

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association would like take a moment to sincerely wish everyone a healthy, happy, and blessed new year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, filled with joy and happiness. May all your dreams and goals be achieved in 2017.

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Board of Directors, Ryan Clark and Debbie Russell to the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's leadership team. These women are replacing Mark Nicholson and Keith Thomas respectfully. President Gordon Hinders appointed Ashley Villmow for the annual appointee, expiring 12/31/2017. Note that Board of Director positions have a 3-year term; the presidential appointee has a 1-year term; and the officers have 2-year terms. To date, the CSRHA organization chart is as follows:

Position	Name	Term Expires
President	Gordon Hinders	12/31/2017
Vice-President	George Pfeiffer	12/31/2017
Treasurer	Nancy Pfeiffer	12/31/2017
Secretary	Peggy Peterson	12/31/2017
Board of Director	Nanette Till	12/31/2018
Board of Director	Brenda Leonhardt	12/31/2018
Board of Director	Debra Russell	12/31/2019
Board of Director	Ryane Clark	12/31/2019
Board of Director	Christin Brubaker	12/31/2017
Board of Director	Collie Vinger	12/31/2017
Annual Appointee	Ashley Villmow	12/31/2017

Our Treasurer, Nancy Pfeiffer, has scheduled NRHA Professional and reining icon, Bob Loomis, for a *2-day clinic* at the Sheridan College Arena on **June 2-3, 2017** in **Sheridan, Wyoming**. This clinic will be in conjunction with the *NRHA Jackpot* on **June 4, 2017**. Bit and spur artist and master craftsman, Tom Balding, has offered to have a reception for Bob and Pam as well (date TBD). Tom will also be providing trial bits for anyone who wants to try out a new bit during the clinic. The fees for CSRHA members will be \$525; fees for non-members will be \$550. If you would like to audit, the fee will be \$20 per day. Contact Nancy at 307/673-1331 or [npfeiffer1@gmail.com](mailto:npfeiffer1@gmail.com) for your reservation. A deposit will be required to hold your spot in this clinic. This is a great opportunity to ride with one of the greats in reining, all while trying out some new Tom Balding bits! Visit [www.loomisreininghorses.com](http://www.loomisreininghorses.com) and [www.tombalding.com](http://www.tombalding.com) to learn more about Bob Loomis and his great success in the reining world along with Tom Balding bits and spurs.

Have YOU renewed your CSRHA membership? Have you been planning on joining? NOW is the time! Membership dues for 2017 will be kept the same as in years past. Dues are \$20 for an individual membership, \$30 for family, \$10 for youth, and \$25 for a joint membership. Brenda Leonhardt will submit the 2017 membership applications shortly, so be sure to keep your eyes peeled for them in your email and/or mailboxes!

Be sure to mark your 2017 calendars for these upcoming CSRHA events!

Date	Location	Name	Notes
April 22, 2017	Cody, Wyoming	CSRHA Play Day/Fun Day	CSRHA event only
May 18-20, 2017	Douglas, Wyoming	Grasslands Market Slide	NRHA/CSRHA/AQHA show

June 2-3, 2017	Sheridan, Wyoming	Bob Loomis Clinic	Contact Nancy Pfeiffer
June 4, 2017	Sheridan, Wyoming	NRHA Jackpot	NRHA/CSRHA show
July 15, 2016	Powell, Wyoming	Park County Slide	NRHA/CSRHA show
September 9, 2016	Sheridan, Wyoming	CSRHA Play Day/Fun Day	CSRHA event only

Once again, to remind our members, the NRHA has an Affiliate Incentive Program where active affiliates are rewarded for providing quality NRHA programming to their membership. The officers and board members will be working on these various incentives available through the NRHA, all for your affiliate, the CSRHA. If YOU would be interested in helping your local NRHA affiliate, we would be happy to have your participation. Visit [www.nrha.com](http://www.nrha.com) to learn more about this great program and be sure to contact an officer or board member so we can help you get involved.

Nancy Pfeiffer and Kathy Nicholson are working on the 2017 Membership Directory. Ads for the 2017 Membership Directory will be due by **April 1, 2017**, with a target date of May 18 for having them ready to be distributed at the *Grasslands Market Slide*. If you would like to advertise in the 2017 Membership Directory, please contact Nancy Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331 or email her at [npfeiffer1@gmail.com](mailto:npfeiffer1@gmail.com) or Kathy Nicholson at 307/660-4496 or email her at [kathyn2401@gmail.com](mailto:kathyn2401@gmail.com). Funds from your paid ad will help support the year-end saddle for the winning rider!

The next CSRHA meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, **January 18, 2017** at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join us, please dial **951/797-1058** with the passcode **681306**. We welcome new faces and new ideas, so please do not hesitate to join us.

Keep in mind that the Pfeiffers and Nicholsons have hosted reining trainer, Cody Thomas (now from Riverton, Utah) throughout the year and will continue to do so at least once a month (weather permitting). They have a super nice indoor arena located just outside of **Big Horn, Wyoming**. Mark and Kathy Nicholson have recently built an indoor arena and are hosting Cody at their home outside of **Gillette, Wyoming**. To get signed up for future clinics and/or lessons, please contact Nancy Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331 to arrange a date and time in Big Horn and Laura Thomas at 307/851-7520 to arrange a date and time in Gillette.

Want to learn more about reining in our area? Check out the CSRHA website at [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com). Our new and improved 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:

**February 21-26, 2017:** Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association's *Bellringer 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 18, 2017:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's *Awards Banquet and General Membership Meeting* at the Best Western in **Sheridan, Wyoming**. RSVP by March 1, 2017, and please bring a silent auction item or two for our primary fund raiser!

**March 22-26, 2017:** 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.

**April 4-9, 2017:** 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.

**May 4-7, 2017:** Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association's *Colorado Gold Circuit* 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 22, 2017:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association will host a fun day/play day at the Flying T Ranch arena outside Cody, Wyoming. Visit [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com) or contact Nanette Till for additional information ([nbtil@tctwest.net](mailto:nbtil@tctwest.net) or call 307/899-9090).

\***May 18-21, 2017:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association will co-affiliate with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association along with the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association in hosting the *Wooly Horse Circuit* and NRHA/CSRHA *Grasslands Market Slide* at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds Arena in **Douglas, Wyoming**. A full slate of AQHA classes will be offered including Senior, Junior, Novice Amateur, Amateur, Amateur Select, and Youth Reining classes. Points accumulated with the CSRHA will count toward year- end awards. Visit [www.wgha.org](http://www.wgha.org) for more information.

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