The State Patrol is truly representative of the old adage “necessity is the mother of invention”.

The annual horse show was spread across the massive Santa Rosa Fairgrounds with activities going on throughout the day and often late into the night from Founder’s Grove to the racetrack and every arena in between. Hundreds of horses were stabled on the grounds with their human entourages camped across the street from the main grounds during the run of the show or coming/going each day. With the addition of people and horses who came in for only the day, the annual show in Santa Rosa truly looked like “Grand Central Station at rush hour”. Per Nielsen (President 1987) and George Gillette put together a team of volunteers in the 1980s to help provide security during the show to patrol the grounds, man gates, direct traffic and provide whatever assistance show management and the competitors needed. From this group came the idea and the nucleus for a new program; i.e. “CSHA Security Team”.

Jim Real (President 1992-1994, 2005, 2007) and George Gillette met with local law enforcement agencies and gained their approval for CSHA to utilize its own members as a more formal security team for the show with the provision that there were mandatory training guidelines and background/reference checks performed. Very quickly it was seen that there was a need beyond the annual show and the program was formalized within CSHA around 1985. Around 1990 the name was changed to “State Patrol” in response to legal and liability concerns.

Among the early members of the Patrol were George Gillette, Jim Real, Joe Chavoien, Art and Mariana Marshall, Rick Wagner, Ron Jenkins, Syd Cutting, Rick Marshall and Jim Walsh.
The Patrol was quickly put to work in conjunction with Opening Night at the Cow Palace and CSHA’s involvement with the Clovis Rodeo. As time went on the Patrol assisted at State Championship Parades, the Show of Champions and various other State and Region events throughout California even to ceremonial functions serving as escorts, flag bearers and performing sergeant-at-arms duties at conventions.

The Patrol is a state-level program with no Region level counterpart. The State Committee is by appointment with the President appointing the Chief and the Chief appointing 2 area Deputy Chiefs (northern and southern) and 2 Members-At-Large.

The Patrol has no police authority. The members are utilized to “assist” CSHA members through their efforts in providing conflict resolution, equine and human first aid, traffic flow management, physical patrols, and whatever else they can do to ensure a safe and fun environment for everyone.

Photo Legend
1. Patrol member Sydney Cutting conferring with member at convention
2. Patrol performing escort duty at 2000 State installation banquet with Patrol member Marianna Marshall escorting fellow Patrol member Jim Walsh

Photo 1 and 2
STOCK COMPETITION
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In 1986 a push came out of Region 4 for a different type of program...a program dedicated to the amateur competitor whose interest was primarily in working cattle. Stock Competition was born at the 1987 convention and referred to as the “newest game in town” by the first chairman, John Souza. The program encompasses competition in Team Penning, Dally Team Roping, Cutting, Cattle Drafting and Cattle Sorting.

Originally Stock Competition was set up to require judges. The Judges Commission established a criteria to allow applicants to be licensed under a “grandfather clause” after attendance at a CSHA sponsored symposium. Nearly 40 judges were licensed in that first rush. The Program eventually discontinued the use of “judges” in favor of non-licensed “officials” who primarily served as timekeepers.

In 2001 the Bill Haynes Memorial Team Roping Scholarship was established and funded through the CSHA Charitable Trust. The scholarship was intended to honor the memory of Bill Haynes, a farrier, saddle maker, rodeo competitor and CSHA youth supporter. The scholarship is to be awarded to the most improved youth team roper in the Program as determined by the Stock Team Competition State Committee each year but, as of this printing, has not yet been awarded.

While several Regions continue to offer competition, this Program is inactive at the State level at this time.
TRAIL RIDER AWARD PROGRAM

Norther VP Sue Edwards accepts Region 1’s award from Marie Grisham with assist from Southern VP Rick Wagner
TRAP is a “quiet” little program that chugs along like the “little engine that could” with none of the drama that often accompanies the larger competition related programs. Since its inception in 1988, TRAP has honored the trail rider who is really the foundation of CSHA.

Members track the time spent riding trails and earn chevrons to be worn with their membership patch and other awards after reaching specific milestones. A by-product of the Program is the ability to provide local entities with information on the use of trails.

The first Master Trail Rider award (3,000 hours) was awarded to Janet Roberts (Region 6) in 1992. After winning the second Master Trail Rider award in 1993, Donna McAloney (region 11) won the first Supreme Trail Rider Award (5,000 hours) in 1996.

Some of the Chairs: Diane Gilbert, Pat Monroe, Cindy Ann North, Ray McElwain, Marie Grisham

Photo Legend
1. Nanette Felegy (Reg 11) receiving her Master Trail Rider buckle in 1999
2. Annette Cooper (Reg 1) WITH HER Supreme Trail Rider buckle 2011
Trail Trials was developed in the 1990s as an obstacle course competition that tests the trail skills of the horse and rider in a natural situation. Like the concept of “working conformation” versus “conformation to breed standard”, this program differs greatly from what is known as “trail” in the horse show world. In both situations the judge evaluates the way a horse and rider negotiate the obstacles on a designated course. However, that’s really where the similarity ends. For the most part rules and/or tradition dictate the manner in which an obstacle is worked in the horse show world. In Trail Trials, the obstacles and the environment are as natural as it gets and the goal is to complete the task in a safe and reasonable manner...more like “just get it done”.

CSHA licenses senior judges for Trail Trials. It is the responsibility of the judge to pre-ride and “certify” the course with an eye toward the CSHA rules but also the safety of all involved. The senior judge supervises the obstacle judges, who are selected by ride management to actually judge the horse and rider combination at the individual obstacles, ensuring that these obstacle
judges understand and are able to work within the program guidelines and rules. Among the first judges were Irene Bumann (Reg 2), LeRoy Duerksen (Reg 15), Charlene Kluck (Reg 18), Mary Sharp, Greta de Graeve (Reg 4), Ken Foster (Reg 3) and Don Mackay (Reg 4).

While a program truly takes a village to grow, it can be said that the “mayor of Trail Trials Village” was Irene Baumann who guided the Program through 3 years as a pilot program and into acceptance as a standing committee in 1995.

The Trail Trials participants looked forward to holding their first championship in conjunction with the Show of Champions at the Fairgrounds in Watsonville. However, an El Nino weather pattern decimated the trails system around the Watsonville area that year. Switching gears quickly, the Trail Trials Committee held the first championship at Durham Ferry Park in Region 4. Rita Schlim served as senior judge. A list of the 16 obstacle judges used that year included 7 senior Trail Trial judges, the Northern Area Vice President, 1 program competitor who opted out of the competition to help and that year’s Chair of the Judges Commission who happened to be a Gymkhana judge…truly an exhibition of organization-wide cooperation.

Twenty years later weather was again a bit of a factor as an early September storm front hit Northern California. However, the intrepid Trail Trials competitors were able to celebrate the Program’s 20th championship event in Napa in 2016 without a change of venue.

Photo Legend

1. 1998 Championship Event – Holly Foiles (Reg 4)
2. Trail Trials is not for the faint hearted – L-R Jen Garcia, Pam Van Brocklin, Diane Medlock & Julia Larsen 2009
3. Angie Moreland completing a water obstacle combined with a drag in 2015
4. 2007 Sue Edwards & Cruiser on their way to the 50/over Championship
5. Logo for 20th anniversary of the Trails Trials Program
6. 2016 champions celebrating 20th anniversary
7. “Let me think on this one awhile” says a horse competing in Trail Trials in the south
Photo 5 and 6
CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN’S ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST
The California State Horsemens Association Charitable Trust

Tom Johnston came up with the idea of offering scholarships to the All-Around Champions in the Horsemastership Program and a Scholarship Committee was formed. In later years scholarships were also offered to other Horsemastership divisions.

CSHA’s leadership recognized the need to separate the operating funds of the Association from the donated funds intended for scholarships, as well as the benefit of offering a tax exempt vehicle to potential donors. In 1969 the membership passed a resolution at the Santa Barbara convention creating an irrevocable charitable trust. The first Trustees were George Dean, Fred Kemm and Heber Brown.

The Trust was established as (and remains) a non-profit organized under the laws of the State of California and donations to the Trust are tax deductible to the extent of federal and state law. Donations are accepted from CSHA and its members, as well as outside entities.

The purpose of the Trust was (and remains) to promote the health, welfare, happiness, development and education of young people in the State of California who are interested in horse activities and/or the purpose of promoting research and education regarding the health, development, growth, maturing, illness, disease and general welfare of horses.

Although the Trust was expanded at one time to include several additional Trustees, it was determined that this was not allowed due to the irrevocable nature of the Trust. Therefore, the Trust remains at 3 voting members. At one time the Trust maintained a Scholarship Chair position with the primary responsibility of maintaining award records and authorizing disbursements. These duties were absorbed by the Treasurer with computerization of the Trust records. Another chair within the Trust was the Medical Research Chair with the duty to promote the Medical Research Fund and serve as a liaison with U.C. Davis. The position was deleted around 2012.

Initially only Horsemastership funds were handled by the Trust. Expansion came quickly, however, with the addition of a number of memorial scholarships. The Anna Lisa Forni Scholarship was originally awarded through the annual CSHA Horse Show in Santa Rosa and survives today in the form of three junior scholarships awarded at the Show of Champions in the Western, English and Gymkhana Divisions. The Debbie Jean Canton Memorial Fund was established in the 1970s and provided scholarships to veterinary students at UC Davis. When the funding was exhausted, this scholarship was converted to the CSHA U.C. Davis Veterinary Scholarship and continues today.

At one time, CSHA actively solicited outside organizations to utilize the Charitable Trust in order to increase the dollar volume within the Trust accounts. Funds were established by the Reined Cow Horse Association, CSHA’s own Regions 15 and 6 and the Herrera family. Today the Trust maintains funds for several scholarships awarded through CSHA Programs, a Medical Research Fund, which makes periodic donations to the Research Department of U.C. Davis, a U.C. Davis Veterinary Scholarship Fund and two private funds which match the stated purpose of the Trust.
OTHER PROGRAMS THROUGH THE YEARS

Palmetto/Broom Polo played in Florida circa 1954

CSHA's Philip Stewart presents Lt. Governor Ed Reinecke a copy of the "Laws to Protect Your Animals" May 1972
OTHER PROGRAMS THROUGH THE YEARS

BROOM AND COWBOY POLO

**BROOM POLO** appears in the earliest CSHA rule books. The game seems to have originated in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, as “Palmetto Polo” around 1952 and was similar to polo but with a few exceptions: Western or English tack could be used; the game was generally played in a horse show arena; and the competitors used kitchen brooms and volleyballs. It must have been a rough and tumble game as the rule referring to the “use of the elbow applied with force to the short ribs or the point of the chin” does not call for disqualification or penalties as one might think but simply notes “should be frowned upon by the referee”. While Google still shows evidence of Broom Polo being played today, its popularity among CSHA clubs appears to have waned over the years and eventually the rules were dropped from the rule book.

