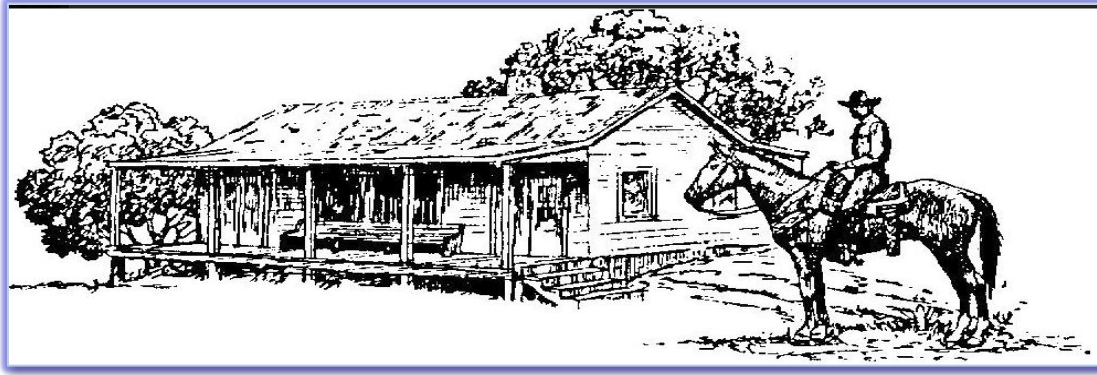


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Calendar & Events

Clinic & Cattle Update

Ranch cutting and team penning are ongoing throughout the summer: Ranch cutting is Thurs. evenings at 6:00 p.m. Team penning is Sat. evenings at 6:00 p.m. Mike Bridges Project and Cow Clinics are around the corner in early August. For more info, call Scott Colvin: (415) 716-1927.

July 12-15: 4H Club to Hold Day Camp at NHI

The 4H Club will hold their annual day camp at Novato Horsemen on Mon.-Thurs., July 12-15. Camp set-up will be on Sun. afternoon. During Mon.-Thurs., NHI will be closed to members. However, club members are free to come ride in the evening. **Note that ranch cutting will be held on Wed. evening this week**, July 14, instead of Thurs. evening.

July 16: Play Day!

5:30 p.m. registration; 6:00 p.m. events begin. \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Save \$5 by registering with Nicole Choi ahead of time: Nicolekchoi@yahoo.com or txt 415-328-3405.

July 18: Trail Ride at Muddy Hollow

Meet Trail Boss, Rob Dunlap, at 9:30 a.m. and be prepared to ride out at 10:00. For more info, call Rob: (510) 409-0111.

July 2021 NHI Meeting Dates

General Meeting – Tuesday, July 6: Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Reservations needed.

Junior Board Meeting – Tuesday, 7/13; **Senior Board Meeting** – Tuesday, 7/20

President's Message, July 2021

Dear Members:

Finally, relief from Covid 19 restrictions!! The light at the end of the tunnel is bright. Now that the Governor has withdrawn many of the restrictions, life is beginning to return to normal. NHI will resume in-person monthly general meetings beginning July 6. This will be the first in-person meeting in over 15 months. The business aspect of the meeting will be short. This first post-pandemic general meeting will serve as an opportunity to socialize and celebrate with other members whom we may not have seen in a while.

Dinner will be fairly simple, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, vegan burgers, baked beans and salad. Members planning to attend dinner need to make a reservation by July 1, 2021. Look for an eVite invitation coming your way.

The Board is working on scheduling other events for this year, and if any member has any suggestions, please let us know. We are working on a dinner/dance and a possible overnight ride.

The Juniors have scheduled three play dates this summer, which are open to all members regardless of age. I would encourage our Senior members to check the calendar and consider participating. These play dates will be fun and will support our Juniors.

NHI is also offering an excellent opportunity for our members to work cattle this summer with Team Penning on Saturday nights and Ranch Cutting on Thursday nights. Load up your horse and come to the club! No prior experience is required.

Jill Petersen, a long-time NHI member, was recently elected to the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the Board, and I would like all members to join me in welcoming Jill back. Her experience will be extremely valuable for us and the entire membership.

Normally NHI would be participating in the City of Novato's 4th of July Parade but due to Covid the live parade is being replaced by a virtual event. NHI has contributed to the virtual Novato 4th of July Parade, and I would like to thank Carolyn Conner for her big contribution to this effort. You can see the video she provided [here](#).

Finally, I'd like to mention our new [website](#), which just launched this week. To say that our previous website was in need of an update would be an understatement, and it is my great pleasure to inform you that our new and improved website has just gone live. A great deal of time, strategic thought and effort went into this on the part of Sarah Bulgatz, Carolyn Conner and Joan Murphy. Please join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

Happy trails!! Stay safe.

