Wishing everyone a great New Year! 2012 was both a busy and productive year for CSHA. We are making strides on many fronts and improving our overall standing financially as well as in communications.

• Our Newsletter is a dynamite production with news, information and announcements. A Big Thank You to Jill for upgrading our message & means of communicating with the Membership!

• Check the Website for a great place to keep up-to-date with information and event photos! Thank you Marie!

• The addition of our first business affiliate member to the Website with Equestri-Safe has been as bridge of not only business but friendship; they have great offers on our Website for their horse safety products, discounts to members and a percent return to CSHA directly.

• CSHA is moving into positive areas for sponsor opportunities. There is a proposal coming in for consideration from a buckle manufacture and a ribbon distribution company for discounts to CSHA orders. These are the type of great deals we have worked very hard to bring to CSHA.

• Both the Show of Champions and the Convention were run on tight budgets this year and each came out in the black. That is a positive step into 2013!!

• Our own move forward to go “online” for Membership Applications through Pay-Pal is exciting.

• We have a new candidate proposed for the Trails Program which I am happy to announce: Sarah Reed from Region 1. She has been extremely active in her own area. She will bring new ideas and resources to other members and regions.

• English-Western will get a new facelift along with the energy and drive of a new Team: Cara Huston –Region 4 President is being proposed as the Chair with her selection of George Yamamoto-Region 5 EW as her Vice Chair. Meetings are already underway to revitalize the program, encourage membership and a fundraiser is to be kicked off in January.

• I want to Thank Chris Bugenig, Sarah Kennedy & Alice Lawellin for all their assistance and help getting the Ranch Horse Versatility Pilot Program drafted for CSHA. We are all looking forward to the start of the program state-wide.

• I am very happy that most of our Board of Directors and State Chairs will be retuning for 2013. CSHA has a great group of people running offices and programs. Please lend what support you can to those that volunteer to serve in these capacities and keep us active in the equine community.

See you out there ........
Jim Hendrickson
Convention 2012 — Action Items

- Election of 2013 Officers: President, Jim Hendrickson; 1st Vice President, Ron Jenkins; CFO, Linda Quattlebaum; Northern Area VP, Sue Edwards; Central Are VP, Rebecca Clinkenbeard; Southern Area VP, Carol Grey
- Carryovers presented for the State Programs were approved as follows: Drill Team, Endurance, Gymkhana, Judges, Parade, Royalty TRAP, Trail Trials, & SOC
- The English/Western Program portion of the Amateur Card fees was transferred to English/Western Program Recovery Fund.
- SOC 2013 will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds; October 9-13
- The English/Western repayment schedule was revised from 2 years to 4 years; The Board of Directors will develop the re-payment plan.
- The Amateur cards must be filed PRIOR to the accumulation of Show Points.
- The Ranch Versatility Program Pilot Program was approved; Judges seminar tentative date is Feb.16
- Gymkhana rules change to require Helmets for all riders under 18 years.
- Code of Conduct upgraded to include “detrimental use of words or actions” by a member will be considered a conduct violation. Social media has entered into popular communication use and has become increasing abusive toward others.
- English-Western rules upgraded to require written veterinary release of a horse that has had treatment at an SCE event.
- A new protocol has been set for issuing the English-Western Awards at the Show of Champions; an audit system has been implemented before awards are distributed.
- A number of Calendar adjustments to the Judge’s Symposiums were set forth.
- Gymkhana, Trail Trials Parade and Royalty had a number of beneficial re-organization resolutions that should be reviewed in their complete context.
- Horsemastership Program will be reviewing new outside publications to add to the current curriculum for the Horsemastership test.
- Pay-Pals payment system is being tested with the Membership applications/renewals for the T.R.A.P. Program. After a successful test period, CSHA Membership will go online with Pay-Pals as well as future plans for Convention and SOC registrations.
- Bylaws 2013 — now posted to the website

Treasurer’s Updates

Happy New Year…. As you know this time is one of the busiest times for the Region Treasurers, not to say that we are not busy all year around. I have been working on a Quick Books Master that has the Chart of Accounts, Classes and Items set up for any treasurer that is using Qbooks, 2010 or newer. All you need to do is have a thumb drive with you at the next quarterly meeting and I will back up the program for you to restore onto your computer.

