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## AFFILIATE #1



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West Coast Reining Horse Association held its Affiliate #1 show on February 4th to 7th at the Murieta Equestrian Center. The show was very well attended and you could sense the excitement in the exhibitors as for many of us this would be our first opportunity to show our horses since mid-October of last year. For many of the WCRHA membership, this would be the first opportunity to perform with a new horse of theirs. Our hosts at MEC did a great job preparing the ground so that it could be as good as possibly for

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## President's Letter

Howdy everyone,

WCRHA's show year of 2016 has started out on a great path. We opened the year with WCRHA's Year End Banquet along with our schooling show the fourth weekend of January. This was the first time we held both events the same weekend. The Board of Directors would like to hear from you on if you liked this new format as we are trying to determine if we want to do it the same way in 2017.

As usual, the schooling show was hugely attended. I know that many of you had been anxious to get your new horses into the show pen for the first time. Many of us were were also excited about getting back into the show pen ourselves, since it had been

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several months since the last time we showed at the Year End Show and Futurity. It was nice to see the West Coast family again!

We then moved to our first Affiliate Show. The previous two years we had nicknamed the show "Reining in the Rain". But, not so this year. While the morning were cool, the sun shone brightly and the afternoons turned out to be rather warm. There was such a relaxed atmosphere around the Murieta Equestrian Center. Everyone appeared to be having a good time. It was nice to see that everyone was enjoying themselves which is what we strive for at our shows.

We have more exciting things in store for the rest of 2016.

Rookie Day 2016 will be held in Fresno for the second time in as many years. I want to thank Lauren Booth and the Booth Ranches for once again hosting Rookie Day at her beautiful equestrian facility. I also want to thank Tricia Gilson and Terri Contreras for stepping forward to do all the production to make Rookie Day happen. Look for updates on Facebook and the WCRHA website in the near future for the date and all the details.

We will once again be having our Non Pro Shootout at Affiliates #3 & #4 the first weekend of June. It is always so exciting to watch West Coast's best Non Pros compete for a large cash prizes, buckles and other fun stuff. You will not want to miss it.

Even though our Star Spangled Slide show will be the weekend after the Fourth of July, (this is because the NRHA Derby is happening that weekend) it is still going to be a fun and festive show. And if it is hot, we can all go into the pool at Brookside Horse Park to cool off. I am sure Bill will have many activities to keep us occupied while we are at the show.

In closing, I just want to say that I hope everyone has a great 2016 show year, that you reach your goals, and you achieve your highest scores ever.



Jake Cagle and Kristen Zuraek present the Kathryn Cagle "Inspire Me" award to Nancy Kucer (center)

## The Kathryn Cagle "Inspire Me" Award

The "Inspire Me" Award is dedicated to the spirit of long time WCRHA member Kathryn Cagle. In her memory, this annual award is presented to a special person who has motivated, encouraged, supported, or inspired others. This year's recipient is Nancy Kucer. Nancy was presented with a buckle and perpetual trophy at the January Awards Banquet by husband of Kathryn, Jake Cagle, and daughter, Kristen Zuraek.

Nancy Kucer was awarded this prestigious award due to her unusually good sportsmanship in that she has demonstrated the ability to always look on the bright side of any situation. Her refreshing look at the sport of reining has been an inspiration to many of her reining peers.

Nancy's reining goal for 2015 was to qualify to show in the Affiliate classes at the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma. She easily qualified in the top 15 for the Regional Affiliate Finals held in Idaho. She and her horse Steady were on fire at that show, placing in the top two or three in all of her classes, consistently scoring 71s.

On to the Futurity Nancy went with reasonably high expectations of placing well. Not only in Idaho, but at the WCRHA Year End & Futurity Show, Nancy and Steady were winning classes and packing home the money and awards. Unfortunately, Steady did not appreciate a certain corner in the Oklahoma arena, and Nancy had to forfeit the first couple of classes to school. Her final class came, and she was well prepared to do great. Steady still didn't like that corner in the right circle. Nancy's preparations, goals, and plans were dashed! After the class, a friend and fellow competitor of Nancy's, immediately sent her a "so sorry" text of "Oh crap!" That friend will never forget Nancy's response. "Yeah, but my left circles were awesome! And besides, I had so much fun!" She could have blamed the horse; she could have blamed her trainer; she could have blamed anyone or anything. But she chose to be a model of good sportsmanship. For this, Nancy, and for all the other great opportunities of good sportsmanship you demonstrated throughout 2015, you are an inspiration to all reiners to be a better sport when things don't go as planned. Thank you!



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WCRHA which we appreciate greatly.

In the past couple of years, we gave this show the nickname "Reining in the Rain" due to the weekend long deluge from Mother Nature. Fortunately this would not to be the case for Affiliate #1 2016. While the mornings were cool and crisp, the abundant sunshine meant for rather warm days for early February. I saw many of our members in short sleeves in the afternoon warmth. Everyone was enjoying the fantastic weather after a rather rainy January.

