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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And here it is Spring!!" after a winter to remember !! Most of our programs have been able to kick it into gear and are off and running for 2023. Our April Quarterly Meeting went well with discussions on a number of topics.

Follow the information about the **Trails** projects that are happening. A *CSHA working committee* has formed and are meeting regularly. A request was made that CSHA recognize the group working out of Marin County "**Trail Partners Foundation**" please see their website for complete information. (www.trailpartners.org). Their current trails campaign is "Slow and Say Hello", this is an awareness campaign for the hikers, bikers and equestrians promoting safe co-trail use; which we endorse. A large survey project is going on in Region 5 – East Bay Regional Parks District is the **Briones (trails) Pilot Project**. This is an effort to control trails use in Briones Park and make it safer for many trails users, to not compromise the safety of hikers and equestrians. See the enclosed article.

EMMP (Equine Medicine Monitoring Program) has requested statistical information from CSHA to research establishing a high per day/ per rider entry fee. We have sent data forward for their upcoming meeting. We have been grappling with them over the unprecedented fee increase since last year. It is hoped this will improve our standing and expand the exemption status by 2024.

Western States Horse Expo at Rancho Murieta is June 9-11. CSHA will have a booth and welcome volunteers to help out with materials and questions. The brochure is being updated but programs are welcome to bring any additional material/ event flyers. We will also have a special guest at the booth: CSHA Judge and author Christy Wood. She will be there to answer questions on showing and judging as well as have her new book available " Hoofprints Across Time". We will also have the excitement of a CSHA Drill Team show!!!

Ride safe and have fun
Jim Hendrickson



CSHA President
Jim Hendrickson

CONGRATULATIONS AMELIA!

Hello fellow volunteers -This morning I got a big surprise. The California Association of Recreation and Park Districts is presenting me with their "Outstanding Volunteer" award for 2023. Likely next year this award will be presented to you. It is humbling to be recognized, when there are so many people like yourselves who do much more than I do, and you all should also enjoy public awareness of your own contributions. My motto: *Show up, mouth off, and don't piss off all the people all the time.* I intend to use my 15 minutes of fame to promote safe trail access for equestrians, fire prevention, and historic preservation. Perhaps it will be helpful to California State Horsemen's Association for one of our equestrian advocates to be recognized. The ceremony will be next month at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite. Thanks for all you do! Each of you is an inspiration to me and many others.

Amelia S. Marshall KM6UFZ

Trails

After three years of controversy, the East Bay Regional Park District has announced their final plan for a "trails pilot" program in the northern section of Briones Regional Park.

Briones is one of ten EBRPD parks that has a well-established equestrian presence. In recent years, the population of mountain bike riders has exploded, with associated trail conflicts, and several injury accidents involving equestrians.

The primary concern of park district managers, however, is the construction of environmentally-damaging "bootleg" trails that provide exciting downhill bike riding experiences. Prior to the COVID pandemic, park staff mapped about 19 miles of bootleg trails. There are now 31 miles of them.

These are the primary features of the trails pilot plan as it will affect equestrians. The official map is attached.

- Within a defined test zone centered around the Alhambra Creek Staging Area, beginning April 22, 2023, even-numbered weekend days will be reserved for the use of horses and hikers. Odd-numbered weekend days will be reserved for bike riders and hikers. During the week, M-F, anyone can go on any trail.

- Park staff will supposedly be collecting data on trail use.
- A new "interim" police chief has been hired. He will start the week before the first "horses and hikers" day, April 22.
- Most of the 'standard equestrian loop' is included in the test zone. Since a minority of equestrians objected to including the Orchard Trail and Alhambra Creek Staging Area in the test zone, the park district walked back an initial agreement to have the entire equestrian loop in the test zone. This was requested so that less-confident riders could have had four days per month to ride with no bikes on the trails.

