



2022 NHI Board of Directors

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2022 NHI Junior Advisors

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January Calendar & Events

January 2022 NHI Meeting Dates



General Meeting – **Canceled** for Jan. due to Covid.

Junior Board Meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 11, 5:30 p.m.

Senior Board Meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m.

Check the calendar on our [website](#) for other important dates.



Anyone have familiarity with the program Survey Monkey? We could really use your help! If you're willing to help us set up a brief survey on behalf of the NHI membership, we would very much appreciate the assistance.

Let us know if you have some skills with this program:
novatohorsemen@gmail.com



At right: Nelly & Dolly were recent visitors at NHI, getting ready to participate in the annual Dickens Fair with longtime member and muleskinner, BK Cooper. We'll miss seeing you two pretty gals! Photo courtesy of Marty McCowen.

President's Message, January 2022

Dear Members:

I hope all our members have had a wonderful holiday season. This past year has been challenging with a variety of restrictions and changes throughout the year.

There are a few members I would like to acknowledge for their dedication and commitment to Novato Horsemen in addition to those recognized at the Installation Dinner. These are Jana Hefner, Lauren Magner, Amy Hutchinson and Susan Atamanuik. I ask the membership to join me in thanking these members for all that they have done for NHI.

I am very pleased that our leadership team for 2022 is now complete as Stephen Schwindt and Amy Hutchinson agreed to serve on the Board. We are honored that both have agreed to serve again. We are still looking for members to volunteer on various committees and roles in the coming year. We are also looking for someone to assist with our communications and marketing, and work closely with Sarah Bulgatz, so if you are interested, please contact Sarah or myself. We are additionally looking for a few bartenders to help out during our general meetings. Serving as a bartender at NHI is an excellent way to get to meet other members. Please let me know if you are interested.

It was nice to see the California Gymkhana Association (CGA) return to Novato Horsemen with an event in November and another one in December. Both events were well attended, and the feedback has been outstanding. They are interested in more events for 2022. Thanks to Scott Colvin and Karen Kilian for making the arena and grounds look so good.

During three consecutive weekends in December, Amy Hutchinson organized and held a food drive for Marin Humane Pet Assistance and the Food Bank. I wish to thank Amy and all the members that supported this effort for such a worthy cause.

One of our long-time members, Lauren Magner, is dealing with a serious family illness as her baby grandchild, Kaden, is being treated for a rare cancer. Members and friends are encouraged to donate to assist with the expensive care and assistance. Unlike Go-Fund-Me, contributions to Kaden's battle are 100% tax deductible, and the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) does not take a fee. This link takes you to the COTA website, where you can learn more and make a donation (any and every size donation helps): <https://cota.org/campaigns/COTAForkadensBattle>.

We are hoping to return to more normal activities in 2022, and we will be sending out a survey to obtain feedback from our members in the coming months. Please take the time to respond. Also, at the next general meeting the membership will be asked to support an increase in the individual initiation fee to \$50, and to \$100 for couples, when they join.

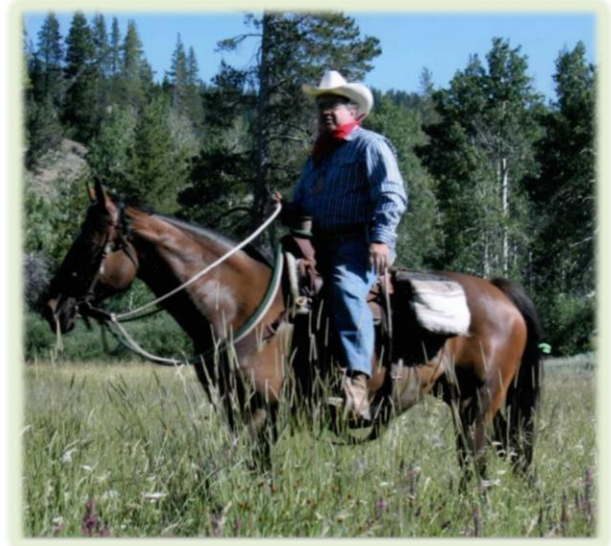
Our annual crab feed is currently planned for February 12, 2022. Due to the current Covid environment, this event will be drive-through only. If you're interested in getting a great, ready-to-eat dinner and supporting our club, please contact Amy Hutchinson or Scott Colvin or Dr. Jim Williams for tickets before we sell out. More information is available on page 5 of this newsletter.

We understand members' schedules and commitments may change, but I'd like to remind everyone to be considerate. If you register to attend an event like a dinner and it turns out that you will be unable to attend, please notify us.