I believe this warm weather lead to a very relaxed atmosphere for this first show of the year. Everyone seemed to be really enjoying themselves. No-one seemed rushed. Almost everyone was up at the in gate ready to go into the show pen when it was their turn to go perform. This show ran so smoothly. The show committee and the show staff need to be commended for their hard work and being ready and on time every day to ensure a smooth running show.

AND THE CHAMPIONS OF THE CLASSES ARE:

OPEN: Designed with Shine: Owned by Julie Ridgeway shown by Riccardo Nicolazzi score 73

Xtra Voodoo Dora: owned by Julie Ridgeway shown by Riccardo Nicolazzi score 73

INTERMEDIATE OPEN: Mr. Magnum Dunit: owned by Jill Ramleth shown by Maya Stessin score of 72

LIMIT OPEN: Hand Painted Tag: Owned by Karin Di Napoli shown by Chuy Chavez score of 71

PRIME TIME OPEN: CW On Juice: Owned and shown by Lindy Longfellow score of 68.5

ROOKIE PRO: Spook Me Now: owned and shown by Joanna Brewer score of 70

SNAFFLE BIT/HACKAMORE: Xtra Dream Step: owned by Elizabeth Trincherro shown by Gabe Davide score 71



Mr. Magnum Dunit & Maya Stessin



Crome Starlight & Mark Faley



Chicadero & Tessa Lindberg



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California Shines &  
Lavonne Sturgeon



CW On Juice &  
Lindy Longfellow



A Bright Tag &  
Elizabeth McHugh



Diamond Oak &  
Paige Barton



NOVICE HORSE OPEN 1: Wimpys Little Gunner: owned by Jeff Wagner shown by Mark Harnden score of 71

NOVICE HORSE OPEN 2: Straightlights Lil Belle: owned by Kelsey Njus shown by David Hanson score of 72

NOVICE HORSE NON PRO 1: Plenty of Guns: owned by Warwick Schiller Perf Horses shown by Robyn Schiller score of 72

NOVICE HORSE NON PRO 2: Designed With Shine: owned and shown by Julie Ridgeway score of 72

PLENTY OF GUNS: Owned by Warwick Schiller Perf Horses shown by Robyn Schiller score of 72

LIMITED NON PRO: Kioti Boon: owned and shown by Savana Henderson score of 72

INTERMEDIATE NON PRO: Kioti Boon: owned and shown by Savana Henderson score of 72

NON PRO: Kioti Boon: owned and shown by Savana Henderson score of 72

PRIME TIME NON PRO: Sparkling Lynx: owned and shown by Kevin Vondenkamp score of 71

A Bright Tag: owned and shown by Elizabeth McHugh score of 71

MASTERS NON PRO: California Shines: owned and shown by Lavonne Sturgeon score of 69.5

ROOKIE LEVEL 1: Kioti Boon: owned and shown by Savana Henderson score of 70.5

ROOKIE LEVEL 2: Diamond Oak: owned and shown by Paige Barton score of 71.5

PRIME TIME ROOKIE: Crome Starlight: owned and shown by Mark Faley score of 71

WCRHA GREEN REINER: Spook N Cody: owned by M Bar C Farms shown by Elizabeth Mitchell score of 70

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Affiliate #1...from page 5

WCRHA GREEN AS GRASS: Me Luv Sailing: owned and Shown by Julianne Nevin score of 68.5

NRHA GREEN REINER 1: Spook N Cody: owned by M Bar C Farms shown by Elizabeth Mitchell score of 69.5

NRHA GREEN REINER 2: Spook N Cody: owned by M Bar C Farms shown by Elizabeth Mitchell score of 69.5

YOUTH SHORT STIRRUPS 10 & U: Hello Mister Whizzer: owned by Tracer Gilson shown by Lilly Rae Gilson score of 67.5

YOUTH 13 & U: Tuff Sliding Peppy: owned by David Hanson shown by Lauren Hanson score of 70.5

YOUTH 14 - 18: Chicadero: owned and shown by Tessa Lindberg score of 72.5

YOUTH ROOKIE: Highly Spotageous: owned and shown by Teresa Job score of 69.5

UNRESTRICTED YOUTH: owned and shown by Tessa Lindberg score of 72.5

Congratulations to all the champions and exhibitors. Good luck to everyone for the 2016 shows!

