



April 2015

# REINER

WEST COAST REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## Reining in the



BP Gallardo & Raney Fichtner

## Rain

We thought the weather last year for WCRHA's first affiliate show was bad and could not be any worse. Boy, were we wrong! The weather at this year's first affiliate show was much worse than last years by a big margin. It started to rain on Friday and did not let up until late on Sunday when we were all packing up to go home. It rained so hard and for so long that the gutters on the large covered arena at the Murieta Equestrian Complex could not handle the deluge and there were waterfalls coming down the inside walls which

flooded the in gate area. The barn areas also got their share of flooding. Thankfully, there were periods of no rain that allowed all flooded areas to drain.

The WCRHA membership needs to be commended that they did not let the torrential downpours deter their enthusiasm to show their horses. The show went on and was a huge success. A list of the winners in each class begins on page 2.

*Affiliate #1 Show Photos INSIDE!*



## President's Letter

Howdy Everyone!

West Coast Reining Horse Association has started out 2015 with all four feet running fast and furious. January started out with our annual awards banquet held this year at the Rancho Murieta Country Club. That was a very festive night with wonderful food and fun times. Everyone was thrilled to get their year-end awards.

We then moved on to our schooling show held at the Murieta Equestrian Complex (MEC) the last weekend of January. As we know, the schooling show gives those of us who have not been in the show pen for several months the opportunity to get used to being back in the show pen. It is also a wonderful place to try out our new animal partners we have

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# Affiliate #1 Champions

**Open:** I Spook, ridden by Mike Boyle, owned by Vicki Dias score of 73.

**Intermediate Open:** BP Gallardo, ridden and owned by Raney Fichtner, score of 73.

**Limited Open:** Telenic, ridden and owned by Lianne Talbot, score of 71.5

**Rookie Pro:** Smart Like Steady, Ridden by Chuy Chavez, owned by Kathleen Jackson, score of 72.

**Prime time Open:** I Spook, ridden by Mike Boyle, owned by Vicki Diaz, score of 73

**Non Pro:** Shining Boom Chick, ridden and owned by Jim Grech, score of 72.

**Intermediate Non Pro:** Whiz I Was Smart, ridden and owned by Stacy Hamilton, score of 72.

**Limited Non Pro:** Telenic, ridden and owned by Lianne Talbot, score of 71.5.

**Prime Time Non Pro:** Who Loves You, ridden and owned by Camela Essick, score of 72.5.

**Snaffle Bit/Hackamore:** Western Electric, ridden by Ollie Galligan and owned by Kristi Waters, score of 71.

**Masters:** Custom Coffee, ridden and owned by Marion Walker, score of 68.5.

**Novice Horse Open L2:** Designed With Shine: ridden by Riccardo Nicolazzi, owned by Julie Ridgeway, score of 74.

**Novice Horse Open L1:** I Spook, ridden by Mike Boyle, owned by Vicki Dias, score of 72.

**Novice Horse Non Pro L2:** Whiz I Was Smart, ridden and owned by Stacy Hamilton, score of 71.5.

**Novice Horse Non Pro L1:** Sol De Conquistador: ridden and owned by Julie Ridgeway, score of 72.5.



Cheryl Humphrey & Little Miss Quintana with trainer Mark Hardon after her run.



Boomen Hale Bopp & Ashley Lynch



Telenic & Lianne Talbot



Reverse the Chex & Dean Sherbo



I Spook & Mike Boyle



recently acquired and I know there are many including myself.

We then moved onto the Affiliate #1 show that was held at the Murieta Equestrian Complex. Once again, this show turned into another "Reining in the Rain Show" with torrential downpours all weekend long. The in-gate area even flooded! I hope you all had the opportunity to see the photos Art Fingerle posted to Facebook. Even with the challenges of the heavy rain the WCRHA membership took it all in stride and showed their horses and still had fun. .

Many of the West Coast membership attended the Cactus Classic in Scottsdale, Arizona. As many of you know, this is one of the premier reining events held on the West Coast. I am told that approximately 15% of all the exhibitors were from WCRHA. This goes to show the dedication that the WCRHA membership has towards the sport of Reining.