As Palmetto Polo made its way across the country, the sport was played primarily by volunteer sheriff units involved in mounted search and rescue. In 1959 the name evolved into Cowboy Polo. Women were first admitted to the sport in 1990. A World Championship Tournament was offered each year.

**COWBOY POLO** differs a bit from both regular polo and broom polo: Western saddles are used; 5 riders are on each team; generally played in a rodeo arena; and specially reinforced mallets are used with a red medicine ball.

In 1990 Gary Cole, President of the California Cowboy Polo Association, and Jim Real introduced “modern” Cowboy Polo to CSHA at the July quarterly meeting. At that time there were a number of CSHA clubs already involved in the sport including the Poway Valley Riders and the Norco Cowboy Polo Association.

Cowboy Polo was taken on as a pilot program by CSHA with Gary Cole as the first chair. The program never achieved “standing committee” level which seemed to mirror the general demise of the sport. In 2005 the national organization disbanded. As of 2016, according to Google, it is almost exclusively played in Montana and, even there, the sport is down to 5 remaining clubs from a high of 30.

**HUMANE AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

...was named a standing committee in 1971 and on February 8, 1972 President Frank Ely appointed Philip Stewart of Napa as Chair Pro-Tem. The Committee’s purpose was to review available laws covering animal protection and meet with the California Senate and Assembly Agricultural Committees, CHP, SPCA, Department of Public Health, Bureau of Meat Inspection and members of CSHA. The Committee helped CSHA launch an awareness program and developed a pamphlet “Laws to Protect Your Animals” as a tool to recognize abuse and where and to whom to report such abuse. The Committee continued on for a number of years and was eventually disbanded in the 1980s.
PAST PRESIDENTS SCREENING COMMITTEE

This committee, comprised of all living past State Presidents, convened no later than September 1 each year to ensure that one or more qualified candidates were available for the President and Vice President positions. Eventually, this evolved into the Nominating Committee. At some point the primary focus of the Committee switched from seeking candidates to certifying those who filed “intent to run” paperwork and conducting the nominating process at the election.

CONVENTION SITE COMMITTEE & CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The annual convention was and is a very important part of CSHA as it is a venue that offers the opportunity for the entire membership of CSHA to gather and have a say in the way the organization and its programs are run and to elect officers. There is a great deal of business to be conducted at each convention with resolutions and the elections taking the spotlight. There is always, however, plenty of time for fun: Trips to local sites such as Medieval Times and Disneyland while visiting Buena Park and Ontario, dinner at the Samoan Cookhouse in Eureka and sock hops in Santa Rosa, welcome parties, candidate parties, bingo games and mystery dinner theater just to name a few. And of course, in the early years there was the horse show.

In fact until the mid-1960s, the criteria for selecting the convention site had to include consideration for a hotel that could accommodate meetings and social events, as well as a facility suitable to host a variety of equestrian events and provide stabling for hundreds of horses. Once the horse show went its own way, things got a little easier for the Site Committee. According to the rule book, the convention was to rotate between areas each year and be confirmed at least two years out. It was the responsibility of the Committee to work with the Regions in a specific area to develop bids to host the convention and then present the bids to the membership in the House of Delegates for selection.

Early records show that, while there was an attempt to select a permanent location for the convention, the date was another matter; i.e. from one year to the next, it was held in August, February, September, October and November. In 1966 the convention date was set at the third week in November. In the mid-1980s/early 1990s, the date was changed to the week that contains the second Thursday of November.

The convention concept shifted to a State-sponsored event in the 2000s with the Area Vice Presidents in charge. In the ensuing years, the lines between the Convention Site Selection Committee and the Convention Committee (responsible for actually putting on the convention) were significantly blurred and in some cases location decisions could not be finalized until the year of the convention. By vote of the 2015 Council of Members, the concept of two separate committees was re-defined.

- Convention Site Committee, comprised of the Area Vice Presidents and 3 presidential appointments, is tasked with developing and presenting convention sites to the Council of Members for approval two years in advance.
- Convention Committee is appointed by the President to conduct the convention in a given year.

February 6, 1965, saw the first formal installation of elected State Officers with Dr. Roger Daniels serving as the installing officer and Robert Vargas as the master of ceremonies. The Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol served as escorts that evening.
Photo Legend

1. Board of Directors meeting in Long Beach 1958
2. Region & State Officers being installed in the early 1990s
3. Delegate’s name tag for the 4th annual convention (1948) sponsored by the San Francisco Horsemen’s Association at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco
4. Dancing the night away at an early convention (1950s perhaps)
5. Dancing the night away at the Redding convention in 1988
6. Commemorative “ride to convention” kicked off in San Jose in 1992”. Seated Jim Real, Bob Svdeen & Norm Sims (Bob and Norm served as co-Trail Bosses.
Photo 4 & 5
CSHA was approached by gaited horse owners in California to assist in providing them with a show experience away from “Big Lick” style competition, one more in tune with the natural movement of a gaited horse. A Gaited Horse Division was established in 1990 and judges were licensed for this division under the auspices of the Judges Commission. This Program was unique for CSHA in that it was based on registered horses within the breed segments of the gaited horse industry. The first show season (1991) was geared primarily toward the Plantation Walking Horse (Tennessee Walker).

On April 10, 1990 CSHA received certification from USDA under the Federal Horse Act and developed a Designated Qualified Person Program to license individuals for the purpose of testing horses for abuse such as “unwarranted soring” and other issues at gaited shows under the leadership of Chair Jim Real. This was known as the “DQP” Program. In 1990, after attending a U.S.D.A. mandated course, Steve Herrera President 1981-1982, 1988-1989), Bob Lauer, Matt Mathis and Bill Curling received DQP licenses under a “grandfather” clause. That first training/licensing clinic was held in July, 1990, (2 day/14 hours total) covering the anatomy and physiology of the horse, inspection procedures, record keeping and a written exam. The first show held under the CSHA Regulatory Assignment was the Ventura Andalusian and Walker Show with Bill Curling as the DQP.

While both programs continued to be available for a number of years on paper, neither really got off the ground organization-wide and were eventually abandoned after 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES COMMITTEE

1976 saw the first Administrative Practices Committee formed for the purpose of acting on matters not covered by other committees and not covered by the by-laws. The first order of business was the creation of the Region President’s Handbook. Working mostly in the background, the Committee members served “by appointment” rather than each Region having a representative appointed. While the Committee has now evolved into a region representation format and is more visible to the general membership, its purpose remains the same with the addition of assisting the President with regard to “Best Practices” for the office. The Credentials Committee and the Election Committee operate as sub-committees to the Administrative Practices Committee.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

We often confuse by-laws with rules. While similar at first read, their purpose is different. Bylaws provide more of a general framework with regard to operation and management of an association whereas rules dictate exactly how something will be accomplished. The first CSHA rulebooks published did not contain any of the Association’s by-laws…it appears there were only 11 by-laws for many years.

No rule or practice within CSHA may contradict a CSHA by-law. However, from time to time, we find that a new resolution or an existing rule is in direct conflict or skates fairly close to the edge. The CSHA By-Laws Committee attempts to educate the members in this area and propose corrective action when needed.
BLUE RIBBON TO SHOW OF CHAMPIONS

The title is a little misleading as the Blue Ribbon Horse Show of CSHA’s past and the Show of Champions of today are two different “animals”. However, there is a link in spirit as both events
had their origins in a desire to “showcase CSHA members” and each became the biggest gathering of CSHA members of their day.

CSHA’s annual horse show was known as the “Blue Ribbon Horse Show”. The show was restricted to those CSHA members whose horses had won a blue ribbon at a rated show, hence the name “Blue Ribbon”.

The first Blue Ribbon Horse Show was held in 1946 in Santa Barbara. From 1946 through 1963 the show was held in conjunction with the annual convention. The show remained a “members only” event until 1959 when the first open show was held in Turlock.

As the Blue Ribbon Show followed the conventions throughout the State, it was subjected to the vagaries of weather and local facilities. The entire show had to be put on hold in Palm Springs when a sand storm swept through the area reducing visibility to near zero. As the years went by, it became increasingly difficult to obtain a quorum at convention meetings without first raiding the show pen. So in 1964 the first show was held outside of the convention format in Santa Rosa. The show location continued to change yearly but within just a few years, the decision was made to “home base” the show in Santa Rosa to provide the continuity the event needed in order to thrive as an open show. The organizers felt that they now had the perfect venue and the perfect weather…until 1976 when it rained in August!

From 1964 to 1971 the show grew from 1,881 entries to 8,600 entries. That 1971 show experienced a 33% increase in entries over the previous year, operated 7 show rings with 280 riding classes plus 19 halter classes, 29 Gymkhana classes, a Drill Team competition and the State Horsemastership finals. That year the show required 78 people to operate it, all of whom were members and volunteers, and had grown into a week-long event.

In 1972 the judges used for the show came from 5 different states; i.e. California, Ohio, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. That same year found Gymkhana on the race track in field, Trail in the area behind the office building, Horsemastership in the 4H Ring and horse show classes and/or warm-ups were held in the Chris Beck Arena, the Cypress Ring and the Oak Ring.

For many years Jack Costa was the show manager ably seconded by Cap Carrithers. Both men had served as State President in their “spare time”. The show became known simply as “The Santa Rosa Show” to members. In the 1980s CHSA found it increasingly difficult to man such a large show with sufficient volunteers and experimented with professional management teams until it became no longer economically feasible to sponsor a show of this caliber.

By the 1990s CSHA was struggling and operating under some pretty strict austerity practices. The decline of the Santa Rosa Horse Show as a major fund raising event had deeply affected the Association. In 1992, the show was re-worked a bit as part of the year-long CSHA 50th anniversary celebration that year. The show ran August 14 through 16 in Plymouth and featured Western and English (B rated), Cattle Penning and Drill Team. Iris Stahl was the chair of the Horse Show Board of Governors. This was one of the last, if not the last, annual horse show.

In 1990 the first Show of Champions (SOC), with Linda Quattlebaum serving as chair, was held in October at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. The concept was to bring together the Region champions from the various Programs to compete for State titles. While all Programs were welcome at SOC, this eventually did create a logistical challenge. In various years, Stock Competition was held in the arena at night as soon as Gymkhana finished; English/Western was using a portable arena and sharing a warm up area with Gymkhana; Horsemastership was
Conducted at a stable down the road and Halter was held in a livestock barn at the other end of the Fairgrounds from the arenas. And through all this, Royalty raced from arena to arena assisting and giving out awards while participating in their own competition. It was not all that long before SOC outgrew Turlock and the event was moved to the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville in 1997. Here, with short stints at Rancho Murrieta and Santa Rosa, SOC has continued to grow.

Chairmen/Coordinators have included Linda Quattlebaum, Patti Souza, Gary Gustafson and Carolyn Hendrickson.

In a 2004 newsletter Linda Quattlebaum stated that in the beginning the pessimists were often heard to say (about the SOC concept) “There’s a recipe for a hellavu wreck!” While there may have been a bit of grumbling over the years about arena assignments and scheduling, the “wreck” never materialized with competitors and Program Committees working together to make it happen for the benefit of all.

