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NEWSLETTER OF THE NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN

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## President's Message

Hello Juniors!  
I hope you are all enjoying the sunny and warm weather! I know I am! It was great to see many of you at farm day and hope you had a great time. I would like to thank everyone for attending the last meeting, and hope you are all able to make it April 12th!

-Heidi Schmitz

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M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R S !

4/1

Membership forms due or \$5 late fee applies

4/2

Work Party. Meet at arena with gloves

4/5

RSVP for meeting dinner  
[erik.mary2@verizon.net](mailto:erik.mary2@verizon.net)

4/12

Dinner @ 6pm Meeting @ 6:30 (\$5 per person)

4/23

NJH Easter Egg Hunt -- Details to follow & helpers needed!

4/30

NJH Tack Swap. See Flyer in newsletter

# FARM DAY 2011 MARIN CIVIC CENTER



HEY GUYS, HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THE NICE WEATHER, I KNOW I AM. ANYWAY, IT WAS GREAT TO SEE ALL OF YOU AGAIN AT THE LAST MEETING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. JIMMY AND THE SENIORS FOR THAT AWESOME DINNER AND DESSERT. CAN'T WAIT TILL THE NEXT MEETING.

TILL THEN,

MICHAEL, CO-PRESIDENT



A big thank you to all the Juniors (parents, and senior members) who came out and represented the club at Marin County's Farm Day on 3/24 at the Marin Civic Center. Sarah Hambly,, Jenna Wagner, Michael Wagner, Kendal Scheiner, Heidi Schmitz, Will Steadman, and Marissa Shannon along with Piper Frank, and Selena Thor who helped with the vaulting demos.

**Come Join the Fun!!!**

**April Meeting** will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.  
6 pm dinner (\$5 per person), meeting to follow at 6:30.  
(Don't forget to RSVP)

**Membership Committee:**

Don't forget to renew your junior membership. The last date to pay is April 1, 2011 (no fooling) or there is a \$5 penalty attached to each membership. 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.

**Welcome to our newest members:  
Brenda Arisman, Claire Stephens, and Andrew Tapia**



**Newsletter:**

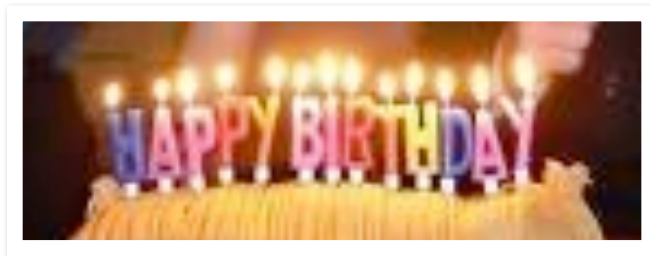
Any submissions to the newsletter must be e-mailed to Mary Schmitz at [erik.mary2@verizon.net](mailto:erik.mary2@verizon.net) no later than the **25th of each month.**

**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.

**April Birthdays!!**

4/27 - Michael Magner

4/30 - Tori Kolybakos



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF... you would like to give a report at the next meeting about a horse-related event, movie, a new horse or breed of horse you may be riding, a special trail you love to go on, a new training technique that has worked for you, or maybe something related to horses in the news? You can do it alone or with a friend. You can do a slideshow, photo album, poster, etc. Sometimes a school report works here as well! We would love to hear about it. The possibilities are endless!! All you have to do is email Heidi or Michael (contact info on page 1) so they can put you on the meeting agenda.



**Meeting Minutes, recorded by Morgan Schmitz, on 3/28/11:**

- \* 6:50 meeting started
- \* upgrade arena panels? Karen will check in with Jackie Walker about panel costs
- \* april meeting; decision of a game
- \* \$2088 in treasury
- \* easter egg hunt details decided on: \$3 member and \$5 non-member to participate
- \* tack swap april 30th: committee created: Val Scheiner, Tina Georgeson, Karen Killian, and Kristi Steadman
- \* Kelly Drosihn is NHI gymkhana chair
- \* possibly create a junior field trip to the Horse Expo
- \* Mary Schmitz will cook dinner at the April general meeting
- \* 34 members out of 50 members have renewed so far from last year
- \* voted to purchase a wheel with pegs for games
- \* meeting adjourned at 7:51

For Sale: a registered AQHA 17 year old sorrel gelding. 15.1 hands. ex-gymkhana horse, great with kids! \$1500 OBO, including all tack. Contact Karen Kilian for more information: (415)-897-0794



# Novato Horsemen (Jr. and Sr.) upcoming events:

**Saturday, April 2**

Club Work Day

**Tuesday, April 5**  
7:30pm

NHI Gen. Mtg.

**Friday, April 8**

Mike Bridges Clinic - Arena closed

**Saturday, April 9**

Mike Bridges Clinic - Arena closed

9:00am

Willow Tree to Novato Horsemen Trail Ride

**Sunday, April 10**

Mike Bridges Clinic - Arena closed

**Tuesday, April 12**  
6:00pm - dinner/6:30pm - meeting

NJH Gen. Mtg.

**Saturday, April 16**

Cowboy Mounted Shooting

**Sunday, April 17**

CGA Gymkhana

**Saturday, April 23**  
Time tba

Jr. Easter Egg Hunt



**Monday, April 25**  
6:30pm

NJH BOD Meeting

**Saturday, April 30**  
10-2pm

NJH Tack Swap

**Sunday, May 1**  
9:30am

Pelican Inn Trail Ride with SFHA

**Tuesday, May 3**  
7:30pm

NHI Gen. Mtg.

