

# NOVATO HORSEMEN NEWS



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## General Meeting Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Dinner 6:30pm  
Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner

Will Wyckoff will put on a  
Cinco de Mayo Enchilada Fiesta

RSVP to [will.wyckoff@hotmail.com](mailto:will.wyckoff@hotmail.com)

## Monthly Event Calendar

### ★ CLUB EVENTS ★

- 5/4 Club Trail Ride - Mt. Tam, See Page 2 for details
- 5/4 Main Arena CLOSED - CGA Gymkhana. See pg. 10
- 5/6 Senior General Mtg - 7:30 Club House
- 5/7 Junior General Mtg - 7:30 Club House
- 5/10 NHI Gymkhana - Club Arena. See pg. 6 for details
- 5/12 NHI Open Jumping - 6:00 Club Arena
- 5/12 Cows Arrive - See page 7 for details
- 5/18 Main Arena CLOSED - Western Cow Horse Assoc.
- 5/20 Senior Board Mtg - 7:00 Club House
- 5/21 Junior Board Mtg - 7:00 Club House
- 5/24 Main Arena CLOSED - West Coast Reining Assoc.
- 6/1 NHI Gymkhana - Club Arena - Last in series
- 6/3 Senior General Mtg - 7:30 Club House
- 6/4 Junior General Mtg - 7:30 Club House

### ★ OTHER EVENTS ★

- 5/4 MHC Ride Cancelled - New Date 6/21, Dickson Ranch
- 5/17 Cowboy Challenge - PRDC, [www.prdcsrrdrillteam.com](http://www.prdcsrrdrillteam.com)
- 5/17 CSHA Trail Trials - 3 Feathers Ranch, Brooks
- 5/17 High School Rodeo Jr's Finals - Plymouth
- 5/20-25 Bishop Mule Days - [www.muledays.org](http://www.muledays.org)
- 5/24 CSHA Watch Us Run Gymkhana - Cerres
- 5/31 CSHA Trail Trials - Skyline Park - Napa
- 5/31 CSHA English/Western - Windy Ridge Santa Rosa
- 6/6-8 Sacramento Horse Expo - [www.horseexpo.com](http://www.horseexpo.com)
- 6/7 Dickson Ranch English Western Show

## President's Message

From Gary Sello

First, on behalf of the membership, I would like to thank all of the Board of Directors for their tenacity and dedication to sit through a three hour board meeting while still maintaining a sense of decorum, and the ability to do business on behalf of our great organization. It is a trying task oftentimes to sort through the minutiae of day to day operations while keeping a sense of our long term goals. My hat goes off (sorry for the glare) to each and every board member.

Speaking of long term goals, our main goal is to encourage equestrian related activities, and to provide the infrastructure for safe equestrian pursuits for a population of members ever do diverse in their skills and specializations. Right around the corner we have our cattle coming to the club, for another season of Penning, Ranch Cutting, Working Cow, and Basic Cow. Cattle season is a time when many club members make new friends, as well as enjoy and improve their horse with each time they attend an event. Our events are open to all people with an interest, and by reading the enclosed flyer, members can understand the events, and know who will be available to provide help. Check out the flyer, come watch, help, and/or participate in an event, The cost of hay is going up dramatically, so we hope you include Novato Horsemen in your evening plans during Spring and Summer.

Workdays aimed at cleaning up our grounds will be scheduled soon, and with improvement of our capital expense budget at the April meeting, we are looking for members to pitch in on projects that can be done between a few friends, while still helping the club. The Board of Directors is working on getting a "site plan" together so all improvements begin to visually unite the club grounds as opposed to visually fragmenting it. Please look for Steve Grandin's upcoming workday schedules as well as a list of projects that need doing.

Thanks to everyone who helps pull their load, everyone who uses and enjoys our facilities, and our horses who make all of our lives richer.

## Welcome New Members

Crystal Glass, Nancy Lambert, Dave Freitas, Sara Atkinson, Bettina Iravani, and Valerie Duck



## Club News



### MAY TRAIL RIDE – MT. TAM BON TEMPE LAKE, MMWD

Sunday, May 4th–Meet at the parking lot. Which on? Contact Gilda. \$10.00 parking fee. 10:30AM–in saddle ready to ride.