One of the most hazardous sites in Briones has been the intersection of the bootleg "Hank and Frank" trail with the Alhambra Creek Trail. To accommodate the cyclists, the Hank and Frank Trail is being "legalized", with signs stating "Ride at your own risk". Speed-control trail features are supposed to prevent bikes from speeding toward horses at the bottom of the trail.

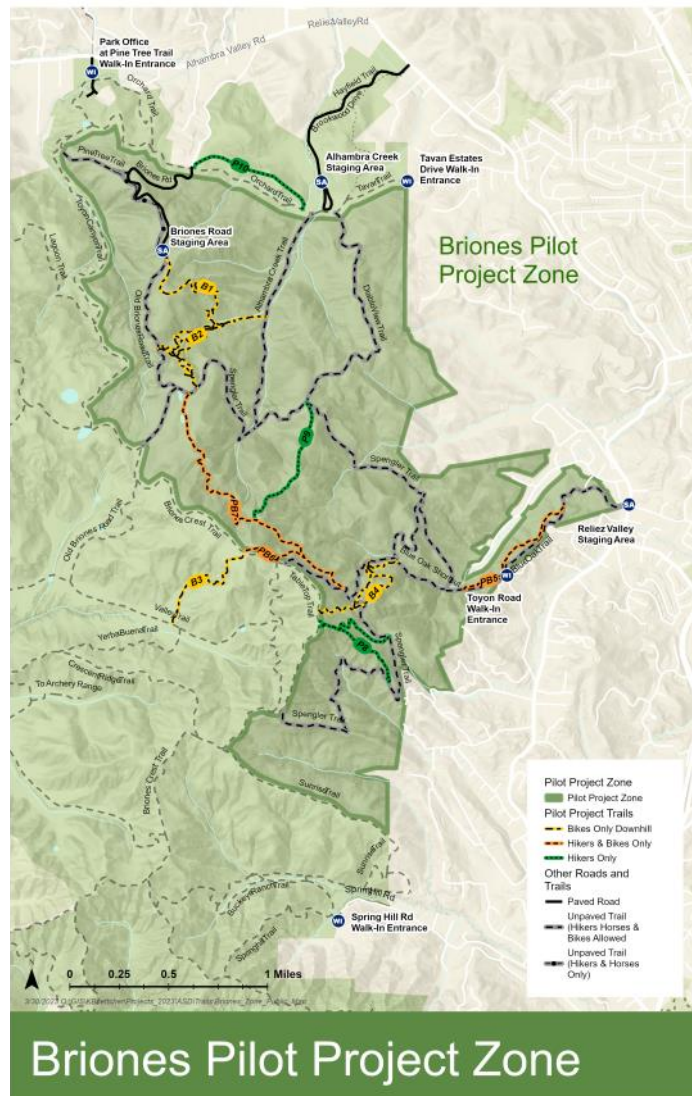
Factors which remain to be seen:

- What resources will the park district provide for this pilot? There are only seven regular park staff. Will more be hired? Will police officers be present? Will signs be posted?
- Will the mountain bikers reclaim access to bootleg trails that the park district restores to a natural state? Will the mountain bikers tear down signs?

Will equestrians go out on the trails in sufficient numbers to be counted, or will we stay away, so that the park district can disregard equestrian concerns on the grounds that we are a small minority of users?

The conservationist and organized hiker community are not pleased with the idea of the trails pilot. About a dozen public speakers in the March 21 EBRPD board meeting public comment forum objected to the lack of public outreach, beyond the bicycle and horse communities. Local hikers complained that there were no informational signs, and the public meeting February 25 was held in the midst of a week of rainstorms. Some critics say that legalizing the Hank and Frank Trail rewards bad behavior.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Marshall, CSHA Region 5 Trails Chair



[Briones Pilot Project | East Bay Parks \(ebparks.org\)](https://ebparks.org)

REGION 14



Region 14 had a booth at our local rodeo to promote CSHA. The rodeo was held over Mar 31 and Apr 1, with over 2000 visitors daily. Our members pulled together to volunteer the 24 hours we needed to man our booth. We made up flyers and talked to a lot of people about the different programs available through CSHA. We sold Region T-shirts and various horse related trinkets, as well as rodeo cowboy/cowgirl sets consisting of a cowboy hat, bandana, and a sheriff badge with the kids' names on them. The Johns and Falconieri family brought their mini donkey and mini horses that were a big hit with the crowds for photos.

