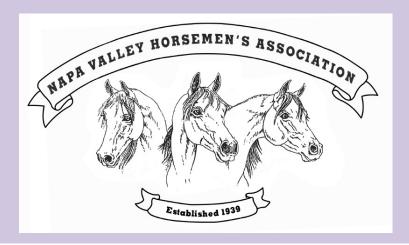
July 2025 Hoof Prints Newsletter





President's Message

Hi All,

Sorry that we missed some of you at the last meeting on 7/7, you really missed a great BBQ and pot luck.

If you came and rode at the first of the Buckle Series Shows on 7/19,

I hope you and your horse did well and enjoyed yourself and are looking forward to Number 2 show on 8/23.

Come join us for our next meeting on Monday, August 4th. Our

potluck starts at 6:45pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. Our speaker for the meeting will be Christine George, the USA Rep for Explora Horse Boots out of Spain.

See you there, Jan

Vice President's Message

Summer greeting everyone!

Sure hope we're all enjoying this amazing weather with our ponies! We've been busy prepping the property for the horse show and making the trail section safe for goats to come do some weed eating for us. Once that's all set, then we can move on and address our ground squirrel colony. Nice going to our junior members Presley and Kendall Brazell with the growing hogs, good luck at the Napa County Fair, come by and see them behind the clubhouse or down at the fair. We've included their buyer letters below. Congratulations to Milly Kane for winning the NVHA sponsored buckle at the Napa 4H show. The second of the two shows for the buckle series is August 23rd, come out and cheer on our riders, enjoy a burger and congratulate the buckle winners. Stay safe and happy trails!



Welcome new Rick Reichow and David Abblett to our General Membership!



Jr. Member Highlight!

My name is Milly Kane, I'm 17 years old and this is my 5th year showing at the Napa County 4H Horse show. I've been a member of Napa Valley Horsemen's association since I was 10 and I'm honored to win this buckle. I've been riding for about seven or eight years now and this show and the people who sponsor it have helped me grow my confidence in ways nothing else could've. Riding has made me the person I am and has given me so many opportunities and I'm so appreciative of all the people who have helped support me on that journey. I love this community and these people and I'm so happy to be a part of it. Thanks again to Napa Valley Horsemen's Association for sponsoring my buckle and thank you for helping me become the person I am today and the person I hope to be in the future.



Pasture G is open for parking Fri-Sun with plenty of room to turn around between the CART pens and as always parking on the roads as indicated in the picture is available.

Barn News

The NVHA boarding barn has 1 stall spot open beginning August 1st. The Co-op duty day is Tuesday. Please contact Desiree for additional details or if you have any questions napahorsemen@gmail.com

Calendar

7/26 Napa CART Training 8/4 - General Meeting @ 7:30, Potluck @ 6:45 8/20 - Board Meeting @ 6:00

8/23 - NVHA Ranch Riding Buckle Series 2 of 2 8/23 - Napa CART Training Pasture G

9/8 - General Meeting @ 7:30, Potluck @ 6:45 9/17 - Board Meeting @ 6:00

9/19 - Ag4Youth Career Connect @ clubhouse

10/6 - General Meeting @ 7:30, Potluck @ 6:45

10/15 - Board Meeting @ 6:00

11/14, 15, 16 - Ben Longwell Vaquero Clinic



Napa Ranch Riding Buckle Series 2025:

The last few months we've been busy prepping for the 2025 Ranch Riding Buckle Series and last weekend was a great success! Amazing thanks to everyone who jumped in to prep the property for our guests. We've got to recognize and shout out appreciation to members who jumped in with our list of things to do...

Mark, Brandon, Sarah, Jon, Dennis, Allen and Debbi worked endlessly to tidy things up in the arena, the pastures, the road...everywhere really! Sarah and Jennifer helped with our online entries and payments for the riders and this is priceless for managing entries. Rick picked up pizzas for us for Friday night set-up and prepping, which showed our overnight guests how much fun we have at NVHA. Steve and Jackie got the Rusty Spur Cafe stocked, while Steve and Autumn served donuts, snacks and tasty BBQ lunches. Presley and Rebecca scribed and assisted our judges, Carol was our show announcer and Jackie managed riders at the arena gate. We also had five Ag4Youth juniors who spent the day helping everywhere we needed them. A special thanks to the Napa Sheriff's Mounted Posse and some of our very own NVHA riders for opening the show with a flag presentation and the National Anthem. The second show is August 23rd, we will be awarding the buckles and awards at the end of the show.

Most importantly, a huge Thank You to our buckle sponsors: Napa Valley Petroleum, Dr. Sonder, Dr. Casselberry, Napa County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Irene DeWeese, Rosie Goodfellow, David Higginbotham, Dawn Davis and Alyssa Moore.

Mark your calendar for August 23rd, it will surely be another fun show day and exciting buckle presentation!

Novato Horsemen is Pleased to Present Master Vaquero Horseman Mike Bridges

Working Cattle Clinic

August 1, 2 & 3, 2025



Learn how to work cattle with the least amount of stress, like the most expert cowhands do. The clinic will focus on tracking cattle, a great way to control your horse's speed and teach him/her how to control a cow through positioning. Work will be in and out of the herd to give you and your horse an opportunity to practice your positioning skills.

August 1, 2, & 3, 2025, 9 a.m - 3 p.m.

Novato Horsemen, 600 Bugeia Lane

Horse & rider fee \$250 per day; \$700 all three days. Spectators welcome: \$25/day or \$60/all three days

Overnight pens available (\$10/night per horse; \$25 for horse and LQ trailer)

Contact: Scott Colvin, clinic host (415) 716-1927 voice/text; or colvin523@msn.com

Mike Bridges is an internationally known clinician and horseman in the California vaquero style with more than 60 years of making a living on horseback. The vaquero style uses finesse, not force, signal, not pressure. The rider must possess knowledge of the way in which his horse thinks and how he responds to different stimuli. He must also understand the biomechanics of his horse, and the importance of timing and balance.



Call/text/email to reserve your spot: (415) 716-1927 / colvin523@msn.com

Novato Horsemen is Pleased to Present Richard Winters



Advancing Horsemanship Clinic



September 27 & 28, 2025, 9 a.m - 4 p.m.

Novato Horsemen, 600 Bugeia Lane, Novato, CA

\$600 horse and rider fee, limited to 12 riders

Auditors welcome: \$25/day or \$40/both

Overnight pens & dry camping available (\$10/night per horse; \$25 for horse and LQ trailer or camper)

Contact: Sarah Bulgatz, clinic host (415) 827-5137 voice/text; sbulgatz@comcast.net

This clinic will focus on body control and maneuvers necessary for upper levels of performance. Through Richard's "Four-Part Harmony" exercises, you will establish better communication and suppleness of your horse's head and neck, shoulders, rib

cage, and hindquarters. You'll gain greater understanding of stops, spins, lead changes, collection, and refinement. This clinic will prepare you to perform at a higher level, regardless of your particular riding discipline.

Don't miss this opportunity to ride with Richard!

AA Rated Judge ★ NRCHA World Champion ★ Road to the Horse Colt Starting Champion ★ International Horsemanship Clinician ★ Author, From Rider to Horseman: Expert Tips for a Lifetime Journey published by Western Horsemen ★ Visit WintersRanch.com.

Call/text/email to reserve your spot: (415) 827-5137 / sbulgatz@comcast.net

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