AJ

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.



Getting to Know the 2021 Board of Directors

Q & A with Board Member at Large Kimberly Fishman

What are your responsibilities on the Board?

In addition to having a say and a vote on behalf of the club on policies and issues that come up, I handle the Sunshine Committee.

Where do you currently work, or what do you do professionally?

I've owned a horse-drawn carriage business, called Hackney Horse & Carriage, since 2000, and I also promote the critically endangered Hackney horse breed. I founded my company with two of my horses, Doc and Pete. Since the Covid pandemic hit, I took a second job at Rancho Nicasio's general store. Come by and say hello!

How do horses fit in your life?

I knew I wanted to be around horses as soon as I started walking! I currently have three amazing Hackney horses: Doc, Pete and Willow. All are 15.3 hands and black.

How long have you been a member of NHI?

I've been a club member for the past 12 years. I currently live in Penngrove, and grew up on the East Coast.



In your opinion, what's the greatest opportunity that NHI has in the coming months/years?

24/7 access to the arena and emergency boarding for fire evacuation.

Aside from things equine, what are your hobbies/interests?

I love the water, especially the ocean and beaches. I recently renovated a fifth wheel trailer and look forward to hopefully camping near the beaches along the California coastlines, maybe even Mexico!!

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We Have a New Website!

NovatoHorsemen.com Joins the 21st Century

In the early part of this year, the NHI Board of Directors determined that our existing website could use a big facelift – in order to not only make it more secure, but to make it easier to navigate, more informative and more representative of who we are as an organization and how we want to look to the world. Accordingly, we launched a project to get it done, re-writing copy, adding new content, streamlining forms and improving the navigation on the site. We were lucky in that we had some outstanding photography to choose from, and we made our selections carefully, both throughout the main site

as well as within the photo gallery. We also incorporated the Junior Horsemen throughout. Take a look and let us know what you think!

You can check out our new website [here](#).

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Preserving and Promoting the Traditions of Horsemanship in Marin County and the San Francisco Bay Area

BECOME A MEMBER

Novato Horsemen, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(7) organization that has been part of the Novato community since 1942.

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The club includes over 300 senior and junior members, and hosts a variety of cattle events, trail rides, clinics and special events. Covering approximately four acres, the property features a clubhouse, large main arena, warm-up arena and round corral. Many of the club's activities are open to

Membership Update

Welcome New Members!

The following new members were approved by the Board of Directors at its June 15 meeting:

- Brenda Falco, sponsored by Joan Murphy
- Yvette Blount, Sponsored by Kim Vogee
- Kathleen Nemetz, Sponsored by Toni Shroyer
- Greg Moore & Jennifer Gibson, Sponsored by Kim O'Brien
- Daniella Seghieri, Sponsored by Rosella Arnold

Arena and Club Grounds

Reminder: NHI Club Use Rules

- The club is open to members only, and for the purpose of riding and/or exercising your horses. Please carry your NHI membership card when you're at the club.
- Trails are open! You may haul to the club grounds to park and then ride out from NHI via along the road. Do not use the old access trails behind the clubhouse.
- Keep all gates closed at all times, and please clean up any manure/hay/shavings you bring in!

Some Quick Housekeeping Items

Porta-Potty maintenance. If the porta-potty is out of toilet paper, please feel free to look in the cabinet at the snack shack for more -- or contact Karen Kilian, the caretaker.

Clean-up of manure. Everyone's doing a great job of cleaning up their manure from the arenas and round corrals. But it's important to remember to pick up manure from other areas as well, which your horses may be leaving behind. So, when you cool your animals down or ride around the grounds, please double-check to make sure that you've scooped your poop. Thank you!

NHI Volunteers at Work

Melissa Jacobs, below left, comes out to the club periodically to ride the arena and work her horses with barrels. Afterwards she harrows the entire arena with the quad. Seeing that the arena needed a harrowing after team penning a couple of weeks ago, she volunteered to do it again. Big thanks to Melissa!



Classified Ads

Horse and Pet Sitting Available. Hey You! Wanna go on vacation and need a horse sitter? Look no further! Ten years' experience as a ranch hand in Indian Valley – currently employed at Thistledew ranch in Novato. Of course, I also look after dogs, cats, birds – gotta pig? ... You'll have to show me... lol ... Prices run \$150 overnight (for 2 horses, each additional horse \$50). Feed and muck \$75/day. Contact: madcowboy2222@gmail.com or (415) 827-2438.



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