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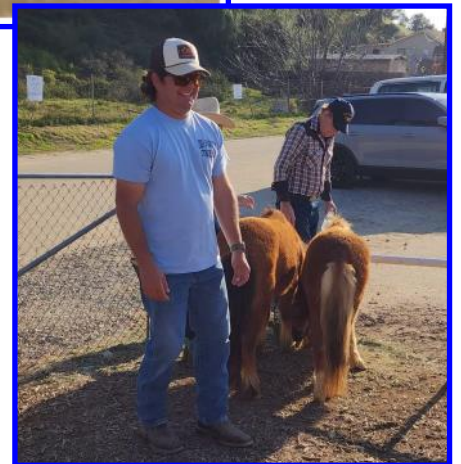
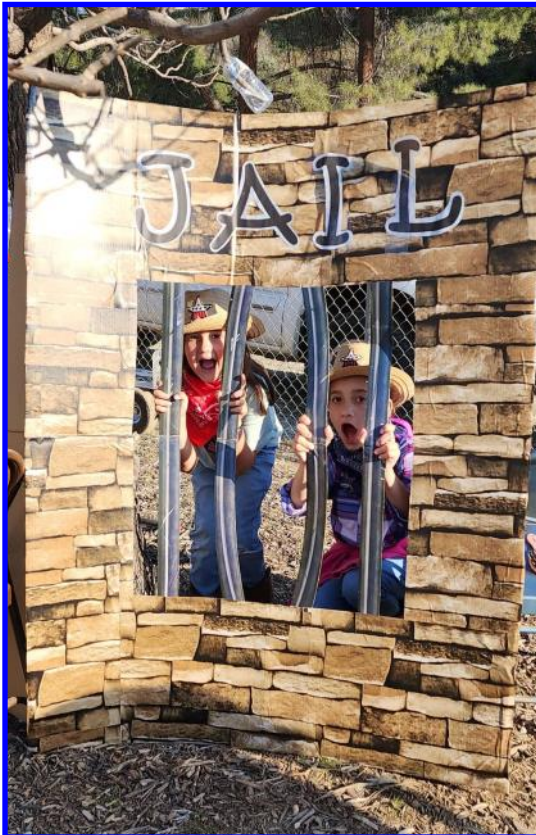


REGION 14

Even more exciting was we had eight of our members running for the Yucaipa Rodeo Queen court.

When it was all over River Anderson won Junior Miss, Quinn Bonhus won Young Miss, and Kassidy Gutierrez won Little Miss.

We also had a member, Savannah Rocha win the mutton busting contest with a score of 90 points. Overall it was a great opportunity to bring positive awareness to what our Region and CSHA provides to our community.



ROYALTY

Our CSHA Royalty represented us all at the Red Bluff Rodeo parade on Saturday 4/22 and then the grand entry to the rodeo. They even made it on the Cowboy channel!

Mounted Pairs – Jr.
1st 104th Lake County Round-Up Court

Mounted Groups Jr.
1st Red Bluff Jr Round Up
2nd (tie) California State Horseman's Association State Royalty
Shasta Cascade Riders

Mounted Groups Sr.
1st Los Amigos del Area 530
2nd Shasta County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Mounted Posse



ROYALTY



Miss CSHA got to meet miss Rodeo America Kennadee Riggs, and Miss Rodeo California (& former Miss CSHA) McKensy Middleton!



A little painting Fun Fundraiser enjoyed by our Royalty.

