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WEST COAST REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

“Battle for the Saddle” Rolls the Dice to Determine the Winner

Photos by John O'Hara



Britta Jacobson “rolling the dice”

What is horse showing if not a Roll of the Dice? Each and every time we walk into the show pen, we are “throwing the dice” that today is the day that our horse is prepared and willing and that we will remain on pattern and keep our wits about us. Each time we cross the threshold of an open arena gate, we are taking a gamble that our horse is focused and swift and that we as riders guide our charges through their paces with ease and perfection, running our pattern with the buckle, blue ribbon, or trophy in mind. Each time we send in our entries, load the trailer, and saddle up to show, we are gambling on the fact that Lady Luck is on our side. So, how fitting, that at a facility by the name of Rolling Hills Casino and Equestrian Center, the West Coast Reining Horse Association should create a class where everyone is welcome to try their hand first inside the arena aboard their trusty steeds, and then, after the fact, with a Roll of the Dice to determine

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President's Letter

It is hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through our 2018 show season and that we have already seen our first Affiliate Show of the year come and go. 2018 is shaping up to be one of our best years yet. With the new year, our West Coast membership voted in a full Board of Directors whose diversity, enthusiasm, and passion for the sport of Reining is certain to add a great deal of value and perspective to an already formidable group. With a board comprised of members representing the interests of the Open, Non Pro, and Green riders, owners, sponsors, and secretaries alike, I am optimistic about the future of the West Coast Reining Horse Association.

With a healthy new cross section of board members, we have jumped right into the 2018 season by expanding our committees and formalizing both the purpose and function of each

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assembled committee so as to more efficiently serve the interests of our members. In addition to our new board and updated and revised committees, we have also worked to define both our short-term and long-term goals so that we are better able to propagate decisions that will ultimately serve the needs of our membership. Through a diverse group of board members, it is our intention to become as accessible as possible to those who have questions, concerns, or simply want to add their input, or even donate their time. Digital communications continue to expand as does our ability to recognize and reward those who invest in our Association through Sponsorship dollars and in-kind products. To those of you who have already offered sponsorship support, we thank you and appreciate your loyalty....to those who are interested, please contact JoAnn Campas regarding sponsorship levels and opportunities.

As in years past, it is our goal to continue to provide support, information, and encouragement to our Grass Roots participants so that they remain long-term members. In addition, quality awards for all levels from Entry Level riders, Affiliate Competitors, and Aged Event entries continues to be a priority. Whether it be weekend

money and prizes or Year End Awards, it is our goal to offer awards that represent an appreciation for the time invested by our membership.

Overall, it is our intention to continue to increase membership and participation at our Affiliate Shows by offering healthy competition at all levels, expanding our awards program to support our Year End Award contenders, and increasing the added money in our Aged Events. Providing a multitude of opportunities to show, whether it be by having Entry Level classes, Prime Time and Masters options, AQHA sanctioned classes, or even supplemental Ranch Riding classes in conjunction with our Affiliate Shows, it is our intention to continue to serve an entire cross-section of interests.

Finally, through Draw Parties, Mini Clinics, Boot Camp, and other social venues, it is our goal to continue to provide opportunities for our members and their families to make lifelong friends and create memories that go beyond their five minutes in the arena. Here's to an exciting 2018!

Sincerely,

-David Hanson - 209-601-1864



**In memory of Delbert "The Friends of Delbert Tullos"
would like to honor his love of supporting the WCRHyA with buckles.**



Delbert Tullos

Youth Buckle



**We are proud to announce
we will be sponsoring 2 youth buckles for the 2018 show season.
June Show - High Point Youth Shootout
July Show – Youth Class on Saturday - Details TBD
The winner of each of those classes will receive a beautiful Skyline buckle.**

We would like to start a new tradition in honor of Delbert.

When one of Delbert's sponsored buckles are won,
we would like all his friends to join in on the win photo.

Del always liked big award pictures and who doesn't love lots of people in a win picture!

who would ultimately take home the trophy saddle?!