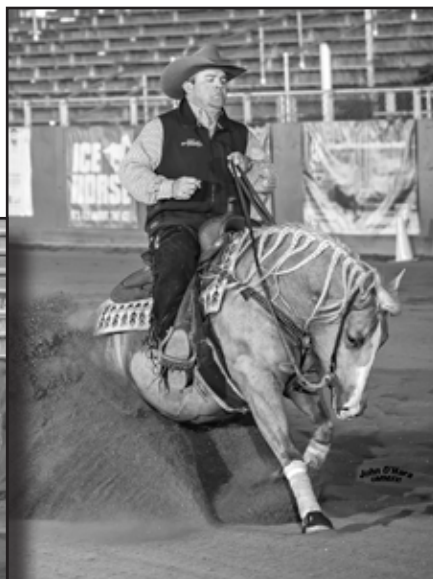
Michael Silva, President, WCRHA



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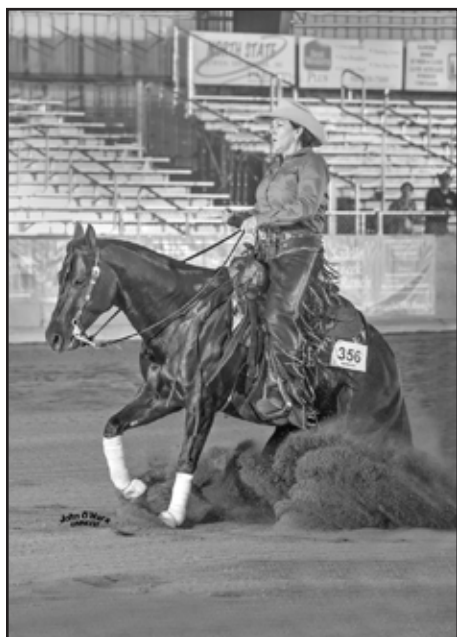


Hello Mister Whizter & Lilly Rae Gilson





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## WCRHA EARNS GOLD LEVEL STATUS FOR 2015

For the third year in a row, WCRHA has attained Gold Level Status as an Affiliate with NRHA and an award of \$1500. The Affiliate Incentive Program is designed to reward active affiliates who are providing quality NRHA programming to their membership. In 2015 WCRHA hosted a Rookie Day and a Membership Secrets of Judging Course, held NRHA Green Reiner Classes, and President Mike Silva attended the NRHA Derby Affiliate Summit in Oklahoma City. These are just some of the programs that WCRHA has offered to qualify for this award. Kelli Brummett records the programs that WCRHA provides and submits the information to NRHA.



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by Dr. Carrie Schlachter

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Once the underlying cause of the injury is determined, a veterinarian can construct an appropriate rehabilitation plan.

The type and length of rehabilitation can be simplified by looking at the healing stages of the injured tissue. Most significant injuries have a 30-day inflammatory period, a variable filling in phase (two - six months) and then a hugely variable remodeling period (six months to two years). Treating the horse correctly for the type and location of injury, as well as the stage of rehabilitation the tissue is in, will help ensure full rehabilitation success.

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Dr. Carrie Schlachter

*Dr. Schlachter's practice focuses solely on sports medicine, with special emphasis on digital diagnostics and rehabilitation. Dr. Schlachter also oversees the daily operation of a new veterinary hospital and 50-horse rehabilitation center in Petaluma, CA.*

*Dr. Schlachter grew up riding horses in the competitive 'A' circuit on the East coast and has almost 35 years of experience with horses as a rider, veterinarian and owner. Educated at the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary School and New Bolton Center, she received the Charles F. Reid Clinical Excellence Award for Sports Medicine and Imaging as well as numerous scholarships. She participates in multiple advanced imaging and rehabilitation educational workshops every year and recently achieved her specialty board certification with the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.*

*Dr. Schlachter teaches courses for veterinarians and equine professionals on various sports medicine subjects such as lameness, rehabilitation and ultrasound techniques both at Circle Oak and worldwide.*

*For many years in general practice Dr. Schlachter nurtured her interest in sports medicine, particularly in diagnostic ultrasound. It was that interest that brought her to Dr. Snyder's attention. When he invited her to be the diagnostic imaging consultant at the Pan Am Games in 2011 they first realized they shared a common vision of equine athlete well-being and top-notch customer care. From that shared interest Circle Oak Equine was developed.*

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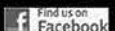
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# WCRHA Youth NEWS



*Join the fun!*

2016 is here, and Paley Capachi and Grace Bentien are so excited for what this year will bring! At the first affiliate, the youth



held its first meeting. We talked about fundraising, future ideas and activities, and participated in some fun games.



Our goal is to bring together the youth this year! We want everyone to get involved and have some fun. We are so excited for the future of WCRHyA. See you all at Affiliate #2!



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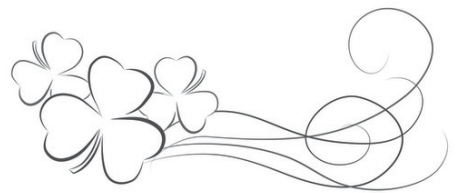


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