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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The leadership has been working on a couple of items and here are the updates.

Cow Palace

In June of 2008 the CSHA State Officers met with the CEO of the Cow Palace and Grand National Rodeo regarding CSHA's role at the Grand National. For innumerable years CSHA has organized the Color Guard competition and our royalty and officers participated in the Grand Entry on Opening Night.

The dynamics of the Cow Palace are changing in this era, as many of you are well aware. From the meeting it was evident that a great deal of sponsorship money has to be infused for the Grand Entry and Color Guard competition to take place. A survey was sent out to the officers and State chairs with suggested options. The primary suggestion from the CEO was that CSHA acquire donations and sponsorships up to \$10,000. At this time, CSHA is not in a position to make that kind of financial commitment.

Therefore, with great disappointment, CSHA is not making a formal commitment for "CSHA Opening Night at the Cow Palace". The Cow Palace management may very well hold the competition and opening ceremonies; there has been no announcement to date. Discussion has taken place in regard to selecting another venue and event for the traditional Color Guard competition. If there are suggestions from the membership to accomplish this, please forward those ideas so planning may begin.

Convention

We are fast approaching the 2008 Annual Convention to be held in Modesto, November 12-16. The resolution packets that have gone out contain some very important changes for the Association's By-laws. Over the years many changes have been applied to sections of the By-laws and Administrative Practices that need to be redirected to work effectively. This redirection has been a task for the working committees since last convention. Many of these changes contain the same wording; they are just being placed in the correct section. There is also new language, giving better definition to our Association.

We are coming to the close of a very eventful year. The changes worked on by the members and committees will help us make sound and effective decisions to serve the Association for many years to come.

We are looking forward to this next year with great enthusiasm, new ideas and implementation of those changes with the help of a dedicated membership.

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Doctor's Law: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to see a doctor and by the time you get there, you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll remain sick.

Region Reports

Region 1

Congratulations to PRDC Sr. Drill team on becoming Reserve Champion at the WSEDTA finals. Our congratulations also go to Kathryn Kelley, who is the SCE Trail Trials champion in the 17 & under division. Good job!

Region 2

Reining. This year has been a rough one with the high cost of fuel and the fires in Northern California. We had to cancel the show in June because of the Paradise fire and re-schedule it for September 13. I thought we wouldn't have many riders at our reining shows but we had a record turn-out. The first two shows were so big they lasted until 8:00/9:00 in the evening. The third show was a little smaller but the fourth show picked up again and we had 42 riders. The judge said our show was the best he had ever judged. He was impressed at how well organized it was and how smoothly everything went. I told him this was because of all of the good volunteers that we have at CSHA Region 2.

Region 3

Sacramento Horsemen's Association unanimously chose to grant a life membership to their oldest and most active members, Peggy and Harry Narducci. Peggy rode in hundreds of parades, including 13 Rose Parades, representing Sacramento Horsemen; she currently represents them at CSHA meetings. Bob Lorbeer, the current State Drill Team chair has been elected to the Board of Directors of Sacramento Horsemen's Association.

Region 4

November 30, will wrap up activities for Region 4. High Point awards and special recognition awards will be presented at a luncheon.

Region 5

The Region just held its election and re-elected Carolyn Hendrickson as President, with Mark Materne as ice President. Our first annual T"N"T ride/campout (TRAP and Trails) was a great success and plans are underway for next summer. Also in the success category is our new Stock program. Cattle sorting and team penning were held throughout the season at the Eden Canyon Cattle Club and buckles were awarded at the ranch BBQ on October 5th. Region 5 always has a packed schedule and is already setting up the first meeting to plan "Spring Stampede 2009", our annual fundraising event. A number of riders went to SOC in Gymkhana, English/Western and other competitions. Our annual awards banquet is scheduled for December 7th at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore.

Region 11

Elections were held in September. Ingrid Leasers and Rick Wagner have been re-elected as President and Vice President and will make every effort to fill vacancies. Ingrid met some great people at the Chino Hills Stagecoach Days event. The parade turned out to be more like a "pass for review" so a few of us went on a little trail ride after our part in the festivities was over. I'd like to thank the Hollifield family for being my ride buddies; hope our paths cross again soon.

Region 18

Our Junior Endurance Program participant Sierra Wright has finished her first ride! Clarissa Hale generously let Sierra ride her gentle Arab an mare Ahmazing. Sierra rode with her mother as the sponsor in the first day of the 30 mile LD at The Patriot Ride in Greenville. Sierra enjoyed herself and was only a little sore. She now wants to do the Lake Oroville ride on November 1, 2008.

WAY BACK WHEN THE CSHA HORSESHOW

by Patti Souza

The "CSHA Horse Show" has been conducted under a few names. From the CSHA Blue Ribbon Show to the CSHA Championship Show to the CSHA Horse Show to the present Show of Champions. Not only did it change names and locations, but format and content.