Confused? Well, let me explain. "Battle for the Saddle" was created in conjunction with Rolling Hills Casino and Equestrian Center in Corning, California, in order to provide every entry, whether it be in the Open or the Non Pro or even both, with the chance to win a trophy saddle regardless of age, experience, or caliber of horse. How exciting to know that even though you may not be riding the best horse in the hunt, that a pair of dice might permit you take home a brand new trophy saddle. For the 21 entries on the night of March 3rd, that is exactly what happened. For a mere \$75 entry fee, a person could enter the "Battle for the Saddle," execute the run of their choosing.... maybe fast and furious....maybe clean and correct....maybe something in the middle....and at the conclusion of the class, roll a pair of giant red dice whose total would then be added to their score, providing an added element of suspense as to who would proudly take home a custom ordered Silver Spurs Saddle of Scottsdale sponsored by Rolling Hills Casino and Equestrian Center.

Comprised of Youth riders, a Green as Grass, both seasoned and less seasoned Non Pros and a handful of Open riders, the field of 21 was set to "gamble for the saddle." The strategy of some riders was to run big and amass as many points as they could in the sand, leaving less chance to the dice, while others showed clean and steady in hopes of rolling a high number in order to supplement their score, and then there were those entries who were in it to participate, support a fun new class, and hope that a clean pattern and a big roll would be the combo that would take home one of the great awards offered up to all of those who paid their entries and took a chance.

The evening event began with 13 year old Maggie Chancellor, who despite the fact that her horse Steady Like a Star, challenged her at every step, exited the arena to the cheers of a supportive crowd, a smile ear to ear, and the beaming pride of her mom Sandy and coach Amy Walden. Behind Maggie came sport newcomer and Green as Grass Stephanie Munzinger and her brand new gelding Aces High Ace who hauled off and laid down a clean pattern on their maiden voyage together in the arena. Again, smiles all around as Stephanie exited the arena, heart pounding and thrilled to be competing, anxious to see what her roll later in the evening might contribute to her total. And so the evening progressed with scores ranging anywhere from a 146 to a 127, nothing would be taken for granted until each rider rolled their dice at the end of the evening.

At the completion of the class, a pizza party sponsored by Osphos and Jessica Marvis would commence at the in gate for riders, sponsors, trainers, coaches and anyone who



Kain Emmons "wooing Lady Luck"



Kain Emmons, Thereasa Canada and Britta Jacobson with their "dicey" trophy saddles

had been there to clap and cheer, while the magic dice and buckets of awards were schlepped to the center of the arena where only minutes before riders had been spinning and sliding their way to possible stardom. With everything in place, the dice were warmed up and ready to roll as each contestant took their turn at adding up to 12 free points to their final score. Rolling in order of their go, Maggie Chancellor was the first one on the podium and managed to roll a 2 and 3, adding 5 points to her original score. Stephanie Munzinger, who entered both the Non Pro and the Open, was permitted two throws, one for each class. Snake eyes would do little to gain her the saddle in the Non Pro, but a total of 6 would help move her ever so slightly up the Open placings. Martin Padilla had knocked out the second highest score of the evening with a 146.5, but luck would not be on his side as the dice turned up a whopping total of 3, making his total a 149.5, 2½ points shy of the top spot. Three riders in, Martin's total was still the high score, but it was anyone's guess how long that would hold. Following Martin, Dave

Hanson would see the lucky side of the dice as he managed to roll a 6, bringing his total to a 150 and putting him in the top position where he would remain for the next five riders. But his reign would be brief as Kain Emmons managed to woo Lady Luck once more, rolling a 6 and taking the lead with a total of 152. Six more riders to roll....each to the cheers and jeers of his or her fellow competitors as each one willed their pair of dice to outshine those who had rolled before them. When the dust settled and the points were tallied, Kain Emmons and Tereasa Canada's Ez On The Slide would be the Open victors with a 152 total, leaving the Reserve Champion position to be split between Dave Hanson and Laetitia Loubser's A Wayward Revolution and Kelly Keenan riding Paola Troia's Suga Suga. Britta Jacobson and Ms Benz with an arena score of 142 and one of the highest rolls of the night, an 8, would have a total of 150 and take home the custom order Non Pro saddle for her efforts, leaving the Non Pro Reserve Champion position to Bailey Alexander and her horse Ima Ugly Stick, with a total score of 148.5 after an 8 was added to her arena score of 140.5.