By the next quarterly meeting you should have completed your W9 information and have forwarded this on to me by January 10th, and have completed your yearly 2012 Financial Statement and submitted to our CFO Linda Quattlebaum by the meeting.

At the quarterly meeting I will be sharing with you ideas and suggestions to make your Region Reporting easier for your Regions use as well as reporting to the State. The information that we provide to the State or Regions Chairmen should only be support for what they are doing. I will provide a sample worksheet that your chairman can use and submit with each of their events that should support your information that you provide to the State and your Region.

If you have any specific items that you would like to be discussed, please forward those to me at csha-tres@att.net and I will be glad to research it prior to the quarterly meeting time permitting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next quarterly meeting....

Sue Edwards
CSHA State Treasurer
Oops!

Editor’s Apology: In the last newsletter Region 18 submitted an article and pictures on their fun Halloween playday. While trying to fit all of the great pictures in I inadvertently covered up the name of the winner with a picture. I am sorry for the omission as this is truly a “Tolerant Horse”. Congratulations Stevie Meyer on your very deserving win.

“Most Tolerant Horse: Bev with Stevie Meyer in the driver’s seat.”

Ranch Versatility Pilot Program

In an effort to keep CSHA current and evolving, President Jim Hendrickson made a presentation regarding an exciting pilot program at the 2012 Convention in Buena Park.

Ranch Versatility would run as a 3 year pilot program at the regional level. The program will initially be run without cattle but with provisions to include cattle in phase two.

Ranch Versatility demonstrates the performance, versatility, and conformation of the stock horse as a working ranch horse. The horse and rider combination are judged on their ability to perform four classes: Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Working Ranch Dry Stock Horse, and Ranch Conformation.

Four divisions will encourage any rider from varied skill level to participate. Divisions are: Open, Amateur 18 and over, Youth 17 and under, and Walk/Jog.

A workshop is planned at the January Quarterly to develop the framework and incorporate suggestions.

Advertise Your Business in "The New Horseman"

Do you want to get the word out about your service or product to the membership of CSHA. Place your ad for one issue or for a full year (6 issues).

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See Advertising Form on the CSHA website
Drill Team

Raffle 2013

The Drill Team Program will be funding a raffle for CSHA drill teams and programs to raise money for 2013 events and competitions.

The Drill Team Program will provide the tickets, prizes and administration. 50% of money from the sale of tickets will go to the program selling the ticket.

For drill teams their 50% will be banked in their team name to pay for their 2013 CSHA competition expenses.

Tickets will be available in February. The grand prize will be a 50” T.V. other prizes will be announced on the tickets.

The winners will be drawn at the CSHA CA Drill Team Championship Competition May 5th, 2013.

State Championships

Once again the Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres will host the California State Drill Team Competition. The event will take place the first weekend in May this year a couple weeks earlier than in the past to accommodate the summer 2nd Annual California Coto Cup in July or August. A large turnout of teams is expected and information regarding the championships is available on the CSHA website under “Drill Teams”.

The 2013 Compulsory drill diagrams have also been posted as well so teams can start working on perfecting the precision sequences that have been stepped up in difficulty this year.

The 2013 Championships will feature the debut of a 4-H division exclusively to showcase the youth drill teams of 4-H.

Parade

I hope all of our parader’s and their families had a very Merry Christmas. May this time of year bring you many blessings. I hope that you were able to enjoy some of the holiday parades without getting too cold or wet.