The Show of Champions concept was never intended to be a “show” like the Blue Ribbon Show but rather an event showcasing CSHA members. Today the SOC features Gymkhana, English/Western, Royalty, and Horsemastership and is the largest annual gathering of CSHA members.

Photo Legend
1. 1975 Award presentation of the Thane Ferguson Perpetual Award – Trail Horse Classic 14-17 at Santa Rosa
2. English competitor at Santa Rosa 1967
3. Lisa Klopp winner in Lead Line English/Western 5 years & Under at Santa Rosa 1971 Question: Can you see 2 things different in this photo/caption that are different today? (See later in the photos for answer)
4. Winners in the Ring Spearing competition at the October 1958 Blue Ribbon Show
5. Pole Bending by day at 1958 Blue Ribbon Show
6. Pole Bending by night at 1958 Blue Ribbon Show
7. Take a close look. Were they playing “pick up sticks” on horseback at the 1958 show?
8. 9. 10. 1998 Show of Champions
12. Show of Champions 1999
13. Over fences at 1958 Blue Ribbon Show
14. The parade was an integral part of the show/convention each year. Pairs Champions at the 1958 Blue Ribbon Show
Photo 7

Photo 8, 9
LEAD LINE PICTURE ANSWER – Today the class is listed as “8 years and under” and a lead line must be attached to a halter or bosal...not to the rein or shank of the bit.
CSHA: TYPEWRITER TO SOCIAL MEDIA
(COMMUNICATION)
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THE HORSEMAN
The first publication of CSHA appears to have been the Horsemen’s Bulletin. This was followed in 1948 by The Horseman. In 1948 a subscription was $2.00 per year with advertising rates ranging from $5.00 per column inch to $100 for a full page with a 10% discount for a 12 month advertising contract. Since CSHA was comprised solely of clubs at that time, our assumption is that a club’s membership covered the subscription price for each of its members. With 185 member clubs by May of 1948, it is little wonder that Ray and his team were able to net so many advertisers.

Advertising offers a window into the past. Here’s what you could buy in June 1948.

- $20.60 bought you a Stetson including tax & shipping from Lundstrom’s in San Francisco.
- $15 per day per couple on the American Plan got you a vacation at McCarthy’s Glenn Ranch in the San Bernardino Mountains.
- The Horse & Mule Association of America sold educational books for 25 cents each.
- A 10 acre ranch with newly renovated buildings, “close to Santa Rosa stores”, was priced at $20,000.00.
A 60 acre ranch 60 miles from Hollywood with a new house, outbuildings and space for a racetrack was priced at $30,000.00.

In mid-1948 CHSA published the names of members #179 through #185: Amigos de Montes of Santa Rosa, Rim of the World Riders of Redlands, San Pablo Horsemen’s Association of San Pablo, Rio Hondo Rangers of Paramount, Putah Creek Riders of Davis, Ventura County Sheriff’s Posse of Ventura and Junior Auxiliary Russian River Riders of Healdsburg.

CSHA continued to publish its own newsletter but did “outsource” the publication several times over the years. In at least 1965 and 1966 our publication was a featured insert in a magazine called “Western Life. In 1974 our newsletter a monthly inclusion in the California Horsemen’s News providing up to 4 pages of newsprint each month. In 1987 CSHA launched its own publication for the first time in nearly 2 decades and, with a nod to the past, this new publication was christened “The New Horseman” under the guidance of President Per Nielsen and Public Relations Director Paulette Webb. Within two years the publication evolved into a magazine format under the guidance of Julie Morin. In March 2004, under the leadership of President Jim Real, CSHA began a relationship with “Horsemen’s News”, a magazine published in Temecula, to present the CSHA newsletter each month. Eventually CSHA returned to publishing The New Horseman as a stand-alone publication with email as the primary delivery format.

The job of Public Relations Director and Editor were often combined into one person through the years. The following is an incomplete list of those who have served CSHA through the mighty typewriter (or computer) in these capacities. The years noted may indicate the only year in which documents were found under that name rather than the actual span of time in the position. Duplication of years might indicate a split in the jobs that year.


THE HORSEMAN’S HANDBOOK

When a call was put out for the earliest copy of The Horseman’s Handbook, we thought we were asking for a copy of the Horsemastership study guide. Greta de Graeve (Region 3) unearthed a “horse of a different color”….a 50 page booklet published in 1953 under the title “Horsemen’s Handbook” which was a combination rule book and the first efforts of CSHA to provide comprehensive information on the California riding and hiking trails. The book is noted as the “fourth annual edition”. This apparently had belonged to Liz Williams who had been a member of Region 6.

The rules were pretty basic: Roughly ¾ of a page for Parade rules; 3 pages for Horsemastership including information on tack and diagrams; 1 page for Drill rules; and 3 pages for Gymkhana including information on some “fun” classes.

Cheri Whipp (Region 5) discovered a 1958 Horseman’s Handbook on EBay. The Horsemen’s Handbook had grown to 152 pages with 4 devoted to by-laws and included lists of recommended judges and a more extensive Horsemastership study guide drawn from the U.S. Cavalry Manual.
The forward mentions that in 1957 such an extensive printing was done that it was expected the supply would last for the next 3 years with only an insert page for changes needed each year.

The Horsemastership study guide portion was revised in 1961 and it appears to have been first published as a separate publication in 1961 or 1962 retaining the name “Horseman’s Handbook”. The name was copyrighted in 1971 and further revisions were done in 1980 and in the mid-1990s.

By 2016 the rule book covered rules for 13 programs, Association by-laws and other information in an 8.5” x 11” format with over 250 pages. My, how we have grown!

**CSHA Trail Directory**

As noted above, the first “trail directory” was combined within the Horseman’s Handbook. That may have been a one-time occurrence as the 1957 edition did not include the directory. At some point the trail directory became a stand-alone publication which, in that context, was authored by George Cardinet Jr. and Adolph Schmidt. It was a comprehensive manual that included trails listed by county, elevations, miles and details on facilities and included 397 known staging areas. The directory sold in 1980 for $10 from the State Office. Many Regions arranged for books to be sold in local feed and tack stores throughout the state. It is believed that 1980 was the last revision and the directory is now out of print. The last reference we found to the book was the 1986 winter edition of the Heritage Trails Fund newsletter advertising the availability of the CSHA Trail Directory in conjunction with a trail rider’s book authored by Doni Hubbard.

**CSHA PARADE MANUAL**

The first Parade Manual was published in the early 1970s by the Parade Program and was authored by Ralph Principie, a CSHA Parade Judge. A revised version surfaced around 1981 authored by then Program Chair Paulette DeMello (Webb). The last known revision was authored by Joyce Grubb, a CSHA Parade Judge and Program Chair possibly in the 1990s. The focus on each version was to help the new parader discover the things that were not part of the class rules such as parade etiquette, how to get help from a judge, what to do at the parade, “do’s & don’ts”, etc.

**GYMKHANA RULE BOOK**

Unfortunately, at one time CSHA did not have a very good track record when it came to publishing updated rulebooks in a timely manner. The Gymkhana Committee solved this problem by preparing updated program rules immediately following convention and making this available as the “Gymkhana Rule Book”. Once CSHA was able to ensure the prompt publication each year of the rule book and had a proven track record of “on time” delivery, the Gymkhana Program abandoned the practice of issuing the “rule book”.

**WEST COAST HORSE SHOW RULE BOOK**

In response to changes occurring within the American Horse Show Association, CSHA searched for a rulebook that would meet the needs of CSHA and the West Coast open horse show manager and competitor. Finding none, President Jim Real tasked Ann Dennis (Region 1) and her trusty typist from Region 5 (Paulette Webb) with compiling the West Coast Horse Show Rule Book. The first book was published in 1996 and a copyright was obtained in 1997. A revision was issued in 2010 and a major re-write was completed in 2015. While these rules are designed for English and Western horse shows, many programs within CSHA utilize a portion of the rules such as those pertaining to age, equitation and illegal equipment. In order to ensure that this rulebook
remained above “politics”, rule changes were only considered every two years through a special committee and were not subject to content approval from the Council of Members or Board of Directors. The above format continues but, beginning in 2016, the WCHS rule book may be modified annual.

CSHA & THE WORLD WIDE WEB & BEYOND

The first reference to a web site was found in 1995 but it is believed to have been an extremely basic site. In January 1997, Don Rumsey announced that the CSHA web site was “fully functional” and that A. J. Lumas would serve as the CSHA webmaster. Later Gini Richardson (Region 15) assumed the duties of webmaster and “retired” in 2005 after 4+ years. Marie Grisham (Region 5) was the web mistress for many years and developed the website into a lively and viable site. With a desire for more riding time, Marie announced her “retirement” from the position and in 2016 the transition began to a “.org” domain name and an outside webmaster with the help of Diane Offutt (Region 5).

With the assistance of Jill Kraut, CSHA joined Facebook in 2015 under the name “California Horse Rider”.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF
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A major domo is a person who speaks for, makes arrangements for or otherwise takes charge for another...typically the highest ranking person within a household or business enterprise...a head servant or employee who acts on behalf of the owner. This is actually a very good job description for the position of CSHA State President. The State President holds the highest office in the “House of CSHA” but is not “omnipotent”. The President acts on behalf of and remains answerable to the “owners”; i.e. the members.

With a few exceptions, our Presidents have come up “through the chairs”, generally starting as a club president. This path affords a person the knowledge and experience required to take the reins of what often resembles a 20 mule hitch, moving more or less in concert but each with a personal agenda and time line.

State Presidents travel thousands of miles, attend a myriad of meetings and social functions and handle hundreds of phone calls, emails and letters during a single year. State Presidents deal with personalities, defuse situations, negotiate “peace treaties”, keep things on an even keel and otherwise act as the “voice of reason”. And their families are along for the ride.

The position of State President is an honor indicating the trust and respect of the person’s peers within the Association. Not to put too much of a poetic spin on it but the position of State President is a sacred trust and a promise to leave CSHA better than you found it and to help CSHA and its members to take the necessary steps to continue into the future.

The job requires dedication, loyalty, consistency...and a lot of Excedrin. At the 1980 convention in San Jose, Paulette DeMello found Jim Phillips sitting alone in a corner booth in the hotel lounge. She commented that she hadn’t seen him looking so relaxed in the 2 years she had known him. Jim sighed and, with a smile, clinked glasses with her and stated “Sure I’m relaxed...I’m about to become the past State President!”

Here are photos of just a few of the 46 people who have held the position of CSHA State President between 1942 and 2016.

Photo Legend

2. Ray Stone – 1944

13. President’s on Parade at 1983 State Parade in Martinez — Leading is current “First Lady” Janet Read with President Larry alongside. Following to the left is Bert Hill 1976-1977 and following him is Per Nielsen 1987.