However, all was not lost for those who fell short of the top spots because thanks to the hard work and dedication of Britta Jacobson, who worked tirelessly gathering a host of awesome sponsors, every entry went home with something fabulous to commemorate their participation in the second annual Battle for the Saddle. Of course, there were the Silver Spurs Saddlery of Arizona saddles sponsored by Rolling



Celebratory contestants of the Battle for the Saddles

Hills Casino and Equine Center, but, in addition, there were beautiful show blankets provided by Michelle Miola and The Show Pads, HorsLic sponsored buckets full of goodies to every entry, Shorty's Caboy Hattery sponsored Gift Certificates and Hat Cans, Equine Oasis tack courtesy of Tim Bauer and super cool embroidered ball caps thanks to California Embroidery. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, entered, supported and cheered for our Battle in the Saddle entries! What an exciting start to another great year out on the West Coast!

~ Becky Hanson



This n That

If you would like others to know what you or your barn have been up to, let me know so it can be posted here in the "This N That" column in the next newsletter. Send news to me at emaxinoski@aol.com.

WCRHA had a great representation of trainers and their three year old reiners in the 2017 NRHA Futurity. Congrats to Thad Carr, riding Ima Shiny Mister owned by Derek and Kelli Brummett, who finished 14th (t) in the Level 2 Open Futurity Finals. Way to go, WCRHA trainers!

Good luck to Eric LaPorte in his quest to qualify for consideration to represent France at the FEI World Equestrian Games this September in North Carolina. Warwick and Robyn Schiller are on the same road to the WEG as they would like to represent Australia. Congratulations to Cady Shaw in finishing up in the Top 10 Year End standings for the NRHA Non Pro division with her mare, Dream Whiz Me. Also, congratulations to Cam Essick for having the high selling horse at the 2017 NRHA Markel Select Yearling Sale with her 2016 bay filly, Loveya To Love Me.



Thad Carr and Ima Shiny Mister

~Eileen Maxinoski



Stacy Hamilton Honored as 2017 Dick Randall Horseman of the Year



Stacy Hamilton (left) accepts her award at the WCRHA Year End Banquet

Stacy Hamilton was recognized as the 2017 Dick Randall Horseman of the Year at the Annual Awards Banquet in January.

Stacy started riding at about age 10 and is quick to note that she was very fortunate that her mom allowed her to take lessons. One of Stacy's early mentors was Gary Van Hoosen (the inaugural WCRHA Dick Randall Horseman of the Year Award).

In order to show, Stacy rode whatever horse she could borrow or lease. If she could clean stalls in exchange for riding a horse, she was happy to make that trade.

She rode in local shows in all the western divisions.

Stacy did not get her first horse until age 16. After training and selling that horse, she purchased a Bueno Chex mare that was the foundation for all the horses that she has had so much success in raising, training and showing. Among those that she has done all the work on, she has had the most success with Whiz I Was Smart (Sky). With her, I've had some of my best runs which included a WCRHA Derby win.

Recognized by fellow competitors and trainers as a "real hand" and an exceptionally capable non

pro, Stacy is quick to recognize the support she receives from others.

"I believe we have the best club around. The best thing about our club is that it really is a family. We root for each other and are excited when a fellow competitor has a great go or accomplishes one of their goals. I also appreciate that my fellow competitors don't hesitate to let me know what they see. For example, that my circles looked great but that I rode like a weanie to my stops." The WCRHA family is proud to have Stacy join the list of previous recipients of this prestigious award.

-Mark Faley 

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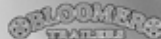
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WCRHA Membership

You don't want to miss these two events coming in May!



Class of 2017 - Secrets of Judging Seminar

NRHA MEMBERSHIP SECRETS OF JUDGING SEMINAR

Saturday, May 12

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, WCRHA will be hosting our 5th NRHA MEMBERSHIP SECRETS OF JUDGING SEMINAR. This event will once again be held at the Animal Science Building (Meyer Hall) on the Campus of U.C. Davis. The event will be held from 9:00 to 4:00. Cost is \$50.00 and this includes a pizza lunch.

We are fortunate to get NRHA Judge Anne Salmon to teach the class this year. She brings with her many years of experience judging events from local affiliate shows to the NRHA Futurity. This is a great opportunity to get knowledge of what the Judge is looking for when you and your horse are on pattern. You will learn and see how each maneuver is judged and what constitutes a minus 1.5 all the way to a plus 1.5 maneuver. The latest rule changes will also be discussed. I have been to all the judging seminars and I always come away with more knowledge than I had before. Attending is well worth the time!

For more information and to download the registration form, please visit the events page at www.wcrha.com.



