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October Calendar & Events

Clinic & Cattle Update

The cattle program is winding down. Our final team penning event this year will be Sat., Oct. 9. Come on down to the club to participate if you haven't done so yet! The last night of ranch cutting will be Thurs., Oct. 7.

All-Around Horse Show, Sunday, Oct. 3

This show has something for everyone! Western riders and English – there will be lots of fun events. Sign up for as many as you like. The entry form is on page 9 of this newsletter. You can also find it on our website: NovatoHorsemen.com.

Club Trail Ride at Five Brooks, Sunday, Oct. 10

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

October 2021 NHI Meeting Dates

General Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 5. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00. Junior Board Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 12; Senior Board Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Work Parties, Saturday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Nov. 6

Drop by any time to pitch in for an hour or two, starting at 9:00 a.m. There'll be plenty of work to get done!

President's Message, October 2021

Dear Members:

Summer is now ended! We hope we will have a long Indian summer with no more fires, and that members will be able to spend time riding and exercising their equines.

While we have cancelled the Annual Haunted House as well as the planned overnight ride at Five Brooks Camp, we are hopeful that both these events and others will be scheduled for next year. We are planning to have a Crab Feed in February 2022. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months. Next weekend NHI will be having its fall All-Round Horse Show (October 3), which will offer English and Western Events -- basically something for everyone. Our cattle program continues for another couple of weeks. I encourage any



member, whether they have experience working with cows or not, to come on down Thursday and Saturday nights.

Our elections of 2022 directors and officers will take place at our November 2 meeting. This year will be challenging as we have been unable to assemble a Nominating Committee, so I will ask each member to reach out and ask fellow members whether they would be interested in serving, and let me know. We need candidates for president, vice president, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and five directors. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the October and November general meetings, and members can also email nominations as well. Do not be shy-feel free to nominate yourself!!

The October 5 General Meeting will be in-person, and we will follow Marin County Covid guidelines. If the weather is nice, the meeting may be out on the patio. In addition to asking for Board officer nominations, we will ask the membership to approve the expenditure to resolve the back payroll tax issue. We will be happy to answer any questions.

It is important to me to acknowledge a few long-time members who recently distinguished themselves with their dedication and service to NHI. I personally want to extend my gratitude to Scott Colvin, Shawn Mulholland, Karen Kilian and Dr. Jim Williams for their contributions. Other members will be recognized in coming months.

I would also like to mention and acknowledge the anonymous donation of \$4,000 that NHI received a couple of weeks ago from one of our members. We are very fortunate and most appreciative of this generous gift!! We can't say thank you enough. The past two years have been a challenge for our club as we have not been able to hold any fund-raising activities. Donations to Novato Horsemen are not personally tax-deductible, but we are beyond grateful for any donations club members wish to make to the club.

Because we need to tidy up the grounds and get prepared for what we all hope will be a big rainy season this year, we have scheduled two work parties: on Oct 23 and Nov 6. Both will begin at 9:00 a.m. We need bodies and elbow grease; no specific skills and no tools are necessary. I encourage all members to come down and spend some time – as much or as little as you like. It is critical that we have members participate so we can accomplish some light, easy tasks like wiring the warm-up arena sprinklers, covering the BBQ, cleaning up the cattle pens and removing the screening, to list just a few. Wear comfortable clothes, and you may want to bring work gloves. We will provide lunch. Happy trails!! Mount up and ride!!

AJ



Heartfelt condolences to those of our members who have recently lost a beloved pet and companion.



In Memoriam

By Carolyn Conner

Two Rivers Tanita May 3, 1996 – Sept 1, 2020



Tanita crossed the rainbow bridge September 1st. Her vaulters and riders are beyond heartbroken that she is no longer with us. In her 14 years with Morning Star Vaulters and 6 years with Hooves for Harmony, Tanita touched hundreds of lives. Countless children learned to vault and ride and enjoy horses because of her sweet, unflappable disposition. Tanita was a frequent visitor to Novato Horsemen's arena for the Junior play days, vaulting demos and vaulting competitions. Sunday mornings she carried handicapped

children for therapy rides. Heaven has gained an angel. Heather Parker and I are so very grateful we had Tanita in our lives. We are especially grateful to Jim Williams for the veterinary care he gave to our beloved partner.