The first CSHA Horse Shows were called the "CSHA Blue Ribbon Show" and were held in October. The first show was held in 1946 in conjunction with the CSHA Convention. These shows were held all over the State and those adults who were showing also attended Convention meetings.

In order to qualify for the Blue Ribbon Show the contestant had to have won a "blue ribbon" (first place) in that class/event at a recognized Region show. These classes included English, Western and Gymkhana. This was not on a high point format, but an individual class 1ualifier.

If the contestant won his class/event at the Blue Ribbon Show, he was declared the State Champion and/or record holder. UI am proud to say m6y partner and I held the Ribbon Race record for a few years.

As I have mentioned, the show was held in conjunction with the Convention. And there were shows all over the State. I can remember from Palm Springs in the dust storm to Santa Rosa in the rain. Nowadays we take our motor homes or stay in nice hotels. When the Show and Convention were combined, some of the members bedded down in the unused stalls or in our trailers or trucks that we had hauled horses to the shows in. Another aspect of these shows/conventions is that we had members who would ride to the locations. If the show/convention was held in the north, then riders would start from the south, picking up riders as they rode. There were five ladies in Bakersfield who were collectively called the "Gallopig Grandmas". When the show/convention was held in Santa Rosa, they would start out heading north up the San Joaquin Valley along the 99 highway. They would pick up riders along the way, spending the night at Fairgrounds or ranches. My dad and aunt and uncle hooked up with them and rode on to Santa Rosa. The year the show/convention was held in Palm Springs, they whole thing was reversed. I got to ride only one time; from my home in Turlock to the show/convention in San Jose in 1954.

Absorbed into the show as they were organized, were many of today's programs, including Horsemastership in 1952, and Drill Team Competition in 1949(?).

The Blue Ribbon Shows were held until 1958 when the show was held in Paso Robles and had 336 entries; several years prior to this the shows averaged about 330 entries. Pressure from exhibitors, trainers and horsemen in general brought about a change. It became an open show; THE CSHA CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW.

In 1959 the first open CSHA Championship Horse Show was held in Turlock. It was a big success with over 1000 entries. Although it was an open show, there were still classes limited to CSHA members and the winners of those classes were declared "CSHA Champions".

At the 1963 CSHA Convention and Horse Show held in Fresno, members of the Association found that holding the horse show at the same time as the Convention was just not feasible, since many members and Delegates were involved with the show as well as having to do Convention business. Consequently, the following year, 1964, the horse show was separated from the convention and held at the Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. The show was moved around for a few years, until in 1966 it settled down

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at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. It became a 10 day show with one day off to clean up in the middle of the week. It earned an "A" rating from the American Horse Show Association under the direction of Jack Costa who managed the show for many years. (If anyone can let me know what years, I would appreciate the information.) As the programs were developed, the one which held championship competitions held the finals at the show. This included Horsemastership, Queen (now known as Royalty) and Drill Team competition.

The show was held many years at Santa Rosa and became one of the top rated shows in the West. After Jack Costa left the show it continued to be held in Santa Rosa and after a while outside managers were hired to put on the show. As the charge for the arena increased and because of other factors in 19..(?) the "CSHA Horse Show" left Santa Rosa and was held in various locations, including Rancho Murieta and Plymouth. Members managed the shows, but after a few years (because the show no longer showed a profit), in 19..(?) CSHA decided to do away with the CSHA Horse Show. More on that later.

As you can see, I have not been able to find many dates, names of managers, locations, etc. I hope some of you out there can help me. I have contacted, and am continuing to contact people, whose names I have been given. Please if you have information or know someone who may, let me know. I need your help.

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IN THE MIDDLE

by Jim Hendrickson, Central Area Vice President

This year as CSHA Central area vice president, I have had the pleasure of meeting many great people at Region meetings and events throughout the area. I also traveled to Southern California to meet with the President as well as State and Region officers to discuss issues that confront us. I found a common thread in all of this; we need to communicate, do it more clearly and understand what has been said.

One on one conversations as well as attentive listening can bring things into focus more rapidly. The "he said- she said" tales that are passed on along and never verified, only cloud an issue. Sometimes it takes a lot of homework and research of the By-laws to see what comes into play and what is interpretation. This is where being fair and reasonable come into the picture. Then there needs to be a decision made based on all those factors. Not a one time "fix", but an evaluation of how it will affect future situations. This is what I believe I can bring to the CSHA table and what drives me to seek the State Vice President's position. I am endeavoring to find a person willing to accept the Central Area Vice President's position and maintain the progress we have enjoyed in the central regions.

Recently, at the Show of Champions I was pleased to see the central regions well represented by competitors, officers and chairpersons. For me, those working associations and friendships will continue and build our future avenues in CSHA.

