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2016 STAR SPANGLED SLIDE



Diamond Oak and Paige Barton, co-champions of the Non-Pro Maturity enjoying the sunshine during the Star Spangled Slide

Mother Nature finally smiled on West Coast Reining Horse Association for the 2016 Star Spangled Slide. We did not get rained out like we did for the Rein for the Roses show. We did not have 100+ degree temperatures like we had for Affiliate 3 & 4 shows. The weather was about as nice as it could be for the beginning of July. The temperatures hovered around a high of close to 90 nearly every day of the show.

Bill Madden and his staff rolled out the red carpet as he always does for the WCRHA membership that would be showing their horses at this year's event. He had his usual array of gatherings and parties for all of us to have some fun, food, and to enjoy each other's company away from the rigors of the show pen. The weekend ended with the annual Tri-Tip BBQ that is always a great meal. Thank you Bill!

It was great to see that after the BBQ was finished, a pick up baseball game got going in one of the arenas. Now, how often do you see that

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President's Letter

Howdy everyone,

It is hard to believe that the 2016 show year is quickly approaching its end. We only have a couple more shows left. Many WCRHA members will travel to Nampa, Idaho for the Northwest Affiliate Championships. I am hopeful that many will then qualify to compete in the North American Affiliate Finals in Oklahoma City.

But before anyone goes to Oklahoma City, we will have our 2016 Futurity and year end show at Rancho Murieta. At this show the WCRHya will be holding a freestyle reining class. We have not had a freestyle class in many years. This should be a lot of fun to watch or participate in. There will be more information about that

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happen? It started with two young men just playing catch and that morphed into a ballgame. How fun is that? That is one of the things that I appreciate about the WCRHA, that we can let our hair down, be spontaneous and just have a great time with our friends and co-competitors. We are a great group of people! The WCRHA Pro and Non Pro Derbies were exciting as usual. At the end of the Non Pro derby, there was a three way tie. A run off was necessary and that was probably the most exciting part of the afternoon. In the Maturity classes we saw some of the talented older horses show us what they still have in them and they performed great. I always enjoy watching the aged events as we get to see some great horsemanship by the exhibitors riding some of the most talented horses. Here are the winners for both the Pro and Non-Pro Derbies and Maturity:

Non-Pro Derby Level 1:

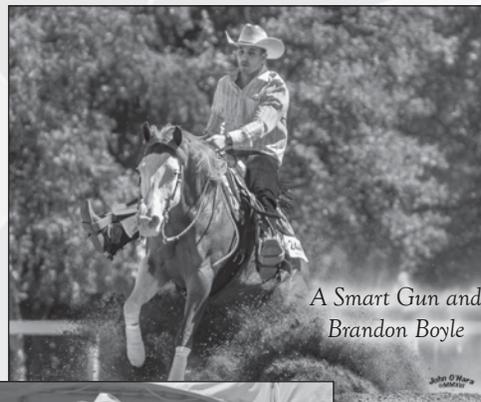
Champion: A Smart Gun, ridden by Brandon Boyle, owned by Mike and Barbi Boyle, score of 145
Res. Champion: CD Star Commander, ridden by Robyn Schiller, owned by Warrick Schiller
Perf. Horses, score of 143

Non-Pro Derby Level 4: *There was a three way tie at the end of the class with a score of 145. After the run-off the results are as follows:*

Champion: Gotta Make It Baby, ridden and owned by Sandra Bentien. Score of 145
Res. Champion: Stylish N Smokin: Ridden by Brooke Boyle, owned by Mike and Barbi Boyle, score of 143.5

Open Derby Level 1:

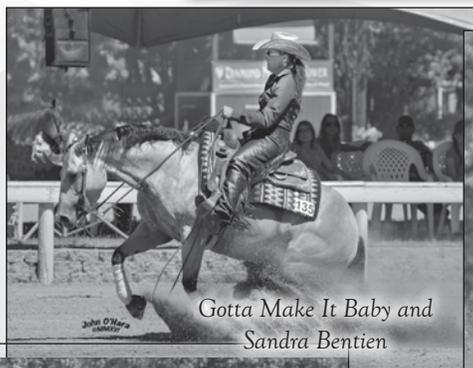
Champion: The Gun Lady, ridden by Benny Maddox, owned by Bill Coburn, score of 146.5
Res. Champion: Whizen Thru The Cash: ridden by Kelly Keenan, owned by Bud Boyle, score of 143