This brings me to one of the main reasons for this article. WCRHA has two upcoming events that can be of benefit to many different horse enthusiasts. Those two events are Rookie Day and the NRHA Membership Secrets of Judging Seminar. We are excited that we can bring these two great events down to our mem-

bership and friends in the San Joaquin Valley.

The 2015 Rookie Day will be held on Saturday May 16 at the Booth Ranches in Sanger, CA. If you are not familiar with Rookie Day, this one day clinic and show gives beginner and newer riders an opportunity to have a half day clinic with some great clinicians. It is also a show which is judged by an NRHA judge in which buckles and other prizes are awarded. Rookie Day is open to all riders who qualify to compete in Green as Grass, Green Reiner, Rookie Levels 1 & 2 and Rookie Youth. Rookie Day is a great opportunity to refine your reining skills and to get experience in the show pen. Please see the WCRHA Website for more details about Rookie Day.

The 2015 NRHA Membership Secrets of Judging Seminar will be held on Sunday, May 17th, at the Campus of Fresno State University. This one day seminar focuses on what NRHA judges look for in the show pen. The judge will go over the NRHA rule book. The judge will also explain all about penalties, what constitutes a penalty and how penalty points are given out. Finally, you will watch videos of samples of maneuvers and what constitutes a -1.5 up to +1.5 maneuver.

The NRHA Secrets of Judging Seminar will benefit professionals, non-professionals and rookie level riders. I have been to two of them and can tell you from experience that you will leave with so much knowledge that you will be more prepared when you get into the show pen. Please also see the WCRHA Website for more information on the NRHA Secrets of Judging Seminar.

We have some new Board Members that I want to welcome to the WCRHA Board of Directors. Those new Board members are: Martin Audet, Britta Jacobson, Eric LaPorte, and Kristin Loewenthal. Welcome to each of you. I and the rest of the Board are looking forward to working with you in keeping WCRHA the Best in the West NRHA Affiliate.

And finally, I want to thank WCRHA's many sponsors and volunteers that help WCRHA with both financial support and people power. You and all of you are what make WCRHA the incredibly successful NRHA Affiliate that we are. Thank you!

Have a great spring and see you in the show pen!

--Michael Silva, WCRHA President



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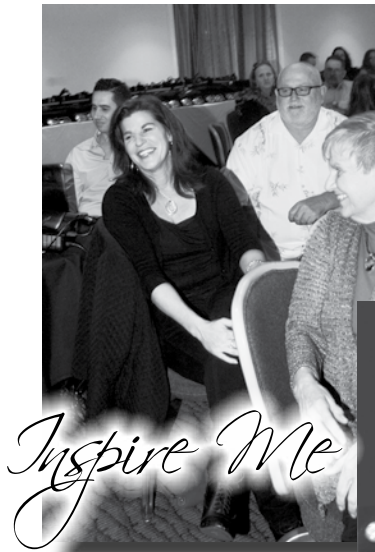
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# 2014 YEAR END BANQUET

The 2014 year end banquet was held in a new venue this year, the Rancho Murieta Country Club. The banquet room was larger than in years past which enabled us to have room for more guests to attend the dinner. Jenny Sherbo and her entire Banquet Committee did an outstanding job planning a great event. Thank you Jenny and your crew for an outstanding job. Britta Jacobson outdid herself this year with the silent auction. She had a tremendous number of items for bid. It was sure fun looking over all the items which included horse tack, breedings, artwork, wine, jewelry and more! Sheila Day and Debi Murnan did an outstanding job organizing this year's awards ceremony. I think this was the fastest we have run through the awards in many years. And lastly I want

to mention our special awards given out. Those awards include a new inductee to the WCRHA Fall of Fame, Slidezone. The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Giselle Turchet. Horse of the Year Award went to Wiz N Steady owned by Linda Hardy. The Katherine Cagle Inspire Me Award went to Melynda Silvashy. And last but not least, we awarded three \$500 scholarships instead of one. The 2014 scholarship recipients were Elana Ranhoff, Kaitlyn Schultz and Morgan Davis. The 2015 Banquet will be held in conjunction with the 2016 schooling show. The event will once again be held at the Rancho Murieta Country club the Saturday night of the Schooling Show.