REGION 18



REGION 5

Stampede 2023 is over. Although smaller than normal, it was a great day for a show - had great set of riders that attended. Excellent volunteer help, great food, great afternoon cold drinks/slushes/boba's/fancy coffee drinks/groovy gorditas.....weather was amazing.

Congratulations to everyone - and here are the lucky riders that received hi-point buckles today.

Div 1 - Heather Wright
Div 3 - Laurel Bleichner
Div 4 - Danielle Burnett
Div 5 - Madi Sprecher
Div 6 - Kamryn Winters
Open - Marisa Soares



PARADE

Many thanks to Charlie Alamo, Juanita Ellington, Alice Lawellin, Loretta Locke, Lonnie Sloan, and Kathy Smith that participated in the CSHA Spring Raffle, directed by the CSHA Drill Team program. Each ticket that was sold by our Parade program members earns money for our program.


There are many upcoming parades that have been sanctioned for our year-end points. I also have received an offer for the 2024 state championship parade from the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade in Castro Valley for Saturday, May 11, 2024.

We have not held a championship parade for several years. The location of these annual parades were held in rotation from northern, central and southern regions of the state. A banquet was held after the parade or perpetual awards High Point, buckles, and year-end awards were presented. In order for your parade program to return to this important event, which recognizes paraders' participation during the 2023 year, we will all need to support whatever city or town is selected.


I can remember traveling myself to state championship parade from Ukiah in the north, to Tustin in Orange county. The smallest community to hold this event was Columbia State Park or was it Calico? Any parade program member may contact a host city or town, and have them prepare a written proposal for a state parade.

If more than one offer is received, a committee consisting of per Raiders and judges, will review the offers and make a decision concerning the state parades host city.

Candy Graham,
Parade State Chair



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HORSE EXPO

June 9-11th, 2023

Murieta Equestrian Center

In just about a month, equestrians will flock to Murieta Equestrian Center to **Horse Expo 2023**. CSHA will have a booth there to advertise what we do as an organization. We will also have an arena dedicated for the entire three day event, to the discipline of Drill headed up by CSHA. There will also be a CSHA sanctioned Drill competition along with drill clinics, exhibitions, and a 36 rider team all carrying American flags that will ride together for the first time, learn a drill and perform it for spectators.

Former Drill Team State Chair & current CSHA Judge **Robert Lorbeer**, will be coming in from Texas to judge the competition along with CSHA Judge **Sara Curtis**. Stop by and say "Hi" to Bob if you haven't seen him in awhile. We will have a few teams demonstrating what is entailed in a drill competition, from Novice to Advanced, and Small teams to large teams. We will have some exhibitions on some types of drill different than competition including Rodeo performance and cavalry style drill to voice commands.

We are excited to learn from **Clinician Jerry Mayo**, a previous commander of the World Famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride. A symbol of tradition, honour, and pride,

the Musical Ride is a Canadian icon recognized at home and abroad. The Musical Ride supports front-line police operations by building positive relationships, supporting recruiting efforts and promoting the RCMP's image in communities in Canada and around the world. The troop of up to 32 riders, who are all police officers, and their horses perform intricate formations and drills set to music, lasting about 30 minutes. These movements demand the utmost control, timing, and coordination.

2015 was the last American ride, a composite team ride of 36 riders all carrying American Flags. Each team competing at the Expo will have representatives on the composite team. Each rider will be given a copy of the drill diagrams and a link to view the drill online. At Expo the team will learn it in person and perform it each of the three evenings. A dozen American Flags performing together in an arena is amazingly breathtaking, 36 is spectacular!

We certainly hope you have plans to attend Expo to enjoy all of the clinics and shopping and while your there please come over to the Drill Team Arena and cheer us on. We will be in Arena 11 right where attendees enter the event, so you can't miss us.

Following Expo our attention will be turned towards our two day competition August 5-6, where we will run our CA Cup on Saturday and our rescheduled State Championships on Sunday, at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, CA. This will be our first time at this venue and we hear it is incredible.



