

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 by **April 1** 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, **February 7, 2018**. Following the review of our meeting minutes from the January 10 meeting and current treasurer's report, we moved on to business. First item on the agenda was the board of director position vacated by Ryane Clark's resignation. Stephanie Williams from Cody, Wyoming will be filling this role through the end of the term (December 31, 2019).

Kathy Nicholson has been working on the 2018 CSRHA Membership Directory and provided an update. She would like to receive updated biographies from the leadership team along with write-ups from the CSRHA year-end champions and reserves as soon as possible so she can meet her deadline for printing. Nanette Till is updating show rules and class descriptions. Kathy does not have many advertisers to date, so everyone is encouraged to reach out so she can add them to the directory. To remind everyone: \$100 will pay for a full-paged color ad and \$25 will pay for a business card ad in the publication which is widely distributed. What a great way to highlight your business and support your local NRHA affiliate!

Nanette Till still has openings for the upcoming *Renee Pipinich clinic* on **April 19-20**. She is not requiring a deposit at this time. The clinic will have 8 sessions (8 am – noon and 1-5 pm) each day, but note that all afternoon sessions have been filled. Contact Nanette via email at [nbtill@tctwest.net](mailto:nbtill@tctwest.net) or by calling 307/899-9090. Plans for the CSRHA *Fun Day* are progressing; we are still searching for a volunteer to be the show secretary and other help for the day.

Planning continues for the *Awards Banquet* on **April 21**. The committee is working on some super nice door prizes for those who RSVP. The event will be at the Irma Hotel in Cody, Wyoming where they also have a special rate for the CSRHA if you would like to spend the night. Stephanie Williams will contact the Big Bear Motel for rates as well due to this motel being closer to the fairgrounds where you may stall your horse for the clinic and Fun Day.

The *Grasslands Market Slide (May 12-13, 2018)* will be held in the large Ford Arena at **Douglas, Wyoming** again this year. Gordon Hinders, Bill and Debbie Russell, and Mark Maue (Building and Grounds Supervisor) are working together to ensure good ground conditions. The 'silver arena' will be used for warm-up and stalling will be available in the new stalls east of the Equine Center. Judges will be Margo Ball and Shawn McClurg with Cathy McClurg working as show secretary. We are still searching for an announcer at this time.

George Pfeiffer assured that he would amend the CSRHA class list to include the Ladies and Gents classes to be held immediately following the Ranch Riding classes.

Robert Peterson provided an update about the *Sam Schaffhauser clinic* on **July 7-8**. Nancy has received a wonderful response for this clinic, and it is filling up quickly. If you would like to get on the list, contact Nancy at [npfeiffer1@gmail.com](mailto:npfeiffer1@gmail.com) or call her at 307/673-1331.

The 2018 CSRHA year-end trophy saddle has been ordered.

Brenda Leonhardt is working on getting membership cards mailed, so keep your eyes peeled. Speaking of which... have you renewed your CSRHA membership? Have you been planning on joining? NOW is the time! Membership dues for 2018 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. You can find the CSRHA Membership Application by visiting [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com) and clicking on the Forms & Documents tab. Please mail them to Brenda Leonhardt in Kinnear, Wyoming.

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm. The next meeting will be **March 7, 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 17, 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 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!