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Senior General Meeting Tuesday, May 5th Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

Dinner \$10.00

Dana Allen and Margaret Meinberg will be serving
enchiladas (meat & veggie), rice, beans, salad and
dessert. RSVP to Dana Allen at 883-7760

Monthly Event Calendar

★ CLUB EVENTS ★

- 5/3 ARENA CLOSED - CGA Gymkhana
- 5/5 NHI Senior General Meeting - 7:30
- 5/6 NHI Junior General Meeting - 7:00
- 5/9 NHI/CSHA Gymkhana - See Pg. 8 for details
- 5/11 NHI Open Jumping - 6:30 Club Arena
- 5/16 ARENA CLOSED - WCHA Show
- 5/17 NHI Cowboy Mounted Shooting - 11:00 Club Arena
- 5/19 Cows Arrive - See Pg. 7 for schedule
- 5/23 NHI Trail Ride - See Pg. 2 for details
- 5/24 NHI Vaulting - 1:00 Club Arena
- 5/30 NHI/CSHA Gymkhana
- 6/2 NHI Senior General Meeting - 7:30
- 6/3 NHI Junior General Meeting - 7:00

★ OTHER EVENTS ★

- 5/9 CSHA Trail Trial - Napa www.trailtrials.com
- 5/17 MHC Spring Ride - www.MarinHorseCouncil.org
- 5/17 Olompali Heritage Day - See Pg. 6 for details
- 5/30 PRDC Cowboy Challenge
- 5/31 CSHA Trail Trial - Mt. Burdell www.trailtrials.com
- 6/12-14 Western States Horse Expo - www.horseexpo.com

Welcome New Members

Randy Mascarenas, Kathryn Sullivan, Marion Walker,
Holly Johnson, Jean Barbieri, Theresa Canada, Ian
Garcia, Mandy Clendenen, and Julia Jennings



President's Message

From Ken Frank

Hallelujah tax season is over - yippee! Spring has sprung, the weather has turned, the grasses are drying out and the arena is dusty - ah but the water is on and the cattle are-a-coming! Ah only 420 words to go... I sometimes think the hardest part of the job is the President's message and I'm making gratuitous liberty with my verbiage.

At our last budget meeting we began the process capital budgeting process. There seemed to be concern that we were budgeting without a long-term facility plan or site plan or it had run out of steam. You will see in this newsletter attachment that we have indeed been hard at work on the facility's long-term use and planning. Curt has provided a detailed history of the process and the intended time-line of events for the coming year - thank you Curt! The Board is recommending a hold on non-essential capital expenditures until the long-term plan is finalized. We will however, continue our routine maintenance as well as seeking club approval for a revamp of the arena (and yes parking) lighting to a more energy efficient system.

I want to thank everyone who helped at the last work-party, there will be another one up-coming and we'll need volunteers to help clear the grasses. The coming show season is upon us and we want to spruce up the place and make a welcoming appearance for our visitors.

So, you may know that I was running for a seat for the Marin Parks and Open Space commission. Unfortunately, I was not selected, but our friend and long-time open space volunteer Ann Barath of the Horse Council was seated - congratulations Ann! All is not lost however, as I was asked to sit on the trail users consortium that will be recommending trail use policies to the commission and the State Parks as well; I am honored to serve.

Family Night (early evening actually), which will be held on Father's day this year. Last years event was so much fun and so overwhelmingly received we're hoping this year to top 100 people. Gourmet Neiman burgers and sausages with 'fixins will be served along with pot-luck yummys. Everyone is encouraged to participate and meet your fellow members and their families. Of course, volunteers always wanted to apply... Dave Hambly and myself, chair.

Trail Riding: April's ride to the Rift Zone from Five-Brooks - thank you to Jana Hefner and Marianne Skinner for leading; and to Mike Radest for taking May's ride from Willow Tree which will meet up with a little easier ride of the Rush Creek all meeting back at the club will be fun and something for all levels of horses and riders alike. Gilda Hagerty is chair.

Cattle: May 19th starts the cattle program with Terry Clancy doing working cow; Scott Colvin doing cutting and Steve (you volunteered me for what) Murphy the penning "meister." Scott is the chair.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting: Once a month giddy-up 'pardners and keep (one) eye out for the Marshal, Rooster Cogburn. Dan and Judy Millikin and Beth Roens chair.

