

First things first: mark your calendars for the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's *General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet*! The big event this year 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 as she is working directly with the great staff at The Irma. Also, be sure to 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.

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association officers and board of directors met via teleconference on Wednesday, **January 10, 2018**. Following the review of our meeting minutes from the November 5 meeting and current treasurer's report, we moved on to business. First item on the agenda was 2018 membership dues. Peggy Peterson will submit an email to the CSRHA membership as a reminder to submit their dues to alleviate additional work for the show secretary at upcoming events. It was also noted that officers and board of directors need to be NRHA members; an associate membership with the NRHA is acceptable if you are not showing and much less expensive than a general membership.

The flyer for the *Renee Pipinich clinic* on **April 19-20** has been completed. Everyone is encouraged to print and distribute them in their areas as Nanette Till is currently accepting reservations to ride. This event will be held at the Flying T Ranch Arena outside of **Cody, Wyoming**. The *CSRHA Fun Day* is scheduled for **April 21** where Renee will judge. Following this afternoon of fun, the *CSRHA Awards Banquet* is scheduled at The Irma Hotel in **Cody, Wyoming**. The planning committee will have door prizes for those who RSVP, so be sure to RSVP! There will also be a silent auction again this year, so please plan on bringing something to donate to this nice fundraising activity. The NRHA requires that affiliates have at least one general membership meeting per year, so we will plan to fulfill this requirement before the awards presentation where you can gather information on what your NRHA affiliate is planning for 2018. This is also a great opportunity to volunteer for one of our many committees to get involved, so we hope to see you there!

Planning efforts are continuing with the *Grasslands Market Slide* (**May 12-13** in **Douglas, Wyoming**) and the *Sam Schaffhauser clinic* (**July 7-8** in **Sheridan, Wyoming**). Nancy Pfeiffer will be accepting deposits for the clinic soon. This clinic is expected to fill quickly and is limited to riders, so be sure to stay tuned to the CSRHA facebook page and the website for additional details about these events.

The CSRHA Show Committee has been discussing opening the CSRHA Youth 13 and Under classes to be ridden with 2-hands. Note that the NRHA Youth 13 & Under classes are mandated to run 1-handed. After discussion, a motion was made to amend this class. After a second and a vote, it was decided that the CSRHA Youth 13 and Under classes will be open to riders who wish to show with two hands in any legal bit. The class description will be adjusted accordingly, reviewed, and submitted to be published on the website.

Nancy Pfeiffer has been working on fundraising for the 2018 trophy saddle which will be awarded to the higher point earner in the CSRHA Green Horse or the CSRHA Rookie class for 2018. If a business makes a donation to the club, it can be written off as an advertising or promotional expense. If an individual or business donates at least \$100, they can have a full page ad in the 2018 Membership Directory. What a great opportunity to support a local club *and* receive some publicity!

George Pfeiffer made a spreadsheet of all the 2018 CSRHA shows with patterns, entry fees, prizes, etc. outlined. The Ranch Riding patterns will be determined as time nears. This information is posted on the

CSRHA website. Stephanie Williams is working to get all patterns printed and laminated on poster-sized format. These will be posted at the shows and make things easier for everyone to view.

Gordon Hinders thanked everyone for dialing in as this was the first time in quite a while that everyone was in attendance. He also welcomed our new leadership volunteers: Presidential Appointee, Kathy Nicholson and Board of Directors, Robert Peterson and Erin Schroeder to the adventure!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm. The next meeting will be **February 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.

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 and clicking on the Forms & Documents tab. Please mail them to Brenda Leonhardt in Kinnear, Wyoming.

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. 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 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 10, 2018: *Basic Reining Techniques* with Justin Henderson Performance Horses in **Cheyenne, Wyoming**. RSVP with Susan at 307/630-1804 or rsbenning2001@yahoo.com to sign up.

February 20-25, 2018: 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 for more information.

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

March 3, 2018: *Basic Reining Techniques* with Justin Henderson Performance Horses in **Cheyenne, Wyoming**. RSVP with Susan at 307/630-1804 or rsbenning2001@yahoo.com to sign up.

March 3-4, 2018: CSRHA member, Ashley Kluz-Villmow will host reining horse trainer, Terry Wegener at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds arena in **Thermopolis, Wyoming** for a clinic/lessons. Contact Ashley at 307/680-5362 or email her at kph2007@live.com to register.

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 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 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 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 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 for more information.

April 5-8, 2018: Intermountain Reining Horse Association *NRHA show* in **Hurricane, Utah**. Visit 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 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 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 or contact Nanette Till for additional information (nbtil@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 or contact Nanette Till for additional information (nbtil@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!