At her memorial, we shared memories and photos. Shown at right: Heather Parker, Jim Williams and Carolyn Conner at Tanita's memorial.

We are taking up a collection to help pay for the UC Davis vet bill incurred by Morning Star Vaulters and Hooves for Harmony (both non-profit youth groups). GoFundMe <u>https://gofund.me/2a1cac68</u>





Membership Update

Welcome to Our New Members!

At its monthly meeting on Sept. 21, the NHI Board of Directors approved the following membership applications, and would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members: Dawn Bedell, Leah Borries, Melissa Daniels, Brandi Duffin and Hanna Stefenoni.

New Member Applicants

Sabrina Cooper, DVM – Sponsored by Jim Williams, DVM

"I am an equine veterinarian serving Marin and Sonoma counties. I completed my undergraduate education at the University of Idaho and obtained my Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree in May 2020 from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine on the island of St. Kitts in the West Indies. While on St. Kitts, I was heavily involved in the St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network, collecting data about nesting sea turtle populations and rescuing stranded hatchlings. I attended Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine for fourth-year clinical rotations, and went on to complete a rigorous internship training program at Idaho Equine Hospital in Nampa, Idaho.

Born and raised in Marin, I am excited to be back and working with Dr. Jim Williams. My favorite NHI activities are the cattle events, and I hope my new 3-year-old quarter horse, Sundown, will be up to the task of working some cattle at the club! When I'm not on my horse or out visiting local farms and ranches, you may see me and my husband, Sean, hiking with our dogs around this gorgeous county, spending time at the beach or heading up north to do some fly fishing. For more information on the equine veterinary services I provide, contact me at: (415) 302-1670, <u>sabrinacooperdvm@gmail.com</u> or <u>cooperveterinaryservices.wordpress.com</u>"





Karen Dolkas – Sponsored by Carolyn Conner

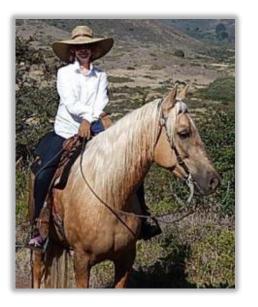
"My husband and I live in Novato on the same property with our daughter and her family. One of our sons and his family also live here in town. We ALL moved here about a year ago from the Peninsula and East Bay areas. While I got started a bit later in life, I have owned and ridden horses for over 25 years. We have two horses who are residents of Morning Star Farm. Kevin is a 14-year-old chestnut Quarter Horse gelding whom we have owned since last December. He is a true family horse and is enjoyed by all our family members including our 5 grandchildren. Xaleo (pronounced "Jah-leo") is an 18-year-old gray Lusitano gelding whom I have owned since he was 5 years old. He was bred and imported from Brazil and ridden dressage. In addition to all things equine, I enjoy reading, hiking and playing a bit of golf with my husband. I am looking forward to being part of the Novato Horsemen community and making new friends who share my passion."

Membership Update (Continued)

New Member Applicants (Cont.)

Kim Stoddard – Sponsored by Jim Williams, DVM

"My long history of love for horses dates back to my first horse, which was a spunky Shetland pony that my grandfather bought me when I was just 8 years old. Through the following years, I bred, raised and trained Arabian Horses. How many girls take their horses with them through college? I made sure that during my undergraduate and graduate years of school I had my horses with me, and I have continued to live and work where I can be with my horses. I spent many years in Colorado riding through the Rocky Mountains and enjoyed spectacular rides during the fall colors. Currently, I live in Sausalito and trail-ride my beautiful gaited Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse (Bodie) throughout Marin County.





Haunted House Canceled Again This Year

In light of the continued uncertainties involving the Covid 19 pandemic, the Board reluctantly opted to cancel the Haunted House again this year. Our hope is that 2022 will bring a new wave of normalcy to our lives, and we will be able to resume many more of the activities and events for which Novato Horsemen, Inc. is known in the community.

