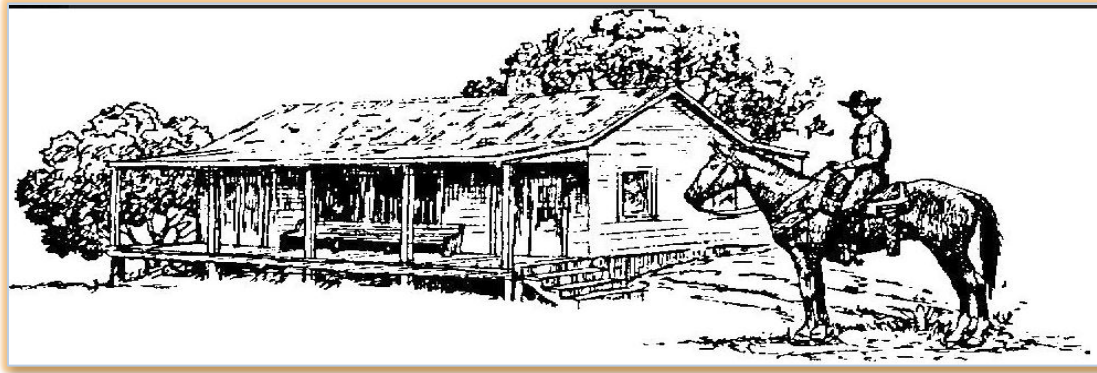


# Novato Horsemen, Inc. Newsletter – August 2021



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## August Calendar & Events

### Clinic & Cattle Update

Mike Bridges' Project Clinic will take place Tues.-Thurs., Aug. 3-5, and his Cow Clinic will be Fri.-Sun., Aug. 6-8. The grounds will be closed to members during these clinic days, with the exception of the General Meeting, which will be held on Tues. evening, Aug. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more info, call Scott Colvin: (415) 716-1927.

Ranch cutting and team penning will continue this month, except for the first week of August due to the Mike Bridges' clinics. Ranch cutting will resume on Thurs., Aug. 12, every Thurs. evening at 6:00 p.m. Team penning will resume Sat, Aug. 14, every Sat. evening at 6:00 p.m.

### Club Trail Ride Sunday, August 22, at Five Brooks

Meet Trail Boss, Rob Dunlap, at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Five Brooks parking lot, and be prepared to ride out at 10:00. For more info, call Rob: (510) 409-0111.

### Next Play Day – Saturday, August 28!

Registration 9:00 a.m.; events begin at 9:30. Fun for kids and seniors alike; all ages welcome! \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. Save \$5 by registering with Nicole Choi ahead of time: [Nicolekchoi@yahoo.com](mailto:Nicolekchoi@yahoo.com) or txt 415-328-3405.

### August 2021 NHI Meeting Dates

**General Meeting** – Tuesday, August 3: Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Junior Board Meeting** – Tuesday, Aug. 10; **Senior Board Meeting** – Tuesday, Aug. 17.

**Coming in Sept. & Oct.: TTR Trail Test (9/19), Camping at Five Brooks (9/25) and All-Around Horse Show (10/3)!**

## President's Message, August 2021

Dear Members:

It was so nice to see so many of you at the July General Meeting, our first in-person meeting in 15 months. It allowed us to reconnect with club members many of us have not seen in a long time.

Activities at the club are in full swing! The Juniors have held two successful play days and will be sponsoring a 3<sup>rd</sup> this month, on Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is open to all senior members, and I would encourage you to sign up and have some fun with your equines and support our Junior organization.

Our cattle program is going strong with team penning on Saturday evenings and ranch cutting on Thursday evenings. Both programs offer an excellent opportunity for members to expose their horses to cattle. No prior experience is required. Come on down and work on enhancing your horsemanship skills. Our cattle program is a wonderful social event.

Tamalpais Trail Riders (TTR) will be sponsoring its 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Trail Test on September 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the club. The event is open to the public and will include 10 obstacles, and cash prizes and ribbons to senior and junior winners. This trail test is a chance to test rider and horse. Entry fee is only \$40.

