

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's *General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet* will be at the historic Irma Hotel in **Cody, Wyoming** on **April 21, 2018**. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP with Nanette Till ASAP so we can get an accurate number of attendees and YOU can get on the list for a door prize. Also, please bring a silent auction item or two for our primary fund raising event of the year. Funds will help purchase your class prizes and year-end awards. Not only is the CSRHA *General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet* being held that weekend, we are also hosting a clinic with reining trainer, Renee Pipinich (<http://www.reneepipinichreininghorses.com/>) on **April 19-20** and a CSRHA *Fun Day* on **April 21** prior to the banquet. Make sure you save this weekend and plan to spend it with us in Cody, Wyoming. We are going to have a lot of fun!

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association officers and board of directors met via teleconference on Wednesday, **March 7, 2018**. Following the review of our meeting minutes from the February 7 meeting and current treasurer's report, we moved on to business. First item on the agenda was the 2018 Membership Directory which was going in to the printers on Monday, March 12. Kathy Nicholson expects the directory to be finished and ready for distribution by the CSRHA banquet on April 21. Keep your eyes peeled for this nice publication as it provides everyone with some wonderful information on the CSRHA!

Nanette Till informed us that the Renee Pipinich clinic on April 19 and 20 is full. Folks can stay at her Flying T Ranch, but she would like to know how many to expect so she can plan accordingly. The CSRHA Fun Day on April 21 looks good as well.

Nancy Pfeiffer reported on the year-end awards. She is still receiving some odds and ends, but for the most part, all are in. George Pfeiffer and Nanette Till have offered to donate their year-end monies to the Grasslands Market Slide rather than receive awards. These generous contributions are greatly appreciated. Door prizes for those who RSVP for the banquet have been completed. Nanette will send an invitation via the USPS on April 1.

Debbie Russell reported on the Grasslands Market Slide which will be the weekend of May 12-13. She will make motel reservations for the judges and order shavings. We are still searching for an announcer and gate attendants for the event. Brandee Smith will be the show photographer. The Ford Arena will be available for those who haul in on Friday, May 11. Bill Russell and Gordon Hinders are working with groundsman, Mark Maue, to ensure good conditions for our exhibitors.

Nancy informed us that the critical elements for the Sheridan Slide on June 9 have been worked out. Stalling will be made available at the fairgrounds. Tom Balding Bits and Spurs is planning an open house at the shop that weekend as well due to the Sheridan Slide corresponding with the Buck Brannaman colt starting clinic in Sheridan.

All slots for the Sam Schaffhauser clinic (July 7-8) have filled, however, Nancy is waiting for those folks to submit their deposits to hold their times. She is working with the WYO Rodeo Committee on reserving stalls at the fairgrounds for the event. Tom Balding will bring a good selection of bits to try at this clinic. Robert Peterson will ask Sam about hosting a 'Bits and Biting' segment in conjunction with the clinic.

CSRHA memberships are trickling in, but it was noted that most do not come until after the first show of the season.

The group discussed some new business items to include a fun weekend with a few other trainers at Renee Pipinich's training facility in Helena, Montana on July 13-15. Renee contacted Nanette to propose the concept. Saturday would be a 'free for all' where participants would have the opportunity to ride with and receive help from Renee and/or other trainers. She would like to have a cook-out/bar-b-que on Friday and Saturday evenings with Sunday being reserved for a small jackpot show. This would not be a CSRHA sanctioned event this year, but it is something we would consider for the future. An event flyer will be made and submitted on the CSRHA facebook page and website.

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be **April 4, 2018** at 7:00 pm via teleconference. If you would like to join us on future meetings, please dial **951/797-1058** with the passcode **681306**. We welcome new faces and new ideas, so please do not hesitate to join us.