Last month at the CSHA Convention, two resolutions were presented and passed that might affect you. One states that the Paul and Lottie Miles Memorial Perpetual Jr. Award nominees must have placed in a minimum of five parades during the competition year for which that State Parade is being held. The second resolution concerns Mounted Groups. No points will be awarded at a parade in which less than four riders present themselves for pre-judging in the Mounted Group, Charro/Charra Mounted Group or Sheriff’s Posse Group. No points will be awarded in Novelty Group or Family Mounted group if less than three riders present themselves for pre-judging.

Next month you will receive the Bob McMackin award and Dino Horse Award nomination forms. The Bob McMackin silver punchbowl set can be presented to a non-rider as long as they are a member of the program. The Dino Horse Award can be won by a past or a present horse that was outstanding on the parade routes. Please take the time to nominate someone and a horse this year. The awards will be presented at the State Championship banquet in the city of winters on April 27, 2013. It’s also not too early to start obtaining sponsorships for your class and the raffle items for that night. Everyone seemed to enjoy the hanging bridle bags last year that were paid for in part by your High point award fees, sponsorships and raffle.

January is a quiet time of the year and it would be a great opportunity for you and your friends to come come to a CSHA Quarterly meeting. The Parade Program meeting is scheduled for an hour and is usually in the late morning or early afternoon. (TBA). The date is Saturday January 19, 2013 at the Shelter Hotel in Santa Nella on Interstate 5. Telephone (209) 826-4444 for more input and attendance at any one of the meetings.

Once again, I hope you enjoyed your holidays and have a great start in the New Year.

Candy Graham
CSHA Parade Chair
2012 was a great year for Horsemastership! We had 43 participants in 5 regions. From those, 19 competed at Show of Champions.

**Final results from 2012 SOC are:**

**English I – Senior Division**  
**Champion Zoe Williams** – Region 3

**English I – Junior Division**  
**Champion Jenna Tassone** - Region 3  
Reserve Champion Bailey Newlin – Region 5

**Combined – Junior Division**  
**Champion Kelly VanderWerf** – Region 5

**English II – Junior Division**  
**Champion Joy Wilcox** – Region 3  
Reserve Champion Michaela Decker – Region 18  
Third Place Kalynn Basset – Region 4

**English II – Senior Division**  
**Champion Becky Gage** – Region 2  
Reserve Champion Erin Newlin – Region 5

**Western - Junior**  
**Champion Alaina Haring** – Region 5  
*Also Highest Overall Score for Junior Denzil Gallagher Memorial Trophy*  
Reserve Champion - Lauren Davis – Region 2  
Third Place Jessica Croxsom – Region 3  
Fourth Place Brittany Barbero – Region 4

**Western - Senior**  
**Champion Angela Materne** – Region 5  
*Also Highest Written Score 346 / 350*  
Reserve Champion Dianne McCleery – Region 4

**Gymkhana - Junior**  
**Champion Ashley Mullins** – Region 2  
Reserve Champion Aline Spyrka – Region 5

**Gymkhana - Senior**  
**Champion Patrice Spyrka** – Region 5  
*Also Highest Overall Score for Senior Lapreal I Stewart Perpetual Trophy*  
Reserve Champion Robin Black – Region 2

In November, we had 4 resolutions presented for Horsemastership, and four changes were adopted. Three of these have to do with the textbook used for the Horsemastership program. Much discussion was held about the existing Horsemen’s Handbook, its history, the need for updates, and whether or not CSHA should be in the business of publishing and selling textbooks.

The rules for Horsemastership have been amended to allow the Horsemastership Committee (chair, vice chair and region chairs) to choose an alternative textbook if they feel something more appropriate is available. Three books are being reviewed by region chairpersons in advance of the January Quarterly committee meeting, and I expect a very lively discussion at this meeting!

The final amendment had to do with the penalty points in Gymkhana. Going forward, the rules will allow for a 1 point penalty per 1 second over the base time (previously this had been a 1 point penalty per 1/10 of a second.)

I look forward to a great year in 2013!

