THE NEW HORSEMAN
California State Horsemen’s Association, Inc.
Happy New Year - January 2012

President’s Message:
The 2011 year proved to be one of change and challenge for CSHA: from streamlining operations & cost cutting to the EHV-1 outbreak. However, time and time again this group meets the challenges and perseveres. Looks like 2012 will prove same for all of us. While continuing on with our cost cutting measures to run this organization efficiently, we are facing the challenge of recovering a severe financial loss at the Show of Champions by the State English-Western Program through faulty planning and budget management. Again, the membership will have to find ways to fix this predicament. Many details are not yet available, but currently a five-member special committee is researching paperwork, award placements as well as avenues for resolutions. It is hoped that we will have answers at the January Quarterly. This situation will require new changes to run the English-Western Program for 2012-2013. With the team work of our members and riders contributing solutions 2012 will be a very successful year.  

Jim Hendrickson

Convention: the 2011 Convention held at the Double Tree Hotel in Modesto was a very successful event. Thank you to Sydney Cutting for heading up the 2011 Convention Committee. The accommodations were great, the restaurant service convenient; and for those who missed it; the Mystery Theater Dinner made for a funny & lighthearted evening. The "players" were your very own officers & chairs with the "director" & "stage crew" players in their own right. I think there will be future "plays" in the wings due to the success of this one. Thank you to Madame Director Paulette Webb & stage crew Cheri Whipp.


CSHA 2012 Royalty
Miss CSHA – Courtney Allen
CSHA Ambassador – Samuel Cunningham
Jr. Miss CSHA – Jessica Croxson
Little Miss CSHA – Samantha Fox
Little Ambassador – David Jones III
**Officers 2012:** Contact information available on the CSHA website and through your welcome letter upon renewal for 2012.

President: Jim Hendrickson  
1st Vice President: Rita Cassibba  
Southern Area VP: Carol Grey  
Northern Area VP: Laura Gilman  
Central Area VP: pending  
CFO: Linda Quattlebaum  
State Treasurer: Sue Edwards  
Past President: Robert Adams

**Officers and Chairs -- 2012**  
Congratulations to all the new Officers and many Thanks to those returning. Your State Officers have a new member joining them: Rita Cassibba is the new 1st Vice President for CSHA.

Many of the State Chairs have accepted to continue their positions and there are a few open spots to fill. Please review any draft rosters that come from the State Office so we can bring our rolls current. If you have selected a Vice Chair please notify Debby at the State Office as soon as possible. Also, make sure your membership renewal is sent by the January 31st deadline.

_Thank you to everyone for the continued support and hard work for this organization. Jim Hendrickson_

**Resolutions/Rulebook** 2012 CSHA Rulebook has been completed and is posted to the CSHA website: [www.californiastatehorsemen.com](http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com) To purchase a hardcopy or the CD, you can contact the CSHA Office.

**Actions by the Board of Directors:** A new addition to the Newsletter to keep membership informed about decisions made at the Quarterly meetings.

November Board Meeting held during 2011 Convention

- Programs are allowed to carry over a percentage of funds from their current year program to the next year in order to meet first-of-the-year expenses. Carryover funds were granted for Gymkhana, Parade, and Trail Trials.
- The State English-Western program is required to repay its $16,000 deficit from the Show of Champions over the next 2 years; the first $8000 due by July 2012 and the balance by July 2013.
- 2012 English-Western Program for the Show of Champions and ordering of awards will occur only if the above re-payments are met.
- A committee will be formed to audit points and awards as well as research the validity of complaints resulting from the English-Western Program at the Show of Champions.

*See English-Western article for the plan to keep the program going.*

*Actions by the Board (cont.)*
• The Board of Directors granted payment of several ETP Badge deposits as a result of correct paperwork submitted by the ETP Chair.
• Region 15 re-activation did not proceed because not all criteria as established in the bylaws were met. This matter will be reviewed at the January Quarterly.
• The Ad Hoc committee, for the study of the re-location of the CSHA Office to the Santa Rosa property, was dissolved because no report was submitted.
• Region 6 & Region 10: As a result of the expression by many Region 10 members of the desire to join the Region 6 activities, Administrative Practices and Bylaws will work with the Region 6 and 10 members to determine viability of consolidation. A report will be presented to the Board at the January 2012 Quarterly.*
* Any CSHA Member of Region 10 interested in administering the Region by accepting an officer’s position or with any objection to the process of determining consolidation may voice those interests at the January Board of Director’s meeting.