Class of 2017 - Reining Boot Camp

REINING HORSE FOUNDATION REINING BOOT CAMP

Sunday, May 13

On Sunday, May 13th, WCRHA will also be hosting our second REINING HORSE FOUNDATION REINING BOOT CAMP. This year's boot camp will be held at the Boyle Ranch in Ione, California, from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is open to all non pro, Rookie, Green and youth riders. You will spend an hour with a pair of NRHA professionals working on circling, speed transitions, turns, lead changes, stops and roll backs. After lunch, you will perform a pattern and then be evaluated by one of two NRHA professionals. There will be a raffle of some great Classic Equine horse products. And, best of all, your entire entry fee goes into the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund. So, come on out to have fun and enjoy a great reining clinic!

To register for the Reining Boot camp, please go to the Reining Horse Foundation Page at www.nrha1.com

-Contributed by Mike Silva 

Rolling Hills Equestrian Center

“Roll of the Dice”

Affiliate #1 Reining Show



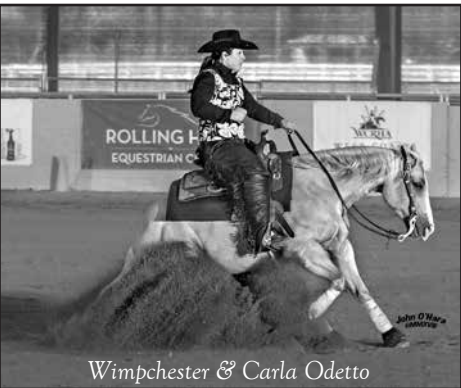
California Shines & Lavonne Sturgeon



Chics Dream & Mike Boyle



Chics Love Chrome & Patricia Eckhoff



Wimpchester & Carla Odetto



Gunnachicya & Ollie Galligan

Corning, CA—The weather tricksters were at work during the first West Coast Reining Horse Association affiliate show of the year held March 2-4 at the Equestrian Center at Rolling Hills Casino in Corning. California reiners don't get to show in snowy weather too often, but the snow that was predicted on Warm Up day, thankfully, did not materialize. In fact, rainy weather held off during the show days and visited only during the night time hours, much to the relief of the exhibitors. A special, educational treat for the exhibitors was a talk on Osphos and its uses by Jessica Morris.

Judges Ollie Griffith and Pete McAlister judged a full range of NRHA Reining classes as well as a variety of AQHA approved Reining and Ranch Riding classes. Starting the show off on the first day was the Open slate. With a score of 73.5, Mike Boyle, showing Elizabeth McHugh's Chics Dream, earned first place in the Open, closely followed by David Hanson on Stephanie Munzinger's Aces High Whiz with a 72.5. With scores of 71.5, the top two placings in the Intermediate and Limited Open classes were shared between Ollie Galligan showing Margaret Daly's Gunnachicya and Warwick Schiller showing his own Shine Spook Shine. Chics Love Chrome and rider/owner

Patricia Eckhoff rode away with first place in the Primetime Open with a 71 score. Lavonne Sturgeon and her beloved California Shines won second with 68.5. Cody Rowe swept the Rookie Professional class by capturing three of the top four placings! He took first place honors with Larry Pearle's Electric Kit with a winning score of 70.5. Cody, on Richard Boer's Dreamin About Wimpy, tied for second with Kaitly Sotomayor riding Julie Beach's Spook N Cody with scores of 70. Finishing up the Open section was the AQHA Open Reining, featuring 17 entries. Chics Dream and Mike Boyle took the class. Ollie Galligan showing Gunnachicya tied for second with Martin Padilla, on Toby-ann Faingold's Spangled Desire.

With the onset of the afternoon, the Rookie and Green reiners took to the arena. Paige Pastorino and Taylor Made Magnum won both Rookie Level 1 and 2 with a score of 71. 70.5 earned West Coast Hick and Randy Engler a second place in Rookie 1 and a tie for second in Rookie 2 with Mercedes Shiningstar ridden by Margaret Munro. Randy also won Primetime Rookie. Sharing second, with scores of 70, were Laetitia Loubser and her Coronas In Hollywood and Michele Auzenne and her Oakanic. In the WCRHA Green Reiner class, Natalie Cook



Rock N Roll Baby & Mike Boyle



Ms Benz & Britta Jacobson

rode Marlena Got Nicd to the win with a score of 69.5, with Kelly Staley and Star Trek Tag coming in second with a 68. Lisa Dentoni, riding Mr Twister Whiz, won the AQHA Amateur Level 1 Reining.