For this year, we wish you all a happy, healthy, safe Halloween.



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 <u>1EeyoreNut@gmail.com</u>.

Activities at and Around NHI

Late August and September were busy months at the club. In addition to the ongoing cattle events on Thursday and Saturday nights, we held a few other events worth mentioning.





Novato Junior Horsemen Play Day

On Aug. 28, the Juniors sponsored their third and final Play Day of the year. There was a great turnout of Seniors and Juniors, and everyone had fun. Thanks so much to Nicole Choi for all her time and dedication in organizing these events, to Henry Choi for contributing his masterful announcing skills, and to Gabe Choi and Reese Knowlton for helping run and judge the trail obstacle events in the warm-up arena. Thanks to Earl McCowen for his terrific photography, and to all the other volunteers who pitched in to get the arena ready and help staff the snack shack. Thanks, too, to Jill Knowlton, who introduced new Junior member Jonathan Ibarra to the events on her horse, Woody.





Activities at and Around NHI (Continued)

Tamalpais Trail Riders 80th Annual Trail Test

On Sept 19, the Tamalpais Trail Riders sponsored their 80th annual Trail Test at NHI. About 20 riders participated, and top honors were given to Tracy Christensen and her horse, Callie (1st place), followed by Nicole Choi and Lacy (2nd place), followed by Linda Hevern and Opie (3rd). Big congratulations to all.

A special shout-out to Nicole and Lacy, now 24 years old. Lacy has not always been so trail-worthy. Nicole bought Lacy when she was a green, barely-had-been-ridden 13-year-old pasture pet. Lacy's former owner loved her, but had to give her up due to the fact that she was suffering from cancer and would subsequently pass away. While Nicole had grown up with horses, she had never worked with a green one. She says "Dang if Lacy knew what to do in an arena, much less how to calmly go down the trail where every squirrel or lizard or light or shadow would freak her out." Today, Lacy loves the trails and will try her best to do anything Nicole asks of her. So big congratulations to Nicole and Lacy for how far they've come together, for their trust in each other, and the impressive partnership they have. This is what it's all about!



Thursday Night Cow Demo for Juniors with Scott Colvin

On Sept. 16, the Novato Junior Horsemen held a portion of their monthly meeting in the warm-up arena where Cattle Chair Scott Colvin donated his time to show the kids how to move cows on foot. The same techniques are then used in the saddle. Juniors can come out Thursday nights with their horse to practice.

A big thank-you to Scott for helping support the Junior Club!



Activities at and Around NHI (Continued)

Work Party Held on 9/18

Thanks to the following people who rolled up their sleeves and/or helped with the planning to get the club spruced up and ready for the All-Around Horse Show in October. Cindy and Wayne Tobin, Jana Hefner, Marty McGowen, Jill Peterson, Sarah Bulgatz, and Shawn Mulholland and his work crew joined Carolyn Conner and her son, Ian, to do power-washing, sanding, painting, and light construction and repair.

There will be other work parties coming up in the near future: on Oct. 23 and Nov. 6. Please consider joining us as we clean up the grounds and get ready for the winter. There'll be plenty of work to go around!

O'Hair Park Update Provided by Toni & Nicole Shroyer

There is currently a city-mandated Dog Leash Law for O'Hair Park in Novato, meaning that dogs must be on leash at all times. If you see a dog off leash, please ask the owner to put their dog on a leash. If a dog owner is hostile and you and your horse or wildlife are in danger, call 911 immediately. The Novato Police Department is patrolling the park via mountain bike. Tickets are being given to offenders. The first offense is \$100 and increases after each violation.

We all need to share the trails and be safe. If you have videos of offenders, you can send them to the NPD, and a Citizen's Arrest may be made. If we stay vigilant, we will all benefit, including dog owners whose dog may be kicked by a horse. Special thanks to City Manager Adam McGill, a former NPD Chief who has been working hard with the public to maintain safety in our parks.



There's no better way to spend the day than with a pair of equine ears ahead, leading the way.