14. State President-elect Gary Gustafson (middle) 1995-1996-1997 prior to his installation November 1994. L-R John Raymond (Northern VP), Ed Boland (Central VP), Mary Turner (Southern VP) and Jack Abraham (then First VP)


16. L-R Executive Secretary Ray Stone (1944) & his wife Eunice

17. George Cardinet Jr (1946) & his wife Margaret at the 1946 Santa Barbara convention

18. Ray Stone (1944) and wife Eunice and George Cardinet Jr. 1946 and his wife Margaret at the 1945 installation in Santa Barbara 1946


20. C. B. “Dick” Williams 1954

21. Edward Zwierlien 1949

22. George Walling (wearing hat) 1955


25. Ron Jenkins 2007


27. 1958 Group Photo L-R Region Presidents Betty Weston (1), May Lalande (3), Dr. Tom Eville (4), Ted Albros (5), State President Earl Bradley, Region Presidents, Tom Johnston (6), Joe Gray (possibly 9), Gale Harmon (12), Emily Pond (2), State Treasurer Fred Kemm Cover photo November 1967 of The Horseman -- Note: There are 11 people in the photo but only 10 were named in the newsletter. One of the 2 gentlemen to the left of Emily is Gale and the other is unknown.

Photo 1 and 2
Photo 7 and 8

Photo 9 and 10
In 1978 Vivian Ginn said “The main ingredient of CSHA is its membership”. To that statement, we’d like to add “and memories”. Stories about members and events bring our past to life. In this chapter we offer memories and tidbits drawn from various sources about members who helped to create our history and thus ensure the future of CSHA, as well as some interesting happenings over the past 70+ years. With a nod to Vivian’s long running column in The Horseman, we have titled this....

**BITS AND PIECES**

**CSHA IS IN TOWN...** In the good old days CSHA announced its arrival in town for convention with a parade. The first such parade was in 1945 featuring 1200 horses...among them the San Francisco Sheriff’s Posse. (See Photo 2)

The parades continued until the convention and Blue Ribbon Show were no longer held at the same time. In the last convention parade in Fresno (1963) the Contra Costa County Horsemen wowed the crowds and were awarded first place in the Best Dressed Men’s Group category. (See Photo 2)

**VIVIAN GINN** of Region 4 joined CSHA in 1945. She was the “Queen of Recycling” before anyone thought of “going green” but her hunt was for trophies rather than bottles and cans. Trophies and silver were expected at every horse show of any consequence and a major expense for the event’s budget, as well as becoming dust collectors for most winners. Vivian wanted to decrease high award costs for Region 4 and for junior clubs such as 4H. She began to collect donated “dust collectors” even golf and baseball trophies for use at Region 4’s White Elephant Horse show and refurbish them. Those trophies that didn’t meet the show’s height standard were sold to junior clubs...cheap. Vivian was editor of The Horseman for many years and left a permanent legacy to
Horsemastership after her death with the creation of the Vivian Ginn Fund through a bequest to the Charitable Trust.

**Ivo Vollmer Jr.** succeeded Ray Stone as CSHA Executive Secretary. Ivo had been the first president of the Santa Clara County Junior Horsemen Association, one of the first junior organizations in California. He also was a past president of the senior organization and was Region 6 Vice President at the time of his appointment as Executive Secretary. At age 29 (and single as touted by The Horseman)) he was most likely the youngest CSHA official to date. (See photo 3)

**Fred Kemm** was already a member of the San Francisco Horsemen when that club became the final member of the “Eight S’s” on July 5, 1942. Fred became one of the earliest Treasurers and served as one of the first trustees for the California State Horsemen’s Charitable Trust in 1969. When asked how long he had actually served as State Treasurer, Fred quipped “So long that I don’t remember!” (See Photo 4)

**Ray Stone** was a mounted officer with the San Francisco Police Department in the 1930s retiring in 1943. Newspapers of the day recounted his life saving exploits on horseback including rescuing swimmers who were being swept out to sea. In 1972 he was referred to as “Mr. CSHA” for his many years of dedicated service to CSHA before, during and after his term as State President. Ray served as CSHA President in 1944 and held the post of Executive Secretary for 13 years until 1958. He moved to Sacramento in 1949 and served as CSHA’s Legislative Advocate. He also served as editor of The Horseman and was instrumental in the early formation of the Horsemastership Program. Ray passed away in 1987 at the age of 81. (See Hail to the Chief)

**George Cardinet Jr.** wrote to CSHA President Ray Stone asking why his club, Contra County Horsemen, should bother to join CSHA. He must have liked the answer because the club joined and George became CSHA State President in 1946. In the years that followed George was credited with having mapped and routed more than 200 miles of trails throughout the East Bay Region. In 1968 George was invited to the White House for the signing of the National Trails System Act by President Johnson to recognize George for his accomplishments. George became known as “the Father of the California Trail System” or more simply...”Mr. Trails”. While trails were his first love, George also spent many years working with junior drills teams. He continued riding trails well into his eighties...his only concession to advancing age was a helmet. (See Hail to the Chief)

**Colonel F. W. Koester** started the CSHA Drill Team Program. At his final military post, Colonel Koester was the commanding officer of the Pomona Quartermaster Depot at the Kellogg Ranch which was responsible for the procurement and training of horses and mules for the war effort.

**Nolte Olsen Saddle Shop** of San Francisco became the first associate member of CSHA on September 21, 1946. And within 12 months, CSHA had 200 associate members.

**Patti Furtado Souza** has a long history with CSHA with a “junior” and “senior” version of most of her activities. Patti was a member of the first CSHA Drill championship team, the Turlock Cavaliers, in 1949. When Drill Team was rejuvenated after several years of in-activity, Patti was among the first judges licensed. In the 1950s she competed in Horsemastership winning several Region championships. As an adult, Patti became heavily involved with the Horsemastership Program and chaired the Committee herself for a number of years. She showed horses at CSHA shows as a junior and, prior to moving to Nevada, Patti was involved with the movement from a state level high point program to the English/Western program you see today and served several years as the Chair of the Show of Champions. Through club membership, Patti and her family joined CSHA in 1946. 2016 marks her 70th year of membership in the Association. (See Photo 5)
DENZIL GALLAHER was a powerhouse in a small package...a 5’1” lady from Tulare who in 1966 was approached by President Jack Costa to take on the Junior Horsemastership Chair. During her 10 year chairmanship, scholarships nearly quadrupled in dollar amount and Gymkhana was added as a division. During this time she also served as the CSHA representative to the National Horse and Pony Youth Activity Council and the California Horse Council. After “retiring” from the Horsemastership Program, Denzil moved on to the CSHA Scholarship Fund Committee and was the editor of the CSHA newsletter for 5 years. Her memory is honored through the Denzil Gallaher Memorial Trophy which is presented to the junior Horsemastership contestant with the highest overall score at the State competition.

GEORGE CARDINET III of Region 5 pretty much grew up with CSHA since his father, George Jr., was the 1946 State President. In 1949 George III was the first All-Around Boy Champion for Horsemastership. By 1976 he had a few initials after his name – DVM and PhD and had been named a full professor, appointed Associate Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at U. C. Davis and elected Instructor of the Year by the Freshman Class 2 years in a row.

THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF’S POSSEE won 11 CSHA Drill Team championships between 1952 and 1966 and in 1972 served as the California Governor’s mounted honor guard.

DON’T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED? Based on our research, it appears that there were no resolutions submitted at the September, 1962 convention.

A MEMBER IN THE WHITE HOUSE & IN HOLLYWOOD In 1967, George Dean, a member of San Mateo Horsemen’s Association (1969/70 State President) led a membership delegation to Sacramento to present the Governor, who was an avid horseman, with an honorary life membership in CSHA. The Governor would later become the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

Tidbit: Most people associate Ronald Regan with the “cowboy” persona perhaps due to his many western movies and television shows. However, when riding for pleasure, President Reagan always rode English....his wife, Nancy, was the one who rode Western.

Prior to this, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans were presented with honorary memberships in CSHA during their participation in the 1962 Grand National.

MARVIN T. ROCK joined CSHA in 1984 after being “rescued” from a trail in Region 15. He developed a huge crush on CSHA secretary Barbara Linde and moved to Santa Rosa so a legal transfer was processed to Region 1. Marvin was a confidant to the President and the Barbara and his integrity was beyond reproach...he was “silent as a rock” about all discussions in the State Office and never missed a meeting until...Marvin claimed to have been kidnapped when he went missing for a few months. He was next seen chained to his chair near the podium at a quarterly meeting by the Juniors who claimed he had run off to Disneyland after the convention in Buena Park...a claim supported by all the little “Marvin look-a-like pebbles” the Juniors were “babysitting” at the meeting.

JIM REAL was a dedicated member of CSHA who was often referred to as the “Ever Ready Bunny”, he just never slowed down, not even after losing a leg. While cruising through the Cow Palace in his wheel chair, he felt a little smothered by his well-meaning companions and decided an escape was in order. He quickly rolled out the back door of the restaurant only to find himself on a down ramp. With a mischievous glint in his eye worthy of Dennis the Menace and a loud “Yipppeee!”
Jim launched himself down the ramp and popped a “wheelie” with his chair at the bottom scattering Western Mart customers. Jim was also known for giving out Top Hand Awards when he was State President to those he felt had gone the extra mile that year. Jim was the first State President to serve three consecutive terms ending in 1994 and then returned to serve in 2005 and 2007. Jim passed away while in office in 2007.

STEVE HERRERA was known for his efforts to streamline meetings including fining Region Presidents who were not available when called to make a report. The Junior Fund grew by leaps and bounds as some folks never seemed to have their act together. Steve was the first member to be elected President after having already served two terms; i.e. first elected in 1981 and 1982 and then elected again in 1988 and 1989.

GENNY READ, daughter of Larry and Janet Read (President and First Lady of CSHA 1983-1984) of Region 5 attended the “Citizenship 77” conference in Washington DC in 1977. While there she met with Congressman George Miller to discuss problems facing horse people in California and presented him with a plaque from CSHA acknowledging his support of horse people. (See Photo 7)

MIKE STIGERS (State President 1985/1986) was born in Los Angeles and became actively involved with horses in 1968 when he joined the California Rangers. Joining the club in the position of Remount (beginner), he progressed through the ranks to attain the rank of Colonel and Commanding Officer. During his time as Commanding Officer, he increased membership and income by 50%. Mike might have been just a bit sensitive about being the youngest ever CSHA State President, at the age of 26. He seemed to spend most of 1987 advising all that the title “junior past president” was passé and “immediate past president” was in…still is. Later Mike became the first Executive Director of CSHA.

GARY GUSTAFSON of Region 4 was involved in many areas of CSHA over the years from ETP to Gymkhana, from Parade to his chairmanship of the SOC and the Finance Committee. Gary went through the “chairs” literally from an early reference as “Region 4 cook” to the State President (1995-1997). Gary was a larger than life character...from the pink tuxedo his wife, Mary, made for him (and he wore happily) in the 1970s to his claim that the “GG” on his ring stood for “Gaudy Gary”....the CB handle laid on him by his fellow paraders. While getting ready for a trip to the Rose Festival Parade in Portland, Oregon one year, Gary went through a long check list to ensure nothing was forgotten. Luckily he wasn’t too far from home when his son Derek asked why he hadn’t “packed Gar Bar”. Gary quickly returned home to get his horse.

