I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As the year comes to an end, reflect on what we have all accomplished with membership and program events. For the most part we have put our heart and soul into making CSHA successful in 2019!

Our programs are growing in Drill Team, English/Western (Ranch Versatility), ETP, Endurance, Gymkhana, Parade, Trail Trials, Obstacle Challenge.

What makes these programs grow is the young men and women that see CSHA as a way to participate and compete in an environment that allows them grow from beginner to accomplished riders. Many of these young people continue to participate as adults.

I feel this statement is missing something though! CSHA has two programs that directly feed all of these above and those are Royalty and Horsemastership!

Some may not realize that our Royalty program gives our youth tools to better communicate and present themselves. This program has many success stories through the years. Rodeo Queens, Veterinarians, Equine Researchers, Trainers, News reporters, Ranchers, Mechanical/Service Techs, Etc.

The Horsemastership program is the foundation for the Equine world! Name one Clinician or trainer you either watch on television, pay, or go see that does not stress Horsemastership! The one element that they cannot devote a lot of time to, is “how does the horse work”? (mechanics, feed, care, environment).

I only say this as food for thought. All our programs have dedicated people that need our support and participation.

See all of you going into 2020!
Thank You
James Hendrickson

January is the time to renew CSHA membership. Members should already have received a letter in the mail but during the busy holiday season it is easy to set it aside for later. Dig it out of the pile of paperwork on your desk and send it in so you are ready to participate in CSHA’s programs in 2020.
PARADE

2019 Parader’s Grant Announced

At the 2019 CSHA Convention, Parade State Chair Candy Graham and CSHA President Jim Hendrickson proudly presented the 2019 Parader’s Grant to Project R.I.D.E. of Elk Grove. Accepting was Region 3 President Diane Medlock.

Project R.I.D.E. Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit institution that provides therapeutic recreational horseback riding instruction to people with special needs. Founded in 1979, by Chris McParland, an Adaptive Physical Education Teacher at Jessie Baker School and countless dedicated community members, this program has come from humble beginnings with just a few students, some borrowed horses, and portable fencing. Now, we have grown to serve over 600 students in the greater Sacramento region with a fully enclosed 32,000 square foot arena, an outdoor 6000 square foot arena, a horse herd of 16, RDA Simulator horse and outdoor interactive sensory trail. Project R.I.D.E. Inc. is proud to be a Premier Accredited Center of Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH International), (formerly NARHA) a non-profit organization founded in 1969 which is dedicated to supporting horseback riding in a safe, educational and enjoyable manner for disabled persons.

To learn more about this year’s recipient check out their website at: https://www.projectride.org/

The Parade Program is ready for the 2020 season with the first sanctioned parade being held in February celebrating Ripon’s Almond Blossom Festival. Then, in March it is time to travel to San Juan Capistrano for the historic Swallows Day Parade.

Our State Parade and Awards Banquet is scheduled for April 25, 2020 in conjunction with the Winters Youth Day Parade. Nomination forms are available for the Parade Program’s Perpetual Awards, The Bob McMackin silver punchbowl and the Dino Horse Award Trophy, both of which will be presented at the banquet following the parade.

The Parade Program welcomes all new and returning members of any age. There are classes for everyone, from Plain Western to costumes of all types. Individuals, pairs, sets of four, family groups, sheriff’s posse and drill teams are some of the ways you can participate. Prizes and special awards are offered at each of the approximately forty sanctioned parades held every year throughout California.

Parade Program Chair Candy Graham looks forward to giving you more information on class descriptions and how to join us in this friendly program that is able to share their horses with so many spectators at each parade they participate in all year long.

Respectfully,
Candy Graham
GYMKHANA

Horse and Rider Connection, a local Martinez company based out of Franklin Canyon Stables, recently took 15 riders, most of whom were under 14, to the California State Horsemen’s Association (“CSHA”) Gymkhana State Championship Show in Watsonville, CA. After 4 days of competition, October 8-12, nearly every Horse and Rider Connection competitor came away with a top-10 finish in their respective divisions, each winning a beautiful belt buckle. Two of the riders even took home the top honor of their Division, becoming Division State Champions, and winning a stunning western barrel racing saddle and a coveted belt buckle. A fantastic showing for this local group of homegrown equestrians.

Gymkhana is the action packed, precision sport of the equestrian world. The sport includes multiple events performed to display the training and talents of a horse and rider combination. Combinations are timed on pattern events. The most commonly known events are Cloverleaf Barrels and Pole Bending. All of the events challenge the horse and rider’s ability to work together, and demonstrate a range of skills such as speed, flying lead changes, jumping and quick turns. A good Gymkhana horse must have the speed of a racehorse, the turning quickness and agility of a cutting horse and the control and responsiveness of a stock horse. (source: CSHA website https://californiastatehorsemen.org/programs/gymkhana-2/ ) The riders compete as a horse and rider combination, and compete in seven divisions, based on the average speed of the competitors.