Our club will be sponsoring an overnight ride at Five Brooks Horse Camp (formerly Stewart Camp) on Sept 25-26. Save the date!! If you would like to ride, camp and eat, you should reserve a spot. We have limited space reserved for those wanting to come out early on Sept 24 and for Sept 25. The rides will begin at 10 a.m. on Sept 25 following a short breakfast. All participating members will be responsible for paying the Five Brook Fees of \$10 per rig, \$10 per person and \$10 per horse per day. There will be an additional fee to cover dinner and breakfast. Stay tuned for more details in the September newsletter and via email. The campgrounds have facilities like hot showers and toilets, so participants will not be roughing it completely. This will be a wonderful family experience since this event is open to our Junior members as long as a member parent or member guardian accompanies the Junior. Note that this is a members-only event, and since space will be limited, we ask that you make a reservation to ensure a spot. Feel free to email me. We will offer long, medium and short rides led by experienced trail bosses. Saddle up and come on out.

Happy trails!! Stay safe.

AJ

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### Want to host a clinic or schedule an event/program at NHI?

If you'd like to reserve any 2021 or 2022 dates, contact Karen Kilian. She will let you know the procedures for approval: 415-897-0794 or [1EeyoreNut@gmail.com](mailto:1EeyoreNut@gmail.com).



## Membership Update

### Welcome Susan Rolovich!

Susan was approved by the membership at the July 6 General Meeting. Her sponsor is Jeff Roth.

Recently retired from the San Francisco Police Department after 38 years of service, Susan worked patrol at the SFPD's Park, Northern and Southern Stations. She also served as a school resource officer, a defensive tactics officer and an instructor at the police academy, as well as a juvenile inspector. Most of her career was spent as an undercover narcotics officer and a vice decoy officer, but her long-time wish and passion were to become a mounted police officer.

Susan was born and raised in San Francisco. As a single parent of four children (three boys and one girl), she was only able to dream of becoming a mounted police officer due to all the demands on her time. After waiting 28 years to get into the mounted unit but never having been on a horse, she trained and trained and trained (including with Jeff Roth), and eventually became a post certified instructor for the California Mounted Officers, the San Francisco Mounted Officers and the Santa Monica Mounted Officers. Instead of retiring after 30 years, she stayed an extra eight years and adopted her mount, Dewey, who now boards in Novato at the ranch of Leah and Dave Kranci, friends of Susan's. Of her new NHI membership, Susan says "I'd love to lead rides and volunteer in other ways. So I appreciate this membership, and I can help in many ways."

Like their mom, Susan's children have pursued careers in public service. Her oldest son is a battalion chief in the SFFD, and her second son is a sergeant in the SFPD. Her daughter is a nurse at UCSF, and her youngest son is a firefighter in the SFFD. She currently has three grandchildren (one boy and two girls) and a fourth grandbaby on the way. "I'd love to teach them and other youth about horsemanship since it is a big part of my world now," she says.



## Member News & Photos

The June and July Play Dates were a lot of fun, with a great turnout! The next one (last of the summer) will be on Saturday, August 28.



## Member News & Photos (cont.)

*Congratulations to Sue Atkinson on her new horse, "Better"!*

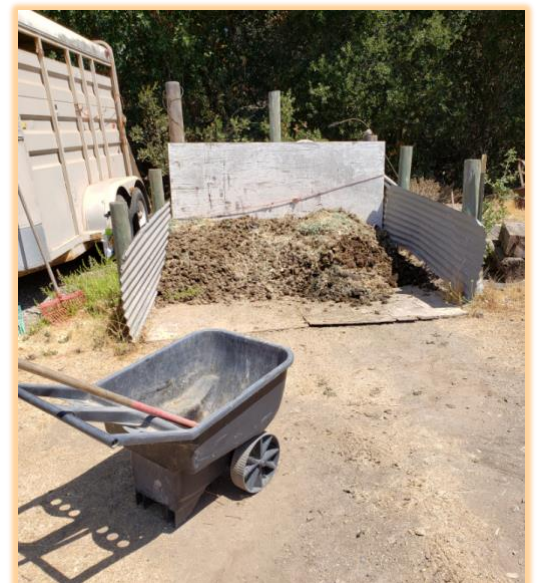


*And congrats to Nicole Shroyer who won Reserve Champion for Green Reiner at Reining by The Bay in Woodside. Nicole trains with Ollie Galligan in Petaluma.*