May we get some more rain and snow, and may the New Year bring, joy, happiness, good health, and prosperity to all our members and their families.

Happy trails!! Stay safe.

AJ





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

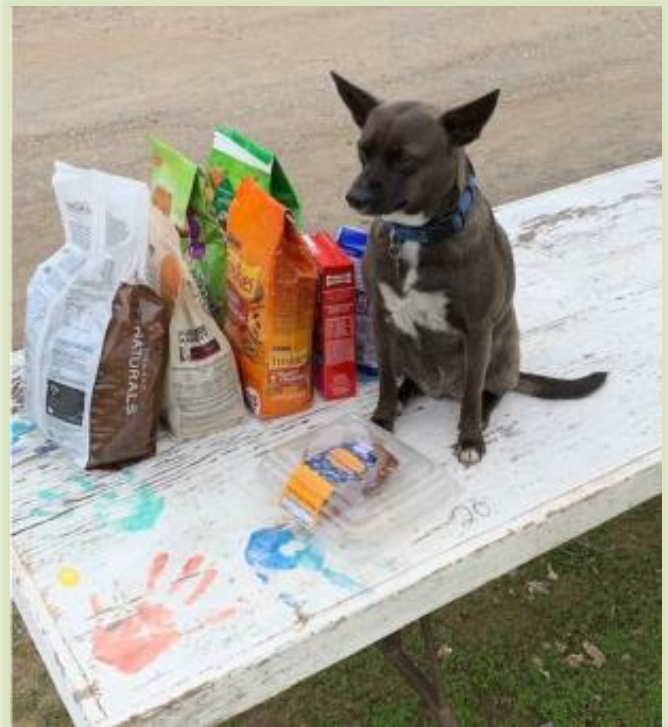
If you'd like to reserve any 2022 dates, contact Karen Kilian. She will let you know the procedures for approval: 415-897-0794 or 1EeyoreNut@gmail.com.



Activities at and Around NHI

December 2021 Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who participated in NHI's second annual food drive during the three consecutive weekends (five days of donation drop-offs) beginning Dec. 4, either by donating food and/or volunteering to help out. We collected 486 lbs. for the food bank, far less than the 1,100 lbs. collected in 2020, but it will still help a lot of people who need a little extra help this year. Special thanks to the volunteers who came out to sit and collect food, (**Cont. p. 4**)



Activities at and Around NHI

December 2021 Food Drive (Cont.)

to Stephen Schwindt, who manned the drive himself, and to Karen Beckmann and Karen Kilian who were out there every weekend with Amy Hutchinson. The food drive couldn't have happened without the volunteers. An even bigger thank-you to Amy herself who organized the food drive, mustered the team of volunteers and sorted and delivered the donations benefiting the Marin Food Bank and the Marin Humane Pet Care Assistance Program.

NHI Juniors 2021 Awards

The Juniors held their annual awards and board installation celebration on Dec. 4. Highlights include the following awards: Nicole Shroyer was awarded the William Bamgrover award for most valuable member for her participation and willingness to help; and Reese Knowlton was awarded the Diamond award for most inspirational horse and rider partnership with her two minis, Cowboy and Ace.





NHI Crab Feed 2022

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering our annual Crab Feed this year despite Covid!

These are challenging times, and while indoor group dining events may not be the best idea right now, we know how popular our annual crab feed is. So, our solution will be to hold our crab feed this year, but it will be drive-thru only. Each ticket you purchase will entitle you to pick up a delicious, ready-to-eat meal consisting of:

- 🦀 3 lbs. of fresh Dungeness Crab – cooked, cracked and cleaned
- 🦀 Pasta & sauce
- 🦀 Salad & bread
- 🦀 Dessert

And, in addition to getting a great packaged dinner, you'll be helping support our club!

When: Saturday, February 12

Where: Novato Horsemen, 600 Bugeia Lane, Novato

Pick-up Time: There will be assigned pick-up times when you can drive through and pick up your packaged dinner.

Tickets: \$65 per dinner. NHI members in good standing will get a \$5 discount per ticket if they purchase tickets by Jan. 15!



Note that all tickets must be purchased by Jan. 31 if you wish to participate.

**For tickets or more information, contact Amy Hutchinson:
(415) 517-3907; heydere@sbcglobal.net**



Membership Update

New Member Applicants

Sharon & Bob Finston

“Hello. We are Sharon and Bob Finston. We have been married for over 26 years. I (Sharon) grew up with horses, and Bob joined me in my love for horses when we got married. We are Endurance riders. When our horses are in excellent shape, we ride competitively. When the horses are not in top form (or getting older), we ride to finish. The motto of the American Endurance Ride Conference is: “To Finish Is to Win.” And that is our motto with each and every endurance ride that we do.