Ok, I guess the point is we have sooooo much going on at the club, come on out and play!

Club News



MAY 23rd TRAIL RIDE

WILLOW TREE STABLE TO HORSEMEN'S

The May 23rd Trail Ride will be from Willow Tree Stables to Novato Horsemen's. We will meet at Willow Tree at 8:30AM; take the empty trailers to be parked at Horsemen's. Members Only. Applications will be available. Be on time and ready to ride at 10:00AM. This is a 14 miles ride (4-5 hours) with variable terrain. The horses must be in good condition and be ready to walk - trot. We will all bring lunches with us. Juniors are welcome as long as a guardian is present. Juniors must wear an approved riding helmet.

When we reach Highway 101 Ken Frank will join us for the completion of the ride. If you would like to do just this portion of the ride, please contact Ken Frank for information. (415) 793-1040.

Bonnie Radast has offered to lead a hike out of Horsemen's for those who prefer to walk. Contact Bonnie at 897-0227, if you're interested.

This is a very beautiful ride; we will cross gates and will encounter cattle. Any questions call Mike Radast at 897-0227; likewise please call to confirm.

Please mark your calendar for this ride and the next one on June 20th on the Ralph Giacamini Ranch which is private property.



ACTION ITEM(S) TO BE VOTED ON AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING

Board recommends that all capital projects other than safety related ones be suspended until completion of the 10 year plan expected this fall. The safety related issues recommended by the Board for membership approval are:

- Replace Arena lights: \$3,500
- Warm Up Arena lights: \$750
- Parking Lot lights near Clubhouse: \$2,000
- Bleacher Shade Structures: \$1,400

The estimated costs will be refined further and presented at the May General Meeting.



NEW CLUB GEAR

If you are interested in having your very own Novato Horsemen's Blue Fleece Vest, please fill in the below order form. The vests will cost \$35 each. Return the order form and check to Mary Shannon at the meeting. If we get enough pre-orders we will go ahead with the order.

Name: _____ Number of Vests wanted: _____
 Size(s): _____ Total paid: _____

A Memoriam To Peanut

By Kim Vogee



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

Novato 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 Novato Horsemen and what we do for the community.

NHI Juniors will set up at 9am and leave at 4pm. They need 2 shifts of people 9-1 (set up) and 1-4 (take down) Lunch will be provided for our volunteers. Dress up in period costume. Ride your horse encouraged. Contact Dave Hambly for information at rodeodad412@hotmail.com

How to Back up a Horse Trailer for Parking

Gleaned from www.ehow.com

BACKING A BUMPER HITCH TRAILER

Step1 – Find a spotter. Hopefully, you have a friend or family member with you, so have them hop out and direct you from behind to keep you from going too far astray or running into something, or ask someone passing by to spot for you.

Step2 – Get as close to and as straight with the parking spot as you can. Don't back any farther than you have to. Try to make it a straight shot backwards into the spot.

Step3 – Use the mirrors on your truck as you back up. Set them so you can see both rear corners of the trailer, if possible. Or turn your head and look back over your left shoulder. Use the driver's side rear corner of the trailer to aim the trailer into the spot.

Step4 – Take your time. Getting in a rush here might cause an accident.

Back slowly and make small adjustments as you go. Don't ride the brake, but keep your foot over it while backing.

Step5 – Be aware that, when backing a bumper-hitch horse trailer, the back end of the trailer is going to turn in the opposite direction from the direction you are turning the steering wheel.

Step6 – Pull up and straighten the trailer out if it starts to go too far astray. Try again, slowly.


BACKING A GOOSE-NECK TRAILER

Step1 – Follow Steps 1 through 4 for backing a bumper hitch trailer.

Step2 – Be aware that, in backing a goose neck or fifth-wheel trailer, the back end of the trailer is going to turn to the same side you are turning the steering wheel. This is opposite of a bumper pull trailer.

Step3 – Back slowly into the parking spot.

May Cattle Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 WORKING COW	20	21 RANCH CUTTING	22	23 TEAM PENNING	24
25	26 WORKING COW	27	28 BEGINNING COW	29	30 TEAM PENNING	31

Nightly Fee: \$20.00 per rider – All events start at 7 p.m. except penning which starts at 6:30. Contact any chairperson for information. If it's hot (85+) at the time of event, the chairperson may cancel that event. Call the chairperson if you're unsure.