Since a lot of reiners are adding Ranch Riding to their repertoires, the WCRHA club decided to support those interests and are offering a variety of ranch riding classes to their shows this year. Kaity Sotomayor extended the trot, jogged over poles, and more to garner three of the top five placings in the AQHA Open Ranch Riding class. Riding Catamia Oak, owned by Mary Mendoza, Kaity won the class with a score of 77. Paige Gentry on her Nu Steppin Shoes was second with 73. In the AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding, Stacy Hamilton on her California Girl rode to first with 74 and Ginger DeGrange on her TR The Big Easy was second with 70.5. For the more mature exhibitor, the AQHA Amateur Select Ranch Riding class provided Derek Brummett and his palomino mare, Thischicsamistress, the format for a win with a score of 76. Michele Auzenne and Oakanic earned 73.5 for their efforts to place second in the class. The AQHA Amateur Level 1 Ranch Riding, for the less experienced in this venue, was won by Aces High Whiz and Stephanie Munzinger with second going to Colleen Morris on Out West In Levis. Margaret Chancellor showed Dunit With A Shine to a score of 72.5 for the win in the AQHA Youth Ranch Riding with Baily Alexander on Ima Ugly Stick coming in for second with 71. The

WCRHA Ranch Riding All ages was won by Kelly Staley on Star Trek Tag with a 73. Mari Hess and her Steppin Up Haidas took second with a 72. All in all, the ranch riding classes were well received and enjoyed as something a little different!

A brisk morning ushered in the second day of competition with the NRHA Green reiners. Sharing first place honors in the Level 1 were Elizabeth Atkins on Almighty Chic and Margaret Chancellor on Dunit With A Shine, both with scores of 69. Paige Pastorino riding Taylor Made Magnum topped the scoreboard in Level 2 with a score of 69.5, with Elizabeth Atkins taking second on her Almighty Chic.

First place in the Snaffle/Hackamore 5 & Under went to Miss N Wimpy, owned by Barbara Morlan and shown by David Hanson, scoring 72.5. Darkest-sideoftheboon, earning the second place award with a 71.5 for owner Jill Cenedella, was ridden by Ron Emmons.

With a 71.5, Patricia Eckhoff topped the Non Pro board with her Chics Love Chrome by taking home first places in Non Pro, Intermediate NP, Limited NP, Primetime NP, and AQHA Amateur Reining. Congratulations, Patricia! Debi Murnan and her Jacs Red Pine earned second places in Non Pro, Intermediate NP, and Primetime NP with 71. Placing second with 70.5 in Limited NP was Elizabeth McHugh showing Chics Dream. Co-first places in the Masters NP were awarded to

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Timber Winner & Mackenzie McDowell



Electric Kit & Cody Rowe



Dunit With A Shine & Margaret Chancellor



Star Trek Tag & Kelly Staley



Stars Revolution & Abby Lubin



West Coast Hick & Randy Engler



Spangled Desire & Martin Padilla

Affiliate #1...from page 9

Lavonne Sturgeon showing California Shines and George Deffterios showing Great Banjo, each scoring a 69. Carla Odetto on Wimpchester 73 and Elizabeth McHugh aboard Chics Dream shared first place honors out of a field of nine in the AQHA Amateur Select Reining, both with scores of 70.5.

As the afternoon warmed up a bit, the Youth were next to hit the show arena. Claiming first place prizes in 13 & Under and the AQHA Youth Reining was Margaret Chancellor on Dunit With A Shine, scoring 71. Mya Clader earned second in the 13 & Under on Tammi Clader's Katie Tag with a score of 66. Bailey Alexander and her Ima Ugly Stick took the top awards in the Youth 14-18 and Unrestricted Youth classes with 69.5 as well as second place in the AQHA Youth Reining. Kristen Rodocker rode her Shining Doc Colonel to second place finishes in the 14-18 and Unrestricted Youth with 68.5. Stars Revolution, guided by Abby Lubin to a score of 65, won the Youth Rookie. Congratulations to all the WCRHA youth exhibitors! You were all winners by just "playing the game!"

