. Riders may ride as individuals or groups...so family participation is encouraged as family or friends may ride together.

Helmet use is recommended and encouraged. Any type saddle and any type of bridle are required. Riders are also required to have a halter or halter-bridle, lead rope and hoof pick with them at all times on the ride.

Riders are judged individually and strictly on how well they negotiated their horse through an obstacle with an emphasis on calmness and safety. Points are given based on this criteria. Those members completing three sanctioned Trail Trials are eligible to participate in the State Championship Event (under the State Rules) regardless of their placing in their individual Region.

Trail Trials are about trail riding and that means common sense, staying on the appropriate trails (all trails are clearly marked), the ability to move safely down the trail, and, of course, have fun doing it. Go to [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com) for more information



**NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC.  
P.O. BOX 456, NOVATO, CA 94948**

<i>To Be Completed By NHI Board Member</i>	
Ck# _____	\$ _____
Date Voted In _____	
Date Card Mailed _____	

**★ SENIOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2008 ★**

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

New Member       Renewal - No Change       Renewal - w/ New Info.   
(go to Annual Dues Section)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City St. Zip

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

**★ ANNUAL DUES ★**

Individual Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Couples Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00
Initiation Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00	Couples Initiation Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00

***New members (and existing members renewing after the March General Meeting) are subject to initiation fee***

May we publish your address/phone number in a 2007 member's directory?  Yes  No  
 Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by email?  Yes  No    Email \_\_\_\_\_

**★ VOLUNTEER EVENTS ★**

*As a NHI member, your participation in club events is essential and will be greatly appreciated. Please check the events for which you will be volunteering*

- |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Club Ride       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Dinner for Gen. Mtg. | <input type="checkbox"/> Marin County Fair              | <input type="checkbox"/> Bartending    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valentines Crab Feed | <input type="checkbox"/> Halleck Creek BBQ Ride    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Shack   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clubhouse Cleaning   | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Shows               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Parties            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Parties         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymkhanas / Play Days     | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a committee           | <input type="checkbox"/> Haunted House |

**★ MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT ★**

As a member, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and By-Laws of Novato Horsemen, Inc.

✓ Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ ✓ Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**★ WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM ★**

I (We) have read the contract on the back (or attached hereto) of this Senior Membership Application and I (we) am (are) aware that the contract is legally binding and that I (we) am (are) giving up legal rights and/or remedies to assert a claim for negligence.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Contracting party      Date

✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Contracting party      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I (we) am (are) voluntarily entering into the following agreement with NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC. and/or NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN ("NJH's") together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, and affiliated persons or entities (all of these persons and entities will collectively be referred to in this agreement as "NHI").

In addition to myself (ourselves), I (we) also make this agreement on behalf of the following persons who are my (our) children or legal wards (under 18 years of age). These persons may attend or participate in open events sponsored or organized by NHI or closed events of members of NHI, and I (we) agree to bind them to this agreement. :

Child's Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

All parts of this agreement shall apply to me (us) and the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call ourselves "I", "me", "my", "we", "us" or "our" throughout this agreement.] This agreement shall be binding at all times, now and in the future, when NHI permits me (us) (directly or indirectly) to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized by NHI at any location.

In consideration of NHI allowing me (us) and/or my (our) minor children or legal wards to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI, I (we) agree as follows:

**1. EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS.** When preparing for, entering, attending, participating in, or leaving events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. Horses, mules and ponies are unpredictable by nature. For example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of a horse, mule or pony are to jump forward or sideways, or run away from danger by trotting or galloping. Horses, mules and ponies are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I (we) know that horses, mules or ponies can do these things without warning. I (we) also understand that all horses, mules and ponies are powerful and could have the potential to be dangerous to people who ride, handle, or are around them.

Further, I (we) understand that riding, handling, or being near a horse, mule or pony can expose me (us) to numerous hazards, which could include, for example: the propensity of a horse, mule or pony to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons around them; the unpredictability of a horse, mule or pony's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions on the land; and/or collisions with other horses, mules, cattle, ponies, or objects. I (we) understand that these risks and dangers can occur with or without negligence on part of NHI, and I (we) expressly agree to assume all of these risks. I (we) also understand that these are just some risks, and I (we) agree to assume others; I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to list all possible risks for me (us).

**2. WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE.** As lawful consideration for being permitted to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI at any location, now and in the future, I (we) agree to assume full responsibility for any and all bodily injuries or damages which I (we) may sustain when engaging in these and other activities caused by the ordinary negligence of NHI. The term "damages" means, for example, medical expenses; losses incurred because of bodily injuries or property damages, and/or personal property damages. I (we), for my (our) heirs, administrators, personal representatives, agents, and assigns, waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and others acting on their behalf of and from any and all claims, damages, actions, omissions, suits, or causes of action (present and future), whether or not the claims are known or unknown, arising out of the ordinary negligence of any of these parties.

