



# The New Horseman

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year is off to a good start, some rain outs but not too much. Our Regions and Programs are in full swing and will make for a busy year.

**One item of significant interest is the Assembly Bill 1142.** This is regarding the fees charged to riders by the Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP)

After many, many years of trying to work with the program to keep costs reasonable there is sunlight on the horizon !!

This bill authored by **CA. State Representative Josh Hoover (AB 1142)** has passed committee and is moving toward the legislature, The bill proposes a \$50 maximum for entry fees at shows; under this amount the show will become exempt. This is a significant step forward !! The contact I made with another member carried this idea into reality. Thank you, Sharon, for all your help and energy. *I submitted comments via the State website on behalf of CSHA to support this bill. In addition, a letter of support was submitted for CSHA to the committee moving this forward, I will stay in touch with the committee and give any further updates.*

Ride safe, see you out there,  
Jim



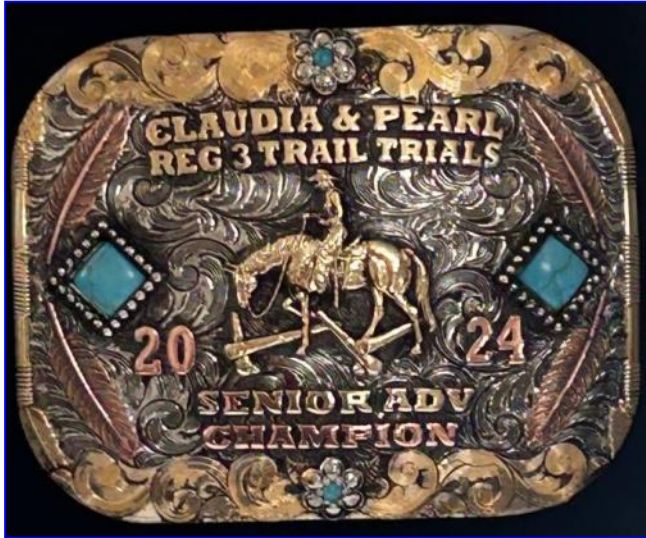
CSHA President  
Jim Hendrickson

"Emergency Medicine for Horse & Rider"  
Region 4 clinic—See page 3



## REGION 3 TRAIL TRIALS

Our annual awards luncheon was held on February 15 in Woodland. We started the year with 21 registered riders and awarded 12 with year end awards. Awards were offered by group survey and were given according to placing. Personalized buckles were offered to the champions in each division. Other options were buckle cups, personalized halters, half bale bag, knife, custom saddle blanket and personalized chairs. Our ride managers were awarded custom patio coolers.



### **Champions**

Claudia Stevens and Pearl, Senior Advanced

Kendra Tarke and Pistol, Adult Advanced

Lori Cleveland and Scotch, Senior Intermediate

Jennifer Rutledge and Kenna, Adult Intermediate

Tami Sandberg and Bodie, Senior Novice

Jennifer Garcia and Roulette, Adult Novice

### **Reserve Champions**

Sara Groenendyke and Boots, Senior Advanced

Coral Kane and ZZ Ice Man, Senior Intermediate

Heidi Baker and Daisy Mae, Senior Novice

### **Top Five**

Diane Tarke and Smarty, Senior Intermediate

Brenda Duncan and Elvis, Senior Intermediate

Diane Medlock and Doc, Senior Intermediate

### **Can't do it without our Workhorses!**

Val Vagg; Geri Orthmeyer; Erin Vannucci,  
Paula Derrick; Brett Baker; Bart Vannucci;  
Cindy and Dave Ingman; Angie Moreland

### **Our Ride Managers!**

Trail Trials Clinic-Diane Medlock

Dru Barner-Lori Cleveland and Claudia Stevens

Spenceville-Jennifer Garcia





# REGION 4

## “Emergency Medicine for Horse and Rider – What to do until help arrives”

Region 4 held a clinic titled “Emergency Medicine for Horse and Rider – What to do until help arrives” on Saturday, March 15. The clinic was held at Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres, California. We had three guest speakers. Dr. Ben Schifrin an Emergency Room Physician, Dr. Grace Bloom and Equine Veterinarian and Roger Gordon , Farrier. We had 45 participants and everyone gained some important information.





## REGION 4 TRAIL TRIALS

# "RUSH FOR GOLD"

Region 4 had their first trail trial of the 2025 season at Peoria Flat in Jamestown California. The theme was Rush for Gold! We had 35 riders compete and everyone had a great time! Included in the ride were Gold Nuggets that held special raffle tickets, a total count of gold nuggets found on the trail and a poker hand! Friday night was a rib dinner and Saturday night tri-tip dinner. The meals were exceptional!





# REGION 11 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

Region 11 put on an Obstacle Challenge event on March 22nd at the Riverside Rancheros facility.