In Division 7, Madigan Sprecher (15) on Max became Division 7 State Champion, finishing in 1st place and winning a belt buckle and a beautiful saddle. Katrina Hamilton (17) on True, finished in 5th place, winning a gorgeous belt buckle. In Division 6, Adelina Purewal (10) on Gizmo became Division 6 State Champion, finishing in 1st place and also winning a belt buckle and a western barrel racing saddle. Gracie Ortman (14) on Ruby finished in 2nd place, Danielle Mullin (11) on Cloud finished in 3rd place, Sarah Michaels (14) on Thor finished 4th and Sofia Fitzgerald (11) on Love finished in 9th place, bringing home 4 more coveted belt buckles. Itzel Tujillo (11) on Gambler finished in 11th place. In Division 5, Kamryn Winters (11) on Breyer finished in 6th place, Eva Morrill (15) on JF finished in 10th place, both bringing home belt buckles. Grace McKinley (11) finished 15th, after competing hard and moving up from Division 6 to Division 5. In Division 4, Jasmine Smith (14) on Lexi finished in 3rd place, Virginia Guthrie on Summer finished 8th and Hannah Wright (21) on Jewel finished in 10th place, adding 3 more belt buckles to the Horse and Rider honors. In Division 3, Addison Heitmann (14) on Rascal finished in 11th place.

Horse and Rider Connection riders train throughout the year in classes and local competitions, getting ready for the CSHA State Championship Show. Horse and Rider Connection also operates a non-profit organization called “Thrive with Horses” that benefits local foster children, allowing them the opportunity to connect with horses and ponies, and offers horsemanship and riding classes for all ages and abilities throughout the year. Tri-Cities Horsemen’s Association (TCHA) and CSHA Region 5 host the local gymkhana competitions, many of which are held at the Tri-Cities Waterfront Arena at Radke-Waterfront Park in Martinez, CA. These events are free to the public, with a snack shack available benefiting TCHA. If you would like additional information about the local gymkhana competitions, visit the TCHA website at https://www.tricityshorsemens.org/. For more information about Horse and Rider Connection classes or the “Thrive with Horses” organization, you can visit www.horseandriderconnection.com/.

Article written by Laurel Purewal and appeared in the Martinez News-Gazette
GYMKHANA—Region 3

Region 3 had another great year of Gymkhana. Our largest group seems to be our Assisted Rider group. Sometimes we would have 9 riders. We are so happy to have a large group as they are the future. We all need to think about the future.....maybe it is time for some of the younger adults to start getting involved in management of the Region and the shows. So if you have been riding with us for a while please consider stepping up to help. Just talk to one of the program chairs.

Our awards banquet was well attended and we had fabulous awards. Thanks to all who worked so hard on pulling it all together. The banquet was held at the local Elk’s lodge who generously donate the use of the facility. Without their donation it would be very expensive to rent a venue. The food was provided by Pete’s Catering and was very good. They are the ones who do the snack bar for our shows at Sugarland Horse Park.

We are looking forward to another year of Gymkhana. If you know someone who might be interested in riding please let us know so we can send them information. Brenda Duncan is our Gymkhana Chairman again this year with Pat Brown as Co-Chairman. Brenda also serves as the State Gymkhana Chairman....we are lucky she retired from her regular job this year.

Pat Brown

TRAIL TRIALS

We are fortunate to have an accomplished videographer and publicist amongst us, Andrew Turnbull. He was tasked with providing a short ad for trail trials - ended up chronicling our 2019 SCE in a documentary format. Wonderful job Andrew! I’m sharing it with all of you as you may not read the Trail Trials Summary on our web page (where it is posted) and may not hear about it for awhile and it really is a testament to all involved in CSHA Trail Trials.

When you have an extra 40 minutes......enjoy!! Thanks Andrew!

California State Horsemen’s Association Trail Trials celebrates its 2019 State Championship Event (SCE) at Stone Cellar featuring interviews with the Ride Management and Competitors, spectacular Trail Ride & Obstacle coverage, and an inside look at this sanctioned competitive open trail obstacle sport for rider & horse teams of all ages and equine breeds. Filmed September 2019 and Produced by Andrew A. Turnbull; Documentary; 40 Mins.

Click on the Link:
https://youtu.be/Z-vzKzqL018
OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

State Obstacle Challenge Championship ~ October 19 & 20, 2019

There were 27 teams entered in this year’s SOCC held at the Running J Ranch in Dunnigan.
The courses on both days were challenging and fun! Potluck on Sat. evening provided some
Yummy food for everyone along with a Raffle.

Advanced Champion:
Ellen Liebenberg & Winsome

22 Obstacle Challenges were held in 2019, with 43 qualified teams.

Intermediate Champion:
Stephanie Davis & Bulleit

Competitors came from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 18

Novice Champion:
Cady Schroeder & Jan Doe

Looking forward to another successful year in 2020!

Youth Champion:
Kaitlyn Rumsey & Tucker

Mini Youth Champion:
Bill Irby & Barn Barn

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In 2019 The Charitable Trust was notified of the following CSHA members that are eligible for scholarships from the Trust. Congratulations to all.