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Affiliate #1 Champions...from page 2

**Rookie L2:** Spooks Jac, ridden and owned by Justine Mattes, score of 71.5.

**Rookie L1:** Spooks Jac, ridden and owned by Justine Mattes, score of 71.5.

**Prime Time Rookie:** Done It Like An Okie, ridden and owned by Tamara Yates, score of 70.5.

**Green Reiner:** Quick Brown, ridden and owned by Shari Burns, score of 70.5

**Green As Grass:** Boomen Hale Bopp, ridden and owned by Ashley Lynch, score of 69.

**NRHA Green Reiner L2:** Quick Brown, ridden and owned by Shari Burns, score of 70.

**NRHA Green Reiner L1:** A Bright Tag, ridden and owned by Elizabeth McHugh, score of 70.

**NRHA Ride and Slide:** Iz A Whiz, ridden and owned by Marguerite Kroff, score of 68.

**Youth Short Stirrups:** Reverse The Chex, ridden by Dean Sherbo, owned by Stephanie Ayer, score of 69.

**Youth 13 and Under:** Reeboks Rerun: ridden by Campbell McLeod, owned by Anne McLeod, score of 69.5.

**Youth 14 and Under:** West Coast Hick, ridden and owned by Kaela Ranhoff, score of 72.

**Youth Rookie:** Kioti Boon, ridden and owned by Savana Henderson, score of 71.

**Unrestricted Youth:** West Coast Hick, ridden and owned by Kaela Ranhoff, score of 72.

*Congratulations to all the champions!*

Now we set our sights to WCRHA's Affiliate #3 and 4 shows.

Hopefully the torrential rain will not make an encore appearance the first weekend of June. 🌩️



Whiz I Was Smart & Stacy Hamilton



IZ A Whiz & Marguerite Kroff



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West Coast Hick & Kaela Ranhoff



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Which one of these photos is  
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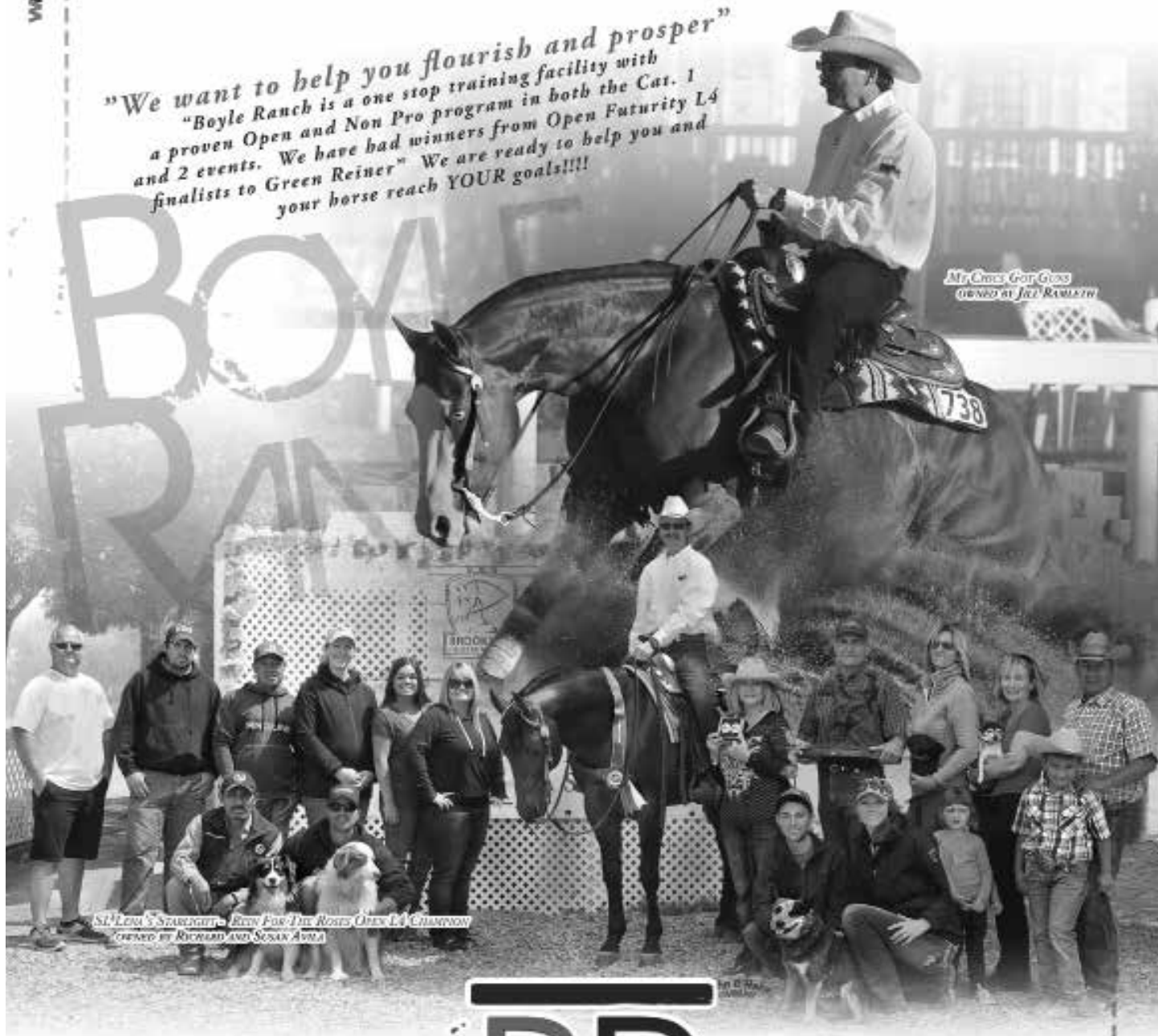
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Melynda Silvashy, along with her mom Bonnie, started Slide for the Cure to honor her Aunt Barbara who gave a great fight, but lost her battle with breast cancer. With the help of the reining community, so far, Slide for the Cure has raised over \$34,000!