## REGION 11 TRAIL TRIALS

Region 11 put on an Obstacle Clinic & Trail Trial on April 5th—6th, at Riverside Rancheros/Murray Ranch. The Saturday clinic covered: \*Improving your performance with your horse as a team. \*How to best negotiate the obstacles \*Scoring you and your horse negotiating the obstacles \*How obstacles are judged \*How to judge \*How rules apply to obstacles \*How you can improve your scores \*ask all of your questions. On Sunday there was a full Trail Trial with Obstacles, Prizes, and competition.





# ☀️ CSHA Region 18 ☀️

## Royalty Clinic Preview!

June 28th, 2025

### Calling all future Royalty!

Join us for an unforgettable day filled with inspiration, learning, horsemanship and fun!

✨ What to Expect: ✨

- ☀️ - Guest Speakers: Get insights from experienced royalty and experts in the field!
- ☀️ - Royalty Clothes for Sale: Dress to impress with lightly or new Queen Clothes
- ☀️ - Exciting Prizes: Participate for a chance to win fabulous prizes!
- ☀️ - Study Packets: Equip yourself with essential knowledge to shine!
- ☀️ - Lunch Provided: Enjoy a delicious meal while networking with fellow royalty!

Don't miss out on an amazing opportunity to elevate your royalty journey! Stay tuned for more details!

Follow us for updates!





## DRILL TEAM

Our CSHA Drill Team State Championships will be held Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st at the Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres, CA. Teams have been busy selling raffle tickets to help cover their expenses. The drawing for the 2025 raffle will take place during our awards presentations on June 1st. Four of our teams sold enough raffle tickets to completely, or close to completely, covering their entry, facility, stalls and RV expenses for the State Championships. We will see soon who will win a big TV and who will ride away on a new E-Bike.

Teams have once again been battling the rainy weather to try and get practice time in their arenas. We are confident that they will all pull it together and present some terrific performances as they try to take home a State Champion title! One deserving team will go home with matching California Grand Champion Buckles.

Friday evening after our Judges/Captain's meeting we will conduct our 2025 Judges Symposium at Diamond Bar. We look forward to seeing all of our judges attending our annual get together.

We look forward to meeting a new team, The Placer County 4-H, led by team captain Kaitlyn Snow. They will compete in Novice and Theme divisions.

We will also be testing out a new division for Pee Wee riders. As we test this division for our tiny riders we will look to establish rules and structure of the division for future competitions. We cannot wait to see the little ones ride.

We will be back with pictures and results in our July Newsletter.



DIAMOND BAR ARENA  
MAY 30TH-JUNE 1ST  
2025

DRILL TEAM  
CALIFORNIA  
STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

CALIFORNIA STATE  
HORSEMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION INC.

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"Where the Best  
come to Ride"



## PARADE

We all want to welcome our newest members to the Parade Program. I enjoyed talking with them last month and also seeing them all compete at the Ripon Almond Blossom Parade in February.

First a perfect example of what our new class, In Hand, is about. Joanne Hoefner from Dos Palos Used to show Morgan horses. She told me some very interesting stories about her Amish Morgan retired "Gang Plow" horse named Shots. Shots is in his 20s plus, and Joanne who is 83, both walked the long Ripon parade route entertaining the large crowds dressed in their best themed costumes.

Next, is our youngest member Aliyah Truhett, age six, Who competes in the Future Horsemen Western, ages 1 through 8 division. Aliyah rides Skeeter a retired rope horse.

Debbie Marshall, Aliyah's grandmother, competes in the Plain Senior Western class, riding her six year old Palomino Quarter horse, Nugget. Debbie is a registered nurse and commutes to San Jose to work. They are also from Dos Palos which is in region 4.

We are happy to have a new senior mountain group, the Clements Buckaroos, Lucky 7. They are also a Region 4 active gymkhana group. Our May newsletter will feature this versatile group.

May is full of CSHA sanctioned parades. Each parade has prejudging and reviewing stand judging. Points will be awarded towards year end awards. I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Sincerely, Candy Graham



**Alameda County Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse**





## OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

" The Obstacle Challenge Program is off to a great start this year. Have already had several shows with good attendance. And many more shows Sanctioned already in the state.

On April 12, Back Country Horsemen of California sanctioned their Obstacle Challenge with us at their Annual Rendezvous at the Rolling Hills Equestrian Center in Corning, CA. The Rendezvous is a big fundraiser for the BCH, and equestrians turned out in mass to support them.

We had 68 riders. There were riders from all over California, Oregon, and Nevada that attended. Horses and mules were well represented. A fun packing class was also added just for this show. It was a very long day, but fun was had by all. BCH provided the awards which include some really nice buckles, engraved knives, and more. Hope to be able to do this again when the Rendezvous comes back to Northern California."