Members only– I'll have membership forms for those who want to join. Bring Lunch. Rain or shine. Gilda (415) 892–1034 or gldkag@comcast.net

Thank you all for coming to the Napa Trail Ride. It was a great time! Riders were: Mari Benson, Christina Burdios, Crystal Glass, Rebecca and David Jones, Janet Peters, Ron Sauls, Beth Roens, David Ruggiero, Carroll Rotkel, Dale Wilson and me. We missed Monte, the co trail gal.



### TEAM PENNING BUCKLE SERIES

*(exact dates to be determined)*

Buckle sets to each winning team: 1 Senior team and 1 Junior Team. Prizes to 2nd/3rd place. If we get lots of participation, prizes to 4th/5th place.

One Saturday a month team's scores will be tallied. Best 3 times out of 5 goes will determine the winners. The entry costs \$75 Senior Team & \$50 Junior Team. Contact Ken Frank for details (415) 898–7768 or KFACPA@yahoo.com



### 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

## Reminders

**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 Zibilick for availability and pricing.

## How To Clean Horse Brushes

Gleaned from [www.raraequus.com](http://www.raraequus.com)

Cleaning horse brushes is an important part of caring for your horse equipment. When cleaning horse brushes the techniques varies by what type of brush it is.

**How to Clean Synthetic Horse Brushes** — Synthetic brushes should be cared for differently than natural fiber brushes. To clean a synthetic fiber brush you should start by raking it across a curry comb, or other brush vigorously. This will dislodge dirt and dust and begin to clean the worst of the dirt out. After most of the visible dirt and hair has been dislodged, Use a hose— preferably at a high pressure, to wash out the remaining hair and dirt. Remove as much hair from the horse brush as you can. If the brush will be used on a different horse that it has been used on, you may want to bleach the bristles of the brush. Bleaching the bristles is the best way to get a horse brush most clean, but may contribute to deterioration of the bristles. Fill a bucket with water and add a capful of bleach. Drop the synthetic brush in the bucket of bleach-water and allowed to sit for an hour. Rinse thoroughly and your synthetic brush will be clean! Synthetic horse brushes may also be washed in the dishwasher—

Just be sure and prewash the brush and run an empty load in your dishwasher following, for sanitary reasons.

**How to Clean Natural Fiber Horse Brushes** — Caring for natural fiber horse brushes can be a bit more complicated. Because the brushes are made of a natural fiber they must be cared for more gently. To clean a natural fiber horse brush, rake the horse brush over a curry or similar rough grooming tool vigorously. Try to get as much dirt and hair out of the horse brush as you can. For natural fiber brushes, the best method for cleaning may be using a vacuum to suck the remaining debris out of the horse brush. Water should be used carefully with a natural fiber brush, especially if it is leather backed. Natural fiber brushes may also be sterilized when switching horses but instead of completely submerging the horse brush in bleach water, only the tips of the bristles should be dunked in diluted bleach and should be rinsed thoroughly then left in the sun to dry. Direct sunlight will kill most types of bacteria on a brush. If the natural fiber brush has a leather backing you may want to finish cleaning the horse brush by applying a leather conditioner to the backing.

## Bishop Mule Days Celebration

Gleaned from Mule Days Web site

Every Memorial Day weekend since 1969, the town of Bishop, nestled on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, comes alive with the annual presentation of Mule Days. The outfitters and packers of the region wanted an event to start off the packing season and the businessmen wanted to draw vacationers to the Owens Valley. What began as an informal gathering and a test of skills has grown into a fun filled, world class event.

There is no way to actually describe Mule Days. It is part mule show, part test of skills, and part Wild West show. It is an event the likes of which are held no where else in the world. Over the five days of the event, there are 14 shows featuring over 700 mules with their trainers, riders and packers. In excess of 30,000 fans converge on the Tri- County Fairgrounds and the Mike Boothe Arena to watch the events and visit the exhibitors. The fourteen mule shows consist of: Western, youth, English, cattle working, gaited, coon jumping, racing, musical tires, gymkhana, packing, shoeing,



chariot racing, team roping and driving. For most competitions, veteran announcers, Bob Tallman and Bob Feist, take the microphone to both educate and entertain crowds.

In addition to competitive events, Mule Days has many other featured events to expand the experience. Country Music stars take the stage Thursday night, and on Saturday, spectators take to the streets of Bishop to watch the longest running non-motorized parade in the U.S. There are also Barbecues, country dances and an arts and crafts show.