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## Youth NEWS ★

The West Coast youth were all smiles as we kicked off the 2015 show year at Affiliate #1 on Sunday, February 8th. A huge thank you to all who braved the weather to attend the meeting! We discussed our goals for the new year; such as funding a possible youth 'field trip,' and getting to know each and every youth member. We also introduced the Varsity Reining Club, a great NRHyA program that gives youth countless opportunities to win awesome prizes! These opportunities include contribution to our club and community, equine related art and literature, publicizing our club and the sport of reining, and even just getting good grades in school! Finally, be sure to look out for our upcoming main fundraisers: the WCRHyA Tack Wash at Affiliate #3/4 and Horse Wash at Affiliate #5. Thank you always for your tremendous support for the WCRHyA!

- Charlize Zuraek and Tessa Lindberg, ★  
NRHyA delegates



*Join the fun!*



*A great turnout at our first WCRHyA Youth Meeting held at Affiliate #1 in February*

### TREASURER'S NOTE

Hey Everyone ! For those of you that do not know me, my name is Courtney Yohey and I am the 2015 NRHyA Treasurer. I wanted to take the time to say hello and tell you about some of the great things NRHyA has to offer. First, if you have not done so already go to [www.nrhya.com](http://www.nrhya.com) and check out the Varsity Reining Club. This is a great program that awards NRHyA members for things achieved outside the show arena. Please come find me at the show and I will have my ipad and I can give you more information and help you sign up. Also, for any youth attending the NRHA Derby, we will be having a meeting and some great fun so check the schedule. I am proud to announce that WCRHyA is the largest YOUTH affiliate in the NRHA. I have been a member since 2007 and could not be more proud to call this club family! We had a youth meeting at our first show in February and was glad to see all the youth who attended. We plan on having our next meeting at our June show so please watch and follow our WCRHyA Facebook page for information. If I have not already I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or would like to know how to get more involved please email me. My email is [cowgirl-courtney98@gmail.com](mailto:cowgirl-courtney98@gmail.com).

--Courtney Yohey ★





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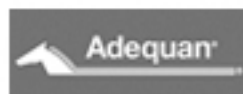
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