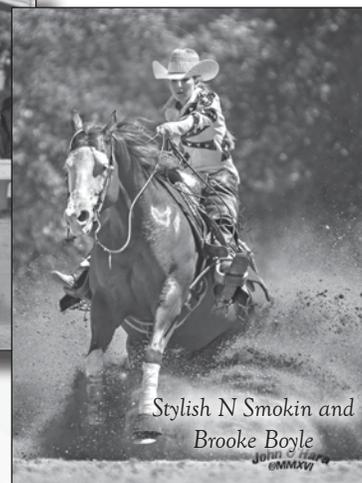
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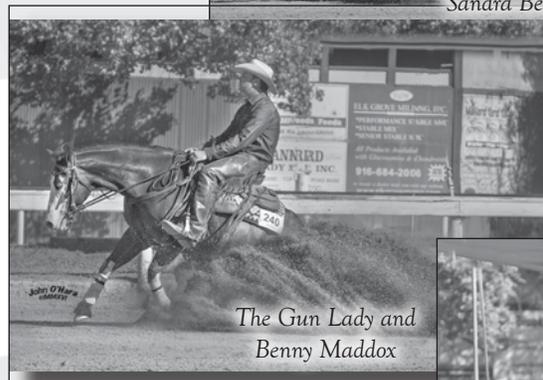
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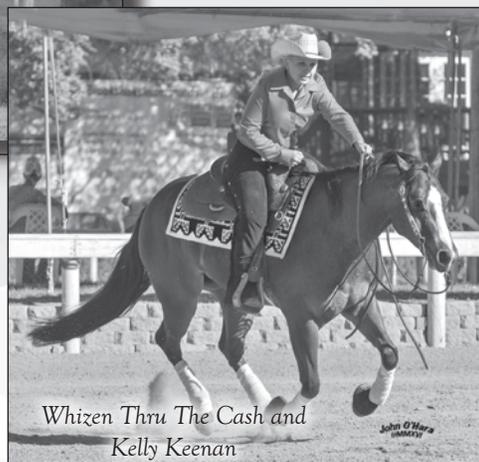
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The Gun Lady and
Benny Maddox



Whizen Thru The Cash and
Kelly Keenan

Open Derby Level 4:

Champion: The Gun Lady, ridden by Benny Maddox, owned by Bill Coburn, score of 146.5
Reserve Champion: Holier Than Thou, Ridden by Riccardo Nicolazzi, owned by Camela Essick score of 145

Non-Pro Maturity:

Co-Champions: Diamond Oak: ridden and owned by Paige Barton,
And, Hick A Shine, ridden and owned by Jennifer Gilliam, both scored 72

Open Maturity:

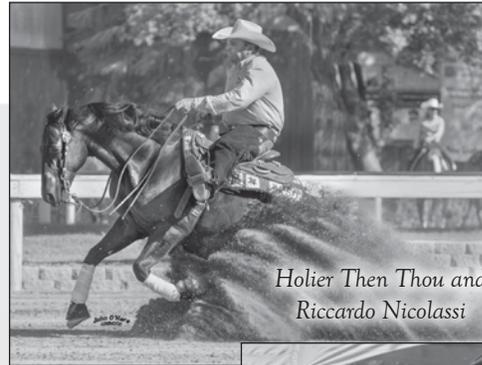
Champion: Who Loves You, ridden by Riccardo Nicolazzi, owned by Camela Essick score of 74
Reserve Champion: Nics Little Bud, ridden by Benny Maddox, owned by Bill Coburn, score of 73

Congratulations to all the winners!
Not only did they compete for \$8,000 in added money, but also beautiful trophy buckles and additional prizes.

Finally, I want to thank our many sponsors. Without your generous support, this great event would not be able to occur. Thank you!

See you all in October for the WCRHA Futurity!

