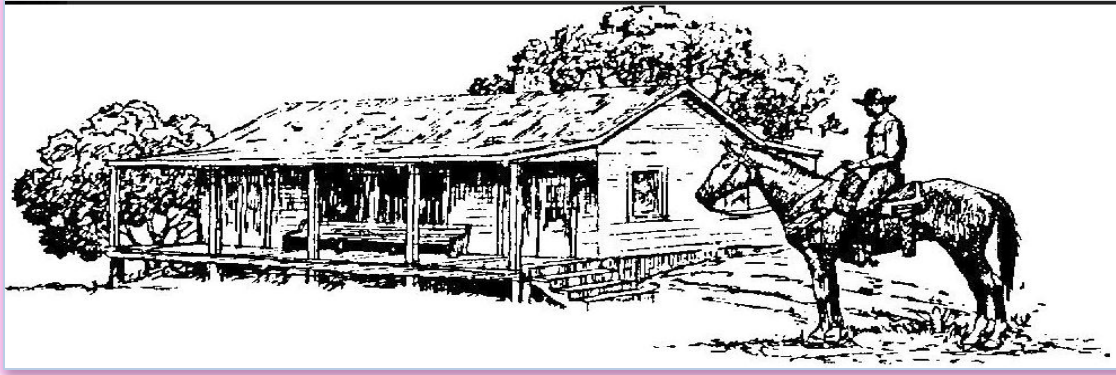


# Novato Horsemen, Inc. Newsletter – June 2021



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## Calendar & Events

### Clinic & Cattle Update

A [Chris Ellsworth](#) cow-working clinic will be held at the club on Friday, June 4, through Sunday, June 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Auditors are welcome at \$25 per day. Please note that during clinic hours the grounds are closed to members who aren't either riding in the clinic or auditing.

The cows are here! and ranch cutting will be held Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the warm-up arena. Team penning is beginning Saturday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. For more info, call Scott Colvin: 1-415-716-1927.



### Coming in July: 4H Club to Hold Day Camp at NHI

The Board of Directors has agreed to rent our club to 4H this year for their annual day camp, on Monday-Thursday, July 12-15. This request was granted based on 4H being a strong and positive youth development organization whose mission is to help kids develop the skills they need to create positive change in their lives and communities. 4H has also been and continues to be a source of potential NHI members.

### June 2021 NHI Meeting Dates

General Meeting – Cancelled

Junior Board Meeting – Tuesday, 6/8; Senior Board Meeting – Tuesday, 6/15

## President's Message, June 2021

Dear Members:

Many of us are seeing life beginning to return to pre-Covid 19 times. Children are back in person at schools in many districts. The number of vaccinated individuals is rising while deaths and infections are declining. The Governor of California has recently confirmed his decision to remove Covid 19 restrictions on June 15 assuming no significant uptick in key stats. This is great news, and we all hope current trends continue.

Novato Horsemen's is bringing cattle in, with events starting this week, and I encourage all members interested in working the horses with cattle to come on down. Details on dates and times are on the front page of this newsletter. No prior experience is required.

During the month of May, member volunteers have been busy dealing with routine maintenance of the club grounds. A great deal has been accomplished. I want to personally extend my deep appreciation to all the good folks who took time out of their Saturday(s) and contributed to the upkeep of our club. It means a lot to us!