A fun, unique competition, open to all exhibitors who felt "lucky," was held Saturday evening—Battle for the Saddles. A roll of the dice was added to each exhibitor's reining score to determine who would win a saddle in the Non Pro class as well as the Open class. Kain Emmons rolled the dice and, for the second year in a row, won the saddle for the Open division. How "lucky" is he? Britta Jacobson added her dice roll to her reining score to win the saddle for the Non Pro division. (Read more about this fun event in Becky Hanson's exclusive report posted elsewhere in this publication.) A special thank you to Rolling Hills Casino for sponsoring the two saddles. There was something for everyone as all 21 exhibitors left with gifts and goodies sponsored by HorsLic, California Embroidery, Caboy Hattery, Equine Oasis, and The Show Pad & Michelle Miola.

Another brisk, yet sunny, morning welcomed the Green As Grass horses and their riders to the pen on the final day of the show. Mackenzie McDowell and her Timber Winner emerged as winners, scoring a 71. Coming in second was Paolo Troia-Cancio on his grey mare Suga Suga with a 69.5.

Finishing off the show were the Novice Horse Non Pro and Open classes. Splitting first place in the Non Pro Level 1 were Britta Jacobson riding her Ms Benz and Mari Hess showing her Steppin Up Haidas, with scores of 71.5. Besting a class of 19 entries in the Non Pro Level 2 was Ken Hamilton on his Hollywood Voodoo with 72. Sharing second place were Jacobson and Hess.

In the Novice Horse Open Level 1, Mike Boyle came in first and second respectively on Pamela Hurst's Rock N Roll Baby with 72.5 and the McLeod Family Farms' A Gun Show with 71. Martin Padilla rocked the very competitive Open Novice Horse Level 2 class with a 74.5 to win first on Spangled Desire for owner Tobyann Faingold. Sharing second with big scores of 73.5 were David Hanson on Stephanie Munzinger's Aces High Whiz and Christian Rammerstorfer on his own Reinsincalifornia.

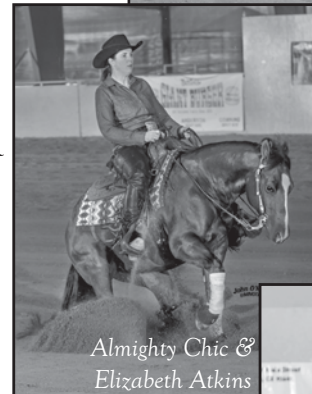
Special thanks goes to Britta Jacobson for organizing the Battle for the Saddle classes, to Art Fingerle for managing the In-Gate, to Thad Carr and Mike Boyle for overseeing the arena ground, and to all the other volunteers who made this show a success! Thank you!!!



Ima Ugly Stick & Bailey Alexander



Marlena Got Nid & Natalie Cook



Almighty Chic & Elizabeth Atkins

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Taylor Made Magnum & Dana Pastorino



Miss N Whimpy & David Hanson



Mr Twister Whiz & Lisa Dentoni

-Eileen Maxinoski 

DERBY AWARD SADDLES

****NEW FOR 2018****

DERBY OPEN LEVEL 4 & NON PRO LEVEL 4 CIRCUIT SADDLE AWARDS****

Starting in 2018, there will be saddles awarded at the year end show to the circuit winner of the Derby Open Level 4 and the circuit winner of the Derby Non Pro Level 4.

The Circuit consists of:

1. Affiliate #2 Rein for the Roses, Derby Open Level 4 and Derby Non Pro Level 4 Classes
2. Affiliate #4 Star Spangled Slide, Derby Open Level 4 and Derby Non Pro Level 4 Classes
3. WCRHA Year End Show, Derby Open Level 4 and Derby Non Pro Level 4 Classes

The owner must nominate their horse as they currently do for the regular year end awards before any points are counted and all owners and riders of the horse must be current members of WCRHA before any points are counted.

Must be the same Horse and Rider Combination in all 3 shows.

Must have the highest point total from the 3 Derbies listed above (or 2 Derbies if no one has shown in all 3). Points will be calculated per the number shown in each class (example; if there are 5 in the class then 1st place receives 5 points, 2nd place receives 4 points, etc. No points awarded for a zero score). Ties will be broken by money earned.

This will take the place of the saddles previously awarded at the year end show for a single run.

If you have any questions please contact a WCRHA Board Member.