– Jana Hefner





Sunday October 3rd, 2021 9 am to 4 pm Novato Horsemen's Arena 600 Bugeia Lane Noon - Vaulting Demo - Morning Star Vaulters Sponsored by Novato Horsemen

Entry Fees: \$20 per class non-members: NHI and NHJ members \$15 per class Post entries additional \$5 per class after September 29th Prizes for High Point Rider/Horse Combinations

Classes may run simultaneously.

- 1. English Equitation
- 2. English Pleasure
- 3. Western Equitation
- 4. Western Pleasure
- 5. Dressage (English or Western tack)
- 6. Trail Horse (English or Western tack)
- 7. Gambler's Choice Jumpers
- 8. High Jump
- 9. Barrel Race
- 10. Pole Bending

General Rules and Guidelines

All riders must wear protective ASTM certified helmets. Riding boots with a smooth sole and hard heel are required. Riders should have a neat, workmanlike appearance. Hunt coats or chaps optional. Horses should be well groomed and in good condition. Braiding optional.

For classes 1,2,3,4 and 5 martingales or tie-downs are not allowed. Protective boots on the horse will be allowed. Equitation is judged on the rider's balance and harmony with the horse, correct position at every gait, commanding but relaxed presence and ability to direct the horse with imperceptible aids. Riders will be expected to know their diagonals at the posting trot and know their leads at the canter. English riders may be asked to sit the trot and western riders may be asked to extend the jog. All may be asked to back their horses.

Pleasure is judged on the horse. Manners and way of going which make the horse a pleasure to ride!

Dressage (English or Western) will use USDF Intro Test A for Novice, Intro Test C for Advanced

Gambler's Choice Jumper Class is judged by points gained by jumping your own course over fences with various point values within 35 seconds. Each jump may be jumped twice. Falls or three refusals result in elimination. Touches not to count. The horse and rider with the most points is the winner.

High Jump entries to jump one jump starting at 18". Jump will be raised 3" each round until one horse is left. A refusal, fall or knock eliminates. A horse may only enter once for this class. Levels:

Advanced classes are for horses and rider combos who can walk, trot and canter and are considered experienced. Novice classes are for riders who are less experienced and who are not ready to canter.

Lead Line classes are for the very young or special needs rider who needs a side walker or lead line on the horse at the walk and trot/jog.

*Note that rider/horse combinations may not enter more than one level. Advanced combos may not enter a novice class nor may a novice combo enter an advanced class.

One rider/horse combination per entry form. Members of Novato Horsemen and/or Morning Star Vaulters have a discounted entry fee because their clubs/parents are helping to run this show. Signed release forms must accompany entry forms.

Ribbons 1st through 6th. Additional prizes at the discretion of show management.



Novato Horsemen All-Around Horse Show Entry Form Oct. 3, 2021

Use one form per horse/rider combination

Mail to Horse Show c/o Carolyn Conner, 95 San Miguel Way, Novato CA 94945 with checks payable to Novato Horsemen, Inc. Call or text Carolyn at 415-246-4377 for info or help.

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Novato Stars All-Around Horse Show – Release of Liability

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTI (we) am (are) voluntarily entering into the following agreement with NOVATO HORSEMEN, INC. and/or NOVATO JUNIOR HORSEMEN ("NJH's") together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, and affiliated persons or entities (all of these persons and entities will collectively be referred to in this agreement as "NHI"). In addition to myself (ourselves), I (we) also make this agreement on behalf of the following persons who are my (our) children or legal wards (under 18 years of age). These persons may attend or participate in open events sponsored or organized by NHI or closed events of members of NHI, and I (we) agree to bind them to this agreement. :

Child's Name. _____ Age: ____ Date of Birth _____ All parts of this agreement shall apply to me (us) and the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call

All parts of this agreement shall apply to me (us) and the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call ourselves "I", "me", "my", "we", "us" or "our" throughout this agreement.] This agreement shall be binding at all times, now and in the future, when NHI permits me (us) (directly or indirectly) to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized by NHI at any location. In consideration of NHI allowing me (us) and/or my (our) minor children or legal wards to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI, I (we) agree as follows:

1. EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS. When preparing for, entering, attending, participating in, or leaving events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. Horses, mules and ponies are unpredictable by nature. F or example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of a horse, mule or pony are to jump forward or sideways, or run away from danger by trotting or galloping. Horses, mules and ponies are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I (we) know that horses, mules or ponies can do these things without warning. I (we) also understand that all horses, mules and ponies are powerful and could have the potential to be dangerous to people who ride, handle, or are around them.