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**ROYALTY**

Congratulations to our 2020 CSHA Royalty

Miss CSHA Layla Arceneaux, Junior Miss CSHA Mindy Watson, & Little Miss Jenna Joe Neilsen pictured with 2019 Miss CSHA Mary Homicz
DRILL TEAM

A big “Thank You” to the judges that attended the CSHA Convention at the end of November. We held a judges symposium to watch videos of teams competing and reviewing what each person saw.

The Drill Team Committee meeting was short and sweet discussing a couple rule resolutions. Please check out the 2020 Rules at https://californiastatehorsemen.org/Rulebook/2020/11-Drill-Team.pdf

2020 Competitions:

♦ State Championships – May 1-3rd Diamond Bar Arena
♦ CA Cup (No longer CA Coto Cup) July 11-12th LAEC

We are expecting a few new teams at the Championships this year in addition to all of the great teams that we had last year. We will once again be holding our fun Toy Drive to give back to the community. Hit the after Christmas sales and pick up a couple toys.

The Coto Foundation Scholarship will once again take place Saturday May 2nd at the State Championships in Ceres. This is the 5th year of the Coto Foundation 5 year funded Scholarship so don’t put it off if you are between 14-18 and could use $1500 for college. Entry Packet: https://californiastatehorsemen.org/Drill_Team/2020/2020-Coto-Compiled-Entry-Package.pdf

The 2020 Spring Raffle is more important than ever this year as it is our only fundraiser of the year for our program. We’ve added more prizes to help you sell more tickets. Income helps pay for awards, judges, etc. We are asking every team that is coming to compete at the State Championships sell a minimum of 300 tickets. This will also earn you $300 towards your competition expenses. We will also be awarding four 1-Day Park Hopper Disney Tickets to the top selling team. The team may award them to their top seller or have their own drawing. I will be ready to ship tickets out very soon so figure out how many tickets you think you can sell.

The CA Coto Cup will now be known as the CA Cup and is scheduled for July 11-12 at LAEC. Raffle credit can also be used for this competition.

Let the Drill Season Begin—Happy Drilling Everyone!
Does your Region, Program, Regional Program, or Club need to fundraise this year?

The CSHA Drill Team Program can help out.

Each year beginning in mid January the CSHA Drill Team Program kicks off a raffle fundraiser to help our drill teams earn money to participate in our CSHA competitions. CSHA provides the tickets, the great prizes and handles the state paperwork.

All you do is sell tickets. Tickets sell for a low easy to sell $2 each and you earn $1 for each ticket sold. Last year one drill team sold $4000 worth of tickets!

5 Prizes for 2020: 3 Grand Prizes each includes a Disney Family 4 pack of 1-Day Park Hopper Tickets. Also two 50” TV or a $300 Walmart Gift Card (winner's choice) will be given away.

Tickets will be sold mid January to end of March with the drawing May 3rd at the CSHA Drill Team State Championship Event. The winner does not need to be present.

So if you need to raise money we make it easy. Email Jill Kraut at jskraut@ca.rr.com to be a part of this fundraising event! Tickets will be distributed at the January Quarterly.
Scholarship Competition

This scholarship is open to any junior CSHA direct or Club member between the ages of 14-18, regardless of the program you normally participate in. This is like a cross between Horsemastership and Royalty event, so if you are participating in either of these programs in 2020 you should consider this as a great warm-up event. Download the Entry Packet from the CSHA website: https://californiastatehorsemen.org/Drill_Team/2020/2020-Coto-Compiled-Entry-Package.pdf

Coto Foundation Scholarship

Would you like $1,500.00 for College?

Don’t Miss This Opportunity

The Coto Foundation Scholarship is open to all CSHA Junior members 14-18 years old.

The competition will take place May 2nd, 2020 at the Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres, CA.

Presented by the CSHA Charitable Trust

Three tests will determine the Top All-Around Contestant:

♦ Written Test of General Horse Knowledge
♦ Riding Test displaying proper horsemanship
♦ Private Interview to get to know you

WILL YOU BE THE 2020 WINNER?

Download the Entry Packet from the CSHA Drill Team Webpage

Corryn Garcia
2019 Coto Scholarship Winner
2019 Convention

Our fearless officers being sworn in for another year of service

Liz Ravenscroft makes sure we do things by the book.

Joseph Chavoen introduces the outgoing and incoming Royalty

If you attended Convention you know Lily. We are not sure what Lily did while she went missing for a while at Convention, but it looks like she may have had a little too much fun and now she may be paying the price. When all was said and done a trip to the vet was in order.

Adventures of Miss Lily

Sometimes a day of meetings can seem long a Convention but it seems like we just get there when it is all over and we are headed home. Thank you to Black Oak hotel and Casino for providing a facility we all seem to enjoy. Our Convention Committee makes sure everything is in order and that Convention runs smoothly. Cheri Whipp provided us fun with the adventures of Lilly, our early bird drawings and bowling. There were no reported injuries from this years bowling event but there was a little difficulty raising hands the following day. There was a lot of great stuff from Trail Trials donated for our silent auction. If you weren’t there this year, join us next year.

Bowling was under control until Disco bowling kicked in

Our fearless officers being sworn in for another year of service
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.