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# COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## *Who We Are*

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association is an affiliate of the National Reining Horse Association. We represent five states, Wyoming, Eastern Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Western Nebraska.

CSRHA is built on a strong sense of tradition and commitment to the education and betterment of the reining horse industry. With pride, dedication and enjoyment, we look forward to the future of the sport of reining with our fellow members and competitors of all levels of riding. We strive with the spirit to become a vibrant, progressive association with quality that is second to none.

"To rein a horse is not only to guide him, but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely." (NRHA)

Incorporated in 1966, the NRHA is the governing body of the sport of reining. NRHA, with their International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, is responsible for promoting the sport of reining and working to ensure the highest standards of competition. To learn more about the NRHA, its programs and family of corporate partners, please visit [www.NRHA.com](http://www.NRHA.com).

CSRHA's objective is to promote and encourage interest and participation in the sport of reining through informational clinics and public reining horse shows. Our shows will always adhere to the standards of performance and judging as set down by the National Reining Horse Association. Visit our website at [www.cowboystatesreiners.com](http://www.cowboystatesreiners.com) or find us on Facebook.

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## 2017 CSRHA SHOW RULES

### 1. Eligibility

- A. ALL NRHA CLASSES: Both owner and rider must be a member of NRHA. NRHA membership forms available at the show office. NRHA Competition License is required for each horse entered in a NRHA class. Competition Licenses (providing horse ownership can be verified) and memberships can be processed at the show. Rookie & Green Reiners must have a valid NRHA membership but may show a horse without the restrictions of horse ownership.
- B. All NRHA members may renew or purchase their membership at a show. Non-Pro members may renew at a show, if they present their previous year Non-Pro card to the Show Secretary. New NRHA Non-Pro applicants must complete a NRHA Non-Pro Declaration and submit it with the NRHA Non-Pro fee, the completed NRHA membership application and NRHA membership dues prior to entering a NRHA Non Pro class.
- C. Youth entering the NRHA Non-Pro or NRHA Rookie classes must have Non-Pro status indicated on their NRHA youth cards.
- D. CSRHA memberships are not required for NRHA or CSRHA classes but are required if points are to be counted for CSRHA Year-End Awards.
- E. Any rider participating in a NRHA class or a division in which he/she, or the horse, is not eligible based on earnings or points is subject to disciplinary action and forfeiture of any and all prize money awards. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or rider participating in a class to check their eligibility prior to competing. Eligibility for NRHA classes is available on the NRHA website or if applicable, the NRHA Show Secretary. Please see the current NRHA Handbook for eligibility of classes.

### 2. Entries

- A. A judge's fee will be charged for each class according to NRHA rules. However, for those classes running concurrently only the highest applicable judge's fee will be charged.
- B. A late fee per entry may be charged for late registration.
- C. An Office Fee may be charged per horse per show.
- D. One rider may show up to three (3) horses per class.
- E. Exhibitors will not be allowed to pick up their assigned back numbers until all required membership cards, signatures, and licenses are on file at the show office. All fees must be paid at time of entry or have an open check on file with the show secretary.
- F. All fees and payments are in U.S. Dollars and are non-refundable.
- G. Ties: Will be determined by show management.

### 3. Returned Checks

- A. Returned checks shall be considered late payment and subject to any late fee penalties.
- B. All returned checks are subject to a \$40.00 NSF charge.

### 4. Paybacks

- A. Prize money to be paid per NRHA payback percentages (See current NRHA Handbook) in all classes.
- B. Prize money will be made payable to the payback person listed on the entry form and will be mailed within 30 days after the show.
- C. No prize money will be mailed without the payee's Social Security or Tax ID number on file with the show secretary.

### 5. Working Order

- A. Entries will close and be drawn in a timely manner.