Further, I (we) understand that riding, handling, or being near a horse, mule or pony can expose me (us) to numerous hazards, which could include, for example: the propensity of a horse, mule or pony to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons around them; the unpredictability of a horse, mule or pony's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions on the land; and/or collisions with other horses, mules, cattle, ponies, or objects. I (we) understand that these risks and dangers can occur with or without negligence on part of NHI, and I (we) expressly agree to assume all of these risks. I (we) also understand that these are just some risks, and I (we) agree to assume others; I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to list all possible risks for me (us).

WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE. As lawful consideration for being permitted to attend or participate in events sponsored or organized, in whole or in part, by NHI at any location, now and in the future, I (we) agree to assume full responsibility for any and all bodily injuries or damages which I (we) may sustain when engaging in these and other activities caused by the ordinary negligence of NHI. The term "damages" means, for example, medical expenses; losses incurred because of bodily injuries or property damages, and/or personal property damages. I (we), for my (our) heirs, administrators, personal representatives, agents, and assigns, waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and others acting on their behalf of and from any and all claims, damages, actions, omissions, suits, or causes of action (present and future), whether or not the claims are known or unknown, arising out of the ordinary negligence of any of these parties.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. I (we) also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Novato Horsemen, Inc. and/or Novato Junior Horsemen, together with their sponsors, property owners, officials, and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, affiliated persons or entities, and other acting on their behalf against all damages which are sustained or suffered by any third person(s) [people who are not parties to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, participants, spectators, visitors, guests, or others], including any and all injuries or damages whatsoever that I(we) [or my(our) horse(s), mule(s) or pony(ies)] may cause, directly or indirectly, while attending or participating in events sponsored or organized in whole or in part by NHI. The indemnity shall include reimbursement of NHI's attorney fees and court costs.

• <u>PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR</u>. For my protection, NHI advises me (us) to consider purchasing and wearing properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard/SEI-certified protective equestrian headgear when riding or when near horses or ponies I (we) am (are) not relying on NHI to monitor my (our) compliance with this suggestion, and I (we) understand that NHI will not check my (our) helmet (if I(we) wear one) or provide one for me (us) (if I (we) do not).

• <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>. This agreement is governed by California law and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted under the law. Should any clause conflict with California law, only that clause will be null and void and the remainder shall stay in effect. This agreement can only be modified or terminated by a written agreement that is signed by the President of NHI and me. If I (we) breach this agreement, I (we) agree to pay attorney's fees and court costs incurred by NHI related to such breach.

• <u>HEALTH AND DISABILITIES</u>. Many disabilities have conditions that pose special physical risks to participants during exercise. Horseback riding is exercise. I (we)understand that NHI recommends that I (we) seek the advice of a physician before participating in activities that involve riding or being near horses, mules or ponies.

• ALSO, I (WE) REPRESENT THAT:

- AT THE TIME I (WE) AM (ARE) SIGNING THIS, I (WE) AM (ARE) OF SOUND MIND AND NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK OR
 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICANTS;I (WE) HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY
- AGREEMENT (BOTH PAGES), AND I (WE) FULLY UNDERSTAND IT; ANDI (WE) AM (ARE) AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I (WE) AM (ARE) GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS
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Classified Ads

Pasture Boarding Available at Horse Hill in Mill Valley

Horse Hill in Mill Valley currently has room for one more! We pasture board 14 horses on close to 40 acres on the west side of highway 101. Cost is \$120 a month with a one-time \$2k membership fee. Horses must pass soundness exam and be able to live within herd in open space with limited shelter. Owners must be willing to feed and muck every couple of months. Contact horsehillboarding@gmail.com or Beth Chapin, Horse Hill Spot Committee: (619) 993-9875.



