Happy New Year to Everyone! California State Horsemen’s Association will be approaching the 75th Anniversary in 2017. The Association incorporated March 3, 1942. We are currently seeking the Convention location and making plans for commemorative items; so plan on a celebration!

I always want to acknowledge the work of the members of this organization that keep it running all year, every year. Thanks to them for hard work and support of our programs, internal function financially and administratively. It takes more than a village to run CSHA.

Our many programs have chairman and officers with diligence and dedication keeping CSHA activities on the map in the equestrian world. Sometimes that is double duty to see to it a job gets done or an event put on. Details, phone calls, hauling equipment, setting up obstacles or marking and clearing trails, paperwork, scoring........ are only a very few of the tasks involved.

They continue to handle these tasks because the end product is so worthy of the effort. To see a precision Drill come together, a great parade with all the pretty horses & costumes, a trail challenge “mastered” as a personal best, keeping up all those barrels-all day, or acing the test for your mastery of knowledge of horses! Those are the rewards!

Let’s remember to give them a Thank You, give them an extra hand, learn to run an event, tabulate scores and see the smiles and wonderful achievements with our horses.................

Looking forward to a busy and productive year in 2017.
Ride safe .............see you out there...........Jim Hendrickson, CSHA President
CONVENTION

On Friday each committee presented a year ending report and then presented the rule resolutions to the membership for approval. There was discussions on many of the proposals and Liz Ravencroft, the CSHA Parliamentarian, tried to keep everything on point with her expert knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order. It can be a tedious process but it is worth it to get rules in place that help CSHA grow and run smoothly. Then the whole mess is turned over to Linda Quattlebaum to assemble into the Official 2017 Rule Book.

Friday afternoon members were treated to an interesting presentation by Julie Atwood of the H.A.L.T.E.R. Project. HALTER Project supports local fire protection, County Animal & Emergency Services, and community groups, to bring needed information and training resources to residents. HALTER mission is to make Sonoma County safer and better prepared for animal emergencies of all types. With all of the recent fires and disasters the information was timely and appreciated.

Friday evening was time to let it roll at the CSHA Challenge Bowling Tournament at the lanes in the Casino. President Jim Hendrickson showed everyone how it’s done, (see picture above). It seemed everyone that attended had a great time but more than a few were a bit sore Saturday. Some opted to take a supportive role and cheered on the teams, (See picture on lower right). A very rowdy group of Trail Trials members won the 2016 Challenge.

Picture on left: Julie Atwood

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CONVENTION

There was a bit of resolution business carried over to Saturday morning. Then came the voting to determine the 2017 Board of Directors which came out looking very similar to the 2016 Board.

Saturday afternoon the Drill Team Program and Judges Commission held their annual Drill Judges meeting and symposium in the executive board room. The chairs in the board room were divine and those in attendance sunk into the yearly review, the 2017 planning, and the judges training. We really could have used those chairs throughout the previous two days of meetings, just saying!

As the Judges Symposium wrapped up the party downstairs was just getting going. The Installation Reception was time to eat, drink, and be merry! Patti Souza, celebrating her 70th Anniversary as a member of CSHA did the honors of swearing in the 2017 Officers. Gifts of appreciation handed out to people that dedicate an enormous amount of time and energy to CSHA. If you did not get to the Convention this year make sure to make plans to attend next year as CSHA celebrates our 75th Anniversary!
TRAIL TRIALS

IMPORTANT NEWS
The trail trials program will host an open round table discussion at the January quarterly after the regular Trial Trials State Committee meeting. All interested riders, ride managers, obstacle judges and Senior Judges are encouraged to attend. Meeting location and time TBA. Ideas for topics to be discussed may be emailed to Diane Medlock in advance at jigger1981@aol.com.

Region 4
Region 4 Trail Trials have completed their 2016 year with 35 members receiving awards this year.

We are gearing up for a great 2017 season with 8 events on the calendar already.

The first event is April 29/30 at the Motherload Ranch in Sonora.

OBSTACLE CHALLENGES

Introducing your 2017 State Committee
Chair - Gail Bloxham
Vice Chair - Cindy Ingman
Secretary - Susan Johnson
Members at Large - Tami Sandberg & Coral Kane

- Updated rules and a new score sheet have been posted to the CSHA Obstacle Challenge Website.
- Participating regions in 2017: Region 3 confirmed, tentative Region 18 and Region 5.