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. Chairperson – Terry Clancy (707) 766-4641

Ranch Cutting: ranch cutting is an introduction to herd work; this program is for both beginning and advanced riders and horses. Chairperson: Scott Colvin (415) 897- 8438

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. Chairperson: Steve Murphy (415) 794-7918

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. Chairperson: Scott Colvin (415) 897- 8438

Halleck Creek & the Marin Human Race

The Marin Human Race will be coming up on May 9th; Halleck Creek is in need of community support more than ever! We're looking for people interested in walking or running the race around the Civic Center Lagoon on our behalf.

It's \$25 to join in the fun, and we'll be BBQing at a house nearby after the race. We're hoping to find participants willing to help us find sponsors, but if people are unable to participate in the race, they can always help to sponsor some of our runners/walkers/rollers. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, one we rely on heavily! I know the Juniors have to do community service to work towards their end-of-the-year points, and this would be a great opportunity for even the youngest ones to help our ranch.

Novato Horsemen's has been a long-time supporter of our program, and we're all very grateful for the things you guys do for us. People who are interested can contact us by phone (415)662-2488, or by email (this email is fine), and can even go to our website www.halleckcreekranch.org to pledge a donation.

Marin Open Space Trail Meeting

Sharon McNamee from Marin Open Space is coming to speak at the monthly meeting of the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group on **Monday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center at 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. It is on the north side of Sir Francis Drake about a half mile west of the intersection with Nicasio Valley Road. **The meeting is open to the public and we ask that everyone who is concerned about trail issues affecting access to County Open Spaces attend.** Equestrians who ride in other Park lands are also asked to lend support in attending.

The specific trail issue we have asked Sharon to discuss are: Dickson Ridge Road/Mease (affecting access from Roys Redwoods to French Ranch Open Space); Manzanita Fire Road/Zangpo (affecting access to Giacomini Open Space); and Summit Fire Road/Buckeye Circle (affecting Giacomini Open Space and White Hill). I am sure that concerns about mountain bikes on Willis Evans Trail will also come up.



**Novato Horsemen, Inc. presents
CSHA Region 1 Gymkhana
Saturday - May 9, 2009***
Honorable Ray Divisser, presiding



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**Sign-ups at 8:00 am, show starts at 9:00AM
CSHA rules apply. Dress Code Required.**

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Events

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Cloverleaf barrels

Birangle

Pole Bending 1

Skill barrels

Speed barrels 1

For more information contact Marci Frank at cshamom@gmail.com or 415-264-7768
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For a short Quick Time video clip of Bullseye or any questions-Email Eileen at eileen@webperception.com
or call 415-328-6930

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Enthusiastic Member, Kim Fix - Club Work Party

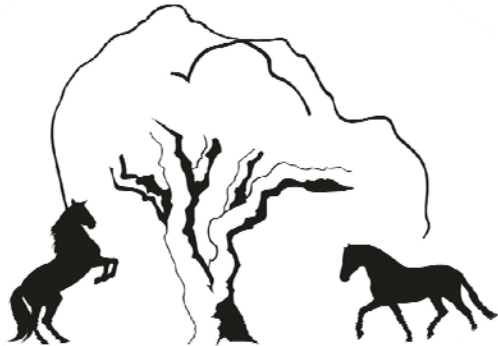
Open Jumping Rules

- Show up by 6 to help set up & stay to help clean up
- Leave horses tied/in trailers/in warm up ring while setting/clearing jumps
- Spectators are welcome, but please stay out of the arena unless fixing a jump
- Call your lines to avoid accidents
- DO NOT jump right behind someone. You don't know how their horse reacts to noise behind them.
- Offer advice when it's asked for or if there's a safety issue, ask for advice if you are having trouble.
- Keep quiet if someone is working/schooling, they are trying to focus and talking at them will distract them/their horse
- Respect the novice zone (cavaletti and trotting poles)
- Follow general arena etiquette (pass left shoulder to left shoulder, announce yourself if you are passing a slower rider, etc.)



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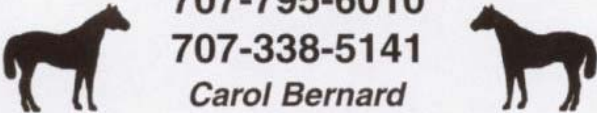
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