Catherine Kagle "Inspire Me" Award 2017 ART FINGERLE



Art Fingerle, Rachel Fingerle, and Jake Cagle

It would not be the same at a WCRHA show without Art Fingerle at the gate. Art developed "the board" for the in gate of a reining show so that riders can come up and see where they are in the draw, how many riders are before them, when the drags are, the scores and, of course, who is leading each class. This wonderful system is incredibly beneficial for the riders, trainers, spectators and many other people who are at the show. Art's voice can be heard from early morning to late at night as the show goes on announcing what draw is in and who is coming up next. Art coordinates the drags, works with the show office, the announcer, the scribe and the judges. WCRHA could not run shows as efficiently without Art at the gate. Art's words to the rider entering the pen "Good Luck and Have Fun" demonstrate his good natured personality. Art thinks of the riders by providing water for the hot days, putting up trivia questions for entertainment, and keeping riders informed of potential ties. Many people do not realize that Art VOLUNTEERS his time to run the gate and is at the show before it starts to set up his special boards with the schooling runs and is there every morning ready to go before the show starts and there late at night when the show ends so he can prepare his boards for the next day's classes. For these reasons, Art Fingerle is truly an inspiration for his many years of unselfish giving of his time and energy to WCRHA and its members, all with a smile on his face.

Congratulations, Art!

Past Recipients

2016 - Delbert Tullos	2013 - Becky Hanson
2015 - Nancy Kucer	2012 - Tim Hupke
2014 - Melynda Silvashy	2011 - Kim Yancy



NRHA JUDGES

The pool of NRHA judges in the WCRHA is getting nice and deep! Christian Rammerstorfer and Eric LaPorte are current NRHA judges as well as Mike McEntire, who is actually Chairman of the NRHA Judges Committee. On the road to joining these three are Kain Emmons, Martin Padilla, Ollie Galligan, and Gabe Davide, who recently attended the NRHA Judges Seminar in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. According to Davide, all four passed the qualifying test in order to go on to the next, and final, step of securing their Judging credentials, which will be later this fall.



Kain Emmons, Martin Padilla, Ollie Galligan, and Gabe Davide, who recently attended the NRHA Judges Seminar in Oklahoma City



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In addition to the regular year end class awards of buckles to Champion and Reserve Champion, jackets to the top 5 and other awards to 3rd, 4th, and 5th places, starting in 2018, there will also be a SADDLE awarded in the following YOUTH classes as a year end award at the banquet:

YOUTH 13 & UNDER YOUTH 14 to 18

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WCRHA Affiliate #2
WCRHA Affiliate #3
WCRHA Affiliate #4
WCRHA Year End Show

The points will be counted as they are for the regular year end awards. Ties will be broken by whoever has the highest reining score at the year end show.

There is no minimum number of shows that must be attended to qualify for the saddles but all points earned at Affiliates 2-4 and year end show will count.

It is possible that the same person who wins the saddle for a class does not also win the Champion Buckle in the class.

The regular year end awards will be calculated as per usual with other approved shows counting for points and a minimum of 4 shows must be attended and 3 shows for short stirrup. See wcrha.com under "points, shows and year end awards" for details.

This will take the place of the saddles previously awarded at the year end show.

If you have any questions please contact a WCRHA Board Member or Tereasa Canada, Youth Advisor 707-318-5933, gssinfo@sbcglobal.net.



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Ranch Riding is one of the most popular and fastest growing classes across the nation and is now being offered at many NRHA shows. WCRHA offered five AQHA ranch riding classes and a WCRHA club ranch riding class at Affiliate #1 in Corning. A number of riders tried their luck at a pattern that included walk, trot, lope, extended gaits and logs to cross over, giving the reining horses something new to think about! WCRHA plans to offer club ranch riding classes at some of the shows this year. Thanks to all the riders who participated in this fun class and congratulations to the winners!



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WCRHA HORSE OF THE YEAR

WCRHA congratulates Rhonda Dunlap for earning the Horse of the Year award with her Wimpys Yellow Jacket. This award acknowledges those horses considered “war horses,” “packers,” steady Eddys,” etc. who are high WCRHA point earners. The award was presented at the year-end WCRHA banquet in January.

The perpetual Morrison trophy was commissioned and generously donated by Dick Randall of Lost Trail Ranch.

Any horse (no breed or age restrictions) or rider combo is eligible in any WCRHA approved class. Points go toward the horse. The award is given to the horse who gains the most points at WCRHA approved shows.