LAPREAL (LEE) STEWART (Region 6) had a love affair with horses as a youngster but it wasn’t until around 1968 that she got her own horse after her daughter, Judy, had already launched her own equestrian career. Lee was very active with the Los Altos Junior Horsemen’s Association. In 1970, 1972 and 1973 she served as Region 6 secretary and President of LAJH in 1970. In 1972 she took over as State Public Relations Director mid-year. Lee served as State High Point Chair in 1973 and 1974 and also served as State Horsemastership Chair from 1975 to 1980. Lee was appointed to the CSHA Charitable Trust in 1980 and served as Region 6 President from 1981 (part year) through 1983. Lee’s dedication to CSHA and particularly to Horsemastership stands out in the crowded history of CSHA. Her death in 2000 was a hard blow for the Association. (See Photo 8)

ED ROM...immediately a vision of a large handle bar mustache comes to mind. But the man known as “Mr. Ed” was so much more. Ed was a member of 12 CSHA clubs over the years and of Region 1 and Region 6. He was involved with obtaining a Horsemastership sponsorship from Levi Strauss which provided the Levi Strauss Medal for a number of years. Ed was always at the ready to help
out where needed and it seemed there couldn’t be an Early Bird Raffle at a convention without Ed’s able direction. (See Photo 9)

CHRIS VINCENT (now Williams) - We don’t have a record as to whether or not Chris was involved in the Royalty Program but she went on to become rodeo royalty. In 1965 Chris earned the AllAround Girl championship for Horsemastership. Chris went on to Fresno State and became Miss Rodeo California. She won the “Miss Horsemanship” award while competing in the Miss Rodeo America contest and was ultimately crowned Miss Rodeo America 1970. (See Horsemastership)

COMMUNICATE!
Recognizing the need to encourage communication throughout the organization, The New Horseman sponsored a newsletter contest in 1996.
Region Winners: First Place Region 6  Second Place Region 5  Third Place Region 4
Club Winners:  First Place San Mateo Horsemen  Second Place Riverside Recreational Trail Riders
            Third Place San Joaquin Valley Rangers

BRITTANY SLATON (Miss CSHA 2006 & from Region 6) went on to become Miss California High School Rodeo 2007. Brittany also competed for Miss Grand National Rodeo on the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association circuit, as well as becoming Miss California Rodeo 2011. (See Royalty)

DID YOU PACK A LIFE JACKET? In 1981 it started raining and we thought it would never stop. Water was rising so high that some of the ground floor rooms at the Stockton Holidome had water seeping up through the floor...one State Chair found her luggage (stored in the back of the meeting room) soaked at the end of the day. Santa Rosa (1982) was not that much better. Squeak Wallace, gentleman to the core, was reportedly seen carrying Helen Schuerer through the flooded parking lot to her meeting room.

QUOTE
President Bert Hill (1976/1977) stated that personality clashes and differences of opinion were for the most part healthy if kept within reasonable bounds but can cause rifts if allowed to get out of hand. He further stated that we must mend fences and remember that there is strength in unity.

THINGS HAPPEN FOR A REASON
When in Buena Park for a convention, Medieval Times is a must for CSHA members. 1996 Miss CSHA Allison Harvey was shocked when one of the knights threw a long-stemmed rose directly to her prior to the joust. She shouldn’t have been...Paulette Webb of Region 5 (sitting next to her) had her hand up waving and pointing vigorously to Allison and her crown. How was a chivalrous knight to resist? (See Royalty)

PAUL DE FONVILLE became the Parade Overall High Point Champion with 593 points in 1979, the highest ever attained to that date and his record still holds as of the closing of the 2015 Parade high point season. Paul, a former rodeo performer, went on to found a cowboy hall of fame and museum in Caliente, California, which operated until 2015. (See Photo 10)

AMANDA JACOBSON (Miss CSHA 2003 and from Region 10)…feels that she learned a great deal about not only conducting meetings but also about the etiquette involved in meeting participation and public speaking during her reign. She went on to become Miss San Benito Saddle Horse Show
& Rodeo 2007, Miss California Rodeo 2007, Miss Bakersfield Stampede 2009 and first runner up and horsemanship winner at the Miss Rodeo California competition in 2010. One of her proudest accomplishments was winning Reserve World Champion in youth reining at the Pinto Horse Worlds in 2006. Amanda obtained a Bachelors in Child and Adolescence Development at San Jose State, as well as her multiple subject teaching credential. She is still active within CSHA and with her husband, Michael Johnson, looks forward to their children learning about horses through CSHA. (See Royalty)

**HUNTER PENROD** (State Ambassador 2007 & from Region 18) will graduate in 2017 with a Bachelor’s Degree (majoring in Organizational Communications and Public Relations) from California State in Los Angeles and has plans to follow that with studies to become a physician’s assistant. Looking back Hunter feels his experiences as Ambassador have definitely helped him accomplish his goals, especially with regard to his communication studies. Until his graduation from high school in 2009, Hunter was able to work with an APHA trainer in Northern California and show on the Paint Circuit throughout California, Nevada and Oregon. Hunter hopes to jump back into the saddle after his career gets off the ground and life settles down. (See Photo 11)

**JENNIFER GAGE** (Miss CSHA 2000 & from Region 2) spent 3 months working at an Italian horse farm and then spent her junior year of college studying at the Spanish University in Granada, Spain, prior to graduating Magna Cum Laude from Chico State. After graduation, Jennifer was eventually off again to Valencia, Spain, where she taught at an academy and met her future husband, Miguel. Jennifer’s wedding to Miguel in 2010 was fit for “royalty” taking place in his uncle’s castle in southern Spain. Jennifer speaks 4 languages and presently works for the United Nations in Vienna, Austria, where she resides with her husband and 2 daughters. A naturally reserved personality, Jennifer credits her time with CSHA and year as Miss CSHA with helping increase her confidence thus enabling her to take the steps to travel, work abroad and interact with new people. (See Royalty)

**ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET** ....The 1987 convention in Santa Rosa was the site of the first ever “Queen’s Reunion” hosted by Chair Laura Abbott of Region 1 featuring both the Region and State Royalty courts of the past. Sunglasses were needed to avoid the glare from all the tiaras!

**BEFORE COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET** – The 1957 Horsemen’s Handbook (CSHA rule book & Horsemastership study guide) sold 1,687 copies between April and August 31!

**Brittany Voss** (Region 5) was CSHA 2005 2nd Prince. She became the 2007 Livermore Junior Rodeo Queen and 2009 Rowell Ranch Rodeo Queen. (See Photo 12)

**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS** ....Until Ray Stone took over the duties in 1945, most Presidents simply found a volunteer to take minutes, help with office type tasks and keep the business of CSHA running day to day. According to Ray, the first secretary was Fran Zingheim followed by Josephine Deterding and Maureen Sullivan. After serving as president, Ray Stone became Executive Secretary, and the first “employee” of CSHA at $50.00 per month with part-time status working out of his home. Ray “retired” in 1958 and Ivo Volmer succeeded him. Dorothy Carlson was Executive Secretary in 1964. Betty Benedetti (Menefee) served as Executive Secretary in 1967. Pat Austin also served in this capacity. Although an employee, this was a position equivalent with the Executive Director, a position established by CSHA in the late 1980s/early 1990s who both represented CSHA and managed whatever staff we had.

As the years passed, CSHA transitioned to a more traditional paid staffing concept. We believe Wilma Davis (serving for 16 years) was the first office secretary and Barbara Linde Turner (serving
In the early years, CSHA’s office resided wherever the Executive Secretary resided. Correspondence shows that the office was moved to Santa Rosa by Executive Secretary Betty Benedetti in late 1966. In 1973, CSHA was in negotiations to purchase a building at 897 Third in Santa Rosa. The asking price was $39,900. The purchase appears to have been completed in 1973 or 1975. Retaining this building as an income property, the Association moved to Clovis in 1995. In May 2017, the State Office was moved to Stockton.

While not a paid position, the position of State Treasurer is extremely important. Among those filling this position over the years: Dr. B. Stanley, Carlisle Youngberg, Tevis Payne, Jim Fagen, Malcolm Rogers, Ad Long, Dr. Roger Daniels, Fred Kemm, Art Smith, Phil Goodere, Robert Bourne, Art Johnson, Bob Ver Steeg, Jan Johnson, Lynn Confetti, Judi Christensen, Nadette Raymond, Judy Meeks, Alice Christensen, Linda Quattlebaum, Iris Stahl and Sue Edwards.

HELEN SCHEURER... was born in Middletown, Connecticut. She served as a WAC in WWII and moved to California in 1952 where she co-owned a number of businesses with her husband, Charlie. Helen was a member of the Fullerton Recreational Riders, and Bottoms Up clubs, Southern California Paraders Association co-founder and aided her daughter, Michelle, in her parade aspirations. She also represented Region 9 on the Parade Committee for 9 years, served as Region 9 Vice President in 1974 and was State Parade Chair in 1976 and 1978. She and her family were the recipients of the Bob Mc Mackin Perpetual Award in 1981, the first year the nominations were open to other than actual parade competitors. Following her death in 1983, her family established the Helen Scheurer Award to acknowledge the Overall Parade High Point Junior Champion in a style that befitted the lady herself.

GETTING THERE IN STYLE...With a horse show and parade as a major part of convention, it should not surprise anyone that many members used “traditional horse power” to get to convention.

1949 saw 80 members arrive at the convention in Sacramento on horseback (as related by Vivian Ginn in 1983)

On September 20, 1950, Past Region 4 President Sam Ullman left Lodi (Region 4) and arrived 23 days later at the convention in Palm Springs with 32 riders in tow. Despite the long miles, high desert heat and getting lost in the Lake Arrowhead area, the group made a good showing at the convention parade 2 days later.

In 1953 the way to Petaluma was blazed by the Galloping Grandmas (Topsy Fleming, Thelma Webster, Devah Mooney and Ida Potters of Bakersfield and Florence Mudge Madera). All the years they rode to conventions their equipment truck was driven by “Jumbo”...when the tales were recorded years later no one seemed to actually remember his real name, no one could recall ever hearing him referred to as anything other than “Jumbo”. (See Photo 13)

In 1956 Patti Furtado (Souza) joined the trek to convention riding her Western horse, one of 2 she would use in Horsemastership competition. The plan was for her family to trailer her English horse
and arrive in time for that competition. Upon arrival at the convention, Patti discovered that the “powers that be” had re-scheduled the English riding test for that very night! When word got around of the problem, Patti quickly received offers for whatever she needed, including an English horse and she was able to compete that night.
The Galloping Grandmas leading the way in 1953.

