



# THE NEW HORSEMEN

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## PREZ SEZ.....

*Those weather people keep saying there will be sun one of these days..... maybe next week?*

Soon.....we all need a break and when that time arrives we can be ready to rock !

Some programs have tried their best to have an early schedule only to be outdone by Mother Nature.....I still have muddy horses and ducks landing in the arena !

Getting around to a few Region meeting and talking with others; a couple of things are beginning to evolve that are possible expansion of programs. How many regions are getting involved in Ranch Versatility, Ranch Sorting & Teampenning. Our Stock program has been long overdue to be brought up-to-date. I would like to meet with those interested in addressing this with guidelines & rules for common application state-wide. A number of Regions have versions of each program; consolidation of rules & guidelines will give us the opportunity to have Region, Area and State finals.

Let's see where we can take this new and growing activity !

**Don't forget "Recycling" for April Quarterly.** We will bring a trailer to pick up your "bailing twine". With the organization of the project by Diane Offutt in Region 5 she has set up a contract for our "pilot project". CSHA will combine their kick-off load with Region 5 so we can make the minimum pounds required for the load to be picked up and earn a dumpster for continual refilling & pickup. CSHA will receive their portion of the total \$\$ earned. Diane is also hot on the trail of "green ranching" to include not only recycling but composting and other ideas & savings for running your ranch. More to come.....

**The CSHA Office** is running at reduced hours this year for cost cutting measures. Jay & Debby will try to fill requests in a reasonable amount of time but they will also stay focused on the projects that have priority. *We appreciate your understanding.*

**The WEBSITE** has been moved to the new server so up-dates and information will be easier to post and we expect service to be more reliable. There is a considerable amount of information on the website but if there are improvements or more information needed please advise Marie. The site can use design suggestions; it was transferred in the basics of the old design so it could be put into service rapidly.

**Thank you VERY MUCH to Marie for a time-consuming process and successful completion !!**  
[mariegrisham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mariegrisham@sbcglobal.net)

See you out there.....*Jim Hendrickson, CSHA President*

## PROGRAMS.....

### *ROYALTY*

The State Royalty has been very active so far this year. In December Miss CSHA Alissa Danford, Jr. Miss CSHA Arielle Spotswood, CSHA Ambassador Trevor Fisher, and Jr. Ambassador Ran Phun did several events and parades. They participated in Atwater parade, Los Gatos Children's Christmas parade, Manteca Parade (all within 24 hours), Woodland Holiday parade, and the Columbia All equestrian parade. They went to Disneyland, oh I mean Equine Affair, in February. They will also attend CSHA Day at the races, and the Almond Blossom Parade in Ripon. The speech topic for next year has been chosen, the use of horses in history. If you have an event that you would like to have the State Royalty at please contact Elaine Spotswood at [alittlegolddust@aol.com](mailto:alittlegolddust@aol.com).

### DRILL TEAM

The CSHA Drill Team Program has a new Chair. I am Jill Kraut and I will try to fill the rather large boots of Robert Lorbeer. Bob revived the drill program after many years of inactivity and built it up to its current level. He has put countless hours into the program and it is deeply appreciated by all of the teams. As a recent newlywed he deserves some R & R. I have been a member of the Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team for over 40 years and I am currently the Executive Officer of Blue Shadows. The Blue Shadows have been active in CSHA Drill since its resurrection and have won several State Champion Titles. Patti Souza will serve as Vice Chair and help me with learning the operations side of CSHA with her vast pool of CSHA knowledge. I feel lucky to have such a valuable resource to tap into. Everyone I have had contact with in CSHA has been wonderful and helpful. Thanks to all of you that have helped me or pointed me in the right direction. The 2011 CSHA Drill Team State Championship Competition will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Diamond Bar arena in Ceres. It is promising to be a great turnout with several new teams expected to show. It is exciting to have so many new teams out there and it shows that we are growing as a discipline regardless of the economy. In fact turnout is promising to be so good we may have to cut off entries so teams if you haven't gotten your entry in yet and are planning on attending you'd better hurry. For information about the competition contact me at [jskraut@ca.rr.com](mailto:jskraut@ca.rr.com).