# CSHA Region IV English-Western High Point Series



CSHA REGION IV ENGLISH-WESTERN



2025 Dates:  
May 4th, 2025  
June 29, 2025  
July 20th, 2025

Location: Gerardot Performance Horses  
25230 E. Highway 12. Clements, CA 95227  
For more Information contact Dana Bookwalter  
209-480-7317  
[www.cshar4.com](http://www.cshar4.com)



## REGION 13 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

Region 13 is gearing up after a very wet winter. Don't forget when the state gets heated up you can come ride in the cool redwoods. We'll be happy to have you. Free dry camping for our contestants. Call, text or email me with any questions or follow us on FB under "CSHA inc. Region 13 Obstacle Challenge"



Blue Lake Saddle  
Club presents:



# Obstacle Challenge Introduction

Obstacle Challenges are open to any breed of equine and any style of riding. The equine and handler will encounter several obstacles and sometimes challenging situations.

This is to introduce "new to obstacles" equine and people in a relaxed way. It is also great practice for those already involved. Multiple ways to complete each obstacle will be given. These are not timed but please be considerate to the other participants. Don't hog an obstacle.

Relax and have fun.

No awards just praise.

Fun Family Friendly event

Setting  
up for  
Success



Saturday May 10, 2025

9:00 - 2:00 or later if not done

We will start with In hand  
then mounted

Each Horse & Handler/Rider  
Combination \$30.00 All Day

Donations Welcome

Darcy from the Dog House will have brown bag lunches and drinks available for purchase Please pre order.

Blue Lake Arena  
Broderick Ln & Chartin Rd.  
Volunteers Welcome  
Contact:  
Lauren West 707-803-9317  
sixhorsewest@aol.com





# WILD WEST OBSTACLE CHALLENGES

California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA)

2025

Region 13 Sanctioned

**Challenges**

**Practices**

Each day

May 31 & June 1

June 14

Challenges \$50.00

July 12 & 13

July 19

Practices \$30.00 no awards

Aug. 9 & 10

Aug. 16

Challenges are open to any breed of equine and any style of riding. The Horse and Rider will encounter a minimum of ten obstacles. Not timed. Horse/Rider partnership encouraged. Additional Practice after the Challenge is included. Fun Family friendly event.

Walk Thru is at 9:30am  
Important to attend

**CSHA RULES APPLY**

Riders under 18 must wear an approved helmet

**Mini Youth 10 & under**

**Youth 11 to 17**

**Novice**

**Intermediate**

**Advanced**

SIGN UP BY E-MAIL OR MAIL IS APPRICIATED  
ENTRY FORM WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP  
"CSHA inc REGION 13 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE"

Six Horse West Ranch  
3724 Old Railroad Grade Rd. Fieldbrook  
Volunteers Welcome  
Contact: Lauren West 707-803-9317  
E-Mail sixhorsewest@aol.com  
Dry camping at the ranch is available at no charge  
Bring portable pens or highline.  
Bring your own food and drinks.

From Hwy 101 take Murray Rd off and turn East (away from the ocean). Follow over the hill, pass Old RxR and go around the turn. Turn Right on Evans. Go to the very end and turn left on Old RxR. Gravel rd. Beware of speed bump.

# CSHA APRIL QUARTERLY SCHEDULE

## CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED Hotel Mission De Oro- Santa Nella- April 26, 2025

*PROGRAM CHAIRS, Members MUST NOTIFY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASAP IF THEY NEED TO BE ON THE AGENDA*

Time	Pacheco Main	Pacheco West	Pacheco South		
8:00 9:00	Gymkhana	Horsemastership			
9:00 10:00	Gymkhana	Horsemastership	Obstacle Challenge Symposium		
10:00 11:00	Trail Trials	Parade	Obstacle Challenge Committee Mtg		
11:00 12:00	Trail Trials	Administrative Practice/ Insurance			
12:00 1:00			Judges Commission 12-12:30 OPEN		
1:00 2:00	Convention Committee	English Western	Judges Commission 12:30-3:30 closed		
2:00 3:00		EMMP	Judges Commission Closed 12:30-3:30		
3:00 4:00			↓ _____		
4:00 pm	Board of Directors				



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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:**

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

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **2025 STATE MEETING CALENDAR**

**January Quarterly**  
**January 31-Feb 1**  
**Double Tree**  
**Modesto**

**April Quarterly**  
**April 26**  
**Hotel Mission De**  
**Oro, Santa Nella**

**July Quarterly**  
**July 26**  
**Hotel Mission De**  
**Oro, Santa Nella**

**Convention**  
**November**  
**Location TBA**

## **STATE EVENTS**

**May 31st—June 1st** Drill Team State Championships, Diamond Bar Arena, Ceres. Contact [jskraut@ca.rr.com](mailto:jskraut@ca.rr.com)

**July 26th** CSHA Quarterly Meeting, Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella

**Sept. 27-28th** State Championship Trail Trial Event, Santa Cruz

**Oct. 9-11th** Gymkhana State Championship Show, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

**Oct 4 - 5th** State Obstacle Challenge Championship Show Running I Ranch, 1700 Alexander Hill Rd, Dunnigan

**Did you know that any CSHA Member can contribute to this CSHA State Newsletter? Send photos & articles at any time, regarding past or upcoming events to the editor at [jskraut@ca.rr.com](mailto:jskraut@ca.rr.com) to appear in the next edition. You are the ones enjoying the events, so show and tell us what you enjoy.**