**3. INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.** I (we) also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and other acting on their behalf against all damages which are sustained or suffered by any third person(s) [people who are not parties to this Agreement, including, *but not limited to*, participants, spectators, visitors, guests, or others], including any and all injuries or damages whatsoever that I (we) [or my (our) horse(s), mule(s) or pony(ies)] may cause, directly or indirectly, while attending or participating in events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. The indemnity shall include reimbursement of NHI's attorney fees and court costs.

**4. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.** For my protection, NHI advises me (us) to consider purchasing and wearing properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard/SEI-certified protective equestrian headgear when riding or when near horses or ponies I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to monitor my (our) compliance with this suggestion, and I (we) understand that NHI will not check my (our) helmet (if I (we) wear one) or provide one for me (us) (if I (we) do not).

**5. MISCELLANEOUS.** This agreement is governed by California law and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted under the law. Should any clause conflict with California law, only that clause will be null and void and the remainder shall stay in effect. This agreement can only be modified or terminated by a written agreement that is signed by the President of NHI and me. If I (we) breach this agreement, I (we) agree to pay attorney's fees and court costs incurred by NHI related to such breach.

**6. HEALTH AND DISABILITIES.** Many disabilities have conditions that pose special physical risks to participants during exercise. Horseback riding is exercise. I (we) understand that NHI recommends that I (we) seek the advice of a physician before participating in activities that involve riding or being near horses, mules or ponies.

### 7. ALSO, I (WE) REPRESENT THAT:

- **AT THE TIME I (WE) AM (ARE) SIGNING THIS, I (WE) AM (ARE) OF SOUND MIND AND NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICANTS;**
- **I (WE) HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (BOTH PAGES), AND I (WE) FULLY UNDERSTAND IT; AND**
- **I (WE) AM (ARE) AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I (WE) AM (ARE) GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS AND/OR REMEDIES TO ASSERT A CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENCE.**



23RD ANNUAL HORSE COURSE

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR THE HORSE OWNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH  
9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

AT THE MARIN HUMANE SOCIETY

Hurricane Katrina and the Southern California fires may have been a wake-up call, but don't be mistaken; in the past 10 years Bay Area horses have been evacuated because of flood, fire and earthquake. This half-day seminar is designed to provide new information to all horse people, whether novice, experienced or professional. We look forward to your participation. ~ MHC

### SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 a.m.     **REGISTRATION** coffee and pastries.
- 9:30 a.m.     **MARIN HORSE COUNCIL UPDATE:** Current issues and challenges facing the horse community, including barn preservation and trail access. (Auditorium.)
- 10:00 a.m.    **MARIN COUNTY EQUINE EVACUATION AND RESCUE PLAN (EqEVAC):** Learn about this program implement by the MHC under the authority of the Marin Humane Society, including how to register your horse(s) and horse property, volunteer, and activate the program. (Auditorium.)
- 10:25 a.m.    **BREAK / EqEVAC REGISTRATION.** Coffee, pastries and an opportunity to register your horse(s), horse property or to sign up to volunteer.
- 10:45 a.m.    **BARN OWNER'S ROUND TABLE.** (By Invitation) All owners and managers of commercial horse facilities in Marin County are invited to sit down and discuss common concerns, and to tell the Marin Horse Council what it can be doing to help them. (Education Room - anticipated to last 1 hour.)
- 10:45 a.m.    **VETERINARY CARE BASICS 101.** Deborah Proctor, D.V.M. will take you through the basics of how to identify a lameness or colic, how to clean and bandage basic wounds, and when to call the veterinarian. (Paddocks.)
- VETERINARY CARE 401.** Grant Miller, D.V.M. will demonstrate how to evaluate a horse's vital signs and care for advanced wounds, when to call the veterinarian, and what to do if a veterinarian is not available. (Auditorium.)
- 11:30 a.m.    **LOADING THE DIFFICULT HORSE.** Jim McDermott will show you how to get an unwilling or even panicked horse into a trailer. (Auditorium.)
- RESCUING THE DOWNED HORSE.** The Marin County Sheriff's Posse will explain how to evaluate whether the downed or trapped horse requires professional assistance. They will also demonstrate what non-professionals can do to assist a horse that is down. (Paddocks.)