### 6. Show Management – CSRHA Classes

- A. The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association is governed by the rules and specifications of the current NRHA and CSRHA rules and guidelines and will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.
- B. Show management will retain 100% of the entry fee.
- C. Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to, or rising out of, or incident to the show, without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Show Management and their decision shall be final.
- D. Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel any entries; disqualify riders or exhibitors; prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel awards or prizes without claim for damages; to change any course, to cancel any unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes, after due notice to exhibitors.
- E. Management or officials of any CSRHA show or event shall have the authority to require a member or non-member to leave or withdraw from that event for misconduct, unprofessional conduct or disrespect to the event committee, officials or others.
- F. In order to be eligible for year end awards, an exhibitor must show in at least half of the CSRHA Shows. Year end awards will be based on points earned at 4 or fewer shows.
- G. Previous CSRHA saddle winners are not eligible to win the trophy saddle again.





# 2017 CSRHA Class Descriptions

**Green Horse:** Any *HORSE* with lifetime earnings of less than \$200.00 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in any reining event. May use any legal bit or hackamore and may be ridden 1 or 2 handed at any time during the class. Horse ownership not required. To be judged by NRHA guidelines.

**Rookie L2:** Any non pro *RIDER* with lifetime earnings of less than \$1500.00 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in any reining event, horse ownership not required, any legal bit. Horses are to be shown one handed. To be judged by NRHA guidelines.

**Green Reiner L2:** Any non pro *RIDER* with lifetime earnings of less than \$350.00 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in any reining event. Horse ownership not required and may be ridden in any legal bit or hackamore. Simple lead changes are allowed. May be ridden with one or two hands at any time during the class. To be judged by NRHA guidelines.

**Short Stirrup – 10 & Under:** Open to any youth rider who is age 10 or under as of January 1 of the current year. Horse ownership is not required. There will be no penalty for holding on to the saddle with either hand and rider may ride with one or two hands on the reins at any time during the class.

**Youth 13 & Under:** Youth 13 and under as of January 1 of the current year.

**Youth 14 – 18:** Youth 14 – 18 as of January 1 of the current year.

**Non Pro:** Open to riders who do not receive remuneration for riding/training horses, any legal bit and shall be ridden one handed in the bridle. To be judged by NRHA guidelines.

**Open:** Any horse, any rider, any legal bit and shall be ridden one handed in the bridle. To be judged by NRHA guidelines.

**NRHA Classes:** These classes are approved by NRHA and will be held in accordance with the National Reining Horse Association rules and guidelines as stated in the current NRHA Handbook. **NRHA memberships and Competition Licenses are required for the NRHA classes.** To be judged per NRHA Handbook & Guidelines

**CLUB Classes:** Club memberships, NRHA memberships and Competition Licenses are not required for club classes. ***HOWEVER, CSRHA membership is required if competitor desires to compete for CSRHA year end awards for the current year.***

**Note:** To qualify for CSRHA year-end awards, both owner and rider must be members of CSRHA prior to showing in the class for which they want points to count toward year-end. Points are not retroactive. Points are accumulated based on the "same horse/rider" combination throughout the current show season.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** For those of you belonging to more than one NRHA affiliate, you must designate which affiliate you want to represent in order to qualify for the Affiliate Championship Finals. This designation must be in to NRHA before August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. You can download the form from the NRHA web site at [www.nrha.com](http://www.nrha.com). **Check the NRHA web site for NRHA Regional Affiliate Qualifying Classes.**

# 2017 CSRHA YEAR END AWARD CLASSES

- **Green Horse** - \$200.00 earnings limit on horse
- **Green Reiner** - \$350.00 earnings limit on rider. This is a non pro class.
- **Rookie L2** - \$1500.00 earnings limit on rider
- **Non Pro**
- **Limited Non Pro** - Lifetime earnings of less than \$10,000.00
- **Prime Time Non Pro** - Riders must be 50 or older at the beginning of the calendar year
- **Novice Horse Non Pro L1** - \$5000.00 earnings limit on horse
- **Novice Horse Open L1** - \$5000.00 earnings limit on horse
- **Open**
- **Limited Open** - Lifetime earnings of less than \$10,000.00
- **Youth 13 and under**
- **Youth 14 thru 18**
- **Short stirrup 10 and under**
- **Ranch Riding**
- **Novice Ranch Riding**

