

Hello All, This email is asking for your help.

I have been a member of NCHI for about 5 years, mainly just riding in the arena which, from the looks of it, had seen better days. I wondered why this was. I attended the General Meeting in December 2024 to meet other members and seek out ways I could make a positive impact. Over the course of the year I learned many things about the group.

The most important is there are 5-7 core volunteer members who continuously strive to keep the facility serving the community, especially equestrians. Many years ago it was a vibrant hub of equestrian activities. But area demographics has changed, competition for facilities, and covid all had their effect on the facilities. Housing development has encroached on all sides of NCHI. Not to mention core members have aged, as well as their horses, and old age ailments have crept into their lives.

The second important take away is that as property taxes, liquor license fees, liability insurance, and general maintenance supplies have become more expensive. The revenue from Lodge events barely cover those costs. There is no unassigned money to use for arena maintenance and restoration.

My 2025 goal was to design a new, modern website that could showcase NCHI attributes and improve communications with the public. That has been accomplished.

My 2026 goal is to restore the arena for member use as well as allowing for revenue generating events. To accomplish this I need your help.

Specifically:

1. A tractor to replace the large post that was lost due to the water leak, and pull up the arena fence along that side.
2. Manpower to align the arena panels at both ends.
3. Manpower to erect existing panels into a round pen.
4. Rototiller to eliminate weeds inside the arena.
5. Berry bush eradication along the far end.
6. Irrigation completion.

In conclusion: Attached is a 12 question survey which will **determine the future** of the arena.

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