TRAIL TRIALS

June 10 and 11 CSHA Region 3 Trail Trials Come to the Sierra Foothills for a fabulous weekend of Trail Trial Fun!

Dru Barner Equestrian Camp! It's green! It's gorgeous! Lori Cleveland and Jen Garcia are picking out the trails and planning challenging obstacles for the Dru Barner Trail Trial June 10 and 11. Entries are coming in (thank you!) and fabulous camp sites are being assigned as they do! Important we use and support these equestrian camps and thank several horse groups who have been hard at work getting the camp cleaned up BCHC, Elegant Ears and GDETF thank you!



Check in: Sat/Sun 8-10 am

Ride starts: 9:30 a.m. both days

Mild/Moderate Terrain (ride is mostly in the shade) Sat.:10 obstacles,5-7 miles Sun.:8 obstacles,4-5 miles Charlotte Johnson and Maria Hines, Senior judges Riding trails on single track and fire roads. Overnight Camping in the shade (many with pens) Prizes to 3rd place, ribbons to 6th place Potluck Saturday Night, Raffle Saturday Night Campsites have been reserved for Thursday through Monday. \$15 per night payable at time of entry. **MUST SUPPLY OWN WATER.**

Ride manager: Lori Cleveland;loricleveland77@yahoo.com Information, registration and CSHA Rules: www.trailtrials.com

REGION 2 TRAP

OFFICE ONLY

CHECK# _____
CASH _____
DATE _____

CSHA REG. 2 TRAP BENEFIT RIDE & CAMP OUT FRI-SUN JUNE 30 TO JULY 2, 2023 PRIZES TO TOP FIVE FROGS SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE AREA SPENCEVILLE, CA

Pre-Register- mail in by 6/23/2023 \$30 includes Sat. Lunch & 1 frog per rider
Entries postmarked after 6/23/2023 or day of ride \$35.00 each.
Registration opens Friday at 4pm to 8pm & Saturday at 8am to 9:45am
Ride will start Saturday at 10 AM from the Campsite/Staging area

Event Manager: Tammy Vukovich 530-492-4916 sugar.flower2@gmail.com

Ride: Easy ride, slight slop at about 4 miles round trip. Some rocks on trail.

**There will be Pot Luck on Friday Night at 5 pm.
Saturday Lunch will be served at 1pm**

- * Dry camping only and there is water in the creek. *No loose Dogs in camp or on the trails at anytime.
- * NO fires.
- * If Horse camping bring your own pens.

TRAP Rider Entry: (One rider/ Horse pre entry form)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ; _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ TRAP member: _____ Region/Club _____

Email: _____ Horse: _____

Junior riders must have Helmet and be accompanied by adult rider: _____

CSHA REG. 2 TRAP BENEFIT RIDE & CAMP OUT FEES

Donations for extra Frogs \$5.00 each limits 6 total	\$ _____
Entries received after 6/23/2023 include: 1 frog, Sat Lunch @ \$35.00 each.	\$ _____
Camping Fees \$15.00 per person, per night. Fri and Sat	\$ _____ \$ _____
Total.....	\$ _____

Make checks payable to CSHA R2 (must be post marked by 6/23/2023) (\$15.00 for stopped or returned checks)

Mail Entry & Release Form to CSHA R2 C/O Tammy Vukovich 10200 Shiloh Drive, Reno, NV 89508

Any Questions call: CSHA Reg.2 TRAP Chair: Tammy Vukovich @ 530-492-4916 or sugar.flower2@gmail.com

REGION 2 TRAP



California State Horsemen's Association, Incorporated RELEASE OF LIABILITY

PARTICIPANT: _____ PHONE/Cell# _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ STATE: _____

I acknowledge I am attending and/ or participating in an event which carries inherent risks of injury and/ or damage to myself, my horse, and/ or my property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown of these activities.