## POINTS

Placing	Points
1	10
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

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# CSRHA Year End Saddle

A Year-End Champion Saddle will be awarded to the high point Rookie Level 2. To qualify for the champion saddle, both owner and rider must be members of CSRHA prior to showing in the class for which they want points to count toward year-end. Points are not retroactive. This will be based on the most points earned in the Rookie Level 2 class. First place will earn 10 points; second place will earn 9 points; third place will earn 8 points; and so on down the placings. A score of zero or DQ will not receive any points. There will be five shows in which to compete for this award:

CSRHA Play Day, April 22 - Cody, WY  
Grasslands Market Slide, May 20 - Douglas, WY  
Sheridan County Slide, June 4 - Sheridan, WY  
Park County Slide, July 15 - Powell, WY  
CSRHA Play Day, September 9 - Sheridan, WY

*A rider-horse combination must compete in at least 3 of the above shows. If a rider-horse combination competes in all 5 shows, their lowest score will be dropped. A person can only win this award once.*

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## President - Gordon Hinders

Gordon Hinders is a caring friend, knowledgeable trainer, and talented rider. He grew up in South Dakota with five siblings and spent a lot of time outside playing with all sorts of animals, mostly horses. Gordon graduated from Laramie Tech with a mechanics degree but soon after decided to attend Central Wyoming College in Riverton, to learn more about riding his horse. He finished school there with an Associates in Equine Science where he also found a deeper connection to horses. At the end of his attendance he was asked to work for Jackson Porath, a reining trainer. This is where he came to love reining and where reining became his life. He worked for Jackson Porath for almost 6 years riding many different caliber of horses, from starting colts to riding the most talented of horses. He showed in many shows receiving the Limited Open year end award for IDRHA, Low Roller Limited Open Champion, and the Big Sky Classic Limited Open Champion.

He and his wife moved to Cody, Wyoming in January of 2015 where he continues his passion to train and teach reining. He trains out of Nanette Till's barn on the Southfork Road. He became the President of the Cowboy States Reining Association in 2016 and has added more small but local shows to their agenda with the help of the board.

Gordon was asked to train Nanette's horse Mark Him A Whizard, aka Marcus. Marcus is a talented horse but at times doesn't always show off his talent when he needs to the most. However, Gordon and him seem to have created a great bond and work very well together. Marcus and Gordon have won the Open, CSRHA Limited Open and Limited Open this last year.

Gordon enjoys reining for the competition and the challenges of training a young horse for the sport. He wants to thank Nannette Till and all of his clients who have been there for GH Performance Horses. He would also like to thank his wife and family for their continued support.

## Vice President - George Pfeiffer

George Pfeiffer is a retired professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He and his wife Nancy moved to Wyoming after their retirement in 2010. While in Nebraska, both George and Nancy were active reiners and have been since the mid '90s with their two daughters. George served on the Board of Directors and as Vice-President of the Central Plains Reining Horse Association for several years and while not reining scribed many events and organized NRHA judging clinics at the university. George showed his three year old CSRHA Green Horse winner in the 2016 NRHA Futurity, and is currently working with a two year old Hollywoods Tinseltown filly, looking forward to the 2018 futurity.

## Treasurer - Nancy Pfeiffer

Nancy and her husband George have lived in Big Horn, WY for the past five years. Before moving to Wyoming, they lived near Lincoln NE, and were active in the Central Plains Reining Horse Association. Nancy worked for Pfizer Animal Health (now Zoetis) where she developed and licensed animal health vaccines. She inherited her first reining horse when her daughter left for college in 2001. She currently rides in Rookie 2 and limited non-pro.

## Secretary - Peggy Peterson

Peggy moved to Riverton, Wyoming in June 2003 and found the area we extremely weak as far as reining goes. With that, she was one of the founding members and first treasurer of the CSRHA. She has found it extremely challenging and rewarding to see the great sport of reining grow in and around Wyoming since the CSRHA began. Peggy works with her husband, Steve, in promoting their business, Shield H Quarter Horses ([www.shieldhquarterhorses.com](http://www.shieldhquarterhorses.com)), along with her full time position as an Electronics Technician with the National Weather Service. She also shows their horses in various NRHA and AQHA shows throughout the area.

