

HOOFBEATS

April
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Next General Meeting

Wednesday April 1st

6:00 pm Board Meeting – Craft

6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Call to Order

Presentations by Hayley March and
Piper Frank

Club Business

Dinner

RSVP by March 1st to lindaforetti@msn.com

Dinner is \$5.00 per person (adults too)

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 30TH!

Guest Speaker

Dr. Jim Williams DVM

Don't forget to bring your membership binders to the meetings!

April is the last chance to renew your membership!!

Be sure to JOIN NOW!

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Lindsay Williamson

Overnight Camping: Dr. Jim Williams

APRIL CALENDAR

April 5th Vaulting 1 - 3

April 10th - 12th Mike Bridges Clinic

April 11th California Trail Days Trail Clean Up Willow Tree Stables 9 - 12 Lunch served

April 13th NHI Jumping 6PM

April 18th Picnic Day UC Davis - Vaulting Demo by Carolyn Conner

April 25th CSHA Gymkhana contact Marci Frank

April 25th NHI Trail Ride contact Gilda Hagerty gdkhag@comcast.net

April 25th Petaluma Butter and Eggs Parade 12:00

April 26th CGA Gymkhana at Novato contact Sarah Hambly

May 3rd CGA Gymkhana

May 6th NJH Meeting 6PM

May 9th CSHA gymkhana

May 16th Western Cow Horse Show contact Monte Kruger

May 17th Olompali Heritage Day contact Dave Hambly

May 23rd NHI Trail Ride

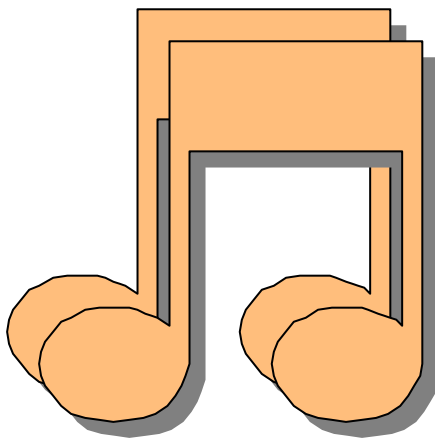
May 31st CSHA Trail Trial s @ Mt. Burdell contact Mary Shannon

Hi! I am Nicole Shroyer and I am 4

This is my second year in Jr. Horseman's. I was born loving horses. I have two horses, Buster and Beau-Beau. I love them.



And now something from Steven Schwindt....., who would like you to memorize this song for the next meeting



Blood on the Saddle
 Bood on the saddle,
 Blood on the ground,
 Great big puddles of
 Blood all around.
 hey, hey, pity the cowboy,
 Bloody and red.
 His old cowpony done
 Stomped (*stomp foot*) on his head.

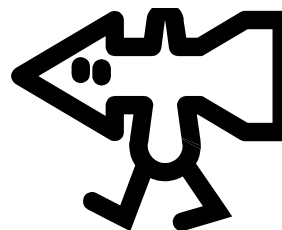
Note from Dave Hambly on Community Service Opportunities!

Halleck Creek Ranch April 5

Come help for a couple of hours out at Halleck Creek Ranch. We will meet in the San Marin high school parking lot at the corner of San Marin Dr and Novato Blvd at 8:00 am, then caravan out to the ranch, and will be done about 11 am, We can meet back at Rancho Nacasio for lunch. The volunteer opportunities that day are:

1. [Shipshape Hay Barn Raker](#)
2. [Tidy Tack Room Cleaner](#)
3. [Organizer of the Brain Buckets!](#)

Time required 30 min ea



Club Pride and Volunteer Events for April - May 2009

All events listed can earn a point for Club Pride, Education, Communication, or Community service work.

Olompali State Park Heritage Day May 17th 10am-4pm

Novato Jr horsemen have been invited to participate in this yearly event. Horses were an important part of everyday life on the 20,000 acre ranch that stretched from Tomalas Bay to the Petaluma River We will be able to ride the parks trails and open space all day; Olompali State Park is a No Mountain Bike park just hikers and Equestrians. Come and Show your Club Pride and help us inform Novato about Jr Horsemen and what we do for the community. We will set up at 9am and leave at 4pm. We need 2 shifts o people 9-1 (set up) and 1-4 (take down) Lunch will be provided for our volunteers

Marin County Open Space Trail Maintenance Day April 11

Get on your boots, gloves and shovels and go out to help all the trails we know and love. They need a little TLC after the winter rains. Meet at Willow Tree Stables 9am

Horse sense for teens Sat May 9th

Fundraiser News!

The Marin Human Race

Sat May 9th 7:00am-11:30 am

5krun * walk * roll * and community fair

Don't miss this opportunity to raise funds for Horse Sense for Teens-at-Risk™! For information on registration, sponsorship and booth participation, email Alyssa@medicinehorseranch.org



New Novato Junior Horsemen Members who signed up at Sunday's Vaulting Clinic with Carolyn Conner! Look for Carolyn's vaulting classes on Sunday's from



Vaulting is Cool!



Cowboy mounted shooting was a terrific success at the Novato Horseman's arena February 21st when two dozen riders showed up to see if they could try their hand at shooting blanks at balloons while riding at speed. Really, it can be done and with style. NHI senior members Dan Milliken, Beth Roens, David Ruggiero and Jon Fix made this day happen with the help of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. Hopefully this will become a regular fixture at the arena and we can all play!



Farm Day was well attended by our junior members as well as many local school children who found the Novato Junior Horsemen's display cool place to be. Allie Droshin's report on her horse Duke's "rock" was a hit as were Gabby's videos on three day eventing. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Sarah, Dave and Sue Hambly for setting up a wonderful display of English and Western wear. Thanks to Gabby Tapia for contributing her videos and gear. Thanks to everyone who stuck around until noon entertaining all who passed by. Also a special Thank You to Carolyn Conner who came with a vaulting barrel and her vaulting team, they vaulted for the entire three hours. Nip the miniature horse was also caressed by everybody there, which he didn't mind too much. Thanks Marci and Sydney Frank and Kim Fix and Hayley March for helping me with Nip. Gary Sello was there with his team and it was really good to see Steven Schwindt teaching anyone who wanted to learn how to rope! Great group effort and afterward we were all talking about how to make it better for next year. Monte

Molly the Little Pony

By Hayley March

Molly is an amazing little pony. A few years ago, there was a big hurricane in New Orleans called Hurricane Katrina. Lots of animals were abandoned and Molly was one of them. She spent weeks by herself before she was rescued and taken to a place where there were a lot of other rescued animals. While she was there, she was attacked by a pit bull and almost died. Her leg was badly injured. The vet took her to LSU but she was really hurt and no one was there to pay for her. Then a surgeon named Rustin met Molly and everything changed. He saw that she was so careful with her hurt leg and so he decided to operate on her leg and give her a fake one. The man who made her prosthetic leg had never made one for a horse, but when he met Molly, he wanted to help.

When her owner saw that Molly was doing so well, she decided to take her to visit hospitals around New Orleans. There, she met kids who were like her and had to overcome their sicknesses. When a little boy's parents heard about Molly, they thought that she could help him because he had a prosthetic leg too. This little boy was having trouble with school and with making friends. When he met Molly, everything changed. The next day, he went to school and now he even rides a skateboard. Molly and the little boy show us that anybody can do anything. If you want to know more, they just made a book about Molly the little pony.



What's going on here? Who's in the boat? Why did this happen?



Ask at the April Meeting.....

Monte Kruger - Newsletter
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