Don't forget to add these events for your 2018 calendar:

Date	Location	Name	Notes
April 19-20, 2018	Cody, Wyoming	Renee Pipinich clinic	Rain date April 27
April 21, 2018	Cody, Wyoming	CSRHA Fun Day	Rain date April 28
April 21, 2018	Cody, Wyoming	Awards Banquet	2017 award presentations
May 12-13, 2018	Douglas, Wyoming	Grasslands Market Slide	NRHA/CSRHA show
June 9, 2018	Sheridan, Wyoming	Sheridan Slide	NRHA/CSRHA show
July 7-9, 2018	Sheridan, Wyoming	Sam Schaffhauser clinic	Clinic
September 8, 2018	Sheridan, Wyoming	CSRHA Fun Day	CSRHA event only
October 2018	TBD	CSRHA Awards Banquet	TBD

Want to learn more about reining in our area? Check out the CSRHA website at [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com). Our website will give you lots of good information including dates of upcoming events, points-of contact, and information about our NRHA affiliate. You may also visit us on facebook and become one of our fans by visiting us at <http://www.facebook.com> and typing in Cowboy States Reining Horse Association in the "search" box at the top of the screen. Reining events in and around the great state of Wyoming are really starting to take off and flourish! We'd love to have you join the fun! If you would like to join and/or get involved with our organization, you can also contact our president, Gordon Hinders at 308/340-5509, our vice-president, George Pfeiffer, at 307/673-1331, treasurer, Nancy Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331, or our secretary, Peggy Peterson at 307/851-0443. If you have **any** news, upcoming events, photos and/or stories to share about clinics, shows, jackpots, fun-days, or *anything* associated with reining, feel free contact your reporter, Peggy Peterson at [shieldquarterhorses@gmail.com](mailto:shieldquarterhorses@gmail.com) or 307/851-0443. We're always delighted to receive information about our members, their accomplishments, or anything we can include in our articles to help everyone keep in touch. Please remember that our publications do have deadlines, so the sooner she receives your updates, the better the chance of getting them in print!

Upcoming reining events:

**March 20-25, 2018:** Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association's *Gold Rush Circuit* at the National Western Complex in **Denver, Colorado**. A full slate of AQHA classes will be offered including Senior, Junior, Novice Amateur, Amateur, Amateur Select, and Youth Reining classes. Visit [www.rmgha.com](http://www.rmgha.com) for more information.

**March 24, 2018:** *Basic Reining Techniques* with Justin Henderson Performance Horses in **Cheyenne, Wyoming**. RSVP with Susan at 307/630-1804 or [rsbenning2001@yahoo.com](mailto:rsbenning2001@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**March 30-April 1, 2018:** Idaho Reining Horse Association's *Spring Fling Jackpot* show at the Wind River Arena in **Ririe, Idaho**. Visit [www.idrha.com](http://www.idrha.com) for more information.

**April 3-8, 2018:** Northern Colorado Quarter Horse Association's *Mile High Classic* show at The Ranch Events Complex in **Loveland, Colorado** will feature a full slate of classes including Junior Reining, Amateur Reining, and Senior Reining classes. Visit [www.excelshows.com](http://www.excelshows.com) for more information.

**April 5-8, 2018:** Intermountain Reining Horse Association *NRHA show* in **Hurricane, Utah**. Visit [www.irha.com](http://www.irha.com) for more information.

**April 13-15, 2018:** Central Plains Reining Horse Association's *Midwest Breeder's Derby* at the Lancaster Events Center in **Lincoln, Nebraska**. Visit [www.cprha.com](http://www.cprha.com) for more information.

**April 14, 2018:** *Basic Reining Techniques* with Justin Henderson Performance Horses in **Cheyenne, Wyoming**. RSVP with Susan at 307/630-1804 or [rsbenning2001@yahoo.com](mailto:rsbenning2001@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**April 19-20, 2018:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association will host a *clinic/lessons* with reining horse trainer, Renee Pipinich at the Flying T Ranch arena outside **Cody, Wyoming**. Visit [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com) or contact Nanette Till for additional information ([nbtill@tctwest.net](mailto:nbtill@tctwest.net) or call 307/899-9090).

**\*April 21, 2018:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association will host a *CSRHA Funday* at the Flying T Ranch arena outside Cody, Wyoming. Visit [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com) or contact Nanette Till for additional information ([nbtill@tctwest.net](mailto:nbtill@tctwest.net) or call 307/899-9090). Points WILL count toward year-end awards!

**April 21, 2018:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's *Awards Banquet and General Membership Meeting* at the Best Western in **Sheridan, Wyoming**. RSVP by April 1, 2018, and please bring a silent auction item or two for our primary fund raiser!

\*denotes CSRHA affiliate qualifying shows where points count for year-end awards!