**Director - Christin Brubaker**

Christin Brubaker is a native of Newcastle, Wyoming, where she and husband, Saylor, raise their daughter, Piper. Christin owns/operates a grooming business and with all spare time, competes in reining. She comes from generations of horse people. Raised on horses, she began her first Open/Club shows as a youth in 1988. In 1996, she took her first reining lessons with the late Cathy Coleman and began showing in AQHA. By 1998, her skills broadened to include jumping, equitation, halter, western pleasure, reining, and trail, among other pursuits. Christin went on to show NRCHA with Troy Hayden in 2002. By 2007, she branched out to begin her own breeding program, raising horses with only two broodmares, which soon grew to a band of twenty-four. In 2010, Christin redirected her focus back to NRCHA and in 2013, started the promotion of her stallions through AQHA and NRHA shows. Christin & her stallion, *Mr. Acoolest*, qualified for the AQHA World show in Halter and won the Intermediate of the Year award for Wyoming. Her second stallion, *Dun It Shining*, was shown with success in NRHA by Christin and trainer, J.R. Winter, in 2013 up to present. Through these many achievements, Christin has gained a grounded knowledge in all aspects of showing which has left her with a resolve to get more people involved and bring more CSRHA events into Wyoming and back into South Dakota.

**Director - Brenda Leonhardt**

Brenda Leonhardt has lived and worked in central Wyoming for many years and is employed by Fremont County School District #6 as a 5th grade teacher. She finds her employment both challenging and rewarding. Brenda also has competed in reining at the local level. Although relatively new to the sport, she looks forward to promoting reining in the state of Wyoming and building CSRHA's membership.

**Director - Ryane Clark**

I could ride a horse before I could walk but those were dad's hunting horses. I started riding competitively at 12 years old in 4-H and local open horse shows. I took dad's hunting horses and tried to show them. It was a learning curve. I got it in my head I wanted to train so I went to Northwest Community College and got an Associates in Equine Riding and Training. I moved to California in 2007 and worked for a reining trainer for the summer. It turns out that if you take your passion and turn it into a job most of the passion gets sucked out of you. So I moved to Billings and got a normal job and went non pro. I moved home to Casper a few years after and started a local open horse show series. It has done well and has been growing. I ride and train my own horses. I want to see the Wyoming reining grow and to do that participants and trainers need shows to go to. I hope with my involvement in the board we will move closer to that happening.

**Director - Debbie Russell**

Debra Russell lives in Douglas, Wyoming with her husband, Bill. She has been a member of the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association for the last several years, and shows her good mare (*AMR Miss Renegade*) in green reiner and rookie classes. In 2015, she was the Green Reiner circuit champion at the Energy City Classic and Derby. Debra also shows her mare in AQHA classes and was the 2015 Wyoming Quarter Horse Association Champion Amateur Reiner.

**Director - Ashley Villmow**

Ashley Villmow lives in Gillette, Wyoming. She attended Northwest college in the Equine Business Management and has worked for several trainers. Then went on to open Kluz Performance Horses in Gillette, where we train Reiners and All Around. Plus coach Non Pros and youth competing nationally in NRHA and AQHA. We also board 40+ horses and give lessons from beginners on up to our Non Pros showing with us.

### Director - Nanette Till

I have been involved with reining horses for nearly 30 years. I am a founding member of CSRHA, as well as serving on the Board of the National Reining Horse Association for 2 years. My goal for CSRHA is to get more riders involved in reining at the grassroots level so our club can grow. This in turn helps people improve their riding skills.

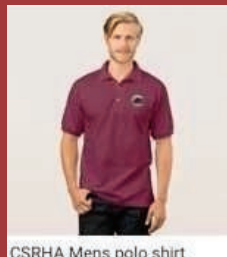
### Director - Collie Vinger

Collie lives in the Joliet, MT area. The mare that she currently shows is one that she raised. She is out of Collies original show horse, a daughter of Hollywood Dun It by The Mighty Gambler. She enjoys the sport of reining and the endless "pursuit of perfection". She always looks forward to each new show season.