-Mike Silva
WCRHA President



Holier Than Thou and Riccardo Nicolazzi



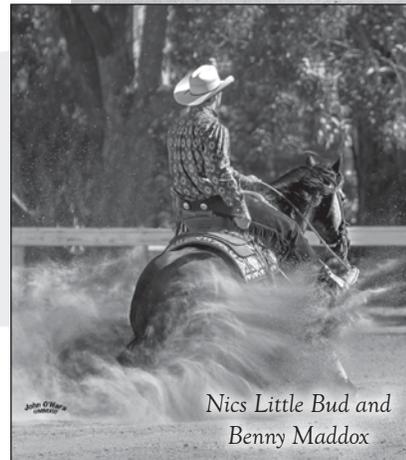
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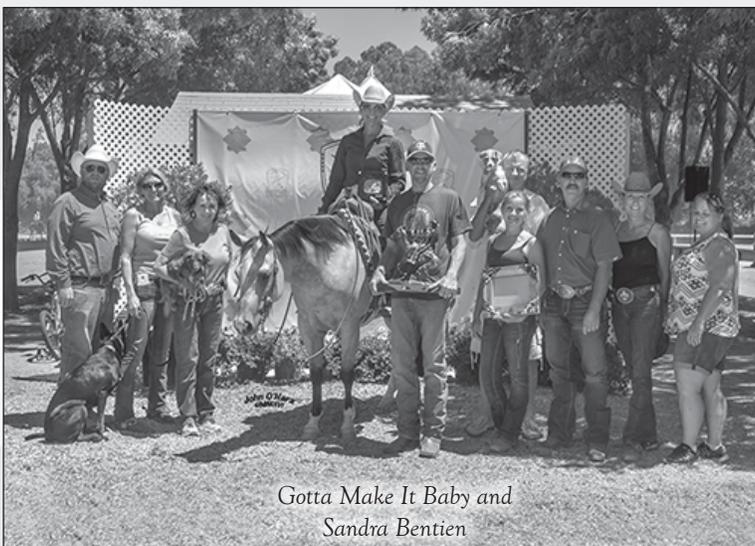
Hick A Shine and Jennifer Gilliam



Who Loves You and Riccardo Nicolazzi



Nics Little Bud and Benny Maddox



Gotta Make It Baby and Sandra Bentien

class once the premium comes out for the show.

The WCRHyA will also be hosting a dance at the Summer Rein show the end of August. Please see the youth article later on in the newsletter for more information. Sounds like it will be another fun time that the WCRHA membership can get together and have some fun and laughs.

Unfortunately, WCRHA lost one of its strongest supporters and members recently. I am speaking of the loss of Delbert Tullos. I was very saddened to hear of Delbert's passing. He was always such a presence at all of our shows cheering on all exhibitors in that unique way that only Delbert could. Delbert gave of his time and resources to the betterment of WCRHA. Not only was Delbert a significant financial contributor to WCRHA, he also donated his time by being on the Board of Directors for several years and serving as President of WCRHA, Delbert will be greatly missed.

Have a great month everyone and please be safe.

Happy riding,
~Mike Silva 

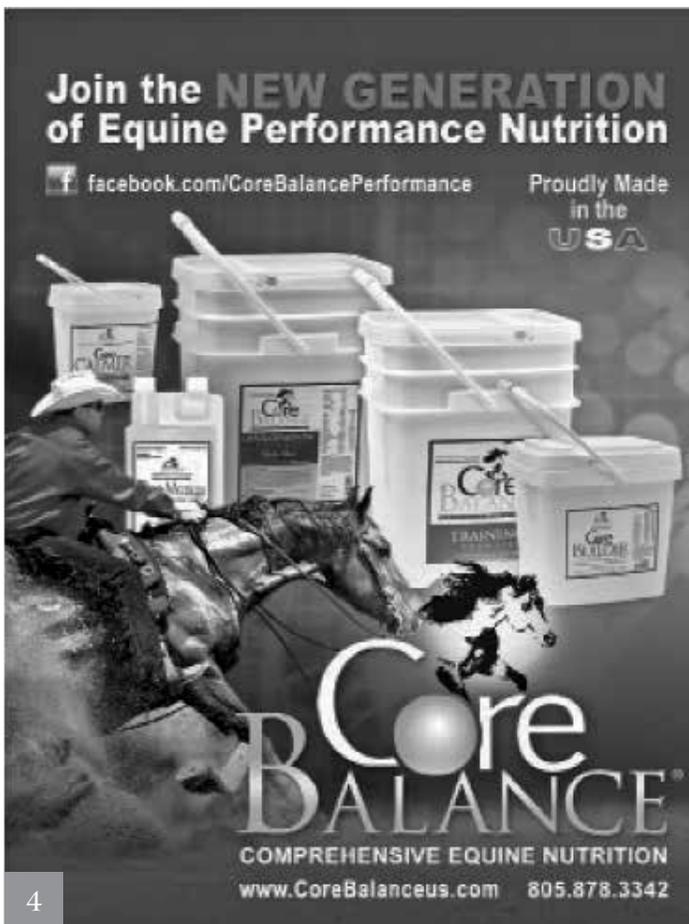
Rookie Day

By Becky Hanson

Many of us who are long term or lifetime members of the NRHA often throw around the phrase Rookie Day. We are cavalier in our use of the terminology, assuming that our members and our clients and our sponsors and our supporters are as familiar with the concept as we are; versed in the history of the Reining Horse Sports Foundation and its correlation to the Rookie Days that are held every year by NRHA Affiliates around nation and now the world.