We live in San Rafael and keep our horses at Los Ranchitos. We have had many wonderful years of riding here in San Rafael, Novato, Point Reyes and all over Marin. We have done many endurance rides from 25 milers (you have 6 hours to complete a 25) to 100 milers (where you have 24 hours to complete). We have done multi-day 50 milers where you ride 50 miles per day for consecutive days. We consider our horses athletes and love them dearly.”



L to R: Tally, Patty and Bella heading out for a ride from Los Ranchitos. Below: Bella, Tally, and Mojave Blaze at the finish of Lake Sonoma Endurance Ride (Oct. 2021).



Don't Forget to Renew your Membership for 2022!

You may already have received a renewal form via snail mail, but if not – or if you've misplaced it – just use the form on the following pages. Don't forget to renew! There are so many benefits to being an NHI member:

- 🐾 Use of an expansive facility where you can practice your skills (and your horse's skills) in a large, regularly groomed arena and in a smaller warm-up arena or round pen.
- 🐾 Easy access to the beautiful trails of Rush Creek open space.
- 🐾 Guided club rides in beautiful Marin County locations with an experienced trail boss.
- 🐾 Cow program – the only program in the Bay Area that offers weekly ranch cutting and team penning during the late spring through the early fall.
- 🐾 Clinics, play dates, gymkhanas and shows – fun for riders of all ages and disciplines.
- 🐾 Social events with other like-minded equestrians. Some of these include community benefit drives, the Haunted House, annual Crab Feed, dinners, etc.
- 🐾 Discounted pricing on club rentals and advertising.



Tyrone enjoying the wet weather in his domain, the "Taj Mule Hall"

Novato Horsemen, Inc. Newsletter – January 2022

NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC.
 P.O. BOX 456, NOVATO, CA 94948
SENIOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2022

To Be Completed By NHI	
Check #	_____
Date Voted In	_____
Date Card Mailed	_____

Name of Member _____ Spouse _____
 New Member(s) Renewal(s) Lifetime Member(s)

Mailing Address:

_____	Street	_____	City	_____	State	_____	Zip
<u>Member</u>		<u>Spouse</u>					
Phone: _____		Phone: _____					
Email: _____		Email: _____					

Annual Dues

Individual Membership \$100.00 Associate Membership \$25 Couples Membership \$150.00
 Individual Initiation/Late Fee \$30.00 Couples Initiation/Late Fee \$60.00

New members (and existing members renewing after the March General Meeting) are subject to the initiation/late fee.

Sponsor's Name: _____ (required for new members)

Areas of Interest (check all that apply!)

Equestrian: Horse Shows Trail Tests Cattle Events Dressage Gymkana Jumping Clinics

Other _____

Social Events: Trail Rides Meetings Crab Feed Haunted House Dinner Dance July 4th Parade

Other _____

Miscellaneous: Work Parties Bartending Cooking BBQ Computer Tech Contractor Skills

Other _____

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

As a member, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Bylaws of Novato Horsemen, Inc. I understand that if I am a new member, I must attend a General Membership Meeting within 60 days of submitting this application to complete the requirements for membership. If I do not attend a meeting, the dues and initiation fee are retained by Novato Horsemen, Inc., and membership is canceled.

✓ Member Signature _____ ✓ Member Signature _____

WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I (We) have read the contract on the back (or attached hereto) of this Senior Membership Application and I (we) am (are) aware that the 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 _____	

✂ _____ cut here _____



Name(s) _____
Must attend a general membership meeting within 60 days to complete the requirements for membership

Received by _____

Check # _____ Cash _____
 Amount Received \$ _____
 Today's Date _____

Contact Info Needed

Please help! In November, we sent applications to all members as a reminder to renew their membership. If your name appears in the list below, we have received returned mail due to an incorrect mailing address. Please send an email to novatohorsemen@gmail.com and hefnerj@outlook.com with your name and correct snail mail and email addresses so we can update our records.

- 🐾 Dawn Bedell
- 🐾 Sorcha Dolan
- 🐾 Nicki Esdorn
- 🐾 Lauren Jacobs
- 🐾 Joy Lanzaro
- 🐾 Heather Parker

Thank you!

Classified Ads

Remember, classified ad submissions are due by the 21st of each month in order to be published in the next newsletter. NHI members get five free ads each year! If you have an ad you'd like to have published in the February newsletter, just send it to NovatoHorsemen@Gmail.com by Feb. 21. Advertising guidelines are on our [website](#).



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