## CSRHA Logo Wear



CSRHA Men's Hoodie



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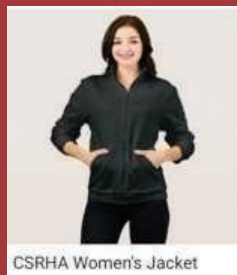
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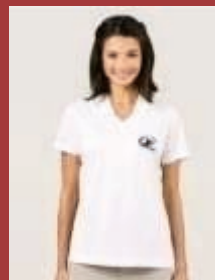
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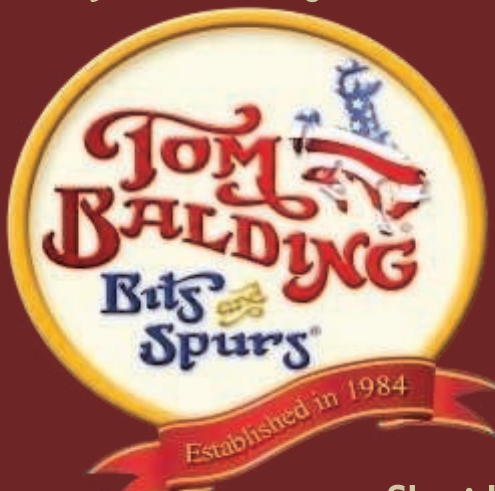
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## 2016 Year End Award Champions

## Cowboy States Reining Horse Association

### Mark Him A Whizard

**owned by Nanette Till, shown by Gordon Hinders  
Champion CSRHA Open & CSRHA Limited Open**

Mark Him A Whizard aka Markus is a 2002 gelding by Whizard Jac out of the dam Mark Lady High. In 2005 Nick Valentine showed Markus to Reserve Champion in the Carolina ABI Futurity. I purchased Markus later that year at the NRHA Futurity from Francois Gauthier agent. In 2015 and 2016 Gordon Hinders showed Markus in Limited Open events for me. Gordon opened his training business at our Flying T Ranch in 2015 after several years of apprenticing with Jackson Porath in Idaho. Our veterinarian is Dr. Amanda Marsh, Ross Keltner and Scott Stingley are the farriers. Everyone on our team works hard to keep our horses at their best. (Photo courtesy of Brye Williams)



### Ima Striking Dually

**owned by Mark Hartman, shown by Stacy Thomas  
Reserve Champion CSRHA Open & Limited Open  
Champion CSRHA Novice Horse Open**

Stacy Thomas and her husband, Keith Thomas, of Mitchell, Nebraska, have owned and operated Thomas Performance Horses, for the past 23 years. Stacy grew up riding horses and entering 4-H events and started training horses for others while still in high school. Stacy always enjoyed the Hunt Seat events and has specialized in training all-around horses, as well as Reining and Ranch Riding horses. She has qualified for the AQHA World Show in Ranch Riding every year since the class was initiated and was one of the first to complete a Superior in Ranch Riding.

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In 2016 Stacy took over all the training and coaching duties for Thomas Performance Horses. Stacy has been very successful in training horses and riders to numerous year end awards and regional championships in both NRHA and AQHA events. Her students have qualified and competed in AQHA Novice Championships, AQHA Select World Championships and the NRHA Futurity.

Ima Striking Dually, a/k/a "Jesse" is a 2009 gelding owned by the Mark Hartman family, who purchased him from Keith and Stacy Thomas. Stacy Thomas, showed Ima Striking Dually in 2016 to three year end titles for CSRHA; they were also Senior Reining and Ranch Riding Champions for the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association (WQHA) and Center of the Nation Quarter Horse Association (CONQHA). Ima Striking Dually was previously shown by both Stacy and her husband, Keith Thomas, and has earned an AQHA Superior Reining award. Stacy also showed Jesse to a Reserve Championship in Ranch Riding at the 2016 AQHA Region 2 Championship.

During 2016 Ima Striking Dually was also shown, under Stacy's guidance, by the Hartmans' daughter, Keeley, in Youth Reining and Ranch Riding. Keeley and Jesse were 2016 year end Champions for WQHA in Youth Reining and Novice Youth Reining.