Mule people are determined to prove that anything a good horse can do, a good mule can do better. From trail riding to show classes, mules can do it all with the grace unique to these animals. Steer roping and penning, an event normally reserved for quarter horses, is another highlight of Mule Days. Cowboys will have the opportunity to prove their roping and riding skills astride some of the best working mules in the United States. Visit [www.muledays.com](http://www.muledays.com) for more information.

NOVATO HORSEMEN  
CSHA REGION 1 GYMKHANA  
SATURDAY - MAY 10, 2008  
Honorable Ray Divisser, presiding



SECOND OF A 3 SHOW SERIES  
Third day of Series SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Sign-ups at 8:00 am, show starts at 9:00AM  
CSHA rules apply. Dress Code Required.  
Snack Shack will be open

Prizes to First Place, Division high point and reserve. Certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>!

**EVENTS**

BIG T	CLOVERLEAF BARRELS
BIRANGLE	FIGURE 8 STAKE
SKILL BARRELS	SPEED BARRELS

**ENTRY FEES**

Member entry fee is \$7.00/event + \$5.00 CSHA fees = \$47.00 for the full day.  
Non-member entry fee is \$8.00/event + \$5.00 CSHA fees = \$53.00 for the full day.  
Time only runs @ \$5.00/per run

Make checks payable to: **NOVATO HORSEMEN INC.**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Division: 1    2    3    4    5    6    7    Open-Age \_\_\_\_    Leadline \_\_\_\_

For more information contact Karen Kilian @ 415-897-0794  
Or, Marci Frank @ 415-264-7768 or [marci-jo@comcast.net](mailto:marci-jo@comcast.net)

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# IT'S COW TIME



## MAY SCHEDULE

### EVENTS:



### Working Cow - Every other Wednesday

May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Chairperson: Chris Maithonis 707-795-1093 Chris.maithonis@prodigy.net

### Ranch Cutting - Every other Thursday

May 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Chairperson: Scott Colvin 415-897-8438 colvin523@msn.com

### Team Penning - Every Saturday

May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>

Chairperson: Ken Frank 415-898-7768 ken@kfacapa.com

*See page 2 of the newsletter for Team Penning Buckle Series info.*

### Basic Cow - Every other Thursday

Starting May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Chairperson: Monte Kruger 415-897-7308 montek@hughes.net

Jill Peterson 897-2404 jilldpeterson@yahoo.com

Nightly fee: \$20.00 per rider

All events start at 7 p.m. except team penning which starts at 6:30 p.m.

The price of hay has gone up considerably, because of this, we will need everyone's support to be able to afford to continue our cattle program.

### COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN

**Working Cow:** this event is designed to give horse and rider an allotted amount of time to work their cow in a pattern that is based on Reining Cow Horse events.

**Ranch Cutting:** ranch cutting is an introduction to herd work; this program is for both beginning and advanced riders and horses.

**Team Penning:** team penning is a timed event; a team will cut their cow from the herd and put it in a pen for the best time. **VERY EXCITING**

**Basic Cow Work:** for those who are new to cattle, this program will help you and your horse learn how to read and work cows and have fun doing it. Everyone can benefit from this event.

# Petaluma's Cowboy Challenge

~~Hosted by the Petaluma Riding and Driving Club's Senior Drill Team~~

When: Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2008, 9:00 am sharp  
Where: Petaluma Riding and Driving Club, 1820 Skillman Ln, Petaluma  
\$75.00 per person

This will be a timed event where you will encounter many obstacles throughout. You will be timed on how fast you make it through the course, and judged on each obstacle along the way. Each obstacle will be scored separately, and you will be judged on how you and your horse navigate each obstacle as a team. There will be a random draw for the order of go, which will be announced May 14<sup>th</sup> by e-mail.

\*\*Please make sure to submit your e-mail address, or phone number if you do not have e-mail.

**Limit 45 riders..... Entry deadline- May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch will be available

Divisions

- 18 and under
- 19-44
- 45 and over

- \* Buckles to fast time, *and* hi-point in each division
- \* Trophy Breastcollars to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each division
- \* Trophy Headstalls to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each division

**Sponsored by: California Horse Supply, Double Tree Ranch, Jay Palms & Clark Shoemaker at Baywood Equestrian Center.**

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Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*e-mail : \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and mail with check to (Make check payable to PRDC):

Caryn Hoeflein  
200 Palm Ave  
Penngrove, CA, 94951

Snack Shack Will be Available



1200 FOSTER ROAD, NAPA

## Summer Fun Day Poker Ride & Trail Trials Challenge

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Ride: 12:30 to 4:30

Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Poker Hand Prizes Awarded at Dinner

\$10 entry for adult

\$5 entry for juniors - 17 years and under; helmets required - Lead line riders o.k.

