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President's Message



Hi Juniors,
Elections went really well last month and we have a great group of board members for 2012. I am glad to be your 2012 president and will serve you to the absolute best of my ability. I am really looking forward to the banquet this Sunday! There is a lot of fun, goodies and good times in store for us all!!! Did you see the list of raffle donors??? It looks great to me!
See you soon,
Heidi Schmitz (and my new friend Hershey)
Co-President

Junior Board:

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| <p>12/3 CGA Gymkhana @ NHI sign up @8am /ride @ 9am Contact Sabrina 707-623-5062 brinaboo_33@yahoo.com SEE FLYER ON PAGE 6</p> | <p>12/4 Year-End Banquet at clubhouse @5pm (more details to follow) LOTS OF FUN. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!</p> | <p>12/4 Novato Jr. Horsemen annual Toy Drive Bring a new, unwrapped toy and receive a raffle ticket</p> | <p>1/13 No Junior General Meeting this month</p> | <p>2/14 First 2012 General Meeting. More details to follow.</p> |
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11/8/11 ELECTIONS OF THE 2012 JUNIOR BOARD



As President of Novato Horsemen, and past Junior Advisor, I have been fortunate to get to know many of the active members of Novato Junior Horsemen. Many of the Junior Officers and Board Members were young children when they started attending Junior Club meetings and events. Now some of them are in middle school or high school and have shown excellent leadership and hard work insuring the meetings and events were well planned and interesting. At the November Junior Horsemen Election Meeting, I observed members from six years old to 16, giving speeches about their goals for the club, and all the reason why each one was asking for many votes. I was pleased to hear many speeches contain the words "family" and "I love this club." Everyone's speech came from the heart, and although there were some candidates who were not elected, every candidate spoke with passion, in a loud clear voice, and recited a well-written and well-thought-out speech. In my book, they were all winners.

When I was young, I learned in 4-H how to organize a meeting and how to give reports and/or demonstrations. Later, in college, I found myself very comfortable being in clubs and being able to help make the meetings fun and informative. Although the Novato Junior Horsemen exists primarily to get children and young adults together having fun with horses, many of your current Board of Directors will continue developing great leadership skills based on what they learned attending meetings, and later running the meetings in a similar manner to what they had seen others do.

Besides the great speeches being recited that night, there was an air of respect from all the members during the speeches. No one was talking or fidgeting. It was very grown-up, and they honored those who wrote their speeches by listening to them with both ears. (This goes for the parents as well: everyone was on excellent behavior). My hat is off to every member who overcomes doubt and stands in front of a club house full of members and parents and gives a speech, a demonstration, or shares a thought or feeling about a subject. Every one of you has that ability, and by being respectful of others, it is only natural that others will be respectful of you.

I look forward to many more years watching each of you not only become better horsemen and horsewomen, but also watching you grow into mature and fun-loving adults.

Thank You
Gary



Novato Junior Horsemen's Year-End Awards Banquet Sunday, December 4th at 5pm

R.S.V.P. to Mary Schmitz at erik.mary2@verizon.net or 415-892-8076

Holiday Feast of Roasted Beef cooked by Dr. Jim Williams. (Guests will be asked to bring a dessert to share).

Big raffle with lots of items donated by Harvest Market, Novato Horse and Pet Supply, Boot Barn, Larsen's Feed, California Horse Supply, Camelback, Tutti Melon, Circle Oak Equine Sports Medicine Center, Indian Valley Carriage, and more!

Year-end awards. Lots of fun and prizes awarded!

For more information or to donate a raffle prize, contact Lauren Magner (415-472-2994), Val Scheiner (415-897-9715), or Kristi Steadman (415-699-6784).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT: HEIDI SCHMITZ

VICE PRESIDENT: MICHAEL MAGNER

TREASURER: WILL STEADMAN

SECRETARY: KENDAL SCHEINER

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

**INGRID BORGESON, MCKENNA CARAMUCCI, ALLIE DROSIHN,
KYNDAL HART, & JENNA MAGNER**

Board Members are expected to attend all Board meetings (currently the 4th Monday of each month) and all General meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month except Jan and Dec).