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### 2008 MHC Horse Course Registration:

<b>Include Check to Marin Horse Council:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under 18) \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Donation for the EqEvac Program \$ _____
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, CA, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration to:	Marin Horse Council, Inc. 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd. Novato, CA 94949-6105	Telephone: (415) 259-5783 www.marinhorsecouncil.org
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# CALIFORNIA GYMKHANA ASSOCIATION - District 45

**"GYMKHANA RUSH RIDERS"**

email: [cgadistrict45@yahoo.com](mailto:cgadistrict45@yahoo.com)

Pre-Entry Mailing Addr: 7233 Alta Ave., Rohnert Park, CA 94928



Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a CGA Member: **YES OR NO** **CGA NO.**

Circle One

NOTE: CGA membership is a requirement to participate in this horse show. IF YOU ARE NOT A CGA MEMBER, the show secretary will provide you with an application

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/Pony Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E--Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

**AAA+**

**AA**

**FC**

**Lead Line (No Hi Point)**

(Mark one)

**AAA**

**A**

**Open Pony**

Mark the events you want to enter as: R (Regular) P (Points Only) T (Time Only) S (Set Up)

Regular (you compete for daily awards and hi-point awards) Points Only (you compete for hi-point award only) Time Only (no awards)

Event	Regular	Points	Time Only	Set Up
Barrels	R	P	T	S
Big T	R	P	T	S
Birangle	R	P	T	S
Figure 8 Flag	R	P	T	S
Figure 8 Stake	R	P	T	S
Keyhole	R	P	T	S
Poles I	R	P	T	S
Poles II	R	P	T	S
Quadrangle	R	P	T	S
Single Stake	R	P	T	S
Speed Ball	R	P	T	S
Speed Barrels	R	P	T	S
Hurry Scurry	R	P	T	S

### Price Schedule

Regular	Points	Time/Set Up
1 x 4.75 = 4.75	1 x 3.75 = 3.75	1 x 2.75 = 2.75
2 x 4.75 = 9.50	2 x 3.75 = 7.50	2 x 2.75 = 5.50
3 x 4.75 = 14.25	3 x 3.75 = 11.25	3 x 2.75 = 8.25
4 x 4.75 = 19.00	4 x 3.75 = 15.00	4 x 2.75 = 11.00
5 x 4.75 = 23.75	5 x 3.75 = 18.75	5 x 2.75 = 13.75
6 x 4.75 = 28.50	6 x 3.75 = 22.50	6 x 2.75 = 16.50
7 x 4.75 = 33.25	7 x 3.75 = 26.25	7 x 2.75 = 19.25

Entry Fee Calculations		
<b>Regular</b>	_____ X \$4.75	\$ _____
<b>Points</b>	_____ X \$3.75	\$ _____
<b>Time/Set Up</b>	_____ X \$2.75	\$ _____
<b>CGA Membership-Family/Individual</b>		\$ _____
Family: \$50.00	Individual: \$25.00	
<b>CGA State Year End Awards</b>		\$ _____
<b>CGA District 45 Membership</b>		\$ _____
Family: \$25.00 - Individual: \$10.00		
<b>Special Events</b>		\$ _____
<b>Mystery Jackpot</b>		\$ _____
<b>Arena Fee: Non-Dist 45 Members</b>		\$5.00
<b>Coupons/Discounts</b>		\$ ( _____ )
Cash	\$ _____	<b>TOTAL FEES</b> \$ _____
Check	\$ _____	Rec By: _____

**\*\*RELEASE OF LIABILITY\*\* [additional Arena Release also required]**

The California Gymkhana Association, Inc. and cosponsoring organization, if any, will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to be caused by any horse competing at the show, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged.

Each competitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person or animal or damage to any property while on the grounds by any horse owned or in his custody, or control and shall indemnify and hold harmless the California Gymkhana Association, its officials and directors individually and collectively and cosponsoring organization, clubs and arena owners, if any, from and against all charges and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever arising out of or which may be incurred by reason on any accident, injury or damage to person or property caused by the ownership, competition or custody of control of any animal competition. Presentation of first signed entry and or membership application shall be deemed acceptance of this release throughout the entire show season for any subsequent

California Gymkhana Association sanctioned function in which you or your child/children may participate. In signing the release, please bear in mind the gymkhana is a contest of speed, that there is a certain element of danger involved and that you will be riding at your own risk

**In addition I certify that I'm either an Individual or Family Member of the California Gymkhana Association**

Signature of Applicant or Guardian (if under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

I (we) am (are) voluntarily entering into the following agreement with NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC. and/or NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN ("NJH's") together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, and affiliated persons or entities (all of these persons and entities will collectively be referred to in this agreement as "NHI").

In addition to myself (ourselves), I (we) also make this agreement on behalf of the following persons who are my (our) children or legal wards (under 18 years of age). These persons may attend or participate in open events sponsored or organized by NHI or closed events of members of NHI, and I (we) agree to bind them to this agreement. :

Child's Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

All parts of this agreement shall apply to me (us) and the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call ourselves "I", "me", "my", "we", "us" or "our" throughout this agreement.] This agreement shall be binding at all times, now and in the future, when NHI permits me (us) (directly or indirectly) to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized by NHI at any location.