1992 saw CSHA celebrating its 50th anniversary and the long ago “horse powered” jaunts to convention were commemorated by a convention bound trail ride from San Jose to convention in Santa Nella. (See Convention)

CSHA MEMBERS ARE PATRIOTIC...January 27, 1975, as the USS San Jose docked at Alameda Naval Air Base after a long deployment, the crew was surprised to find a mounted unit waiting dockside with the American and CSHA flags, as well as the San Jose’s own pennants, whipping in the stiff San Francisco Bay breezes. Dubbed “The Magnificent 7”, the unit consisted of Heber Brown, Cecil Session, Nancy and John Soares, Karen Hanson, Greg Homan and Ted Byler who, along with other members of The Castro Valley Horsemen’s Association (Region 5), had joined Pat Atkinson (future Region 5 President) and her family to welcome home CVHA Past President and Chief Petty Officer Drex Atkinson in true CSHA style.

ALWAYS WITH STYLE.....The California Rangers, under the leadership of drill master Colonel Mike Stigers, proved that they were ready for anything at a Grand National Color Guard Competition. Scene 1: An unseasonably hot October afternoon, entrants and their ground crews have been preparing all day and teams have now been in pre-judging under the eagle eye of judges for over half an hour. Scene 2: A member of the Ranger team goes white as the proverbial sheet and starts to wobble in the saddle.
Finale: Colonel Mike Stigers, in full uniform, steps forward and gently takes the rider in his arms as an alternate rider steps smoothly up into the saddle catching up the flag. The switch was managed with such professionalism and speed that many people had no idea what had happened not even the judge...but the judge’s clerk saw all and will testify that this report is true.

DÉJÀ VU...Recording Secretary is a rough job but at least it’s over after the minutes are typed and submitted....except in 1989. Newly elected President Mark Solomon felt like he was taking his life in his hands when he notified the Recording Secretary that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting had been lost and she needed to “do it again”. Without her original notes and without a Dictaphone, Paulette Webb found herself on the living room floor taking minutes as the tapes played on her stereo system...over 12 hours of tape. When completed, she refused to hand over the second “originals” to President Mark until the Executive Committee was in session so that the hand off could be witnessed by the members and recorded.

SO, WHICH PROGRAM ARE YOU IN? Or “Upscale Gymkhana Anyone?” Vicky Shannon (Region 5) and Candy Man competed in Gymkhana before turning to parade competition in the Silver Mounted Lady class in the 1970s and 1980s. No one knew that Candy was such a great multitasker until the duo entered an arena for a grand entry and Candy spotted the marker barrel midarena. The gelding sprinted straight for the barrel and laid into the turn with serapes flying and tapaderos dragging in the sand as he turned the barrel. Once the announcer was able to stop laughing, he stated this was the “first silver mounted barrel racer” he’d ever seen!

While that barrel run was unintentional, it was with full knowledge and exhibiting great time management skills that a Gymkhana rider was almost in 2 places at once during one year’s SOC competition......completing his Gymkhana event under the lights in a tuxedo so that he could jump off his horse and race for the State Ambassador competition without missing a beat.
MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP....The Turlock Cavaliers traveled 100,000 miles during their 5 years as CSHA Champions. It was quite a caravan going down the road with family pickup trucks pulling wooden horse trailers and a couple of open air cattle trucks accommodating 26 riders and their horses along with chaperones, ground crew and all the required gear. This was in the day before there was a motel at every freeway exit....heck, this was before the day of the modern freeway system! According to Patti Furtado Souza, a member of the team, they considered it lucky when stalls were available because they could clean out the stock trailer and lay out sleeping bags on the floor rather than on the ground.

EXTREME FUNDRAISING - Paraders are just different as evidenced by the Program’s “slave auction” at the July Quarterly Meeting in 1987. A sampling of the offerings from the auction program: “Michael Stigers, young, good conversationalist, good with kids, drill team experience, Immediate Past President, no heavy lifting; Paulette Webb, expert at cleaning show tack and silver, journalistic tendencies, takes shorthand, Public Relations Director CSHA, Parade Judge, good at backrubs, age unavailable; Terry Theriot, Region 4 President, uncertain as to his specialties but interested parties may contact Faye Theriot. “

SHARING HOTEL ROOMS.....is a time honored tradition in CSHA. But sometimes you just have to wonder. Julie Morin of Region 6 convinced Paulette Webb to attend the Royalty competition banquet at the last minute and to share a room with Julie and Greta de Graeve. Three adult women in one room was a bit questionable but doable even getting ready for a banquet. What Julie forgot to mention was that 2 Region Queens would also be sleeping and getting ready in the same teeny, tiny hotel room. Although it required a lot of climbing over beds and jockeying for mirror time, everyone was turned out in style and on time!

STRANGE THINGS THE MORNING AFTER... The convention attendee figured she’d had one too many at the welcoming cocktail party when she woke up that November morning in 1987. Who could blame her...you don’t generally find barns in hotel parking lots. Delusions? No...just the employees of Royal Stable erecting a barn outside her hotel room as part of the Expo featured at the 1987 convention held at the Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa.

NEWS RELEASE JANUARY 1981...Adolph Schmidt and his team of volunteers crunched a lot of numbers and data in December 1980. Here is what was published by CSHA relating to California. Estimated Equine Population 1,040,913 units (including pleasure, race, and draft horses, ponies, donkeys and mules)
Cost of feed/care per year @ $1.45/day $550,903,205.25
License Fees to State $ 20,900,000.00
(275,000 minimum horse trailers @$41/year & 175,000 minimum pickup trucks & recreational vehicles for equine/family transport @ $55/year)
Estimated shelter related expenses $ 15,613,695.00
(including corrals, fences, barns, sheds & other shelter @ $15/horse)
Estimated cost of pursuit $281,546,510.00
(riding equipment, riding apparel, equine liability insurance, travel expenses @ $22.50/month per active equine)
Total amount contributed to the California economy by horsemen $868,963,410.25

40 YEARS LATER....In 1976 California was in a drought. An article in a CSHA newsletter discussed the drought and the fact that dry conditions had pushed prices for most hay to an unprecedented $85/ton with predictions that alfalfa could go as high as $100/ton that year. Despite the rain in 2016, Californians in metropolitan areas are faced with alfalfa and grass/alfalfa mix prices ranging from $19.00 to $22.00/bale.
KATE SOREL
Is just ending her reign as this is being typed and facing her first year in college. Quoting Kate “…I have CSHA to thank for its role in helping to prepare me for this next phase of life. I am no longer terrified of public speaking, can approach a social situation with confidence, and talk to anyone and everyone about my love for horses and the role they play in my life. My time as Miss CSHA 2016 has given me so many memories and provided me with many new tools to draw from. I know that in CSHA I will have a community of people behind me for a lifetime. I will never forget this year or my group of fellow horse-people. Happy Trails.”

CAN A HORSE DO THAT? IN 1983 Bryan Hodges attended the first leg of the Region 5 annual multi-day trail ride through the East Bay Regional Park District. Never one to resist a child’s fascination with horses, Bryan stopped on the trail to allow a family of children hiking with their father to ride his horse. After being lifted into the saddle, the smallest tyke took a death grip on the saddle horn, looked Bryan in the eyes and demanded “Make him do a wheelie!”

THE HORSEMAN’S HANDBOOK
By 1961 the CSHA rule book had been removed and the Horseman’s Handbook was primarily a Horsemastership study resource based on the U.S. Cavalry Manual. Nancy McCall of Greenbrae is pictured presenting a copy of the handbook to National park Ranger Merydith Alpert who, along with others in her class, had just successfully completed the Rider Training Program at the Morgan Farm (operated by the Park Service) at Pt. Reyes in 1976. (See Photo 14)

POLE BENDING WITH A V8?
Early CSHA rule books included rules for a variety of play day style events. One of the strangest (to our thinking) was the Trailer Race. The “course” required that you unload a horse from a trailer, saddle the horse, mount, ride a designated course, return to the trailer, dismount, unsaddle the horse and load the horse into the trailer. There is even a suggestion in one rule book that the game could be extended by requiring the rider to finish by driving the rig through a pole bending course!

1948 saw the establishment of the Official Color Guard of CSHA. This designation was offered to the club bringing in the most association members with points awarded for both new members and renewals. The club’s color guard had the honor of leading off the annual convention parade.

RIDE ON, AND ON AND ON…..
For many the Tevis Cup Ride is the pinnacle of endurance riding, a grueling 100 mile course from the Lake Tahoe area to Auburn to be completed in 24 hours. Long time State Endurance Chairs Potato Richardson and Pat Chappell both have long histories with the Tevis Cup Ride. Pat has earned 21 finishing buckles between 1980 and 2016 and her 20 year old Quarter Horse, Thunder’s Lightning Bar set a record in 1998 with 13 finishes. Potato has 22 finishing buckles between 1975 and 2015 AND 3 first place wins in 1998, 2002 and 2015. In 2015 he finished the race in 16 hours and 50 minutes. (See Photo 15)

QUOTE
In 1978 Northern Area Vice President Gary Pacini (Region 1) stated that one of the most interesting subjects he had found since becoming an officer was CSHA’s history and one of the biggest problems to be a lack of communication. He stated that everyone seemed to talk about a lack of communication flow from the State to the Region but that he felt that the lack of flow from Region to State was far more serious.
THE ORIGINAL FOOD NETWORK... CSHA members love to eat.

Conventions in the 1970s and 1980s featured a welcome party on Thursday night with enough food set out so that no one even worried about where to go for dinner. The 1982 menu in Santa Rosa included Rocky Mountain Oysters barbecued (in the rain) in the parking lot by Region 5’s Larry Read. Then on Friday night, each candidate for a State office held a cocktail party with enough food offered that we wondered how anyone was able to eat at the High Point award dinner that night.

In 1982 the Central Area Regions, under the leadership of Area Vice President Larry Read, conducted a fund raiser by publishing “As the Cowboy Cooks” highlighting the favorite recipes of members and clubs throughout CSHA. Typing was handled by Paulette DeMello (Webb) who had to borrow an electric typewriter (she could type fast but didn’t own her own typewriter). Much of the publication expense was covered by Bonnie Standley (Southern California parader) who donated her large collection of trophies to Vivian Ginn for refurbishing and sale specifying that the proceeds were for the cookbook. The project raised $2,000 for the general fund.

Chili feeds are a standard for many organizations. The first recorded CSHA cook off was held on the lawns of the Hacienda Hotel in Fresno at the July Quarterly in 1988. Entries from Regions 1, 3, 4, 7, 9. 11 and 15 were consumed, we mean judged, by CSHA President Steve Herrera, Parade Judge Neal Russell and Northern Vice President George Gillette with Paulette Webb serving as “judge’s steward”. The championship trophy was awarded to Bill and Kim Curling of Region 9 (if memory serves that was the recipe which included chocolate), reserve went to the Region 4 team led by John Johnson and Syd Cutting and third place went to the team of Howard Tuttle and Marna Pearson from Region 7. Various programs got in on the act. Chili was free but High Point, Royalty, Parade and Horsemastership sold the sodas, salads, deserts and hot dogs. (See Photo 16)

THANKS.... In 1972, Gymkhana classes were run under AHSA rules at the Blue Ribbon Horse Show for the first time. The rules were so new that judge Frank Ely of Dinuba went over the rules with the competitors before each class was run. In appreciation 65 contestants ponied up and presented the judge with a gift at the end of the 5 day show run for a job well done.