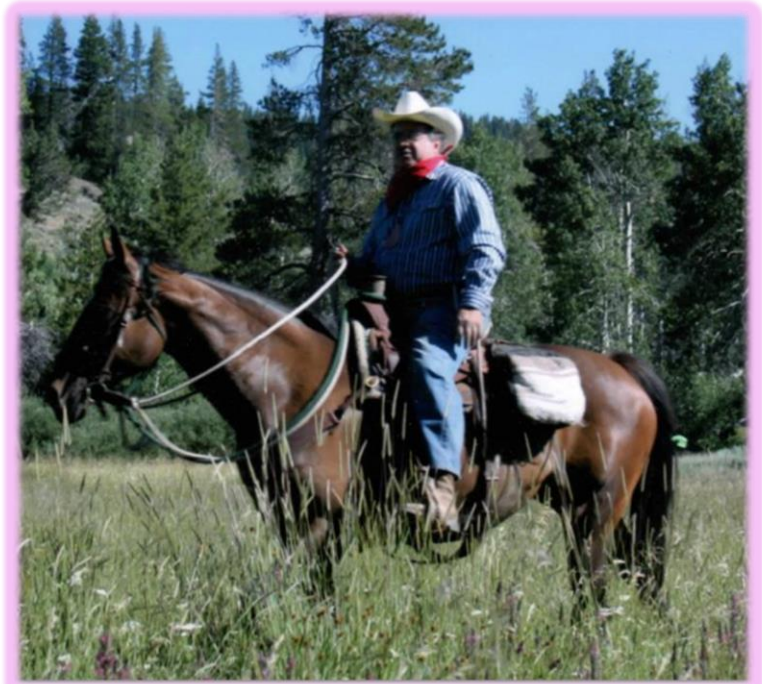
The Board is planning a return to in-person general meetings on July 6, 2021, if all goes well. This will be the first in-person general meeting in well over a year! We intend to have a small celebration (a barbecue) so that members can socialize, and we will also hold a short meeting. Our ability to move forward will be contingent on compliance with Marin County Covid Regulations, but please save the date. More details will be available by next month, and we'll ask that our members make a reservation so we can plan accordingly, depending on which Covid rules apply. Stay tuned.

I recently learned that John Vogee passed away last year, and, unfortunately, many of our members may not have known of his passing. John was a long-time member of Novato Horsemen, and he served as corresponding secretary over 20 years ago when I was last president. John established our first membership database and our first membership survey, among many other accomplishments. He and his wife, Kim, were always seen on the dance floor during our dinner dances. Personally, I want to take a moment to express my sincere condolences to Kim for her loss. John is missed greatly. May he rest in peace.

We would like to plan an overnight ride in the coming months, and I am looking for a few volunteers to serve as trail bosses for both short and longer rides. We are looking into a possible location and will provide more details soon. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to lead a trail ride, please do not be shy and let me know.

Stay safe and see you soon in the saddle. Happy Trails!!

*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).

## Getting to Know the 2021 Board of Directors

### Q & A with Recording Secretary Joan Murphy

#### What are your responsibilities on the Board?

My primary responsibilities include keeping meeting attendance records and minutes of all general membership and Board of Directors meetings. I draft the meeting minutes, distribute them to the other Board members for comment, and then finalize them for approval and inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

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

I worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Francisco for 30 years before I retired in 2018. I was an audit partner for 20 years specializing in serving universities and not-for-profit organizations.

#### How do horses fit in your life?



*Joan with her sweet quarter horse, Voodoo*



I've got three horses that I board at Morning Star Farm. I see them daily to grain them, work them, spoil them, whatever is called for that day. I train with Hailey Byars-Paganini in the western riding style. It gives me tremendous pleasure to be with my horses, and the relationships I have with them are wonderfully rewarding. Having discovered horses mostly as an adult, I can't say enough about my gratitude for these magnificent animals. I would never take them for granted! Organizations like NHI really provide the chance for a relative newcomer like myself to learn about the multitude of ways in which people and horses connect in this world.

*"Gunner at the Gate." As soon as he hears Joan's voice, Gunner shows up at the gate.*

#### How long have you been a member of NHI, and how long have you lived in Novato?

I live in San Rafael and board my horses in Novato. I've lived in Marin since 1993. I was born in San Francisco and grew up in South San Francisco.

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

Particularly given the relative isolation stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and the hope that we're emerging from that soon, I think the club's opportunity to provide a sense of community, camaraderie and fun to its members is stronger than it's ever been. Reengaging current members and recruiting new members will be key to creating a stronger-than-ever organization.