Show of Champions /Award Winners: Due to the current committee audit taking place for the English - Western show at SOC there are no results yet posted. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Horsemastership – Show of Champions Results 2011
English I – Senior Division –
Champion Susan McClendon Region 18
English I – Junior Division - Reserve Champion Casey Spragens – Region 5
Champion Kaylynnne Kirkland – Region 18
Combined – Junior Division
Reserve Champion Kelly VanderWerf – Region 5
Champion Anna Musillami – Region 3
Only 5 points separating the two participants
English II – Junior Division
Third Place Michaela Decker – Region 18
Reserve Champion Kalynn Basset – Region 4
Champion Bailey Newlin – Region 5
English II – Senior Division
Third Place Pam Perdue – Region 3
Reserve Champion Erin Newlin – Region 5
Champion Karen Harsch – Region 18
Western Junior
Reserve Champion Lauren Koski – Region 5
Champion Jessica Foss – Region 2
Western Senior
Third Place Margy Haimbaugh – Region 18
Reserve Champion Angela Materne – Region 5
Champion Rebecca Gege – Region 2
Gage: Highest Written Score 346 / 350
Gymkhana Senior
Reserve Champion Patrice Spyrka – Region 5
Spyrka Highest Riding Score – Senior 593 / 600
Champion Anne Kirkland – Region 18
Kirkland Highest Overall Score – Senior
Difference in final score of 8 points

Gymkhana Junior
Fourth Place Aline Spyrka – Region 5
Third Place Aubry Bassett – Region 4
Reserve Champion Ashley Mullins – Region 2
Champion Lauren Linhart – Region 18
ALSO: Highest Riding Score – Junior
Highest Written Score – Junior
Highest Overall Score – Junior
Cheryl Hyde-Fonseca Junior

2011 Gymkhana Top 5
Division 1
Sabrina Roumbanis & Sug’s Sugaboon (5)
Katie Hardesty & Bandi (2)
Angelina Carrion & Gurny (3)
Cheyenne Donatello & Bear (5)
Division 2
Thania Giwoff & CR Minnie Mouse (2)
Rafael Velazquez-Ramos & Canelo (5)
Lisa Bradley & Her Terms (3)
Hope Woolbert & Dream (2)
Heather Higgs & Browne (1)
Division 3
Amy Westbrook & Shadow’s Ghostbuster (2)
Alexis Cook & Jin (3)
Darcey Lima & Remedy (13)
Susan Mann & Vinnie (3)
Michaela Decker & Copper Penny (18)
Division 4
Ramsey Weber & Sadie (2)
Vonda Jensen & Triple Decker Annie (3)
Stevie Meyer & Bev (18)
Shaelyn Grady & Sam (5)
Jennifer Hull-Sanderson & Summer Smoke (5)
Division 5
Jenna Brink & Odie (18)
Christina Parnell & Honey (2)
Addie Greenleaf & Star (1)
Michelle Bailey & Bunny (13)
Hillary Houseweart & Belia (4)
Division 6
Julie Bey & Ircc (18)
Diane Medlock & Colby (3)
Janet Grevstad & Dominic (18)
Brooke Bey & Jelly Bean (18)
Angie Buresh & Mr Pony (18)

Division 7
Laura Gilman & Ginger (18)
Britteni Pitchford & Baila (4)
Tiffany Sodano & Last Swan Song (3)
Tania Raymond & Libby (2)
Kris Vernier & Spike (11)

Open Junior
Allie Droshin & Jill (1)

Open Senior
Jennifer Martins & Roxi (2)
Sonia Doyle & Baila (4)

2011 Record Holders
Angelina Carrion & Gunny
Speed Barrels - 9.633
Clover I - 17.606
This Cloverleaf time was a new OVERALL State Record!
Baylie Sakurada & Kimco Pole Bending I - 10.347
Heather Higgs & Brownie Quad-Rangle - 20.917
Sabrina Roumbanis & Sug’s Sugaboon Single Stake - 9.146
Thania Giroff & CR Minnie Mouse Hurry Scurry - 9.915

CSHA Endurance Program
Hello CA E Riders,
Please see the complete list of 2011 CSHA State Endurance Program Year-End Results at:
www.californiastatehorsemen.com
Please send us photos and “stories” for the State website.
Thank you to our participants for supporting CSHA, we hope more of you come on board....
Happy New Year !!!
Audra Homiez; dogwoodspringsfarm@yahoo.com
CSPA State Endurance Chairperson & Region 18 Endurance Rep

