



# THE NEW HORSEMEN

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## Message from the President.....

*This time of year is a reminder of just how active our programs and activities schedule can get. Here are the highlights and upcoming events.....see you there. Jim*

**The Show of Champions** will be underway in a few days and it looks like a busy schedule to accommodate the 400 entries. Wow !.....organization will be the name of the game to keep us on track during the shows. Good luck to all our competitors, we are looking forward to a great show!

**The Trail Trials SCE Awards** presentation was on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Skyline Park in Napa. The riders were tested not only on their course skills but enduring the 100+ degree weather both days. The event was well attended and I heard a number of positive comments about the course.

**Cow Palace update:** due to management circumstances the Drill Team & Color Guard competitions set for the Grand Nationals was cancelled. I have spoken with the managers in regard to the 2011 regeneration of the CSHA Color Guard & Drill Team Competition at the Cow Palace. I have had very positive feedback and will pursue our return to the Grand Nationals. I would like to put the word out that we will need help in accomplishing this. I will remain in contact to set up dialog for 2011.

**At the Quarterly meeting of September 18, 2010** the Board wrapped up business, had a report on the status of the Office, review and discussion of Resolutions and Convention plans. Of significant note was the 2009 Gymkhana deficit was completely cleared as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this success story! There was a preliminary report by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Santa Rosa Property. At this point the committee will be doing the research and cost analysis for the best options and use of the property. Also, discussed was the need to have specific information for the calculations of each Region's Insurance policy; this will be discussed with our Insurance Representative.

**Convention/Resolutions:** the information for the Convention and the Resolutions will soon be posted on the CSHA Website. All members should be receiving their information-letter to request their own packet and convention materials if they so choose. There are 92 Resolutions however a number of them are for aligning the Bylaws and Administrative Practices in a continuing effort to bring our rules into compliance with the corporation requirements.

**Finance:** there seems to be varying degrees of information and training needed for Regions, their officers and Treasurers. Plans will be underway to bring definition to the CSHA policies & procedures where accounting and reporting is required of the Regions.

## **In the North.....**

**68th Annual CSHA Convention is November 10-14, 2010**

Holiday Inn; 1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002

Room rate for King or Double Queen; \$95 + 12.5% tax = \$106.88

I am looking forward to a prosperous and fun Convention this year to be held up here in beautiful Redding. I have made a list of nearby hotels in case somebody doesn't want to stay with the ACTION at the Holiday Inn. I am working closely with the hotel convention liaison, so if you have any questions you can call either her or me..... *Laura Gilman, Northern Area Vice President/Convention Chair*

*All registration forms for the Convention and hotel information are available with a packet request and will also be posted on the CSHA website:*

[www.californiastatehorsemen.com](http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com)

*Other hotels close by:*

Oxford Suites

Red Lion – 530-221-8700

Hampton Suites -530-224-1001

Comfort Suite – 530-221-4472

Motel 6 – 530-221-1800

*Restaurants within 1 mile of Holiday Inn:*

Chevy's      IHOP      Applebee's      Pizza Hut      Red Lion – Three Shasta's      Out Back

Logan's      Denny's      Marie Calendar's      Casa Ramos      Express China      Subway  
Cattlemen's Steakhouse      Subarama      La Conquista

*Outings:*

Shasta Dam Tour –Free (2<sup>nd</sup> largest Dam in the country)      Viking Skate Country      \$3-\$5(day/time)

Turtle Bay Exploration Park      World Famous Sundial Bridge – Free      Mt. Shasta Mall  
Need 4 Speed-Indoor Go Carts      Country Bowl - \$3.75 per game + \$2.75 shoes

Turtle Bay Exploration Park      World Famous Sundial Bridge – Free

Oasis Fun Center; Miniature Golf -\$4.50 per 9 hole indoor round;

\$7 per round (18 hole) adult; \$6 child(12/under)

In room movies and popcorn for Juniors (& adults if they want to )

## **Programs:**

### ***Drill Team***

Not really drill team news..... but the long-time Drill Team Chairman Bob Lobeer & well know country-western singer Belinda Gail will tie the knot in Ruidoso, New Mexico on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations !!

## ***Parade:***

The Fall season typically is one of the nicest times of the year for parading. Also, two of the upcoming parades are offering cash prizes. Madera awards four equestrian cash prizes & West Point has two. There is ample time to earn your five required parades for the State Championship Parade that is held in the spring.