The Reining Horse Sports Foundation was created in 1999 and was established as a charitable organization in 2001 to act as a supporting organization for the National Reining Horse Association and is funded by members and non-members alike. Established specifically for enthusiasts in an effort to develop and enhance the sport of reining through 5 different core programs including the Youth, the Dale Wilkinson Crisis Fund, the Hall of Fame, International Growth and Research, and Development and Education. Each year, the RHSF teams up with NRHA Professionals and Affiliates across the nation to create a learning environment for new members and those with little or no exposure to the sport of Reining. In addition to providing a quality venue for newcomers to learn from NRHA professionals, the funds raised by these Rookie Day events goes directly into the Dale Wilkinson Crisis Fund where it is ultimately made available to NRHA members who have experienced catastrophic life events and may benefit from financial assistance.

The brainchild of Tracy Lynch, Rookie Day was created in conjunction with the idea of a crisis fund for Reiners in need. As a child Tracy Lynch's sister started a charitable organization called Cutters in Action and Tracy vividly remembers selling cookbooks at cuttings in order to raise money for a member of the community experiencing health issues. Later in life, Tracy and her husband Tim found themselves in a similar situation, with health problems bringing their life to a standstill. "When Tim was required to have back surgery," Tracy said, "it required a long stint of rehab.



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West Coast Reining Horse Association's RHSF Rookie Day hosted by Loren Booth and Booth Ranches, Sanger, CA May 14th 2016.

Clint Haverty took horses for us saying he was going to feed, train and shoe them until Tim could ride again. Many others followed suit including Dale Harvey and James Payne. They did all the work and we collected all the checks! When it was all behind us, we were just so grateful for the help of our peers that I called Carol Trimmer to place an ad thanking everyone and to find out how I could make a donation to the NRHA's crisis fund. It was at that point that I found out there wasn't a program to donate to. So, I went to work!"

Of course a Crisis Fund needs funds, so Tracy's next task was to come up with a way to start putting money into the account. "I came up with the idea after being at a reining in Glen Rose, Texas where there were 65 entries in the Rookie class and only a handful who had the structured help of trainers. There was a gentleman in particular who had taken a couple of lessons from Tim and had ultimately asked Tim to go help him at the horse show. He got a score and was just so excited. The following week, he showed up at our ranch, put his horse in training and started a regular lesson schedule. It got me thinking (& praying), that with the NRHA Board of Directors asking how I was going to fund my "bright idea" of having a Crisis Fund, that if I could somehow incorporate Rookies and their need of professional mentoring into a fund raiser, I might be able to kill two birds with one stone." That stone landed in Ardmore, Oklahoma where the first

Rookie Day was held on August 3, 2002. And with the memory of selling cookbooks and the realization that industry newcomers needed a springboard, Rookie Day was born and has grown leaps and bounds ever since as one Saturday a year in each Affiliate Region is set aside to host a day where Rookie riders can come, experience a clinic situation with local NRHA Professionals, and then test drive their newfound knowledge in a "mock show" situation. The class is judged, placed, and awards provided by Classic Equine are distributed in grand fashion at the end of the day. Each year, 100% of the proceeds generated from Rookie Days across the nation go towards the Dale Wilkinson Crisis Fund and eventually find their way into the hands of members who have found themselves facing financial challenges due some life altering event. Since its inception, Rookie Days have added somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to the RHSF Crisis Fund, helping members have financial peace of mind when life gets tough.

Such raging success would not be possible without the time, efforts, and knowledge donated by trainers across the nation and the numerous members who volunteer their time to create a fun and educational venue for those new members who may not have access to professional help. Trainers, judges, scribes, facility owners, food vendors, tractor drivers, photographers and members all donate their time to help

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bolster the grass roots level of our industry, helping to create a stronger, more close knit community than could ever occur without such events. If you are interested in hosting a Rookie Day or becoming a Donor to the RHSF, contact the NRHA at 1.405.946.7400 or go online for more information at <http://nrha1.com/foundation> or <http://nrha1.com/rookiedays>.