PARADE

Your Parade Program had a positive and a very successful year. Our members participated in numerous parades in the North, Central and Southern regions. The CSHA Sanctioned events range from the five mile California Rodeo Parade and Grand Entry around the racetrack to an old fashioned Christmas at historic Columbia State Park where our members donate toys to needy families. Parades are usually held rain or shine and even at night such as the Palm Springs Holiday of Lights.

We are proud of the Paraders’ Grant Handicapped Riding Program that was started by Peggy and Harry Narducci. Also, we are fortunate to work closely with the Royalty, Drill Team, and State Patrol Programs.

The highlight of our year was the State Championship Parade and Awards Banquet which was held on Armed Forces Day in May in conjunction with the Chowchilla Spring Festival and Fair Parade.

Our 2017 State Championship Parade will be held Saturday, May 6th and will be very special. For the first time our event will be held the same weekend as the Drill Team Championships. Our two CSHA programs can work together on this fun filled weekend at the Ceres Street Faire Parade and also at the Diamond Bar Arena where the teams compete and the Parade Awards Banquet is held. Please plan on coming to Ceres on this spectacular weekend.

The CSHA Parade Program has also formed a group that will be applying to the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade, hopefully, we will be accepted. The 2017 Rose Parade will feature our members The Backcountry Horsemen of America Mid Valley Unit. Congratulations to them for their hard work and dedication in representing our organization.

Candy Graham, State Parade Chair
The Judges Commission worked with both the Trail Trials State Committee and Trail Trials Senior Judges to establish new criteria for approving Trail Trials Senior Judge applicants. In addition, the Commission has established (by resolution) the process for future changes in the Judges Licensing Procedures for all disciplines which includes seeking input from program committees and open review at the annual Convention. Here are the new procedures approved at the November 2016 Convention for Trail Trials Senior Judges. All other sections of the Judges Licensing Procedures remain the same and can be found on the CSHA web site at www.californiastatehorsemen.org.

Judges Licensing Procedures…….Discipline Requirements,
Section 3 as adopted November 2016:

3 Trail Trials

Personal references shall include the applicant’s Region or State Trail Trials Chair.

a. Prior to submitting an application:

   • Obstacle Judge at least 5 obstacles at a CSHA Sanctioned Trail Trial.
     o 2 of the 5 obstacles may be at the same event provided they are significantly different, i.e. judging an uphill and then a downhill would be too similar but judging a water crossing and an uphill would be acceptable.
   • Serve as Ride Manager for a CSHA Sanctioned Trail Trial, including participation in the pre-ride with the Senior Judge.
   • Qualify two times within the last three years for the CSHA State Championship Event.

b. After an application has been submitted and the Chairperson has provided personal reference forms to the applicant:

   • Junior judge, at 3 different events under the tutelage of a Senior Judge, performing a significant role in making decisions that would be required in the role of a Senior Judge.
     o Applicants may use the same CSHA Senior Judge at 2 different events.
     o At least one event must be outside the applicant’s home region.
     o Only one Junior Judge Applicant may serve at any one event.
   • See Judges Commission Rules regarding Junior Judges Section 3.1.7.
In 2002 a $250 Gymkhana Scholarship was established to be awarded annually at the State Championship Show. This scholarship is given to a Gymkhana rider between the ages of 14 to 17 competing at the SCS. Selection is based on Horsemanship, Sportsmanship, Respect, and Responsibility. It is awarded to the rider who best demonstrates these qualities. Our 2016 winner was 15 year old Cassi Meyer who resides in Cottonwood (Region 18).

Cassi learned what a horse was when she was about 3 years old and has not stopped talking or dreaming about them since. She loves taking care of and riding her horse Chloe, she is very involved in our Gymkhana program. Even though she is only 15, she has become one of the ‘go to’ people for setting up courses; she is always in the arena helping out. She was rated a 6 (on a scale of 1 – 4) by her Region Chairman for always demonstrating good Horsemanship, Sportsmanship, Respect and Responsibility. She was also praised as always willing to step up and help whenever possible.

She participated in the junior Horsemastership program in 2014 and she was Miss CSHA Region 18 2016. When you can drag her away from her horse, Cassi also enjoys spending time with her family, camping and riding motorcycles. Cassi plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.
HORSEMASTERSHIP

We are re-launching CSHA’s Horsemastership program with the newly revised Horseman’s Handbook. We hope to have it available for distribution in January. All pertinent information will be on the website, also in January.

This year’s Vice chair, Patti Souza, is not only a great asset to the administration of the program, she knows it from her own experience as a competitor and a Champion.

Past chair, Linda Parham, an expert on proper grooming procedure, is also an active member of this year’s committee. We are fortunate to have these ladies on board, ready to assist.