Peggy Hetlage

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**Insurance**

There will be an Insurance Committee meeting at the January Quarterly meeting in Santa Nella. All Program Chairs and Region Presidents should plan on attending as I plan on handing out all of the Insurance packages for 2013. As you all might remember, this process is completed every year and it is our intent to make this as pain free as we are able.!

I know many of you have questions about a variety of topics. I will take as much time to address your concerns as allowed to do so. It may be helpful, if you have questions, send them to me now and I can produce a list to hand out during the meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Mark D. Fredricksen, Vice President  
Certified Insurance Counselor
Region 18

C.S.H.A. Region 18 went to Rancho Murieta CA in October to participate in the 2012 California State Horsemen's Association Show of Champions. This show is a state wide competition among all C.S.H.A. geographical regions. Region 18 is comprised of Shasta, Trinity, Lassen, Siskyou and Modoc Counties.

There were state championship competitions in Gymkhana, Royalty and Horsemastership.

In the Gymkhana competition Laura Gilman, from Palo Cedro, riding Rip, won Grand Champion in Division 2. Terri Uhlir, from Cottonwood, riding Tracker won Reserve Champion in Division 4. Stevie Meyer, from Cottonwood, riding Kia won Reserve Champion in the Senior Open Division. Joleen Bigger, from Anderson, riding Angel won 1st place in Junior Open.

The following riders and their horses all earned top 10 buckles. In Division 3: Michaela Decker, from Redding, on Copper. In Division 5: Kat Wion, from Anderson, on Kojak and Julie Neely, from Anderson, on Zip's Lena. In Division 7: Naomi Bey, from Cottonwood, on Jelly Bean. In addition to a top 10 Gymkhana buckle Naomi Bey also won the Junior Gymkhana Rider Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

Mary Homicz, from Weaverville, Region 18's 2013 Little 1st Princess, had the honor of earning the title of 2013 Little Miss CSHA. Mary won highest test, highest speech and highest interview scores in the Little category and earned the highest sponsor buckle for bringing in the most sponsorship money for the C.S.H.A. State Royalty Program out of all the 2013 State Royalty candidates.

Come join C.S.H.A. In 2013 for another great year of fun times with friends family and horses!

Show of Champions

The 70th Annual California State Horsemen's Association (C.S.H.A.) convention was held in Buena Park over the dates November 8 through November 11, 2012. Attending from Region 18 were Kat Wion, Julie Bey, Laura Gilman and Audra Homicz. Also attending was Mary Homicz, 2013 State Royalty Little Miss.

Thursday was a full day of committee meetings which included eight different break out meetings. These meetings were held to discuss any resolutions that had been turned in for possible rule changes. Those of us from Region 18 were appointed different meetings to attend by our president Kat Wion we were spread out to cover as many meetings as possible.

Friday started out with all registered C.S.H.A. members in general session, with reports from the Board, followed by committee reports and resolutions, all of which had to go before the full Council of Members and either be approved or rejected.

Saturday continued with committee reports, resolutions and finished up with voting for any open state offices. We had two, and both of those were filled. Saturday evening was the installation dinner where all officers were installed into their new or continuing positions. Kat Wion President of Region 18 was installed for her 8th year in office.

Sunday there was a Board of Directors meeting where President Jim Hendrickson appointed people to fill committee vacancies. Audra Homicz was appointed State Endurance Chairman and Laura Gilman was appointed State Gymkhana Chairman.

During down time in between meetings, we played a lot of Bingo, had silent auctions, and a lot of great camaraderie between friends and members.

Happy Trails,
Laura Gilman
Region 18

Christmas Party

We as a group (CSHA) got together on December 5, 2012 and had our Annual Christmas party, held at Susan McClensons Home. Everyone that wanted to participate in the "white elephant" gift exchange brought an age appropriate gift. Susan cooked a Ham & Turkey and supplied drinks, everyone else brought a side dish or dessert.

Kat Wion, region president passed out picture collages for "The Year End Awards." They were a 16"X20" collage that had different pictures of the rider and horse, for those who qualified for them. Kat also passed out a little gift to all board members, overall a great party something everyone who is a member should consider attending next year!!!