Rookie day, graciously hosted by Loren Booth at her beautiful ranch in Sanger, California, in conjunction with a Booth Ranch Open House. Loren went above and beyond by hosting dinner the Friday night before the event and then lunch the next day for trainers, participants, onlookers, and family. Organized by Terri Contreras. Judged by Careena Laney-Westin. Scibed by Danica Caravetta. Announced by Debbie Tweedy. Back Gate - Candy Thompson. NRHA Support Tracy Lynch and Leslie Baker. Rookie Day Champion - Lara Prindiville & Rookie Day Reserve Champion - Janiene Borrer. Rookie Day Youth Champion - Teresa Job & Rookie Day Youth Reserve Champion - Signe Lundstrom



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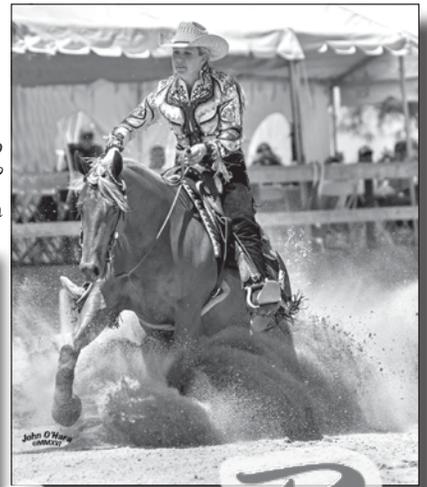
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*Champion: Intermediate Non Pro
The Prima Ballerina &
Jennifer Gilliam*



*Jubilation, after
Ashley Lynch & Revolutonic
had a good run.*



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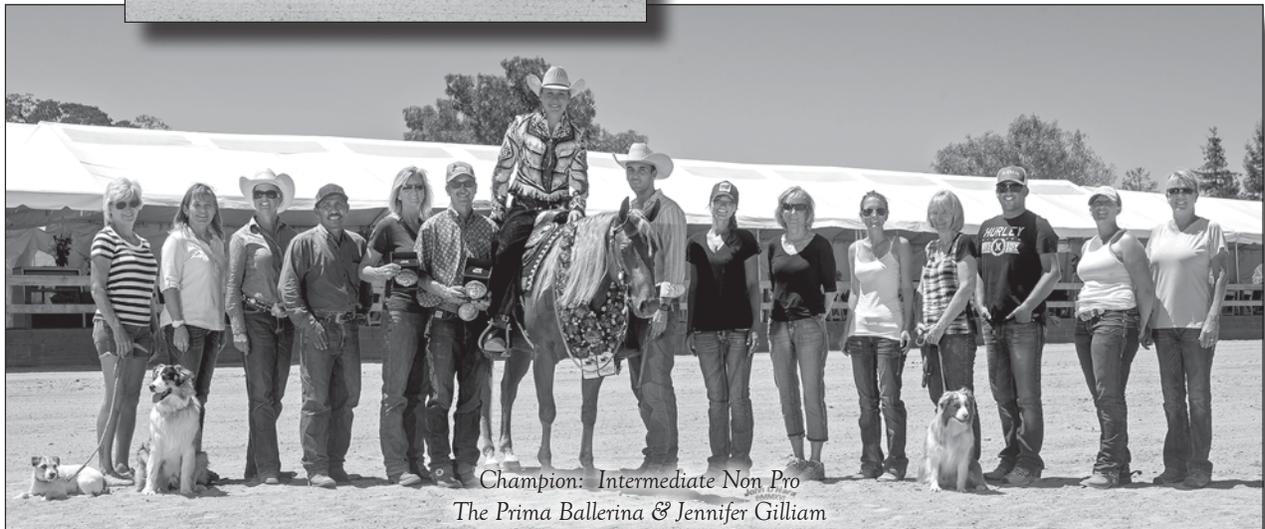
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The Bay



Happy Faces, Claudia Nicolazzi
visiting from her home in Italy
with her granddaughter Aurora...
Having fun



Champion: 10 & Under Short Stirrup
Brennas Dream & LillyRae Gilson



Champion : Non Pro Level
2,3,4 Maturity
Sheza Smart Wimpy &
Blair Moffett



Gillian Galligan video's Kelly Corbett
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Champion: Youth 14-18
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WCRHA now has the “square” that fits onto an iPhone enabling us to take credit and debit payments at the WCRHA produced shows.