Our parade family sends get well wishes to longtime judge Mr. Neal Russell. Neal's influence and integrity concerning the CSHA is deeply appreciated. We also send our special condolences to Ronda Ryan in the passing of her dear grandmother. She enjoyed going to horse events and was almost one hundred and three years old.

In closing, please send any news or parade experiences you might have had recently. Your personal experiences will make out newsletter more interesting. Have a great time on the parade routes.

Candy Graham, CSHA Parade Chair

## **Up Coming Parades**

### October

2 –West Point- Lumberjack Day Celebration 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade

9—City of Artesia 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary parade

10-Columbus Day Parade – San Francisco

16-Ukiah Pumpkin Fest

### November

6 –City of Parris –Veteran's Day Parade

7—Veteran's Day Parade—San Francisco

11-Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade

Livingston Veteran's Day parade

20-East Los Angeles Christmas Parade

***Trails Trials:*** More information posted on the Trail Trials Website: <http://www.trailtrials.com>  
Annual SCE –held September 26, 2010

## ***T.R.A.P.***

The Trail Rider's Awards Program is for anyone who trail rides and wants to help keep trails open and accessible. All you do is pay a small sign up fee (\$25.) and keep track of your trail ride hours. This is an active documentation of all equestrians in our Program riding the trails in California. Be part of the growing ranks of those that want our trail use to be counted.

**Trails:** Rails to Trails Conservancy \*\*\* ALERT \*\*\*\* “ .... disproportionate cuts to trails, walking and bicycling”; RTC mandated states to “rescind” \$2.2 billion in transportation funds by August 25; of which \$580 Million was cut from Transportation Enhancements – the nation's largest funding source for trails, walking & biking. This is a move that is worth your time to contact your representative. *More details in RTC's “rescissions table.”*

## **Region News.....**

### ***Region 10:***

Believe it or not the 2010 Region and show year is almost over. Besides setting up our 2011 show dates, it is time to nominate a new President and Vice President. Voting will be in October so that the names of the 2011 Officers and Board member names can be submitted to the State by November. It is imperative that you attend so your vote can be heard and counted. I will again run for President if you choose me. I have been working very hard this year to make out shows successful and promote our region. I am encouraged by many dedicated members that step in and help when needed. I have a vision and would like to see it to fruition. This has been a very challenging position with the economy. Sadly, due to job constraints, current Vice President Sandra Tantau will not be running next year. That means we will need nominations for Vice President.

Our biggest show of the season, the Santa Cruz County Fair Show.....is fast approaching. To make the show successful, we are going to need every able bodied man, woman and child to meet the schedule and be finished by 4pm ! If you are an early arrival; before 7am, you should have no problem--- after that time all passengers beside the driver and one passenger will need a ticket. For those of you that are interested in helping with the show I will give you a gate pass that is also good for the Fair. Those that are participating .....I really need the pre-entries sent in as soon as possible.

Schooling Show / Tack / Vendor Sale on the 12<sup>th</sup> in Marina. \$10 for Vendor & \$5 sell you own tack; \$10 if we sell. Tag you items clearly with price & contact information.

***Thank you for your support & help this year, Rachelle Lightfoot, Region 10 President***

***Region 5:*** Always on the look-out for great projects our Region 5 Trails chair, Diane Offutt has come up with the “Bailing Twine Project”. How much hay twine do you have lying around? Diane is organizing ways to get this left over by-product of the hay pile to a recycling location. Right now the emphasis is on raising funds for TRAILS. If you are interested in the project, setting up a bin or finding out more: contact [dianeocr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianeocr@sbcglobal.net)

Some of our programs have really taken off in the last few years. Stock events went from our once-a-year Stampede event to a full season & buckle series. Sorting has been the main stay but Team Penning is regaining popularity. Stay tuned for a full schedule of stock events at the 2011 Spring Stampede in Livermore; in addition to Sorting & Penning--- we are hoping to add the timed skill events of ‘cattle doctoring’, ‘stock-loading’ & ‘paint branding’.

Our English-Western program has grown by leaps and bounds thanks to the efforts by our Chair Gina Ritiguliano. For those that didn’t get the news -- Gina had a baby girl; EDEN. Our program has nearly 50 riders with many competing at the Show of Champions.