I hereby agree I will indemnify and hold harmless **California State Horsemen's Association, Incorporated**, and _____ or any of its agents and the land and business owners/controllers on whose property I participate from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of CSHA, Inc., and _____ or any of its agents; to include actual attorney fees arising from any proceedings or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted on my behalf.

In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by CSHA, Inc. and _____ I waive, release and discharge, their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation; this is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns.

- () I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability; know and understand its contents and the rules and requirements for CSHA events.
- () I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant in consideration of my minor's attendance/ participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability and understand the rules and requirements for CSHA events. This shall be binding as to damage or injury the my minor, his/her animals or property arising out of his/her attendance/ participation in events.

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: () _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

REGION 2 TRAP

DIRECTIONS

Follow Pink flags on right ...

- ⇒ Directions: Smartsville: take Hwy 20 towards Grass Valley at "Dollar General" take Hammonton Rd.,
- ⇒ Turn left onto Chuck Yeager RD. about 3 miles,
- ⇒ Turn left at Waldo Rd., Go past shoot range and across bridge hang to the left at split.
- ⇒ The road will split again stay to Left on Spenceville Rd. to the Camp site/Staging area on the left.
- ⇒ Open the gate and pull into Staging Area.

- ⇒ Marysville: take Hwy 65 to Hammonton Rd. to Right on Chuck Yeager Rd., about 3 miles,
- ⇒ Turn left at Waldo Rd., Go past shoot range and across bridge hang to the left at split.
- ⇒ The road will split again stay to Left on Spenceville Rd. to the Camp site/Staging area on the left.
- ⇒ Open the gate and pull into Staging Area.

JUDGES COMMISSION

We the members of CSHA Judges Commission are very happy to announce that we have a newly carded. Gymkhana judge Kimberlee Whitecomb.

Kimberlee is from Placerville California, and is very active in Region 4. The Commission has many applicants in various phases of the process to becoming judges.

The commission is seeking people who are interested in becoming judges, at any one of the disciplines. Our programs are excelling and there is a great need for new judges.

If you are interested, please call **State Chair, Alice Lawellin, phone number 209 858-2638.**



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What is California State Horsemen's Association, Inc.?

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

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

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

CSHA Mission Statement:

"PROVIDING EQUESTRIANS WITH QUALITY, FAMILY-ORIENTED AMATEUR EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL EQUINE BREEDS AND DISCIPLINES."

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

LOOKING AHEAD

STATE MEETING CALENDAR

**Quarterly Meetings
January 27-28**

April 22nd

July 22nd

**Location:
Hotel Mission De
Oro, Santa Nella**

**State Convention
November 10-12
Location: TBA**

2023 EVENT CALENDAR

May

**6th-7th—Drill Team State Championship
Competition, contact Jill jskraut@ca.rr.com
Rescheduled to August 6th**

**6th—Los Banos Merced Co. Spring Fair Pa-
rade. Contact: 209-826-5166**

**11th—Chowchilla Spring Fair Parade
Chowchilla contact: 559-479-2753**

**21st—IV English/Western Show Lakeside
Arena, Clements Contact: Dana Bookwalter
at danaleigh1972@sbcglobal.net or 209-480-
7317**

June

**9th-11th—Horse Expo Murieta Equestrian
Center Sacramento**

**10th & 11th—Trail Trial Region 3 Dru Barner
Horse Camp. See page 10 flyer**

**25th—IV English/Western Show Lakeside
Arena, Clements Contact: Dana Bookwalter
at danaleigh1972@sbcglobal.net or 209-480-
7317**

**30th-July 2—TRAP Reg 2 Benefit Ride and
Camp-out See flyer page 3**

July

**9th—IV English/Western Show Lakeside Are-
na, Clements Contact: Dana Bookwalter at
danaleigh1972@sbcglobal.net or 209-480-
7317**

August

**5&9th—CA Cup & CSHA State Championship
Drill Team Competition, Rolling Hills Casino,
Corning CA contact Jill at jskraut@ca.rr.com**