

# HORSEMASTERSHIP NEWS

Exciting news for Horsemastership competitors this year. In honor of the program's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, two commemorative saddles will be awarded at the End of Year Finals for the total overall highest points for adult and for junior. All categories must be filled in order for the saddles to be awarded. We are also holding a raffle to help towards the cost and would sincerely appreciate any help buying and selling tickets. The raffle is for a gun, winner has a choice of 3 handguns through Sportsman's Warehouse. The drawing will be July 21st at quarterly and only 450 tickets will be sold. Anyone interested please call Debbie at 530/549-4072. In order to make this a great Horsemastership program, it has to be a joint effort, no one can do this alone so please help support this program.

Speaking of help, Horsemastership is also looking for volunteers to help man the booth at the Western States Horse Expo. June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. This will involve giving out some pamphlets and written materials and just generally promoting the program. For committing to help for 3 hours you will be given free entry into the Expo. After your 3 hour shift the rest of the day is yours to look around and enjoy. If you are interested in helping, please call Debbie Waters at the number above or email at [ukdebbie@msn.com](mailto:ukdebbie@msn.com). Thank you!

**MORE EXCITING NEWS**, this End of Year Finals for Horsemastership will be held in conjunction with the English Western program and the Royalty program on October 20<sup>th</sup>, at Brookside Equestrian Center in Elk Grove. I was able to visit Brookside last weekend and it is a great facility. There are several arenas including one indoor arena, a café, bar and snack bar and food is catered at a reasonable price. The facility also has plenty of stalls, lots of parking and camping areas as well as some RVs available for rent for overnight stays.

For those riders out there who have been thinking about participating in the horsemastership program but keep procrastinating. There may still be time to sign up. Check with your region chairs for more information.

I am thrilled to announce that participation is far exceeding my expectations. Well done to all the Region chairs for their dedication and commitment to this program. Region 2 Chair – Sam Ballard has raised \$1100.00 for the region program and has 15

competitors and 3 leadliners! Region 4 Chair – Carlana Kellog has 22 competitors and Region 18 – Kelly Bebensee now has 15 riders. Thank you ladies for all your hardwork, you are all awesome.

I have also just been notified that Region 18 is giving away a beautiful headstall as a dual award for the high point contestant entered and competing in both horsemastership and the obstacle challenges. What a great way to challenge yourself and your horse in multiple events. For more information on this you can contact Kelly Bebensee at 530-515-1830 or [buzzsawranch@yahoo.com](mailto:buzzsawranch@yahoo.com).

Keep up the great work everyone and I hope to see many of you at Brookside In October.

Debra Waters – State Horsemastership Chair