### ENDURANCE

*Hello fellow CSHA Members.*

*The 2010 CSHA State Endurance Program High point Buckle Winners are:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> JR Division Morgan Bowman and Valleydateit AKA Rupert**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Featherweight Division Renie Burnett and Czentinel**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lightweight Division Karen Fredrickson and MRR Pyro**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Middleweight Division Linda Glazier and CR Seyna**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Heavyweight Division Robert Weldin and Airborne**

***Our awards presentation was at the American Endurance Ride Conference Convention in Reno, NV March 4<sup>th</sup>.***

*There are placings in each weight division through 5<sup>th</sup> place and completion awards for those that don't place in the spirit of the American Endurance Riders mantra 'To Finish Is to Win'.*

**There are also placings through 3<sup>rd</sup> place and completion awards for Limited Distance Division . Limited Distance are rides under 50 miles but a min of 25 miles.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Junior LD Wyatt Costa and General Harley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Senior Crystal Costa and Shotgun Willy**

CSHA Endurance uses the miles and placings of our participants that compete in the AERC sanctioned rides. All AERC rides in all the U.S. and Canada count toward CSHA Year end high point awards. Many of our participants ride multi day events in other states...Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon...

For more information on dates and places of rides go to <http://www.aerc.org/> and go to 'competition'...then go to 'ride schedule'....there are rides in the most amazing places...a great way to see the country!

At the AERC Convention we will be promoting CSHA Endurance and TRAP as well as all the other programs CSHA has to offer.

***See you on the trail!***

***Audra Homicz, CSHA State Endurance Chair***

## **PARADE**

Hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day. February was the month when most of us rode in our first parade of the year. It is very important to understand that before you can earn any points for year-end awards you must first have sent in both your regular and your parade program memberships. Also, if you want to receive a high point award, each rider must send in a \$20.00 nomination fee at the same time the parade program membership is paid.

Kassi Gutierrez, Championship Parade Chair, is working hard to make our May 14, 2011 event extra special this year. The parade will be held in conjunction with the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade in Castro Valley. All paraders are welcome.

Rhonda Ryan ( Silver Mounted rider) wrote to tell me about her and the Dixon May Fair Royalty's visit to the Californian and The Woodland Memorial Convalescent Hospitals. Macy Nielson's horse Sissy, Kayla Duncan's horse Buddy, and Rhonda's horse Lu stood perfectly still while elderly residents admired and touched. One lady was 102 years young and happily talked of her past horse experiences. This is a wonderful example of how special our parade program can be.

Good Luck in 2011!

*Candy Graham, Parade Chair*

## PARADE DATES

### MARCH

- 12 - San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade,
- 26 - San Juan Capistrano Swallows Day Parade

### APRIL

- 30 - Winters Youth Days Parade

## REGIONS.....

### Region 5

“Spring Stampede” Annual Fundraiser. April 30-May 1, 2011  
Robertson Park Arena & Livermore Rodeo Grounds.

Entry forms at : [www.springstampede.info](http://www.springstampede.info)

Gymkhana, English-Western, Winery Trails, Stock Events; Sorting –Penning-cattle trailierin', cattle doctorin' and Paint branding + Official BLM Adoption weekend for wild Horses and Burros

*Carolyn Hendrickson, Region 5 President*

### Region 10

**Subject:** Upcoming Region 10 Shows & Clinics

Dear Members and Friends,

We have a lot of events coming up: (Overnight camping is available for all shows)

April 2, 2011-Ranch Versatility Event-All five classes, Trail, Ranch Riding, Cutting, Ranch Horse & Conformation. Limited & Open Divisions. Nice prizes to each winner of each division. Buckles to over all winners! Posse Grounds-Flier attached. Region 6 & 10 & PAC approved for points.

April 10, 2011-Open Horse Show-First point show of season. Posse grounds. Daily high-points and ribbons. prize to 1st. Region 6 & 10 & PAC approved for points. Flier attached.

Please share this with anyone you think might be interested. Pre-entry is recommended & saves time.

Please contact me with any questions.

*Rachelle Lightfoot, Region 10 President*

*(831) 905-5450*

### REGION 18

The programs in Region 18 are up and running. We already have Horsemastership and Royalty contestants and they will be starting clinics and study sessions soon. We have over 25 Registered Riders in our gymkhana program and 6 or 7 signed up for the English Western program. We have held 1 gymkhana in January and had 45 riders on a very cold nasty day. But no rain. Our next gymkhana will be held next weekend and I am hoping for better weather. Our annual POKER RIDE is scheduled for April 23 and I know it is going to be a huge event with a great turn out.