CSHA Day at the Races..................March 24, 2012
Golden Gate Fields --1100 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, CA 94710

Join CSHA members and families for a fun day watching the ponies. This is a chance to “dress up” and have a social gathering as a fundraiser for CSHA and the Royalty Program. This is has been traditionally set aside as an elegant day at the luncheon for our Royalty members to socialize and interact with friends and family. A Photo Op Trackside will be arranged for the State Royals.
Tickets will be available at the January Quarterly for distribution to Region and individual sales: $37. Adults; $25 Youth. CSHA receives $3.50 from Adult tickets, Region selling adult ticket is refunded $3.50; $5.00 from the youth ticket sales goes directly to the Royalty Program.
See Carolyn Hendrickson at Quarterly for initial ticket distribution
English-Western State Program 2012: With the discovery of the over-budget situation of English-Western Program it will be an uphill road for the recovery of the funds. Unfortunately, CSHA is not a "deep-pockets" organization and cannot bail-out programs. We have a new Chair willing to tackle this situation and support coming in from many different corners. Come to the January English-Western committee meeting and let's get the ball rolling as to how the 2012 year will shape up.

Region 6 Member Rhonda Heiner has accepted the English-Western Chairmanship 2012. Thank you Rhonda for stepping up, seeing the need to establish a road to recovery & to keep the program alive & well. We intend to support her efforts and those of CSHA at large to correct this financial difficulty.

• The State program will be unable to directly collect the Program Registration fees as it has in the past. The fees were never approved by the Council of Members at any convention therefore are not authorized...............this can be corrected by Resolution in 2012.
• However, each Region has the ability to collect funding on behalf of the State Program and "donate" to the State Program. This is one part of the 2012 proposal for a "Recovery Fund". This puts the focus and control of the funding & fundraising with the Regions.
• Financially, the mories generated at the State English-Western Program level help to underwrite the award expenses for the Show of Champions. Without that extra support, all award funds will have to be generated through Entry fees, sponsorships & Recovery funds.
• It also shifts the need to each Region to support the State Program and help get it back on its feet. This is a good program and integral part of CSHA in the competition world.

• A new form is being designed for the REGIONS; it will contain a "donation" that can be collected and forwarded to the State English-Western "Recovery Fund".

• English-Western Amateur Card and the Region Intent fees are still processed the same: contact your Region Chair with questions and for submitting paperwork.

• Another viable avenue to support "recovery" is Benefit shows; this is a regular part of Gymkhana’s financial support of their program and English-Western can generate the much needed funding in this direct method.

UC Davis International Animal Welfare Training Institute: Training Registration NOW OPEN:
City of Chico Fire Training Center; 1466 Humboldt Road, Chico, CA
First Responders Guidelines to Equine Emergencies: Level 1 -- February 11
Loose Livestock, Injured Wildlife and Emergency Animal Euthanasia --February 12

See attachments for additional instructions and registration information. To register please visit www.calema.org Click upon Upcoming Training Calendar
*Courses are eligible for the use of Homeland Security Grant Program SHSP, UASI, LETPP – Additional ICS/WMD/CBRNE/Terrorism/All Hazards training can be viewed at: http://www.calema.ca.gov/TrainingandExercises/Pages/Training.aspx
Region 1 had a great 2011 year...

On December 4th we held our annual awards banquet at the Napa Valley Horsemen's Club House. Lunch, long tables decorated with Holiday Cheer and delightful servers. The program chairman came early to set up all of the wonderful awards that where presented to the Region winners. Raffle items had been set up and the Juniors sold raffle tickets to the members as they arrived. Each program donated raffle items and a special Thank You to Wages Silversmiths for donating a beautiful silver bracelet and key chain.

I started off the festivities with the Introduction of our quests, CSHA President, Jim Hendrickson, his wife and CSHA Region 5 President Carolyn Hendrickson, and Isabel Rienecker, Valley of the Moon President.

Your Board of Directors came forward, without these volunteers to manage the different programs we would not have been able to award the competitors with such fantastic Buckles, Jackets, Chairs, and various other awards. These Chairman are: Lori Cleveland, (TRAP), Sue Fox, (English Western and Secretary), Judy Merrill, (Gymkhana), Buzz Buzzini (Stock Comp), and Claudia Stevens (Trail Trials). Also present and to keep the Region operating efficiently was Liz Ravenscroft (Trials), Susan Mathis, (Treasurer), and Cookie Buzzini (Sunshine). The rest of the Board that was unable to attend was your newly elected Vice President and Parade Chairman, Pam Michelak, Kerry Lowell (Website), Tracy Enegland (Horsemastership). A few changes to the Chairmen’s positions for 2012 are: Claudia Stevens is handing over the Trail Trial position to Sue Fox and Sue is handing over the reins for English Western to Bonnie Leslie. Thank you all for the fantastic job you performed and to have made 2011 such a successful year.