LOTTIE MILES was appointed to complete her husband’s term as Northern Area Vice President when he died and went on to be elected to her own term as First Vice President. When Mike Stigers re-styled the past president’s position as “Immediate Past President”, Lottie jokingly scoffed at him and referred to him as a “PP”. She then “created” the “PP Club” whose members included all living past State Presidents and provided each one with a “PP” membership pin.

AND THAT’S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR.... The world of parading is pretty much a fantasy realm and Steve Herrera was granted “court jester” status shortly after this stunt. Steve was pretty vocal about the lack of “authenticity” in the Working Western class but he rallied the troops to provide moral support to Jim Real at his 1987 competition debut. Or so Jim thought. Everyone was swarming him to assist so that Jim was unaware of Steve’s prolonged absence. Carol Grey recounts that, when Neal Russell called for the class, onlookers were doubled over with laughter as Steve rode into the judging area in a costume that was a cross between John Wayne, Laugh In and a cooking show. His horse sported a pink bandana and “Hi Neal” painted on his front feet with “Hi Jim” on his back feet. His “working tool kit” contained all the required standards but also boasted a large coffee pot dangling from the saddle, a running iron and other “extra” paraphernalia. No one wanted to hazard a guess as to what was in the canteen but Steve’s saddle bags overflowed with chilled bottles of wine and champagne...strictly for treating snake bites of course. Judge Neal Russell was never one to be distracted and did his job with a straight face
awarding first place to Bill Naylor, second place to Jim Real and third place to Steve Herrera (by default). However, it was perhaps the first and last time that Jim Real was rendered speechless.

LIFE AFTER HORSEMASTERSHIP

In 1975 Horsemastership Chair Denzil Gallaher published 2 articles regarding “life after Horsemastership” featuring Beverly Ver Steeg (Combined Girl 1966) and Larry Mayfield (Combined Boy 1964).

Beverly Ver Steeg, Combined Champion Girl 1966, of Danville (Region 5) began riding at age 6 and showing at age 8 starting in saddle seat and then moving to hunt seat and western. She “book ended” her Horsemastership championship by winning Grand National Horse Show Queen in 1965 and Grand National Rodeo Queen in 1967. Bev was inspired by Walt Disney’s film, “The Horsemasters” and attended the Porlock-Vale Riding Academy (the model for the school in the movie) receiving her BHSA Horsemastership and Instructor certificate. After returning to the U.S., she opened Hobbitt Hill Farms Equestrian School. Bev required her students to study the CSHA rulebook and Horseman’s Handbook, as well as the AHSA rule book. In 1974 her students received first place or reserve in the high point programs for Pacific Coast H/J Stock Horse Association, NorCal Professional Horsemen’s Association, CSHA Region 5, CSHA State and Flannigan’s (a local tack shop). Bev was a firm believer in “You own a horse, you do more than ride it” which was one of the reasons she continued to promote the Horseman’s Handbook. The Hobbitt Hill creed: “Keep your head up, heels down and life will flow smoothly”.

Larry Mayfield was born the same year as the Horsemastership program. He began his association with horses at 13 and won 1962 Horsemastership Region 4, 1964 State Combined Boy and 1965 State English Boy. In later years Larry stated he felt very strongly about any program like Horsemastership that combined book education and live competition. He attended Fresno State University and spent summers training horses in Linden. He graduated with a degree in Animal Science and became a trainer. He became a judge and worked in much of the US, Canada and Mexico. He held a card as an AHSA judge in Hunters, Jumpers, Hunt Seat Equitation and Stock Seat Equitation (as of article publication in 1975). He recommended Horsemastership to assist in attaining a well-rounded basic education in the horse whether for a hobby or career.

A LITTLE MORE TO LIFE THAN JUST HORSES (Did we really say that?)

Heather LeMaster (Region 3) won the Horsemastership Combined Championship Girl title in 2000, the SOC scholarship in 2001, the Horsemastership English I Championship Girl title in 2002 and the Horsemastership Combined Adult title in 2005. She was well known in the horse show ring as a fine competitor competing all over the West and Mid-West and accumulating over 215 world titles. But another passion shared her heart from a young age...golf. Heather started junior tournaments during high school. She majored in organizational communications at college while enjoying the benefits of an athletic scholarship for golf. She qualified for the US Women’s amateur Championship in 2008 and 2009 and in 2010 competed in 4 mini-tour events as a professional. In 2013 Heather won the Re/Max World Long Drive Championships. She also has four international wins in Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Sweden. (See Photo 17)

HOW TO MAKE AN EVENT PROFITABLE - In 1953 Fred Enemark and Laban Perry were on the Trophy Committee for the Blue Ribbon Show. Through their efforts, every single trophy was sponsored for the very first time. Obviously, they beat a lot of bushes!

SUSPENDED – In 1955 CSHA was suspended as a California corporation for failure to file a certificate of “non-communism”. “Corporate” status was not re-instated until 1969.
CSHA participated in the 1976 Pony Express Ride. Our team covered a distance of 756 miles in 47 hours and 53 minutes. It is believed that we placed third.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** – The Mayor of Mexico City was given an honorary CSHA membership for his participation in the De Anza re-enactment ride which began in Mexico City in 1976.

**THE POWER OF THE PEN** – A junior essay contest was held in 1983 and 1984. Winners:

1983 Cherly Dammer (Reg 14), Lisa Byerly (Reg 4), Kimblery Pullman (Reg 10) and Tina Grossi (Reg 7)

1984 Melissa Patterson (Reg 5), Kimberly Pullman (Reg 10) and Cheryl Dammer (Reg 14)

**PEGGY NARDUCCI**... was a dedicated member of CSHA and the Parade Program but, unlike many of us, she learned to ride at the age of 64, received her first horse for her 65th birthday present, was in a Wranglers photo shoot in her 70s and rode in over 16 Tournament of Roses Parades. After Dino’s passing, Peggy continued to participate in her favorite parades, riding in the backseat of a Mustang convertible. She and husband Harry were instrumental in the creation of the Parader's Grant to support handicapped riding programs. (See photo 19)

**EXTREME EXPOSURE**... The “grand-daddy” of all parades is often said to be the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena. CSHA experienced a dose of coast-to-coast exposure in 2004 when a contingent of our paraders stepped onto Colorado Boulevard as the “CSHA unit”. Paraders Susie Perry, Mary Kimiere, Bill Arden, Cory Knowland, Peggy Narducci, Mike Bishop, Cathy Dunekel and guest, President Nadette Raymond, were led by Janice Grey, State Parade Chair. The only “mishap” was when one of the television commentators pointed to Mike Bishop’s miniature horse and gushed on national television.... “What a cute pony!” (See photo 18)

**SHOW AND TELL**

In 1972, after nearly 40 years of pressure and politics, things came to a head when a bill to blast the Mammoth Pass Highway into existence was about to reach the governor’s desk. Ike Livermore, then California Secretary of Resources and staunch opponent of the bill, orchestrated what amounted to a “last ditch effort”. In what was basically a “show and tell” session, Ike arranged a trail ride and overnight camping event for then Governor Ronald Reagan. It worked. After the ride, Governor Regan returned to Sacramento, vetoed the bill and enlisted the aid of President Richard Nixon to have the pristine area declared a formal “wilderness” area thus obtaining permanent protection. On September 18, 2004, Bob Svedeen and George Cardinet orchestrated a ride from Red Meadows (7600’) to Summit Meadows (8900’) to commemorate this fateful ride. Ike Livermore (then 92) was a speaker at the base camp dinner that evening and spoke about that fateful trail ride to save the area.

**WHEN THE LIGHTS CAME BACK ON**

Opening Night at the Cow Palace always offered many challenges for the riders, the horses and the organizers. Frankly, the event was a logistical nightmare and should never have worked...but it always did, due to the horsemanship and sportsmanship of the competitors and the dedication of their ground crews and the CSHA volunteers working the competition. One year the lights went out during the National Anthem and the disco ball was lowered from the ceiling in error. Flashing strobe lights + loud music + cheering crowds sent many a horse scurrying for cover with his rider juggling reins and flag and wishing for a third hand with which to grab the saddle horn. One rider from Bayview Horsemen reported that her gelding had wedged himself on the rail behind several other horses and seemed quite happy to “hide” there even with 2 flags tops jabbing into his rump.
ALICE CHRISTENSEN of Region 15 joined CSHA in the mid-1960s through La Caballista de Fresno whose parade group had been on the streets of California in Spanish attire since 1946. In 1971, with Alice as Captain, the group was declared champion of the Women’s Division at the Grand National Color Guard competition. Alice served as interim secretary when the State Office was moved to Clovis in 1995. Intending to serve as State Treasurer for only 2 years, Alice racked up 7 years in the position and witnessed the transition from a hand posted general ledger system to a computerized accrual method of accounting. Alice was not alone in her connection to CSHA. Her husband Art served as President of a very robust Region 15 in 1980/81.

CSHA’S FRENCH CONNECTION
Nadette and John Raymond married in 1951, immigrated to Canada from France in 1952 and eventually settled in Southern California. While working on careers and raising a family doesn’t necessarily leave a lot of spare time, John and Nadette did find the time enjoy what CSHA had to offer and to give back to the Association and other members. Their first foray into CSHA was through the Vallinda Riders and they spent the next few decades encouraging, volunteering and helping with everything together: Region and State chairmanships; Region and State elected offices; go-fers of this and that; a pair of volunteers supreme. Nadette served as State Treasurer for 12 years and, after John’s passing in 1995, went on to serve 2 years each as Northern Area Vice President and First Vice President. Nadette was the first woman to be elected President of CSHA serving in 2003 and 2004. Nadette has been nominated for both the California and American Cattle Woman of the Year Award. (See photo 20)

VOLUME PURCHASE....In 1990 the Jurupa Community Rodeo included a Broom Polo Tournament under CSHA rules. The local Walmart really appreciated the business....teams bought an additional 35 brooms during the course of the tournament. See photo 21 & 22)

MURDER AT THE CONVENTION

In 2010 the CSHA Players II debuted in a murder mystery set among the vineyards of Modesto. (See photo 23)

In 2014 the CSHA Players III, returning to Modesto, revived the western melodrama. (See photo 24)

IRIS STAHL rode the family’s work horses but didn’t get her own horse until she was 10 years old. She became a member of the Sacramento Horsemen’s Association in 1938 and the Sacramento Ladies Mounted Patrol in 1946. Although her last horse died in 1962, Iris continued working within CSHA in various capacities including State Treasurer, Annual Horse Show Manager and Horse Show High Point Chair among them. Her mother, Hazel, was attending CSHA meetings well into her 90s with Iris. Iris also brought along her toy poodle, Cindy. Sitting quietly on her pillow throughout every meeting, Cindy was said to have been on time for more roll calls and better behaved than quite a few human members. (See photo 25)

TRACY HINSON was Miss CSHA 2010 and then Miss Wine Country rodeo 2011 and Miss California Rodeo Salinas 2012. She is a graduate of San Jose State University with a B.S. in journalism and as of 2016 is working toward a degree in Operational Meteorology. She plays the French horn, flute and piano and has been a PADI certified scuba diver since the sixth grade. She spends a lot
of her spare time out on the farm with her horse Star. Tracy currently works with Fox 17 News in Grand Rapids, Michigan providing weather and field reporting. (See photo 26)

**QUOTE**
The 1985 convention program carried an article entitled “CSHA: Everyone” with a line: “Everyone” is the reason CSHA was founded and continues to function; “Everyone” is a horseman or horsewoman but that’s where most of the similarities end and diversification runs rampant!”