With the storms and flooding back east it is a reminder that anything can happen at any time! Be prepared!

Here is something everyone should have! An ID band for your horse! It provides an easy way for folks to get your best friend back to you if they get lost.

I have one and have been very impressed with their durability! It is made of nylon webbing with your phone number embroidered on it and is attached with velcro. Buddy has wore his all summer and it has not chaffed or bothered him.

I highly recommend them and have even ordered some for my sister’s horses in Idaho!

CSHA is an affiliate of Equestrisafe and if you place an order through the link on the CSHA website, you will get a 10% discount and CSHA gets a 10% commission. This is a very generous offer from Equestrisafe!
TRAP

RULE CHANGES

This year there were four resolutions for TRAP rule changes. Three of them were basic housekeeping to bring the rules up-to-date with current practices. However the fourth resolution, submitted by Liz Ravenscroft of Region 1 is a fantastic idea!

To reward equestrians that get out there and help with the trails we ride, hours spent working on trail maintenance or construction can now be reported as TRAP hours!

The hope is that the change will encourage riders to “get out of the saddle and onto the ground” to help maintain and build trails so we will always have somewhere to ride!

An additional benefit is that we will be able to track the number of hours CSHA members spend working on trails. This can be very helpful when trying to present a case to the park service related to the impact of equestrians on trail maintenance.

The rider log will be updated to “Trail Work or Type of Trail Riding” so be sure to identify any time spent working on the trails as “trail work”.

The revised rule reads as follows:

TRAP rules Section 1, Rule 1.2

The hours submitted by the individual may be accrued from riding alone, with a group, in an organized trail event, such as poker rides, individual conditioning rides or competitive trail rides, e.g. Trail Trials, NATRC, Endurance, etc., or by participating in authorized trail construction and/or maintenance on public lands and land trusts.

Chevrons & Awards

Since last November TRAP has awarded 137 chevrons and 31 recognition plaques for 500 hour incremental milestones. A Master Trail Rider award was presented to Dolores Sweigart of Region 12 for achieving 3,000 hours.

TRAP Trails Database:

As of 11/4/12 16,034.75 hours for 2012 have been received and logged. This is up from 10,825 hours for 2011 at this time. (Hours were down in 2011 due to the H1N1 Virus.)

TRAP Achievements & Awards

TRAP Region Award

Each year the region with the most reported hours as of October 1st is awarded with a banner. This year it is Region 5 with a total of 3361.0 hours. Region 1, last year’s winner, came in second with 3207.75 hours.

It was my honor to present it to the Region 5 President, Carolyn Hendrickson, at the Council of Members.

I was especially proud to present it this year as Region 5 is my home region! Way to go Region 5!
## Endurance Program — 2012 State Program Results

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Want to try Endurance or go to a camp out and fun ride of 5 to 15 miles?
Go to: www.aerc.org for 2013 ride schedule. See you on the trail!

Audra Homicz C.S.H.A. State Endurance Chairwoman
dogwoodspringsfarm@yahoo.com
What is California State Horsemen’s Association, Inc.?

CSHA was founded in 1942 for the purpose of fostering interest in all breeds of horses and forms of horsemanship throughout the state of California.

CSHA has designed a wide range of programs which offer participants opportunities for growth and enjoyment regardless of their type of riding, breed of horse or experience level.

CSHA implements its programs via its 18 geographic regions throughout the State of California. These Regions have elected officers and appointed program chairs who volunteer their time to develop their respective programs and who represent clubs and individuals that participate in various programs offered by the Association.

CSHA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

Upcoming Events

2013

January Quarterly Meeting — January 19-20 Santa Nella

Region 14 — Gymkhana’s have been moved to the 4th Saturday of the month. Starting February thru August.

Drill Team — May 4th & 5th State Championships, Diamond Bar Arena Ceres.

SOC — October 9th –13th Santa Cruz Fairgrounds.