We tried it out this past Star Spangled Slide Show and it worked flawlessly. What a great convenience to be able to pay on the spot. Just give your card to the show secretary upon checking out of the show and you can make your entire payment in this manner.

We do add the small service fee to your total. This unusually would amount to only a few extra dollars to the overall bill.

Also, when you send in your entry form for any upcoming shows, you will still need to send in a check or credit card information with your entry.

This will turn out to be a great convenience to the WCRHA membership.



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In August 2016, Brookside will be hosting the Summer Rein with an extended program of events to make up for some of the big classes from the rained out Rein for the Roses. In addition, Brookside is coordinating with the WCRHyA to host a fundraiser BBQ dinner!

We would like to thank WCRHA for the continued patronage of Brookside Show Park and bringing such high caliber riders, horses and trainers to each of the reining shows. Ride and Slide!

Good Luck to everyone!

Walter Middle

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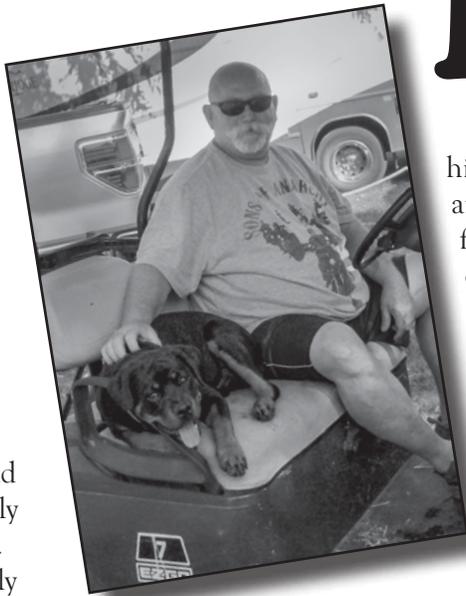
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Delbert

Delbert
Tullos was
Large.

He was both large of frame and stature and could wield his size to be an imposing and commanding presence or a comforting safety net that could scoop you up and gladly save you from yourself. Proud of being not only a good and loyal friend, but of being paternal and communal, Delbert loved to bring people together, loved to be center of attention, loved to see others as the center attention, and loved to be the creator of attention for others; often encouraging, sometimes even thrusting others into the limelight where they could feel the thrill of warm attention. Basking in the glow of the glory of others, Delbert loved to see the Underdog achieve fame and praise and was generally the first in line to offer congratulations to those who had reached a milestone. Whether the accomplishment was small or large, Delbert was usually there to recognize and affirm it.

He was large of heart. Delbert had the ability to care for you and hear what you needed before you ever spoke it...often times before you even knew yourself, selflessly offering up opportunities to those without them, Del never asked anything in return but the sight of your joy and the glow of your happiness. Always with smile on his face and a greeting on



his lips, he was an ambassador for Reining, for our Association, and for our club; his love of reining and of those who loved reining too, obviously visible as he made his way through

the barns. Without a second thought, he would often offer his own horses to others who had never ridden a Reiner or who had never ridden a good Reiner, providing yet another opportunity to draw people to the sport he loved so much.

Delbert was certainly large of voice. His bellow came from a place deep within his barrel chest and could easily be heard from one end of a facility to the other as he cheered on friends, acquaintances, and strangers alike with his signature "Yuuuuppp", "You da Woman", "Booya," or "Pretty....very Pretty", which would echo from one end of the pen to the other, always finding its way out to the barns and warmup pen whether he wanted it to or not.

You always knew when Delbert was in the

house, and when he wasn't, it always felt a little hollow.

He was large of personality. Both kind and caustic, Delbert could greet you with a smile, crack you you up, knock you down, chew your ass, compliment you and pat your back before driving away in his golf cart in hail of laughter, leaving you to wonder whether you had been ridiculed or complimented. It was those he loved the most that he gave the most grief. Quick witted and always willing to engage in a solid round of banter, Del appreciated those who would greet him head on with a solid quip or jibe. The sillier the better. The sharper the retort, the better he liked it....laughing out loud, his whole body shaking in the process as he offered up a high five of approval. His laugh was real. It was sincere. It was infectious....another Del trademark.