**AMR Just Plain Firey****George Pfeiffer**

**Champion CSRHA Non Pro, CSRHA Limited Non Pro,  
CSHRA Primetime Non Pro  
Reserve Champion CSRHA Novice Hores**

**AMR Just Plain Firey aka Jethro**

He came off the desert of Utah  
All sickly and scrawny and wet  
He didn't know much besides yee haw  
It was clear he was nobody's pet

His pal was a washed up bronc rider  
Who had taken up reining instead  
He needed a project that winter  
And Jeth was the one in his shed.

Well Jethro thought he was a bad one  
And George a long toothed buckaroo  
So one day off went his time bomb  
And off went ole George, and times two!

Said Jeth: "Try your luck cowboy"  
Said George "You're not my first date"  
But George wasn't lucky when Jethro got bucky  
Some said he'd be best shown the gate

He was flagged, wacked, and sacked til he tired  
He was throttled and smacked with a switch  
He was swore at and worked til he's wall eyed  
They called him "You son of a bitch!"

Well finally Jeth got some smarts on  
And figured that George knew his stuff  
He decided that fighting was poison  
And eventually snorted "Enough!"

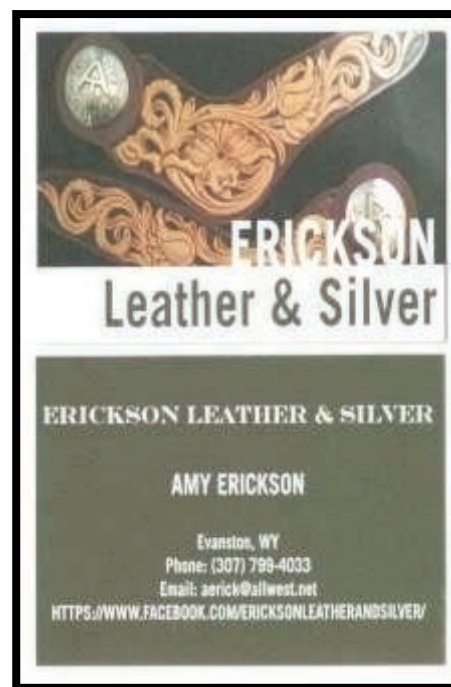
They headed on up to the Big Sky  
A futurity prize was their quest  
But their pattern left some things desired  
And the judges said "He's not the best"



Well two years slipped by rather quickly  
Poor Jethro stayed home just to wait  
Bred to be paint but colored he ain't  
No quarter horse show was his fate

Now this year was Jethro's big chance  
Cause George, he was fresh out of mounts  
Perhaps Jeth would be ready to show some  
And George wanted to win when it counts

Second chances they come to some horses  
Though Jethro was kind of a curse  
But he gave it his best at the reining contests  
And won him some Tom Balding spurs!





## 2016 Year End Champions

## Cowboy States Reining Horse Association

### Dizzy Banjo

Nanette Till

Reserve Champion CSRHA Non Pro,  
CSRHA Limited Non Pro, CSRHA Primetime Non  
Pro & CSRHA Green Horse

Dizzy Banjo is a 2009 gelding by Banjo Whiz out of a daughter of Footwork Finest. Dizzy as he is known, was born and raised here on the Flying T ranch. He was sent to John Hindman to be trained. Gordon Hinders and Renee Pipinich have helped get him ready to show. I really haven't had the opportunity to show him much. Hopefully I will be able to get him out more in 2017.



### Merrys Dun Kidding

Nancy Pfeiffer

Champion CSRHA Rookie L2 & CSRHA Novice  
Horse Non Pro

We bred and raised Merrys Dun Kidding (usually called Patty) and she was the best out of the eight we got from her dam, Lone Star Merry and The Great Kid. Everybody loved her from the time she was a tiny filly. George started her and then we took her down to Todd Arvidson in Purcell, OK. With lots of help from Todd, George rode her in the 2009 NRHA Non Pro Futurity and was fortunate to place in the Level 1,2 and 3 finals. What a great experience that was for the whole family and of course that really got George hooked on futurity horses. Then we moved from Nebraska to Wyoming and Patty was turned over to me. She thought the switch was pretty rude and spent the next several years telling me so. I'd ride her in the spring and then give up and turn her back over to George, then we would try again the next year. Finally, this year George was too busy with his colts to take her back and Patty had finally taught me what she expected from a rider! In addition, both Cody Thomas and J.R. Winter helped me understand what I needed to do to live up to Patty's expectations. Once in a while, even George would help me!