***Congratulations to all our riders ..... Carolyn Hendrickson, Region 5 President***

***From Region 6.....***In late July, one of our fellow riders was seriously hurt during a cattle sorting event. She’s an avid barrel racer with which I’m sure we’ve all competed with. Due to the extreme medical bills, a group of friends have decided to put together an event to raise money to help offset these costs to her and her family.

An EXTREME Day of Barrels & Bovines !  
October 16, 2010 @ Fox Creek Ranch, Hollister  
4D Barrel Race / Ranch Sort  
American Idol Country Music Contest  
Tri-Tip Dinner – Dancing – 50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction  
Joan Harding 408-847-5475

***From Region 11.....Southern area***

A Member of Blue Shadows Drill Team has had some very sad life events take place. Rachel Darnell, 16 years, lost her Dad suddenly early this year leaving her mom and 5 siblings. In a tragic turn of events her mom & the youngest child were hit by a car on a walk to the store in rural Acton; leaving the four children without parents; the eldest is 19. There are fundraisers to help the family through the Fire department and Sheriff's office. The most recent was a yard sale on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. According to Chrystal there may have been 1000 people come in support of the family, it was truly amazing. If you would like to help out:

Call Chrystal Niedrick 661-268-1190 or Lt. Janet Johnstone 818-731-3096

Donations can be made to: Darnell Family Fund

c/o Chrystal Niedrick, 6755 Ranchito Drive, Acton Ca 93510

**On to Better Trails and greener Pastures.....**

Edythe W. Powell, 81, entered into rest on September 13, 2010 in Manteca. She was born on August 13, 1929 in North Dakota. She was a resident of Manteca for over 55 years. She joins her husband in heaven, John H Powell, as well as her children Julie Schmidt and Janice Powell.

Edythe was a Life Member of CSHA and Region 4. As long as I can remember she was working shows and anything else Region 4 was doing. She will be missed.

**Celebration of Life .....**

Richard Theodore passed away after a short but serious illness on August 27, 2010. He was born in Oakland, CA on October 30, 1935 and moved to Mariposa in 1977 after riding the Mariposa "Run For The Gold" Endurance Ride in 1976. His family was responsible for the ride being held from 1998 until 2008.

Richard loved riding his horses and was active with the Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse, Mariposa Pioneer Wagon Train, Mariposa County 4-H, Mariposa Mountain Riders, California State Horsemen's Association (Endurance Chairman), North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), American Endurance Riders Conference (AERC), Western States Trail Foundation (TEVIS). He is survived by his wife Mary d. Richard had 4 children; Julia (Randy)Richard, Eileen (Rodney) Bissmeyer of Mariposa, Matthew (Laura) Theodore of Valley Springs and Timothy (Claire) Theodore of Millville, CA. Grandchildren, Luke and Kurt Theodore of Valley Springs, Rylee and Emmett Theodore of Millville, CA; Corrie (Ryan) Coldwell of Sydney, Nebraska; Hillary & Travis Richard, Kristina, Lonnie & Jamie Bissmeyer. Great- Grandchildren, Halee, Khoen & Rhyker Theodore, Niece Loretta (Raymond) Marean & Great-nieces Sierra & Cheyanne Marean.

Richard's efforts & hard work will be greatly missed.....& that easy smile

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**CSHA Show of Champions 2010** October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Rancho Murieta Complex, Sacramento Area

**68<sup>th</sup> Annual CSHA Convention** November 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Redding CA; Holiday Inn -1900 Hilltop Drive

**January 2011**

**CSHA Quarterly Meeting** –Santa Nella, CA January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
\*\* English-Western Judge’s Symposium \*\*

**April 11-13, 2011**

California Trails & Greenways Conference

@ San Ramon Marriott.

*Region 5 will be making plans for hosting & housing the trusty steeds  
for Equestrian attendees of the Conference; ride plans are in the works*

**SALE BARN:**

Solid Cutting Mare –Chestnut- some flaxen in mane & tail “ Goldie”

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MY TWO CENTS WORTH.....

Well the show of Champions is almost here and the Convention only six weeks away; where did the year go? Parade Chair Candy Graham wrote in her newsletter that she would like input for her newsletter.....same goes here. It doesn’t have to be dates, shows or whatever. Did a great thing happen to you at a horse event? Let us know about it. Just send stuff in.....if I have room I will print it. So come on .....let me hear from you.

See you at SOC or Convention.....*Patti Souza*

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