The 2012 Novato Junior Horsemen Advisor's are:

Lauren Magner

Val Scheiner

Kristi Steadman

They will most certainly be reaching out to you for your assistance. Please consider volunteering to chair something!

From the co-president:

Hey everyone,

I just want to say I have had a great year as your co- president. I hope you are all coming to the awards banquet, I heard there are going to be great raffle prizes and awards. ☺ I am looking forward to coming back next year as your vice president and am looking forward to another great year with everyone. I want to wish you all a happy holidays and I hope you guys all had a great thanksgiving.

Michael Magner
Co-President

ATTENTION!

There is not a December meeting! Instead, there will be an awards banquet for all the Juniors, their families, and friends on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 5pm.

(Don't forget to RSVP and let us know how many of you are coming and what dessert you can bring).

Sunshine Committee: If someone you know needs a little extra sunshine in his or her life, contact Erika Schmitz or Kendal Scheiner (see contact info on page 1). These 2 girls would love to send a card to put a smile back on your friend's face. An example of this would be for birthdays, graduations, getting their first horse or maybe a fellow junior member has lost a favorite pet, family member or friend IN 2012, ERIKA SCHMITZ & CLAIRE STEPHENS WILL BE THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE!



December Birthdays!!

12/5 - Jacob Hart
12/11 - Heidi Schmitz
12/21 - Leah Sache
12/25 - Gabby Genhert-Stiehler

CGA District 45 **Sonoma/Marin Rush Riders** **Holiday Gymkhana** **Saturday December 3rd**

7 fun events plus good company, Snack Shack and a Holiday Bake Sale just for fun,, Dress for the Season and lets have lots of fun for our last Show of 2011

The Events Are:

Keyhole, Figure 8 Flags, Barrels, Birangle, Single stake, Poles 1, Hurry Scurry



Sign up 8 am Ride at 9 am
Novato Horsemen Arena
600 Bugeia lane Novato

Info at Sabrina: 707-623-5062
brinaboo_33@yahoo.com





Membership for 2012 is being accepted and will be valid until 2013!

Don't forget to renew your junior membership. It is \$20 to join/renew. If you have any friends that want to join, the membership forms are on the website and at the end of this newsletter. Invite them and their parents to come to a meeting to see what the club is all about.



2012 NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN 2012

New Member _____ Date _____ Renewal _____

Name of Member _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail? Yes No E-mail address to send newsletter to: _____

Members Interests:

- Schooling Shows Trail Rides Cattle Events Gymkhanas Overnight Rides Team Penning Color Guard Clinics Drafting Fundraising Parade Cutting
- Playday Field Trips Team Roping Drill Team Other _____

Club Affiliations & Memberships:

- CSHA CGA US Pony Club NBHA 4-H Dressage PRDC High School Rodeo AVA Vaulting Hunter Jumper Driving Other _____

My parents would like to fulfill their volunteer obligation by helping with:

- Education Guest Speaker Schooling Show Committee Chairperson Awards Banquet Playday Fundraising Pre-Meeting Activity Movie Night Dinner for Junior Meeting Fieldtrip Chaperone Luau Trail Rides Snack Shack Newsletter Other _____

Parents: You agree that by allowing your child(ren) to join Novato Junior Horsemen that you will volunteer a minimum of 4 hours in 2011. Parental participation is strongly encouraged. The success of the club and its members is reliant upon your direct involvement. Agreed by:

Signature of Junior

Signature of Parent

Signature of Parent

Annual Dues (payable to Novato Jr. Horsemen)

On or before April 1st \$20 for first child \$15 for additional child After April 1st \$25 for first child \$20 for additional child

Please bring this completed form to the next meeting or mail to: Novato Junior Horsemen
c/o Mary Schmitz 11 San Carlos Way, Novato, CA 94945

Please Note if you are a new member, you must attend a General Meeting within 60 days of the date of your application to be "voted in" by the general membership or you forfeit your membership privileges and dues.

End of Year Awards Banquet: Sunday, December 4, 2011
Bring a friend (It's never too late to join and you don't need a horse)



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