**California State Horsemen's Association Region 18**

**Trail Trials Clinic**

**Sunday April 3 , 2011 - Time: 9AM**

**Location: RockinHRanch**

Trail Trials is an obstacle course competition that tests the skills of horse and rider. Courses are several miles in length and reflect the diversity of California trails whether they are located on a ranch, public park, wilderness, beach, desert or urban setting. Obstacles are natural to their region and are ones typically encountered while on a trail ride. Trail obstacles are not composed of artificial arena-style tests. A judge at each obstacle evaluates the way both horse and rider negotiates these obstacles

by keeping common sense and safety in mind. Trail trials is not a race and can be ridden at your own pace, with any breed of horse or any style of riding.

Lunch Included !

Bring your favorite trail horse, a sense of adventure, a chair, paper pen, and your questions. Visit California State Horsemen's Association website for Trail Trial information.

Registration Opens at 8AM

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Entry Form (complete one entry per person)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

CSHA Member: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider with Horse .....\$35.00 Junior Rider .....\$25.00

Auditor .....\$25.00

Contact: Susan McClenon for Information: (530) 355-2196

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

smcclenon@sbcglobal.net

In order to plan lunch quantities, please mail entry by March 25<sup>th</sup>

Make check payable to: CSHA Region 18 T.T. Clinic

Send to: Susan McClenon: 19556 Fairwind Dr. Anderson Ca. 96007

## ***TRAP Members as Trail Stewards***

***By Sarah Reid, Region 1***

Have you ever thought of yourself as a steward of the trails that you ride? Even if you are not a member of an organization or club that actively works on trail maintenance or patrol, as a TRAP member you really are a steward of the parks and properties you ride and report hours for. As a steward, as a trail rider, as a trail user, we have a responsibility in supporting our trails to stay open and maintained. As we experience our state falling into worsening financial difficulties, the “trickle-down effect” will eventually impact all of our trail riding opportunities on any public lands.

It's not only the State Parks that will show service reductions, staffing reductions, closures. In my own Sonoma County, our county departments, which include Sonoma County Regional Parks, will expect at least 20% budget cuts – AGAIN – come fiscal year July, 2011. This means further service reductions in our 43 regional parks, most of which have equestrian access. “Service reductions” often means beginning with park maintenance and seasonal staff. Reduced park maintenance means locked



bathrooms, removal of garbage cans, no trail maintenance, no removal of downed trees, no litter removal. Reduced seasonal staff means reduction of kiosk staff, building hours (such as visitors center, museum), and elimination of maintenance staff. As state budgets are slashed, local agencies feel the crunch as programs are not funded.

*Sarah Reid & Mustang Oreo, through the spillway, volunteer MAU patrol  
Annadel State Park, Santa Rosa, December, 2010*

### **To put it bluntly...**

What this means for us as trail users is that we need to get our butts out of the saddle and into some volunteer work shoes, more often. This means picking up litter on the trails, taking along your clippers and brushing out trails where needed, reporting illegal activities and dangers on trails to rangers and other permanent staff. Most importantly, it means we need to be participating in organized volunteer trail work days in our parks. The comment most often heard is that volunteer work crews are made up primarily of hikers, secondarily of cyclists (mountain bikers), and hardly ever equestrians. Of course, the exception is when Back Country Horsemen organize a work day. But more often than not, I hear equestrian folks whine that they “just want to ride,” they don't want to work. Then they whine about the condition of the trails. Experience and tools are often not requisite for most work days, just willing bodies.



**Hike**



**Bike**



**Ride**



**California Trails & Greenways Conference Trail Committee**

**Invites you to our Pre Conference Event**

**Come enjoy places you may have never seen before**

**Sunol Regional Wilderness Park**

**Sunday, April 10 Fees waived at park! Ride out at 10 a.m.**



**Lunch Provided**

**RSVP a must for lunch and parking**

**Contact us at <http://www.cshatrap.org/greenwaysride-hike.html> Checkout the website for directions/information**

**Go green! Carpool! Horsepool! Bring a friend!**



**Thanks to**



**for providing refreshments**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Showdown 2011

CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.  
State Gymkhana Program Show of Champions Fundraiser  
Hosted by Region 3 & Casey Raubach, CSHA State Gymkhana Vice Chair

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Judge: Sharon Drake  
Sanctioned by Regions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13