In consideration of NHI allowing me (us) and/or my (our) minor children or legal wards to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI, I (we) agree as follows:

**1. EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS.** When preparing for, entering, attending, participating in, or leaving events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. Horses, mules and ponies are unpredictable by nature. For example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of a horse, mule or pony are to jump forward or sideways, or run away from danger by trotting or galloping. Horses, mules and ponies are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I (we) know that horses, mules or ponies can do these things without warning. I (we) also understand that all horses, mules and ponies are powerful and could have the potential to be dangerous to people who ride, handle, or are around them.

Further, I (we) understand that riding, handling, or being near a horse, mule or pony can expose me (us) to numerous hazards, which could include, for example: the propensity of a horse, mule or pony to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons around them; the unpredictability of a horse, mule or pony's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions on the land; and/or collisions with other horses, mules, cattle, ponies, or objects. I (we) understand that these risks and dangers can occur with or without negligence on part of NHI, and I (we) expressly agree to assume all of these risks. I (we) also understand that these are just some risks, and I (we) agree to assume others; I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to list all possible risks for me (us).

**2. WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE.** As lawful consideration for being permitted to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI at any location, now and in the future, I (we) agree to assume full responsibility for any and all bodily injuries or damages which I (we) may sustain when engaging in these and other activities caused by the ordinary negligence of NHI. The term "damages" means, for example, medical expenses; losses incurred because of bodily injuries or property damages, and/or personal property damages. I (we), for my (our) heirs, administrators, personal representatives, agents, and assigns, waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and others acting on their behalf of and from any and all claims, damages, actions, omissions, suits, or causes of action (present and future), whether or not the claims are known or unknown, arising out of the ordinary negligence of any of these parties.

**3. INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.** I (we) also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and other acting on their behalf against all damages which are sustained or suffered by any third person(s) [people who are not parties to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, participants, spectators, visitors, guests, or others], including any and all injuries or damages whatsoever that I (we) [or my(our) horse(s), mule(s) or pony(ies)] may cause, directly or indirectly, while attending or participating in events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. The indemnity shall include reimbursement of NHI's attorney fees and court costs.

**4. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.** For my protection, NHI advises me (us) to consider purchasing and wearing properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard/SEI-certified protective equestrian headgear when riding or when near horses or ponies I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to monitor my (our) compliance with this suggestion, and I (we) understand that NHI will not check my (our) helmet (if I (we) wear one) or provide one for me (us) (if I (we) do not).

**5. MISCELLANEOUS.** This agreement is governed by California law and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted under the law. Should any clause conflict with California law, only that clause will be null and void and the remainder shall stay in effect. This agreement can only be modified or terminated by a written agreement that is signed by the President of NHI and me. If I (we) breach this agreement, I (we) agree to pay attorney's fees and court costs incurred by NHI related to such breach.

**6. HEALTH AND DISABILITIES.** Many disabilities have conditions that pose special physical risks to participants during exercise. Horseback riding is exercise. I (we) understand that NHI recommends that I (we) seek the advice of a physician before participating in activities that involve riding or being near horses, mules or ponies.

**7. ALSO, I (WE) REPRESENT THAT:**

- **AT THE TIME I (WE) AM (ARE) SIGNING THIS, I (WE) AM (ARE) OF SOUND MIND AND NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICANTS;**
- **I (WE) HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (BOTH PAGES), AND I (WE) FULLY UNDERSTAND IT; AND**
- **I (WE) AM (ARE) AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I (WE) AM (ARE) GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS AND/OR REMEDIES TO ASSERT A CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENCE.**

Signature -Contracting Party \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature -Contracting Party \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent(s) or Legally Appointed Guardian [If competitor or participant is under 18] \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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



**General Information** –Dogs must be leashed or safely locked in a vehicle while on the club grounds. Also, it is the responsibility of each on-site event chair to have a cell phone available for emergencies.

**Club Gear** – Show your support by wearing NHI logo'ed products on your hat, t-shirt or sweatshirt. Let the community know you are a member of this great club.



**IT'S  
THAT  
TIME  
AGAIN**

2008 Membership renewals applications are requested. Please take a moment to look at the volunteer section and check any events for which you would be willing to volunteer.

Remember, all renewals received after NHI's March General Meeting are subject to the initiation fee. So, don't wait . . . complete the attached application and mail it to Novato Horsemen's, Inc., PO Box 456, Novato, CA 94948 or drop it off in person at any General Meeting.