*Moon Tunes, Joan's 32-year-old hiking partner*

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

I love music and have been studying upright bass for about 12 years. I love movies and books. I'm passionate about getting outdoors and am happiest outdoors rather than indoors. My husband and I own a place up in Elk, just south of Mendocino, where we love to spend time.

## On the Trail

### Words of Wisdom from the Masters

“One of the biggest problems I see when working with folks and their horses is that the vast majority of people have been trained to always look for the bad things their horses do. Because they’re always looking for the bad, they easily overlook the little tries and sometimes have trouble seeing the good in their horse, even when the good jumps up and bites them in the butt.” – Mark Rashid, *Horses Never Lie: The Heart of Passive Leadership*

“The horse is a reflection of the rider’s ability.” – Ray Hunt.



## Membership Update

### New Members

Welcome new member **Kate Taylor** (sponsored by Wendy Taylor)! Kate was approved as a new member by the Board at its monthly meeting on May 18. We have six new membership applicants this month!

### Membership Applicant: **Brenda Falco, sponsored by Joan Murphy**



“I am a PATH International certified Riding Instructor and the Program Director at Halleck Creek Ranch, a therapeutic riding center where I have been working for 8 years. I am also certified as an Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning and a Riding Instructor Mentor.

“I am a CHA English and Western riding instructor, and I taught riding and summer camp at Morning Star Farm and was the 4H club Leader for Morning Sun 4H Club for many years. I am also the Certified Horsemanship Association State Representative for Northern CA.

“I have two Quarter Horses, Reno and Remi, and I am a member of the Petaluma Riding and Driving Club Drill Team.”

## Membership Update (Cont.)

### Membership Applicant: Yvette Blount, Sponsored by Kim Vogee

“My name is Yvette Blount and I am a Novato resident. I was raised in Novato, married a local boy from town, and we are about to celebrate our 32nd anniversary. We raised two amazing daughters who are now off adulting! I retired from Southern Marin Fire as an engineer paramedic after 19 years of service. After a few years in the slow lane, I got antsy and went back to work for Novato Fire in prevention. I made a commitment to myself to create work-life balance, so I am embarking on fulfilling my life dream of becoming a horseman. I have been taking riding lessons for the past year and a half and am working a cattle drive this summer. Being a Novato Horsemen’s member has always been a part of my dream. If my application is approved, I look forward meeting all of the members and learning from your experience.”



### Membership Applicant: Kathleen Nemetz, Sponsored by Toni Shroyer

“Having grown up in a horse community as a child, I had numerous occasions to ride horses belonging to friends and neighbors growing up. As an adult, I pursued my interest in horses with riding lessons in Los Angeles and more recently in Nicasio and now in Arizona. I now own two horses: Coco, a 10-year-old Tennessee Walker; and Ruffles, a 23-year-old Dutch warmblood rescue, as well as two goats. While I live mostly in Arizona, I still have family in Novato and San Rafael and would like to stay in touch with Novato Horsemen. Here in Arizona, I also belong to the Granite Mountain Riders group, an equestrian and trail riding group for women only, in Chino Valley, Arizona.



## Membership Update (Cont.)

### Membership Applicants: Greg Moore & Jennifer Gibson, Sponsored by Kim O'Brien

"Jen and I are both from the Bay Area. We met in 2017 and married in 2018. We are pretty down to earth, no drama here! Jen works part time in San Francisco, and I sell wine for a Napa winery. We do not have any kids but we acquired a Covid baby last year. She is in the photo below, to the right.

"We own two Morgans who recently moved to Horse Hill where we met Kim O'Brien. She told us about the fun group at Novato Horsemen, and we are looking forward to meeting everyone. Also, we look forward to coming by for some arena work on occasion and checking out some of the great trails in Novato."