Tullos



Delbert was large with emotion. Although he rarely let people see his more vulnerable side, it lived just below the surface of his tough and carefree exterior, making him nothing more than a sentimental softie. As loud as he laughed with you, he could also quietly feel your need, taking the initiative to fill your holes with a love and support unlike any other; taking care of his friends and family before caring for himself. For those closest to him, he

was a pillar, a rock, a standard bearer and a refuge.

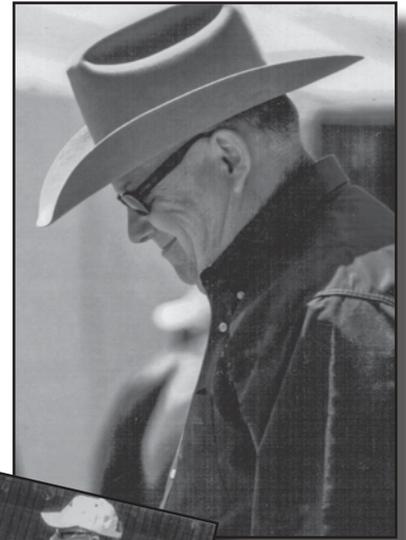
He was large with loyalty. A fiercely protective person of those that meant the most to him, Delbert loved not only his friends and family, but also his extended West Coast family. Although many of our members may not have known Del long enough or intimately enough to realize it, they were his people...they were his family. They were the ones that garnered his support, his praise, and his time and attention.

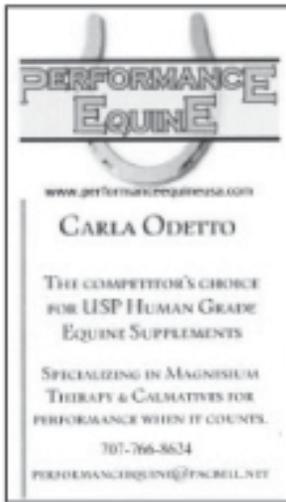
Large of body and large of spirit, Delbert was giving and kind and brash and caring and



loud and soft and obnoxious and loyal and witty and stubborn and gracious and so many other things, as we all are, the sum of all of our parts. He was someone's son, someone's brother, someone's benefactor, someone's friend. He was the man that he didn't have to be to so many. As a part of his extended family, we give tribute to his presence, we affirm his life, we salute the person he was and we mourn the loss of a larger than life personality that will forever leave a hole where it once had been.

-written by friends of Delbert





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WCRHyA Youth NEWS

West Coast's youth had a great start to a year full of "fun-raisers"! They came together at Affiliate 3 & 4 to host a saddle cleaning to help members shine up for the show pen. Farnam generously sponsored the event by donating cleaning supplies including saddle soap, conditioner, and polish. At the 5th Affiliate WCRHyA once again set out to make sure our members looked flashy for the show by having the annual horse wash fundraiser. Farnam sponsored this fundraiser too, and made it a huge success by donating shampoo, conditioner, detangler, and other essentials. The youth members are grateful for Farnam's support and the help of the West Coast members who supported them by bringing saddles and horses! Both fundraisers were donation expenses and WCRHyA added around \$1,000 to their account!

WCRHyA has big plans for the next shows! They are excited to announce they will be putting on a country dance and dinner, thanks to Bill, at Brookside during Summer Rein. Their goal is to bring members, trainers, and kids closer together to enjoy an evening with each other. There will be two-step, line, and swing dance lessons before the dance begins. Keep an eye out for the kids during the week to buy dinner tickets. Youth members will also be throwing a freestyle class for the Year End show in October. After many years without a freestyle event, they are looking forward to bringing this fun class back.

The entries are limited so be sure to get your entries in quickly! Enter to run for great prizes, to have lots of fun, and to support your association's youth! Make sure to keep posted for more information and updates on these upcoming events!



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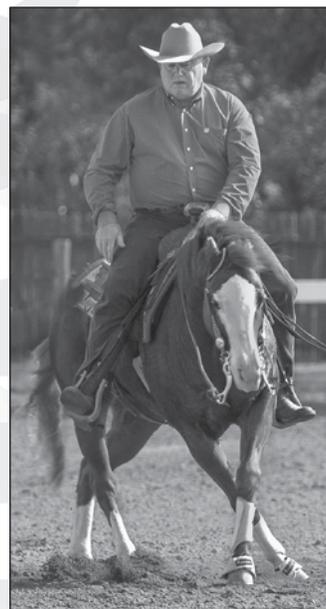
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