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**Registration until 7:45am for first event. Rider Meeting at 7:45, ALL RIDERS MUST BE PRESENT**  
**Show time 8:00am sharp both days!**  
**Assisted Riders are up first and ride Saturday only**

**EVENTS: Saturday - Lead Line, Birangle, Big T, Skill Barrels, & Clover Barrels**  
**Sunday - Speed Barrels, Poles I, Hurry Scurry, & Single Stake**

➤ **FEES: Entry MUST Postmarked by 5/21/11 to be eligible for pre-entry pricing.**

**NAME OF RIDER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HORSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\*As registered with your region for High Point

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Region:	Division: (Please Circle)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 JR	7 SR
_____	Open-JR	Open-SR	Assisted (Lead Line) Rider					

Pre Entry Fees:		TOTAL
All Events (Pre Entry) Postmarked by 5/21/11	\$60.00	
OR _____ (# of events) X (per event Pre-entry fee)	\$ 7.50	
Day of Show (Post Entry) Fees:		
All Events (Post Entry) CASH ONLY DAY OF	\$80.00	
OR _____ (# of events) X (per event Post-entry fee)	\$10.00	
Assisted (Lead Line) Riders Fee:		
Saturday Rating Events	\$20.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES**</b>		

**\*\*There will be a \$25.00 charge on all returned checks\*\***

**Make checks payable to:** CSHA Region 3  
Mail entries to: Casey Raubach  
Memorial Day Showdown  
232 Schuerle St.  
Woodland, CA 95895

Questions: (530) 400-2561  
Email: Rneckg16@aol.com

**\* BOOK STALLS WITH CINDY INGMAN \*\***  
**RUNNING I RANCH 530-724-4120**

**MUST BE BOOKED BY MAY 10 TO ENSURE A STALL**

Do NOT show up and expect a stall. Gates open at 1:00PM Friday

S.O.B CATERING ON SITE, BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER PHOTOGRAPHER ALAN MYERS

For more details and directions please see websites: <http://caharegill.tripod.com/> or <http://www.runningI Ranch.com/>

## **BITS AND PIECES.....**

### **Subject: Honey Bandit, - Saving Pregnant Mares from slaughter 2-23-11**

Sorry we haven't had a Honey Bandit update, but he was busy raising money for the five pregnant mares in Fallon that were headed to slaughter. We have to say it was absolutely a raging success.

Honey Bandit's friends raised over \$1500 for those mares. How can we say thank you? Everyone who sent money for those mares, spread the word, or said their prayers - YOU ROCK!

We have been on the phone constantly for the past two days, answering the constant flow of calls regarding these mares. Jennifer was fielding emails for me while I waited for the replacement computer. But so many people came through to save these mares. It makes you believe in the human race for a brief second. Actually, we have seen nothing but love for the horses from most of the people we know.

Wish we could raise money like that all the time. :) But I guess this was the perfect time, and the perfect reason. I did get several calls about other horses in trouble, and it is so frustrating that we can't save them all. But having a mare slaughtered and her baby tossed in a pile was too much for people to think about, and they didn't just "blog about it", they "got er done".

Just think if every single person that 'blogs' about or writes about the horses and how awful it is, actually physically did something about it. If every person sent \$5 to a rescue, or went and volunteered, even one time, what a difference it would make. We see people (many elderly) on fixed incomes that will go without something they need to send that \$5. It is amazing how people that have so little find so much to give.

God Bless and Thank You!

[www.chillypepper.weebly.com](http://www.chillypepper.weebly.com)

Chilly Pepper - Miracle Mustang, 30027 State Highway 44 East, Shingletown, CA 96088

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## **IMPORTANT DATES.....**

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Day at the Races; golden Gate Fields-Berkeley, CA

April 1-3 Trail Trials Event-Thama Fairgrounds, Red Bluff

April 11-13 Trails & Greenways Conference-San Ramon Marriott

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Quarterly Meeting-Santa Nella, CA

May 14<sup>th</sup> – State Parade, 2 Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade, Castro Valley, CA

May 15<sup>th</sup> – CSHA Drill Team Competition – Diamond Bar Arena-Ceres, CA (14<sup>th</sup> Practice day)

## **MY TWO CENTS WORTH.....**

Short and sweet. Sorry for the fact that this newsletter is so late. Between the fact that computer went to PC heaven and I came down with the creepy crud and was ill for over a week this was the best I could do. Thank all of you who sent in articles! Please keep it up.

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