**INCREDIBLE SHRINKING MAN SPOTTED IN TUOLUMNE** or most likely just State President Hendrickson trying to mess with our minds while shopping during the 2016 convention! (See photo 27)

**CSHA’S “EVER READY BUNNIES”** there were many of them but here we’ll highlight 3 of them in the photo you’ll see at the end of the chapter. While the date is probably around the late 1980s/early 1990s, the location could have been anywhere in CSHA. These ladies worked, a lot! (See photo 28)

**FOUND…** 1 pink t-shirt, size medium, logo says “CSHA Women Win Battle of the Sexes 1982”, found in the bottom of a dresser drawer. The Historian acknowledges that she bought the tshirt, remembers wearing it but remembers absolutely nothing about the event. Did it even happen? According to Greta de Graeve, secretary for the event, it did happen…she thinks.

Originally referred to as the “Battle of the Sexes”, it was always intended as a 40th anniversary event in memory of State President Cliff Ford (1980) who had passed away unexpectedly. The two team concept remained but the reference to “Battle of the Sexes” was apparently dropped after the first Chair, Frank Cox, resigned in mid-September 1982.

The relay race was scheduled for September 21, 1982, from Victorville to the Sacramento Horsemen’s arena, and designed to cover 500 miles with 40 riders on each teams with 3 overnight camps scheduled. ETA in Sacramento was September 24.

So, was the t-shirt in question an “Ahah! the women won so we can call it what we want!”? Or was it a political gambit created to push their name agenda and tweak the guys by claiming victory...before the ride? Who participated? Who won? Hopefully someone will come forward with memories before the next installment of this document.

**JUDGE & CHAIR CAUGHT TAILING AT 2016 CONVENTION!**
According to Coral Kane (Trail Trials Judge), she felt compelled to use her judicial discretion at the Convention Bowling Tournament in the best interests of safety...to ensure that fellow judge Diane Medlock did not try to follow her ball down the alley...again. State Chair Tami Sandberg was brought in to approve the action. (See photo 29)

**PEOPLE ARE AT THE HEART OF CSHA...** An example of this sentiment occurred at the 2016 Show of Champions. Kaylon Calton (Reg 4) was awarded a buckle for placing 9th (in the Top Ten) of her Division at the Gymkhana awards ceremony. While thrilled with her accomplishment, Kaylon apparently was very moved by the visible disappointment reflected in the face of a much younger rider who, while putting a great deal of effort into the competition, had not placed in her division. Kaylon gave the young rider her Top Ten buckle. (See photo 30)
ONE MAN’S "JUNK", ANOTHER MAN’S "TREASURE".... J. W. Fleet was a “throw-away” Thoroughbred from the track when Renee Delpino (Reg 6) purchased him in 1972. Renee gave J. W. a new lease on life and he helped to take her confidence in the show ring to new heights...In 1973 CSHA High Point Reserve Champion English Rider 18/0ver, 4th place High Point Western Rider 18/over and Region 6 Western Team Competition member; In 1974 High Point Champion English Rider 18/over, High Point Champion English Horse & Rider, Laprea Stewart Horse of the Year and Region 6 Team Competition Member. 40+ years later Renee resides in Norco and is still riding. She feels that the confidence she gained in her 2 years in the CSHA State High Point Program gained her new friends, increased her horsemanship skills and gave her a confidence in herself that has carried her through a varied working career and a wide variety of accomplishments with horses and mules. (See High Point)

"MILES TO GO BEFORE I RIDE".....The Merced Sheriff’s Posse (Region 15) had a long haul but were proud to participate in the 2017 presidential inauguration parade and managed to see some sights as well. While cold, the report is that they experienced better weather than we did on the West Coast on Inauguration Day. (See photo 31)

“THE PILL”.....this award debuted in 1988 when Greta de Graeve invited folks to nominate “your favorite pain”; i.e. the person who had given you the “biggest headache” that year. This was a fund raiser for the High Point Program as a $1 nomination fee was solicited. So far nothing has been unearthed as to who won this dubious honor that year. We’re still looking.

A TOUGH COURSE 1972 saw the first sanctioned Trail Trials. While no location is mentioned, the article noted that obstacles included an active airport (model airplanes landing/taking off), a person using the bushes as a clothes line and campsite, a murky water crossing and 2 carcasses on the side of a ravine trail.

WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING ON RIDING? Regions and clubs often conduct “desensitizing” clinics to help acquaint horses with things that might be encountered on a trail. However, I think this clinic in a Southern Region might have been a little ambitious in their thinking. Were they planning a trail ride in the Sahara? (See photo 32)

WHO ARE WE SHOWING OFF EXACTLY? Was the photographer showing off the fine trailer that CSHA raffled off to celebrate the Association’s 50th anniversary in 1992 or the stylish juniors posed in front of the trailer? (See photo 33)

HERE THEY COME/THERE THEY GO.....In 1976 CSHA members participated in a Pony Express Ride. The route was from Ogden, Utah, to Sacramento, California. In 1999 plans were underway for a second ride in conjunction with the Weber County (Utah) Mounted Sheriff’s Posse. We hope to find more information about the event in the archives or from members who read this item.

LUCKY 11.....Back in the 1980s that was a nickname for Region 11 as for over 15 years they had Charlie and Mary Tyo. If a club or the Region needed monetary assistance, the Tyos didn’t open their wallets, they went to work. Charlie was the acknowledged King of the Poker Rides. It seemed he could organize a ride at the drop of a hat. It was not unusual to find dozens of horsemen filling his backyard on any weekend causing it to become the main staging area for one of the most used trails to the river bottom...which probably is what gave Charlie the idea for the first ride. And then there was Queen Mary and her cook stove. Mary once spent 3 days making ten gallons of spaghetti sauce and when the last trailer pulled out, there wasn’t a noodle in sight. In their spare time the Tyos volunteered regularly to run the snack shack at the Circle J
Arena or whatever else needed doing. There were 2 things most Region 11 riders agreed were required for a good show: 1) A fair judge and 2) Mary’s biscuits and gravy. Lucky Region 11.

**TIMES CHANGE** – The terror of every owner of a tall horse or a vertically challenged rider with any horse was the call for a dismount...standard in every Equitation class pretty much through the 1970s (and in Working Western and Fancy Dressed Western parade classes until the 1980s). This competitor at the 1958 Blue Ribbon Show exhibited fine form when asked for the maneuver. (See photo 34)

Trails courses in the early days were filled with things like teeter-totters, live animals and other natural obstacles and were often held outside the arena. Apparently this horse didn’t like the idea of a knee deep water obstacle at the 1958 Blue Ribbon Show. (See photo 35)

**A PACKAGE DEAL**  In 1947 Red Kline of Santa Rosa catered the Blue Ribbon Show & Convention with his menu touted to go beyond “horse show eats” and to include prime rib, ham and turkey offerings. Prices for an individual meal were $1.00 for breakfast, $1.25 for lunch and $1.75 for dinner or you could buy an event meal ticket covering all your meals for the duration. In addition, the 4-H Building was converted to a dormitory with cots and mattresses provided....the room rate was included in price of convention registration.

**FIRST AND LAST**  In February 1973 the first “professional” horse show judge symposium was sponsored by CSHA. The event was held in Pomona and co-hosted by CSHA and the W. K. Kellogg Arabian Center at Cal Poly and the Southern California Paraders Association. The highly attended event featured lecture, video and hands-on-teaching provided by world-renown Quarter Horse judge Don Burt. Proceeds were used to present a $1,000 scholarship to Doug Long, a sophomore in animal science, at Cal Poly, Pomona. The intent was to continue to host such events and develop this scholarship into a regular event. This was the only award on record.

**PHOTO LEGEND**

1. San Francisco Sheriff's Posse 1945
2. Contra Costa County Horsemen 1963
3. Ivo Volmer
4. Fred Kemm
5. Patti Furtado Souza
6. President Ronald Regan 1986
7. Genny Read
8. Lapreal “Lee” Stewart
9. Ed Rom
10. Paul de Fonville
11. Hunter Penrod (on the left)
12. Brittany Voss
13. The Galloping Grandmas leading the way to the 1953 convention
14. Nancy McCall and National Park Ranger Merydith Alpert
15. Potato Richardson & fellow rider Jane Smith circa 2015
16. John Souza displaying his barrel-baked chicken at 1992 SOC Royalty/Horsemastership dinner
17. Heather LeMasters
18. CSHA contingent at the 2004 Tournament of Roses Parade
19. Peggy Narducci & Dino  
21. The Norco Cowboy Polo Association  
22. CSHA ETP Team #2  
23. L-R Joe Chavoen, Sue Edwards, Paul Gilman, Jim Hendrickson, Kim Cipro, Carolyn Hendrickson, Paulette Webb & Cheri Whipp  
24. L-R Tim West, Paulette Webb, Cheri Whipp, Diane Offutt, Marie Grisham, Paul Gilman, Carolyn & Jim Hendrickson, Candy Graham & Joe Chavoen  
25. Iris Stahl & Cindy  
26. Tracy Hinson  
27. 2016 President Jim Hendrickson at convention  
28. L-R Nadette Raymond, Mary Gustafson & Barbara Boland  
29. L-R Tami Sandberg, Coral Kane & Diane Medlock  
30. Kaylon Calton  
31. Merced Sheriff’s Posse in Washington D.C.  
32. Desensitizing clinic in Southern Area  
33. Raffle  
34. 1958 Blue Ribbon Horse Show Equitation Class  
35. 1958 Blue Ribbon Horse Show Trail Class  

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Photo 12

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Photo 23
For many years a quote attributed to a CSHA member led off each revision of the CSHA rule book. If Ralph Principie will allow me to change just a word or two:

“The sportsmanship and courage of each entrant of you and me, the honesty of all judges each of us and the friendship and love of all of us shall make this a better sport association’’. Ralph J. Principie, CSHA member and Parade Judge

As edited by Paulette Webb, CSHA Historian
Information about the evolution of CSHA and the people who “lived CSHA” continues to surface. Just as with the “old school” encyclopedia series, we hope to publish a “yearbook” every few years to bring more history to light and to document the newest events in CSHA. We’re living tomorrow’s history today so this document remains a “work in progress”. Stay tuned for future installments!