Jim Hendrickson

Trail Trials State Championship Event 2008

by Tami Sandberg

This event was held in the central regions at the Mother Lode Ranch in Sonora, September 27-28, 2008.

They Rumsey's, owners of the ranch were gracious hosts. The property where we rode had rolling hills, oak trees, rocks, and some wonderful views from the top. Half-way through the ride there was a natural spring where we could refill our water and the horses could get a cold one also. Joan Wilkinson and Vicki Kardell as ride managers came up with some challenging but natural obstacles. Joan also put on another hat as Senior Judge for the event.

The obstacle judges did an awesome job and the scores did not come easy, as it should be for the Championship Event. Every rider had to be on top of their game for this ride.

The catered breakfast was tasty with your choice of hot or cold, and dinner was fabulous. NY steak or Cornish game hen, with all the trimmings. A first for the SCE, we had a DJ with music and a full no-host bar.

After dinner, some special awards were presented for those who were nominated for MVP 2008; Lori Cleveland of Region 1 took charge and did a great job of presenting these awards. Diane Medlock, 2008 SCE Chairman, Vicki Kardell and Joan Wilkinson, 2008 SCE ride managers, were presented with commemorative buckles for their efforts and hard work, putting on this event. A Past State Chair buckle was to be presented to Dean Fisher, however, he could not attend the event. Diane surprised our State Chairman, Tami Sandberg, with an award for working with the State committee and Regions.

Not to be outdone, the raffle prizes were again top quality. Most of the Regions donated prizes for this, as did individuals. The raffle went well and added to the making of another successful State Championship.

Diane Medlock and her crew are to be commended for putting on a quality event; things ran smooth and very few complaints were heard.

This year not only did we have Champion and Reserve Champion buckles, but there were again Top 6 buckles for 3rd-6th place and ribbons from 7th-10th place. Thank you to all Regions and individuals who sponsored the buckles and awards to make this possible. Thank you to Sue Edwards for getting the sponsor cards done and having each recipient sign them before leaving. Our sponsors really help out the program and we need to remember to thank them.

Marty Crosley Photography was on hand to take his award-winning pictures. All got sample copies of their pictures. You can order photos from the packets or online. Don't miss out, these are great photos.

You could not have asked for better weather, although it was hotter than usual for this event. Days ranged from the mid 80s and nights were about mid 60s. Remember when we got snowed on at Clark's Fork? You just never know about the Fall weather.

So as we close another SCE, the reins are passed on to the Southern Regions, who already have locations, ideas and awards in the works.

Let's see everyone in the South next year! Good Luck!

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Calendar of Events

November

1	Mariposa Trail Trials contact: Vicki Kardell	209/966-7080	6	Riverbank Christmas Judge: Lawellin	209/863-7122
6/9	Rancho Murieta World cup qualifier	916/205-4057	6	Manteca Christmas Judge: Lawellin	209/823-6121
8	City of Perris Parade Judge: White	951/943-6603	6	Palm Springs Parade Judge: White	760/285-1739
8/9	CSHA Run for the Gold Endurance Mariposa	209/742-6332	6	Los Gatos Christmas Parade Judge: Webb	
9	S.F. Veterans Day Judge: Thornton	415/467-8218	7	Downey Holiday Lane Judge: White	310/537-4240
11	Livingston Parade Judge: Lawellin	209/394-2059	7	Granada Hills Parade Judge: Machlan	818/368-3235
11	Fairfield Parade Judge: Cipro	707/428-7538	13	City of Perris Parade Judge: White	951/928-1800
13/16	CSHA Convention		13	Woodland Parade Judge: Lawellin	530/662-7327
15/16	Auburn Equestrian Center Grand Opening	530/305-7274	13	Lathrop Prade Judge: Lawellin	209/601-7636
22	Pico Rivera Anniversary Parade Judge: White		13	Compton Parade Judge: Machlan	310/605-6323
23	East LA Christmas Judge: White	310/537-4240	14	San Fernando Parade Judge: White	310/537-4240
26	Stockton Horse show San Joaquin Co. Horsemen Contact	209/941-0464	14	Chatsworth Parade Judge: Machlan	818/489-6423
28	Sonora Christmas Parade Contact	209/532-7725	14	Columbia State Park Judge: Lawellin	209/599-2620
29	Lakeport Parade Judge: Cipro	707/263-5092	2009 Events		
December			April	CSHA Championship Parade in Winters Contact: Mary Ann Dunkle 707/628-3920	
5	Atwater Night Parade Judge: Lawellin	209/658-4251	25		
5	Kelseyville Parade Judge: Cipro	707/995-2515	May	Trail Trials Whiskeytown Contact: Fred Carrero 530/275-2757	
6	Guerneville Holiday Judge: Thornton	707/869-3533	2/3		
			August	Trail Trials Euer Valley Contact: Lynn Matranga	
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