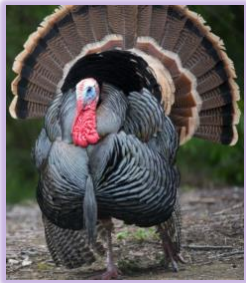
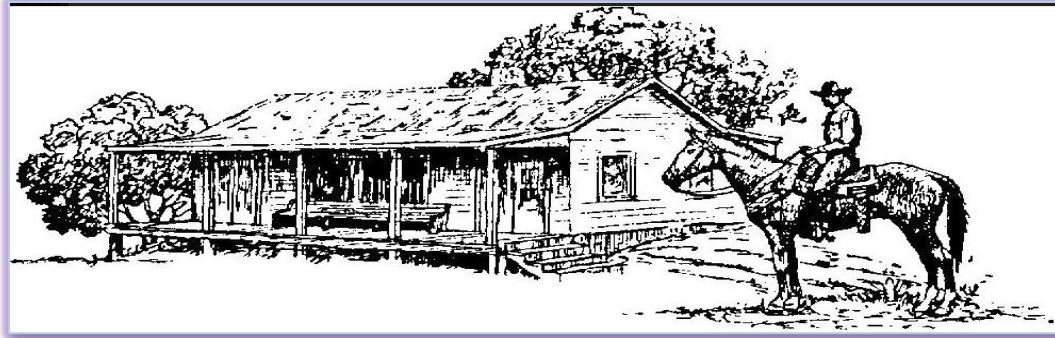


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November Calendar & Events

Club Trail Ride to Indian Trees, Sunday, Nov. 21

Meet Trail Boss, Rob Dunlap, at 9:30 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 21, at the end of Vineyard Rd. in Novato, and be prepared to ride out at 10:00. The ride will wind its way up to Indian Trees and over to Hill Ranch, covering some beautiful country with lovely views. Bring a lunch, and/or some snacks. For more info, call Rob: (510) 409-0111.

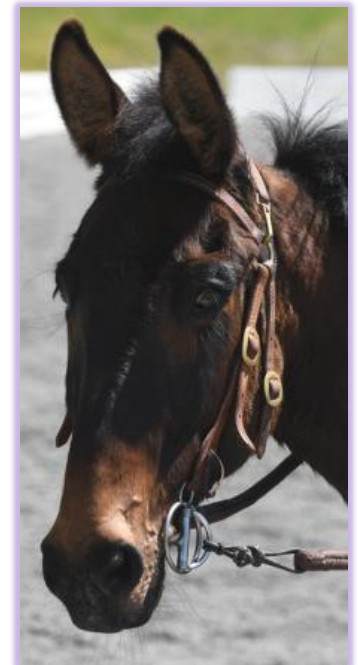
November 2021 NHI Meeting Dates

General Meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 2. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00.

Junior Board Meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 9; **Senior Board Meeting** – Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Work Parties on Two Consecutive Saturdays: Oct. 30 & Nov. 6

Drop by any time to pitch in for an hour or two, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on each day. There'll be plenty of work to get done! Wear comfortable clothes and bring a pair of work gloves. We need your support!



Coming Up: Our Annual Installation & Appreciation Dinner on Sat., Dec. 4.
Look for an invitation coming your way soon!

President's Message, November 2021

Dear Members:

The year is coming to a close, and it appears the rainy season is starting strong. Don't forget to winterize your property. My message this month will be short!

Our November General Meeting will be in person on November 2, 2021, and we will hold elections for officers and directors for 2022 at that time. I encourage all members to attend and vote. We are still looking for members to step up and volunteer to serve as a director. We have six openings, and it is critical that we have these positions filled. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our club. We will be accepting nominations from the floor. No need to be shy; you can nominate yourself or another member. Just let me know.



Our Annual Installation Dinner will be in person at the clubhouse on December 4, 2021. It will be catered. Look for an invitation in your mailbox soon.

We have scheduled two work parties on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, in order to prep the grounds for winter. It is imperative that we get volunteers to come down and donate a little bit of time to NHI. Your participation keeps our club alive and saves significant costs. None of the tasks that we need to tackle require any specific skill set. Just wear comfortable clothes, and you may want to bring work gloves. We have numerous tasks to complete, including covering our fire wood, storing tables and chairs, replacing two water valves, securing the announcer's booth, storing wheelbarrows, covering garbage cans and a whole lot more.

Finally, I wish to extend our appreciation to Carolyn Conner and her extensive team for a very successful fall All-Around Horse Show. Great job and many thanks to all the judges, participants and workers.

Happy trails!! Mount up and ride!!

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.



Activities at and Around NHI

Fall All-Around Horse Show

On Sunday, Oct. 3, Carolyn Conner and her stalwart team of volunteers (Ian Garcia, Kimberly Fishman, Jill Peterson, Karen Kilian, Scott Colvin, Elinor Sandburg, Henry and Nicole Choi, Joan Murphy and others too numerous to name) presented the fall All-Around Horse Show. Approximately 32 riders participated, and the entry fees netted the club approximately \$1,300 after expenses. It was a huge success, with something for everyone irrespective of discipline. There were English and Western equitation and pleasure classes (with lead line, novice and advanced levels), a dressage test, jumping, a trail course, barrel racing and pole bending, and a vaulting demonstration during the lunch break. In a word, it was FUN! Thanks to Marty and Earl McCowen for their outstanding photography.



Activities at and Around NHI (Cont.)