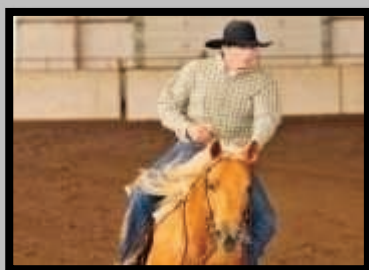
I want to thank Kim Kizzier Sherrodd from Devil's Tower, WY for her wonderful therapeutic massage and accupressure techniques she used to cure Patty of her aches, pains and imbalances.







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## 2016 Year End Champions

## Cowboy States Reining Horse

### Sheza Major Lynx

Brye Williams

Reserve CSRHA Rookie L2

Champion CSRHA Green Reiner

Brye Williams, a junior from Cody, Wyoming began riding reining horses in 2015. She was the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's Champion Rookie riding her beloved Diamond Safari, a.k.a. "Ace".

In early 2016 their dreams of a repeat season were shattered when Ace pulled his suspensory tendon. Determined to learn more about reining, she signed up for Rene Pipinich's reining clinic with the intent of riding her barrel racing horse. Before the clinic Nanette Till asked if Brye would like to ride one of her horses. Brye and Bucket had a successful weekend and Nanette generously offered to let Brye show Bucket in the upcoming show season!

Under the guidance of Nanette Till and weekly lessons with Gordon Hinders, Brye began riding Bucket daily. After a rough start in Rapid City by completing too many spins, Brye returned to Cody and mentally set new goals. Through hard work and determination she won the Green Reiner class and was awarded her first trophy saddle!

Winning the saddle was quite the accomplishment. Winning on a horse that has exceeded everyone's expectations is even better. Bucket is an amazing little powerhouse who does her job with a willing attitude. She is as honest as they come and full of personality.

Competing in the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association competitions has been a wonderful experience. Brye has made some extraordinary friendships that will last a lifetime. Thanks for believing in Brye and being part of an amazing journey! (photo courtesy of Izabel Rash)



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### Chexy N He Knows It

George Pfeiffer

Champion CSRHA Green Reiner



2016 was a big year in the life of little Stetson, our 3 year old palomino gelding. First and foremost he got ridden, and ridden a lot for the plan was for Stetson to go to the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City in November. So Stetson was ridden almost daily from January 1 of his two year old year until the completion of the futurity nearly two years later.

But Stetson had several adventures along the way. He got to go to quarter horse shows in Wyoming and South Dakota, and managed to win the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association championship in junior ranch horse riding, and part of a buckle along the way. He got to travel to Kalispell, Montana for the Montana Reining Horse Association Futurity in August, and he got to go to the Cowboy States and to the Central Montana Reining Horse Associations events in Montana and Wyoming throughout the summer. For this he was fortunate to win Champion Green Horse in the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association. For this he was awarded one quarter of a pair of Tom Balding spurs!

Finally, Stetson got to travel to Oklahoma in late October so that he and George could ride with Todd Arvidson in preparation for the NRHA Futurity. He got to see what a really big slide track looked like, and to see how bright the lights really are in the Oklahoma City Coliseum! He took it all in stride, and managed to make the consolation round at the futurity.

Look for Stetson in 2017, older, wiser, and flashier. He is getting ready for it now!



**Splashy Gold Digger****Lindsey Thomas****Champion CSRHA Youth 13 & Under****Co-Reserve Champion CSRHA Short Stirrup**

My name is Lindsey Thomas, a/k/a "Tater." I am 8 years old and I live in Mitchell, Nebraska, with my parents, Keith and Stacy Thomas. They operate Thomas Performance Horses; my mom is a full time trainer and my dad has a trucking and hay hauling business. Both of them help me with my horses. I have been riding since I was a baby and started showing in leadline classes at AQHA shows when I was two. I showed in walk trot classes when I was four and then started reining when I was age 5. My first horse was Danny; he was a stud, but my parents gelded him so I could ride him at shows.