2017 WIMPYS YELLOW JACKET
Owner Rhonda Dunlap

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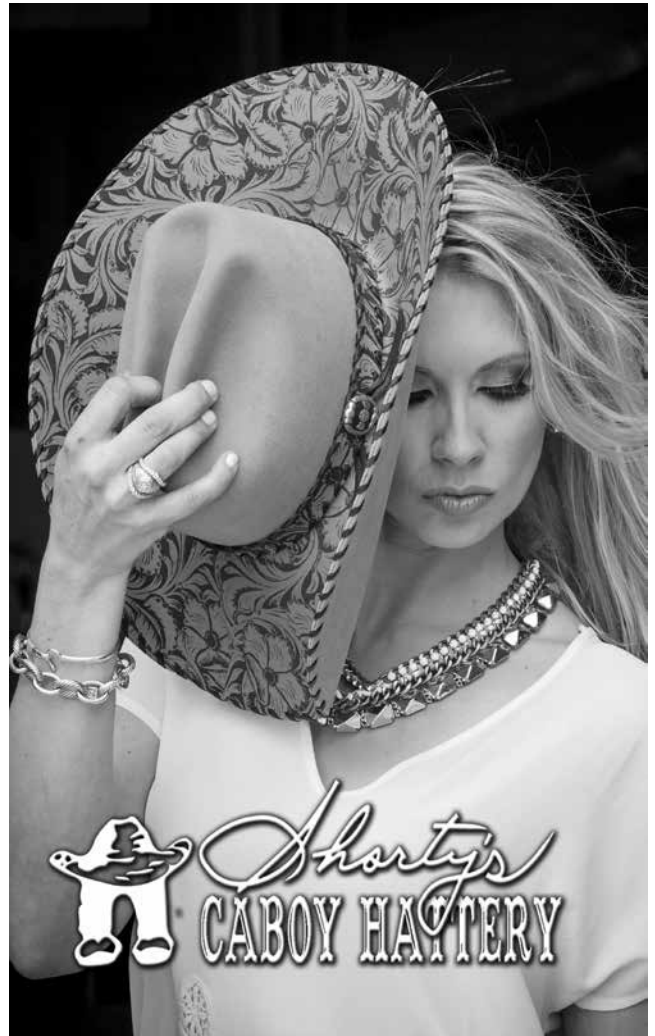




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WCRHA Affiliate #4 | WCRHA Year End Show

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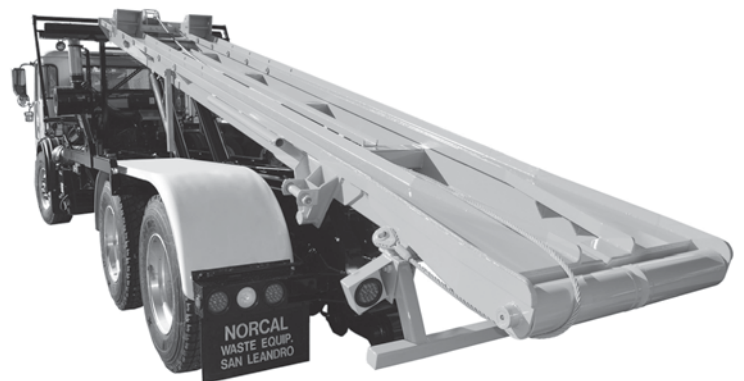
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DAVID HANSON INDUCTED INTO WCRHA HALL OF FAME

The honor of being inducted into the WCRHA Hall of Fame is reserved for those who have made significant contributions to the development and success of the WCRHA. David Hanson was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Annual WCRHA Awards Banquet in January. David has been in good standing with the WCRHA and the National Reining Horse Association for nearly 20 years. He has worked tirelessly in many capacities to further the goals of both the WCRHA as well as the NRHA. In addition to serving as a WCRHA Board member for many, many years, he has aptly led the club as President for several of those years. David employs a very creative mind when it comes to promoting the club. He has brought in new sponsors which resulted in new prizes for competitors. He has worked diligently to have WCRHA and its members highlighted in NRHA promotional materials and other publications. In working with facility owners, vendors, and sponsors, David has been instrumental in building bridges for future partnerships in a very fair, even-handed way. He has always been willing to help members in times of need even if they are not his clients, which embodies the mission statement of the club. He has served as a source of knowledge for the Board as members have transitioned in and out of the Board and has been supportive of other presidents and their goals. He continues to be well respected by NRHA professionals as well as his peers.



David Hanson accepts WCRHA Hall of Fame jacket

Congratulations to David as the 2017 inductee of the WCRHA Hall of Fame!

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