### Membership Applicant: Daniella Seghieri, Sponsored by Rosella Arnold

"My daughter, Summer Nelson, is a Novato Jr. Horsemen member and absolutely loves everything equine, especially riding her Connemara pony named Jack. She currently is in the 6th grade and is a member of and rides at the 4-H, H Lane Vaqueros Club. I grew up in Novato, and we now live in Terra Linda. When we are not involved in equestrian activities, we enjoy being outdoors, including camping and hiking in the summer as well as snow skiing in the winter."

*Summer Nelson and her pony*

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*Until we can resume our monthly in-person general meetings, new membership applications will continue to be handled via this newsletter. Applicants for NHI membership should submit with their application a brief introduction (i.e., a brief bio) and a photo, which we will publish in the next newsletter. This process will be in lieu of in-person introductions and voting in at a general meeting. If any 2021 senior NHI members have reservations about any new applicants, they should contact a Board member. The Board will accept each new member as voted in at the following Board meeting, if no objections have been received.*



## 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.
- **Masks are required to be worn** if you are closer than six feet from anyone who is not a member of your household. In other words, persons who are outdoors and maintaining a distance of at least six feet from others are not required to wear a mask. However, such persons must have a face covering with them at all times and must put it on if they are within six feet of others who are not from their household.
- 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!

## Volunteers at Work

A big shout-out and thank-you to everyone who showed up to participate in the work parties on May 15 and May 22. Thanks to your help, a lot of work got done maintaining our grounds, doing needed repairs, clearing away brush and debris for fire abatement, repairing fencing and creating shade for the cows. Special thanks to Jill and Reese Knowlton; Lauren Magner; Scott Colvin; Jeff Roth; Mike Bobbitt; Marty McCowen's lovely granddaughter, Morgan; Terrie Marshall; Laura Turner; Jane Ratto; Angelique Clark; Karen Barry; Gabe Choi; Karen Kilian; and the NHI Board of Directors.

**Reminder:** Mowing, weed-pulling and raking up eucalyptus tree debris are all ongoing maintenance items, and we welcome volunteerism any day of the week! Don't feel compelled to wait for a work party to donate a little TLC to our club. The mower and gas are always available in the ATV shed next to the announcer's booth. You can dispose of weeds and eucalyptus debris in the dumpster near the tractor shed.



## NHI Member News & Photos



*Kendall Scheiner showing her horse, Vinnie, at Rancho Marietta on May 21, 2021. Kendall just completed her Sophomore year at UC Davis where she is on the reining team.*

## Classified Ads

**Riding Instructor Wanted at Halleck Creek.** Halleck Creek Ranch, an equine therapeutic riding and horsemanship center located in Nicasio, California, seeks an experienced riding instructor to join our inspirational team. The prospective candidate will have excellent horsemanship skills, strong leadership capabilities and experience both in an arena and on the trail. Responsibilities include lesson-planning, safe and creative instruction, writing progress notes, training volunteers, and conditioning horses. Ideal candidates will have experience working with people with disabilities and be interested in pursuing a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor credential with PATH Int'l, or an Instructor of Riders with Disabilities certification with CHA. If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others through equine assisted activities in a positive environment, please email [mscannell@halleckcreekranch.org](mailto:mscannell@halleckcreekranch.org) with a cover letter and resume.

**Horse Sponsor Wanted.** I am seeking a sponsor to ride my horse one or two days each week at Creekside Equestrian Center on Sir Francis Drake Road in San Geronimo. Atlas is a 15-year-old 16-hand Morgan gelding. He has a little training in dressage, and I've been playing with taking him over small jumps. He has plenty of impulsion and a great willingness to please. \$250/month for 1x/week; \$450/month for 2x /week. Please contact Fred at 415-847-2205.

**Wanted: Two-Horse Trailer with LQ.** I'm interested in purchasing a used two-horse living quarters trailer but would like to rent one for a week to confirm the features that I like and don't like. Please contact me if you'd be interested in renting and/or selling yours! Fred (415) 847-2205



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