Anyone, Region chairs and Vice chairs, prospective participants, or just curious bystander, please come to the January Quarterly meeting. We will try to make “the best kept secret” public.

Let’s Do This!

Greta De Graeve

Region 4 Horsemastership

It was posted on the Region 4 Face Book page that Region 4 will renew the Horsemastership Program for 2017! This will be a fun & organized way for riders & non-riders to socialize with each other while improving upon their horsemanship. The riding/handling meetings will be held locally. Let Carlena Kellogg know if you are interested.

COLT STARTING CHALLENGE USA

NORCO, CA. —Coming off the heels of an exciting Finals held in Las Vegas during the National Finals Rodeo in December, Colt Starting Challenge USA is hitting its stride and offering a multitude of events in 2017. They have thirty events covering the country from the West Coast to the East Coast, from small and big towns alike, and also at Horse Expos and Colleges.

Russell Beatty is the founder of Colt Starting Challenge USA. He is a horseman and colt starter himself who wanted to give an opportunity for all the unknown horse trainers out there to be able to share and express their horsemanship techniques in the most challenging way possible. To start an untrained horse in under three and a half hours over the 2 evenings, then ride them through an obstacle course is amazing. As a Horse Trainer, it’s doing more than most people get done with their finished trained horse.

Russell and his wife Cristy wanted to have a platform to share and teach people about Natural Horsemanship techniques while starting colts. Using kind and effective ways to start a horse.

The competition is set up in a way to reward those techniques. The horsemen entered will not only have to start these young horses, but communicate with them in a way that promotes good horsemanship. The other fun part about the competition is that the contestants each take a turn to talk to the audience. Each Trainer explains about the techniques they are using with their horse in each round and why. This allows the audience to really get a feel for what each of these trainers are going through and experiencing.

These competitors can range from the seasoned horseman who has started hundreds of colts to one of the young guns of the horse industry who is just starting to make a name for themselves. All disciplines of horsemanship trainers are welcome to enter the competition whether it be a dressage trainer, hunter jumper, vaquero or western. As long as they have effective training techniques in gentling a young horse.

If you are a student of the horse and training horses, or just want to celebrate our Western Heritage, come watch this innovative horse sport. Come support these horsemen and horsewomen as they make a bid at trying to qualify for their spot at the Colt Starting Challenge USA Finals, where only the top eight contestants with the most points earned over the year will be able to compete for the covenant title of Colt Starting Challenge USA National Finals Champion.

For more information and to see a great action video, go to www.coltstartingchallengeusa.com

NORCO COLT STARTING CHALLENGE

-6 Unbroke horses
-6 Round pens
-6 Horse Trainers

Feb 24 & 25, 2016

Friday 6pm - 9pm, Saturday 6pm - 10pm
George Ingalls Covered Arena
3737 Crestview Dr. Norco CA

Tickets $15.00

To enter your horse call 808-269-3408
www.coltstartingchallengeusa.com
**DRILL TEAM**

**Convention & Judges Symposium**
The Convention in Tuolumne was the site for this year’s drill team judges symposium. Prior to the closed judges portion teams joined us for a review of 2016 and a look into what is coming up for 2017. The 2017 compulsory drill was released and now appears on the CSHA website. After the open session the meeting went into closed session for judges training. Scoring and videos from the previous years competitions were reviewed, dissected, and discussed.

**Drill Clinic**
January 29th the Drill Team Program will hold an all day Drill Clinic at Leone's in Sacramento. The Sacramento Sheriff’s Posse will host a lunch during the clinic. Contact Jill Kraut at jskraut@ca.rr.com for more information on attending.

**Spring Raffle**
The January Quarterly and Drill Clinic will also serve as the kick-off weekend for the 2017 Spring Raffle. The Raffle is an annual fundraiser that allows team to earn money for participating in CSHA competitions during the year. The Drill Program has also offered this fundraising opportunity up to any CSHA Region or Program that would like to participate with us. The Drill Program provides everything you need, tickets, prizes, etc. You just sell tickets and earn money! Contact Jill at jskraut@ca.rr.com if your program or region wants to earn money.

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**Come Be A Part Of A Team!**

It’s January and that means it’s the time of year when many drill teams are open to adding new members to their teams. Most teams are willing to train you with no prior drill experience necessary. If you are looking for a fun new challenge for you and your horse come out and try the amazing team sport of equestrian drill.

There is no reason to limit yourself to just one CSHA Program. Many of our teams riders enjoy other activities with their horses as well. The rewards of being part of a team is fulfilling and will change your life!