**Saturday, May 7**

MHC Trail Clinic in NHI Arena

**Tuesday, May 10**  
6:30pm

NJH Gen. Mtg.

**Sunday, May 15**

NHI/CSHA Gymkhana

**Friday, May 20**

Ranch Roping Clinic

**Saturday, May 21**

Ranch Roping Clinic

**Sunday, May 22**

CGA Gymkhana

**Saturday, May 28**

CSHA Drafting Clinic





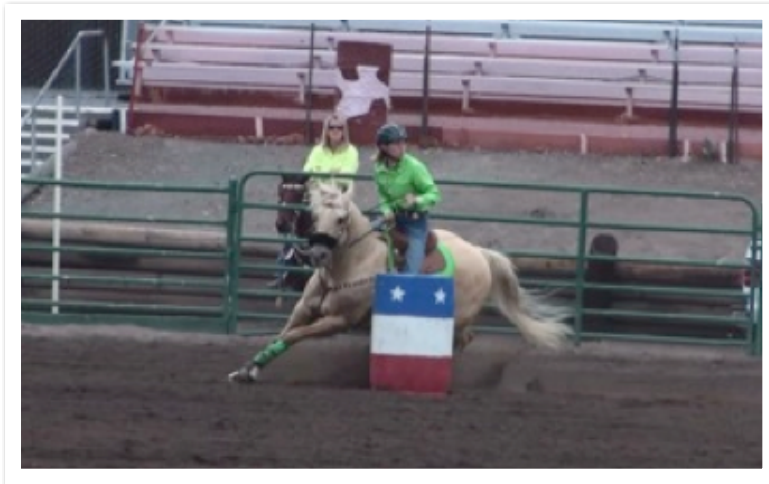
# BUY SELL TRADE

The Novato Junior Horsemen are putting on a tack swap. Save the date it will be on April 30th at the club house. The tack swap hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. It's spring and time to clean out your barns and closets of tack, gear, show clothes, hats and boots. We welcome the equestrian artists and horse treat bakers. If you would like to sell it, some one would love to buy it.

Contact Val Scheiner at [valscheiner@yahoo.com](mailto:valscheiner@yahoo.com) to reserve your space. You keep all your proceeds from your sales. The space fee's of \$15.00 for a small space and \$30.00 for a larger space, benefit the Novato Junior Horsemen. If you are in need of selling a horse trailer, pay a fee of \$30.00 to park and show it at the club all day.

Come out and enjoy your friends, shopping, a B-B-Q lunch and the Juniors bake sale. To donate baked items for the bake sale please contact Kristi Steadman at [steady99@comcast.net](mailto:steady99@comcast.net). Juniors are encouraged to help with the B-B-Q, as well as the tack swap. Earn club points while having fun. This event is for every one! Bring your family and friends.

# CSHA REGION 1 GYMKHANA 2011



## **CSHA AWARD SERIES NOVATO AND SEBASTOPOL**

Rider/horse team must compete 4 out of 5 shows in Novato and Sebastopol (combined)

See Novato/Sebastopol show dates below

Awards in divisions 1-7 to best 3 out of 4 shows

## **Novato and Sebastopol Shows**

We will have first place awards in Division 1-7 and Open High Point and Reserve to each Division 1-7 and Open Participation award will be given at the end of day to lead liners.

## **SHOW DATES**

<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>NOVATO HORSEMEN'S (RAIN DATE AUG 28)</b>
<b>MAY 28-29</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY SHOWDOWN DUNIGAN (SANCTIONED SHOW &amp; STATE SHOW FUNDRAISER)</b>
<b>JUNE 11</b>	<b>NOVATO HORSEMEN'S</b>
<b>JULY 9</b>	<b>SEBASTOPOL WRANGLERS</b>
<b>AUG 13</b>	<b>NOVATO HORSEMEN'S</b>
<b>AUG 20</b>	<b>MARTINEZ REGION 5 SANCTIONED SHOW</b>
<b>SEPT 3</b>	<b>MARTINEZ REGION 5 SANCTIONED SHOW</b>
<b>SEPT 11</b>	<b>SEBASTOPOL WRANGLERS</b>

CSHA HAS DIVISIONS FOR EVERY RIDING LEVEL FROM BEGINNER LEAD LINER TO ADVANCED. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JUDY at (707-542-0689) or [horses1sr@earthlink.net](mailto:horses1sr@earthlink.net)

*It is going to be a great season!!!!*

**2-DAY RANCH ROPING CLINIC  
WITH  
JOE WOLTER**

**MAY 20TH AND 21ST  
AT  
NOVATO HORSEMEN'S ARENA  
NOVATO, CA**

**\$360  
(all-inclusive)**

**LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 ROPERS TO CALL**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, CONTACT STEVE SCHWINDT  
AT 415-897-8453 OR [rangosps@comcast.net](mailto:rangosps@comcast.net)**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ASAP TO SECURE  
THESE DATES ON JOE'S SCHEDULE**

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOE WOLTER, VISIT HIS  
WEBSITE: [www.joewolter.com](http://www.joewolter.com)**



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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)

Table with 3 columns: Payment timing (On or before April 1st, After April 1st), Dues for first child (\$20, \$25), Dues for additional child (\$15, \$20).

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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th  
Bring a friend! (It is never too late to join).



NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN

c/o: Mary Schmitz

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Novato, CA 94945



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