All-Around Horse Show



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New Fencing & Gate Installed Behind Clubhouse, Thanks to Novato Junior Horsemen President Gabe Choi and Team

Marin Open Space had requested that NHI install fencing and a gate between our clubhouse and the open space to better demarcate the property line. Along with the help of a few good buddies and a couple of great Boy Scout leaders, Gabe Choi took this on as his Eagle Scout project on Saturday, Oct. 11.



The young men and their leaders worked hard all day, digging holes in the hard ground, sinking posts into concrete and installing a gate and fence line.

A big thank-you to Nestor Schnasse and Clay Perry for their years of leadership (of two different troops that Gabe participated in). They were outstanding leaders who gave their time and energy to support many young men in their scouting roles. And another big thank-you to all of the young men who showed up to help.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in the Boy Scouts of America, and only about 4% of scouts get their Eagle. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership—all before or by age 18. This includes an extensive

service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Congratulations, Gabe, on this impressive achievement, and for the impact you've made on Novato Horsemen!



In Other Junior Horsemen News...

Nicole Shroyer and her boyfriend, Jake Marshal, were among the nominees for Homecoming Queen & King at San Marin High. She and her date represented San Marin in the parade down Grant Ave. on Thurs., Oct. 14.



On the Trail



Interesting Facts about Wild Turkeys

Nothing can spook a horse quite as reliably as coming around a bend and catching the first glimpse of a flock of wild turkeys, where the toms have their tail feathers fanned out and are busy shaking their booty to impress the hens.

But here are a few interesting facts about these beautiful birds, courtesy of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

- Young turkeys (called poults) scarf down insects like candy. They develop more of a taste for plants after they're four weeks old.
- The English name "turkey" derives from historic shipping routes that passed through the country of Turkey on the way to delivering the birds to European markets.
- Turkeys have many different vocalizations. Turkeys don't just gobble. They have a fly-down or fly-up cackle, a "kee-run," and an excited yelp. A male turkey's gobble can be heard up to a mile away.
- Their droppings tell a bird's sex and age. Male droppings are j-shaped; female droppings are spiral shaped. The larger the diameter, the older the bird.
- Turkeys are fast! Wild turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 mph and fly briefly for speeds up to 55 mph.
- There are five distinct subspecies of wild turkeys in the U.S.: Eastern, Osceola, Rio Grande, Merriam's and Gould's. The ones most commonly seen in Northern California are Rio Grande and Merriam's, and Merriam's are probably the ones we see the most in northern Marin County. The Merriam's breast feathers are usually white-tipped.
- Wild turkeys nearly went extinct in the 1930s. Through conservation efforts, there are approximately 6.5 million in the U.S. today, according to the National Wild Turkey Federation. It is probably the most successful game bird restoration in history.



Merriam's turkeys, hen & tom, shown at left in a familiar pose: The tom is working hard to impress the hen, and the hen looks as though she couldn't care less...

Membership Update

Welcome to Our New Members!

At its monthly meeting on Oct. 19, the NHI Board of Directors approved the following membership applications, and would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members: **Sabrina Cooper, Karen Dolkas and Kim Stoddard.**

New Member Applicants

Melinda Darlington-Bach – sponsored by Jim Williams

“I have always thought that animals are a huge gift. Thirteen years ago, my best friend, Cynthia Pepper, told me there was a newborn baby horse named Karma we could go visit. Karma’s owner, Sharon Finston, let us play with her and brush her, and we both fell in love. So now, for many years, my life has been greatly enriched by my relationship with Sharon, who has always shared her many Arabian horses with me. I learned to ride, and I now am the proud owner of my own Arabian, *Fancy Pants*. *Fancy* came to San Rafael at just one year old, and she is now three and a half. I got very lucky, as she is smart, funny, gentle and quite beautiful. This horse means everything to me.”



Kalli Duranczyk & Mike Edwards – sponsored by Melissa Daniels

“We are both lifelong riders. Ranching during our entire relationship, we are no stranger to horses and cattle. Kalli’s background is one based on training cutting horses and cowboying, while mine (Mike’s) consists of seed stock cattle ranching and gathering in rugged mountainous terrain. With our combined passion for horsemanship and stockmanship, our sponsor, Melissa Daniels, thought we would make a great addition to the Novato Horsemen’s family. We look forward to a joyful and memorable experience at Novato Horsemen.”

Shown here are Kalli on Potato and Mike on Sundae.

Membership Update (Cont.)

New Member Applicants

Meg & Dan McSweeney – sponsored by Kim Vogee

“Dan and I both grew up in Novato. We lived in Petaluma for 30 years and moved back five years ago, I used to ride at the NHI arena in 4-H events when I was a child. I recently got back into riding and just got a horse named Cowboy for trail riding. Dan rides a little when I ask. We are both excited to join Novato Horsemen and to be involved in events and meet new people.”



Cynthia Pepper – sponsored by Jim Williams

“I am very lucky to have a group of horses who live down the street from me in the Los Ranchitos area of San Rafael. I have grown to love them from a deep place in my heart. I dream about them, enjoy riding them and I keep them in my thoughts on a daily basis. I have watched about ten horses survive many ordeals over the past 14 years. I thank the owners of the horses, Sharon Finston and Melinda Darlington-Bach, who have let me be a part of their equestrian dreams. Sharon has taught me and others how to appreciate the horses' gifts. As I deal with my own health issues, these horses have been a huge part of my healing process. I especially love when they nicker as I enter the pasture. They seem to be saying hello!”



Left: Cynthia and her BF Melinda (far left) and Buck Brannaman

Right: Cynthia with Karma

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 December newsletter, just send it to NovatoHorsemen@Gmail.com by Nov. 21. Advertising guidelines are on our [website](#).



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