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**Cool Country Drill Team**
Riding out of Cool Country Ranch in Cool CA (El Dorado County). Contact Tiffany Grey (530) 613-7058

**Redding Junior Rodeo Association**
Redding Area. Junior riders 8-18 years old. Contact Sammie Williams (530) 949-6662 or sammiewilliams77@rocketmail.com

**Sacramento Sheriff’s Posse, 911 & Alarm Teams**
Sacramento area. No Try-Outs, will train. Contact Coriebenveniste@yahoo.com

**West Coast Cowgirls**
Practices in Ione, CA. Contact Judy @ (209) 365-3379 or Cynthia @ (916) 947-0404
REGION 2—Meet Your 2017 Officers

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REGION 3

Region 3 Rocks! We held our annual awards banquet at the Sacramento Horsemen’s Association on December 4 with lunch provided by our favorite, Back Forty BBQ. Three generations of Region 3 riders celebrated with awards given out for fine performances in Gymkhana, Trail Trials, English western, and Obstacle Challenge. We were honored to have Jim and Carolyn Hendrickson celebrate with us. Thank you Hailey Hammonds for photographing our celebration!

Thanks everyone for a GREAT YEAR!

Our 2016 and 2017 Region Council and Program Chairs
Diane Medlock, Brenda Duncan, Valerie Vagg, Pat Brown, Susie Lopez and Cindy Ingman.

Our Gymkhana lead liner future Champions

Trail Trials

Gymkhana
The Shasta Trinity Endurance Challenge and Redwood Endurance Challenge open series are provided by CSHA State Endurance Program to promote endurance riding. This is an open series and has nothing to sign up for but the rides. There is no need to join anything. If you complete four rides on the same horse, any AERC sanctioned distance then you qualify to purchase a commemorative award (choices include, buckles, vest, jacket, fleece horse cooler) These rides are in the most spectacular scenery of the top of the state!!!! Email dogwoodspringsfarm@yahoo.com if you have questions.

CSHA members if you love trail riding consider joining CSHA State Endurance Program and competing in the State Endurance Championships. You have to sign up to participate. Members just pay $12.50 as an individual or $20 for a family to participate in the California State Endurance Championships. All Endurance rides 25 to 100 miles on the American Endurance Ride Conference ride calendar at www.aerc.org count toward CSHA points. Info and sign up form here https://californiastatehorsemen.org/programs/endurance-program/

CSHA Endurance is not just about awards joining also supports our sponsorship of AERC, our horse camp project, donations of awards to ride managers and more.

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ENDURANCE

WHISKEYTOWN CHASER
25/50
April 8th
Redding CA

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SOUTH FORK TRINITY RIVER 35/55
June 3rd Ruth CA

LA GRANGE DITCH 50/75 & WEAVER BASIN EXPRESS 25
July 1st Weaverville CA

HAT CREEK HUSTLE I & II
25/50, 25/50
July 22nd & 23rd Old Station CA

VAN DUZEN DOOZIE 75/100
May 6th Mad River CA

2017 SHASTA TRINITY CHALLENGE AERC ENDURANCE OPEN SERIES
Presented by CSHA INC. State Endurance Program
Complete 4 Shasta or Trinity County rides and qualify to purchase commemorative personalized awards.
Award choices include buckles, jackets, or fleece horse blankets
Go to www.aerc.org west region ride calendar for ride entries and information on each ride.

REDNECK RIDE 25/50
October 28th Shingletown CA

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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 Mission Statement:
“PROVIDING EQUESTRIANS WITH QUALITY, FAMILY-ORIENTED AMATEUR EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL EQUINE BREEDS AND DISCIPLINES.”

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

LOOKING AHEAD

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

Jan. 14 Judges Symposium—English/Western & Ranch Versatility, Brentwood CA

Jan. 29—Drill Team Clinic, Leone’s Equestrian, Sacramento CA

Feb. 3-5—Western Horse Expo Pomona

May 6th, 2017—CSHA State Championship Parade, Ceres Street Faire Parade in Ceres CA.

May 6th & 7th 2017—CSHA State Championship Drill Team Competition. Diamond Bar Arena, Ceres CA.

June 9-11 -Western Horse Expo Sacramento

2017 STATE EVENT CALENDAR

July 1—CSHA Endurance Event, Weaverville Basin

July 29th, 2017—Coto Foundation Educational Scholarship Competition

July 29th & 30th—CA Coto Cup Drill Team Competition, Horse Park at Woodside, Woodside CA.

August 1—Resolutions Due

August date TBA—SCE Benefit Trail Trials

September date TBA—State Championship Event Trail Trials

October 11-15 State Championship Show Location TBA