50% paid out to the best poker hands.

Riders without horses: If you don't have a horse we will provide you with a stick horse so you may "ride" and compete for a poker hand.

Over twenty "challenges" to participate in for poker cards or completion,

Judged on ability divisions:

1. Fearless - Man From Snowy River Abilities
2. Winner - Because I Am Here And In The Saddle
3. Needs Duct Tape - Or May Need Lead Line

Partial list of challenges: Tarp walk through; 360 degree turn; Bale mount; Trailer load; Brave the Bull; Chicken Cage; Side pass & back through; Cow hide and tarp crossing; Log and fleece drag; Ball carry; Bucket move; Mailbox; Drinks in cooler; Rope the cow; Tire pedestal; Bridge; Back up incline; Raincoat; Open gate; Trot over; Jump; Canter figure 8, drop to trot lead change; Barrel racing.

Treats awarded to horses completing some obstacles, barrels and gymkhana events

Napa Valley Junior Horsemen's Club Drill Team Demonstration at 4:00 p.m.

*NVHA Bar open at 3 p.m. serving at the ride up window.*

Dinner of BBQ Ribs, Boston Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Ice Tea. Dinner Cost \$10 for adult \$5 for child; advance paid dinner reservations by June 18<sup>th</sup> to:

Dorothy Glaros, 1157 Austin Way, Napa 94558, phone 255-7286

Information: Irene DeWeese; 707 224-0689

**Classified Ads**

**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.

**HORSE FACILITY FOR RENT** - McClay Road, Nov. 2 flat acres, 10 stall barn w/ paddocks, hay & tack rooms + add'l paddocks. Small arena. No House. Renter must carry own insurance. \$1,500+utilities/month. Call Anna for more info. (415) 897-1918

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

CGA DIST 45  
Run for the Roses  
Gymkhana



May 4<sup>th</sup>  
SIGN UP AT 8:00AM  
RIDE AT 9:00AM  
NOVATO HORSEMEN  
Info: Dave Hambley 883-8705

**PETERSEN CUSTOM REPAIR**

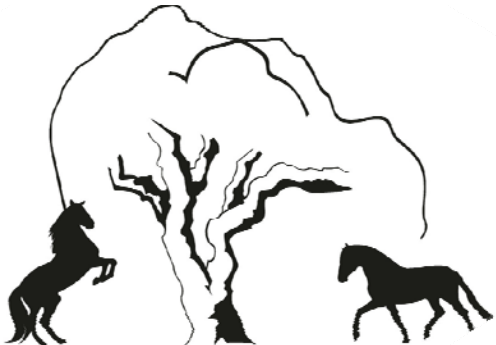


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*Gunna Majorly Smokem*  
Smokes Mr. Nic X Ann Other Major

Casey is a 4 year old gelding by a son of Reminic out of a Major Bonanza mare. His grandmother is by Mr. Gunsmoke and was inducted this year into the NRCHA Hall of Fame. He is very low headed and extremely good leaded. This horse has a lot of cow and has been shown in both the reining and the cowhorse events. He currently was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 28 in the Novice Horse Non Pro At Gold-N-Grand. He can go either way and would be a great addition to anyone who wants to show Non Pro. Casey would also make an awesome ranch versatility horse. He is very quite and loves to be ridden on the trails. Clips, baths and ties. Please contact Joey Pacini at (415) 892-6529. \$ 12,500



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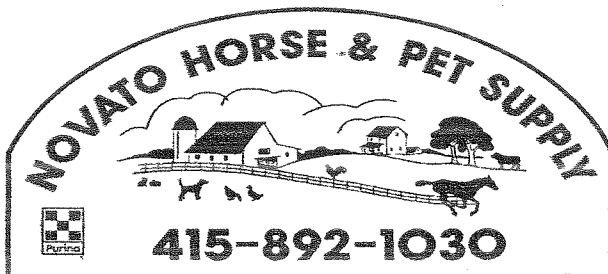
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