This past year we had several new members that jumped in and supported the Region by taking on a position, or attending several different programs that CSHA has to offer every one of us. This enthusiasm is what inspires me to continue on with being your President.

A special announcement was made that Sarah Reid, who has been a very active member of the Trap Program and also works closely with the Sonoma County Horse Counsel has been nominated to the Equus Hall of Fame for contributing over the years the promotion, education and welfare of the horse.

Judy Merrill started off the awards presentation for the Gymkhana riders. The High Point Winners are: Heather Higgs, Div 2, Taylor Merrill, Div 3, Timber Price, Div 4, Allie Drosiin, Div 5, Marissa Shannon, Div 6, Corena Butler, and Div 7. Reserve High Point winners are: Janette Sundstedt Div 3, Elly Hardester, Div 4, Katie Drosiin Div 5, Deniser Babine, and Div 7. The lead line rider is Haden Hardester. Congratulations to all of the winners in the gymkhana program.

Claudia Stevens with assistance from Vallen Cooper presented awards to the Champions: Madison Manasse Nov. 17, Grace Ferguson, Int. 17, Robyn Woodruff Nov. 18-49, Rebecca Long, Nov. 50+, Dana Allen, Int. 18-49, Lori Cleveland, Int. 50+, Mary Shannon, Adv. 18-49 and Claudia Stevens Adv 50+. Congratulations to all of the Trail Trial members who were also very successful at the SCE this year.

Sue Fox presented a jacket to Lori Spriggs for the English Western Program.

The Parade program winners are Pam Michelak and Beverly Baxter. They both received embroidered water proof saddle covers.

Again this year Lori Cleveland made a great presentation of the awards for the TRAP Program. First year Region 1 riders received a chair with their name, horse's name, number of hours for the year and a horse or mule head embroidered with the color and markings of the horse listed. The second year riders in the program received a jacket with the same information on the back.

It was a great day and everyone pitched in to set up and clean up afterwards. It was great to have such a great attendance. I am looking forward to a successful 2012.

Have a great Holiday.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Edwards
Region 1 President.
Calendar Events:
Quarterly Meetings: January 21 & 22; Fresno University Ramada
April 21 and September 22nd — Ramada, Santa Nella
July 21st —tentative —Pt. Reyes, Marin County —camp, ride & meet

February 2-4, 2012 -- West Coast Horse Show @Pomona (former Equine Affair)
March 24th — CSHA Day at the Races — Golden Gate Fields— Emeryville/Berkeley
May 5th CSHA State Parade—Los Banos
May 19-20: CSHA Drill Team Competition: Diamond Bar Arena, Ceres
June 8-10: West States Horse Expo, Sacramento
September 28-30, 2012 – State Championship Event- Trail Trials: Central Area

BITS AND PIECES............January 2, 2012
For those that enjoy the great coverage that RFD-TV does of the
Rose Bowl Parade, you were able to see the Merced County Sheriff’s Parade team
join the Roy Rogers Parade entry as one of the units making up the 100 Palomino
Horses on Parade commemorating the 100th Birthday Celebration for Roy Rogers.
The Long Beach Mounted Sheriff’s Posse unit was the first horse group, led by
CSHA member Bob Lorbeer!

Royalty Fundraiser: The Royalty Program will have a Silent Auction at the January Quarterly Meeting.
See Valerie Vagg, Royalty Chair or the Royalty members for details

Newsletter:
Due to changes in the office staffing and hours, the Newsletter cannot be produced on a monthly basis and we are seeking a person that will dedicate the time to producing it. Many of our CSHA members wear multiple hats and we encourage others to step in and take up some of the tasks to keep CSHA informed. Please contact the President with your inquiries on this position. Submitted information & articles can be sent to the CSHA Office at this time.

MY TWO CENTS WORTH.............
Of Note: I am still collecting CSHA history info so if you have any old CSHA programs, meeting notes, agendas pictures, etc. let me know. Would the lady from up north who wrote offering me some stuff and asked me to get back to her please contact me again. I have lost your address and so cannot contact you.
Thank You
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