## Arena and Club Grounds

**Please** remember to clean up after your equines! It's not enough to scoop the poop you may be leaving in the arena and on the grounds, but please be sure to empty any poop cart you use if you see that it's filling up. There's a manure pile near the caretaker's house, shown in the picture to the right. Picking up manure and depositing it in a designated pile goes a long way toward helping with fly control – always an issue at this time of year and throughout the next couple of months.

Also, please deposit only poop in the carts and in the manure pile. These aren't the right places for tissues or other refuse. There are garbage cans on site for non-manure items that you may wish to throw away. Thank you! We appreciate your participation and contributions very much in keeping our grounds clean.



## 80th ANNUAL TRAIL TEST

PRESENTED BY  
**TAMALPAIS TRAIL RIDERS, INC.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

Location:

Novato Horsemen's Arena  
600 Bugeia Lane, Novato, CA

Sign-ups begin at 9am  
Events start at 10am sharp

Entry fee: \$40.00

### CASH PRIZES

#### Senior Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$ 50  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$ 20

#### Junior Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$20

### AWARDS

1<sup>ST</sup> THRU 6<sup>TH</sup> BOTH DIVISIONS

*\*Junior Division = 14 and under*



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Fun obstacles and challenges for horse & rider

Snack Shack will be available for food and refreshments.

Proper attire, Including Heeled Footwear Required. Helmets recommended.

All participants should pick-up their hay and manure

All participants shall have a halter and lead rope

Discounts for recognized organizations with 6 or more at \$25.00 per entry

Contact Nimfa at 415-787-4656  
Email: [nimfa@gofficesolutions.com](mailto:nimfa@gofficesolutions.com)



## Novato Horsemen's All-Around Horse Show

Save the Date! Sunday,  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



Something for everyone!



Western, Trail, English  
Jumping, Timed and Fun  
Classes



Vaulting Demo at Lunch Break

Show manager: Carolyn Conner 415-246-4377 or [ccvaulter@gmail.com](mailto:ccvaulter@gmail.com).

Volunteers wanted! Judges, announcers, gatemen, ring crew, timers, pooper scoopers, photographers, sign makers. Contact Carolyn if you can help out!

Class Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> place and High Point awards

Open to members and non-members of all ages

Arena will be split into two with classes running simultaneously

Classes to be split by ability

Lead Line, Novice (walk/trot) and Advanced (W/T/Canter)

Entry forms will be posted on the NHI website by mid-August

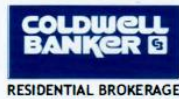
## Classified Ads

### Magical Gated Horse Property in Indian Valley

Step into a fairytale! This custom equestrian gated estate is located on over one flat acre in the beloved Indian Valley neighborhood of Novato. The property is surrounded with nine heritage oak trees, cherry trees and much more! Delight in the well-designed chef's kitchen and open living and dining room. All kitchen/entertainment/wet bar/dining room hutch are Omega custom cabinetry designed and installed for this home design. The master retreat is an everyday spa vacation! An attached 750 sq. ft. cottage comes with its own private entrance, kitchen, dining, living and full bathroom and private backyard. The unexpected extra is the upstairs loft with a full bathroom! There is plenty of storage in the three-car garage with a side bathroom and showerhead for added convenience. The brick lined pathways and the extensive tropical plants and shrubs create a private retreat! The backyard has fish ponds, and a two-tier waterfall and fireplace make a perfect setting for entertaining. Well set up for horses, and close to riding trails! \$2,695,000. By appointment only. Contact: Toni Shroyer, Coldwell Banker, DRE #01876201 415-640-2754.



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