

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association hopes everyone is having a wonderful summer, filled with horse shows, clinics, and all around riding with your friends and family. This is the time of year when county fairs and rodeos are in full swing as well, so be sure to support your local equine events if you can find the time. With that said, have you heard about the NRHA's *Run for a Million Reining* event which will be held on **August 15-17** at the South Point Arena and Equestrian Center in **Las Vegas, Nevada**? This is said to be the richest event in the history of western equine sports. Twelve riders, including some of the most accomplished NRHA Professionals in the history of Reining, will compete for a purse of \$1,000,000. In addition, there is a \$100,000 Shoot Out open to all riders and their horses, \$50,000 Invitational Freestyle, \$50,000 Non Pro Championship and Rookie Championship. On top of the tremendous prize money, the top five riders in the Shoot Out finals will be guaranteed a position in the 2020 Million Dollar Invitational.

Academy-Award nominee Taylor Sheridan partnered with Amanda Brumley of Brumley Management Group Events (producer of three NRHA leading events world-wide) to create and produce this one of a kind event. Sheridan, writer of *"Hell or High Water"* and *"Sicario"*, writer/director of *"Wind River"* and co-creator of *"Yellowstone"* on Paramount TV, wanted to design an event that showcased the talent of both horse and rider in one of the most demanding equine sports: reining!

The following 12 riders are invited to the inaugural *Run for a Million Reining Invitational*: Andrea Fappani of Scottsdale, Arizona, Casey Deary of Weatherford, Texas, Shawn Florida of Springfield, Ohio, Jordan Larson of Lone, California, Franco Bertolani of Aubrey, Texas, Jason Vanlandingham of Whitesboro, Texas, Craig Schmersal of Scottsdale, Arizona, Tom McCutcheon of Aubrey, Texas, and Duane Latimer of Gordonville, Texas with Wild Card riders being Abby Lengel of Weatherford, Texas, Cade McCutcheon of Aubrey, Texas, and Matt Mills of Scottsdale, Arizona. These accomplished horsemen and women were selected based on their successes in the reining horse industry. Nine of these riders are NRHA million dollar riders and the three Wild Card riders were chosen due to their unique stories.

The \$100,000 Open Shoot Out is open to all riders, including Non-Pros and horses of any age and breed. Riders may enter up to three horses. The top five places, and ties, will be guaranteed a spot in the *2020 Million Dollar Invitational*. The \$50,000 Invitational Freestyle will have twelve riders who will have four minutes to perform their ride. They will be judged on level of difficulty, choreography, and all must follow NRHA rules for Freestyle Reining. The \$50,000 Non Pro Championship required riders to qualify using one of the following events: the 2019 National Reining Breeders Classic, the 2019 NRHA Derby, the 2019 Bill Bradley Reining Classic, or the 2019 Reining by the Bay shows. At these events, there were two slates of NRHA Category 1 Non Pro Divisions. The top five placings in each slate from each event, including ties, advanced to the Non Pro Championship. Riders qualified only one time and did not need to compete in the Championship on the horse used to qualify. Riders must own the horse based on NRHA rules.

The Rookie Championship required riders to use one of the aforementioned events to qualify. A total of ten Rookies from the NRBC qualified for the 2019 *The Run for a Million Rookie Championship*. At the remainder of the previously mentioned events, there were two slates of NRHA Category 5 Rookie Level 2 Divisions. The top five placings in each slate from each event, including ties, advanced to the Rookie Championship. Riders qualified only one time and were not required to compete at the Rookie Championships on the horse used to qualify. Riders must own the horse based on NRHA rules.

Congratulations to all who qualified to compete at this one-of-a-kind event! If you plan on attending this outstanding show, have a great time! Also, if you have photos you would like to share from this show, please forward them to the CSRHA Secretary/Reporter Peggy Peterson at shieldquarterhorses@gmail.com so she can post them. It is always fun to share reining events with our membership and beyond!

It is not too late to compete one last time with your local NRHA affiliate! Be sure to plan add these CSRHA events for your 2019 calendar:

Date	Location	Name	Notes
August 24, 2019	Casper, Wyoming	CSRHA Fun Day	CSRHA event only

Want to learn more about reining in our area? Check out the CSRHA website at 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 George Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331, vice-president Renee Pipinich at 406/422-6873, 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 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:

August 9-10, 2019: Idaho Reining Horse Association's *Teton Slide II* at the Wind River Arena in Ririe, Idaho. Visit www.idrha.com for more information.

August 19-25, 2019: Montana Reining Horse Association's *Big Sky Reining Classic* at the Majestic Valley Arena in **Kalispell, Montana**. Visit www.mtrha.com for more information.

***August 24, 2019:** Cowboy States Reining Horse Association will host a *CSRHA Funday* at the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds' Indoor Arena in **Casper, Wyoming**. Visit www.cowboystatesreiners.com or contact Nanette Till for additional information (nbtill@tctwest.net or call 307/899-9090). Points WILL count toward year-end awards!

August 29-31, 2019: Intermountain Reining Horse Association's *NRHA show* at the Wasatch County Events Complex in **Heber, Utah**. Visit www.irha.com for more information.

September 6-14, 2019: National Reining Horse Association *High Roller Reining Classic* at the South Point Equestrian and Event Center/Hotel & Casino in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. Visit www.highrollerreiningclassic.com for more information.

September 19-22, 2019: American Quarter Horse Association's *Region 2 Championship Show* at the Central States Fairgrounds in **Rapid City, South Dakota**. A full slate of AQHA classes will be offered including Senior, Junior, Novice Amateur, Amateur, Amateur Select, and Youth Reining classes. Visit www.aqharegion2.com for more information.

September 20-21, 2019: Idaho Reining Horse Association *Teton Slide III* at the Wind River Arena in **Ririe, Idaho**. Visit www.idrha.com for more information.

September 26-29, 2019: Central Plains Reining Horse Association's *Great Plains Challenge* at the Kiplinger Event Center in **McCook, Nebraska**. Visit www.cprha.com for more information.

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