Splashy Golddigger, a/k/a "Splash", was bred and trained by my mom and dad. This was my second year to show Splash, and it was another very good year. My mom says we improved because I have learned to be more patient. I only get to take Splash to NRHA shows. I won a total of six NRHA plaques this year; four of them were with Splash. For the second year in a row, Splash and I were on the winning team in the Youth Team Tournament at the Mountain Affiliate Finals and we won another beautiful belt buckle. One of our plaques was for winning the Youth 13 and under at Rocktoberfest. We got to show at the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City in November again. Splash and I tied for 7<sup>th</sup> in Short Stirrups! It was really fun to be able to watch some of the best reiners in the world. I really like the two halters I won with Splash in the Short Stirrups at the CSRHA show in June. Splash and I were very happy to learn that we had won the CSRHA 13 and Under award for 2016 and tied with my other horse for the CSRHA Short Stirrups. Thank you, CSRHA!

I help my mom and dad with chores every day and ride most days, especially when I am not in school. There are usually 12 to 14 horses in the barn, plus several outside, so there is always work to do. We also have three cows and raise calves from them. I get to keep the heifer calves. I have my own chickens and sometimes sell eggs. I am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Mitchell Elementary School. I like to read and to write stories about my horses. I tell my friends at school about my

horses and showing. One of my friends from school takes lessons from my mom. She just got a new horse and plans to start showing next year. I am going to be cheering for her.

**Cutting My Chex****Keeley Hartman****Reserve Champion CSRHA 13 & Under**

My name is Keeley Hartman and I am 14 years old. I am from Scottsbluff Nebraska. This is where I was born and have always lived. I am currently an eighth grader at Bluffs Middle School (BMS). Aside from riding horses, I also play the trombone and participate in competition with our band. Not only do we compete as a traditional band but we also compete as a marching band. Our band instructor, Mr. Koch has encouraged me to compete in solos and this will be my third year doing so. I have been fortunate enough to earn an Outstanding (highest honor) for the previous two years and hope to do so again this year.

I have been riding since I was 2 years old or able to sit by myself in a saddle. My first trainer was Gwyn Cooper, who started helping me when I was about four and a half. My first shows were at our Saddle Club and through our 4H. With Gwyn, I primarily rode English. My first horses were older Arabians. In 2014, my parents bought me Cutting My Chex, aka "Bobby". It was at that time that Gwyn suggested I try reining since I like speed, patterns and precision. This is when I began trail  
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## 2016 Year End Champions

## Cowboy States Reining Horse Association

(continued from page 25) training with Keith and Stacy Thomas. They are the ones who provided me with a foundation. I feel extremely privileged to have the trainers I have had and the horses that I've ridden. I also have had a great group of friends, some riders and some who had never been on a horse before we became friends that have provided me with a lot of encouragement.

This year will be my fourth season showing in reining and ranch riding. In the past I have shown two horses. This year, I am focusing on showing Ima Striking Dually, aka Jesse. This is also my final year to compete as a thirteen year old. I hope to qualify for Oklahoma this November on Jesse. I just started training with Drake Johnson. With his training and assistance, we are planning on trying Free Style. I'm looking forward to developing my own routine and giving choreography a try.



### Embar Poco Bella

#### Allison Magargal

#### Champion CSRHA Short Stirrup

My name is Allison Magargal and I am 11 years old. I love school, being outside and especially spending time with my animals. We have 7 horses, 3 bunnies, and 2 rambunctious dogs. I have been riding horses since I was four years old. I started out just riding around my house and going on trail rides with my family. When I was eight, I started taking riding lessons. It didn't take

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long for me to love everything about horses; I have tried almost every event so that I could learn to be a better rider. I've had my horse Rosie, for almost 2 years. She is a 21 year old APHA mare. She is a great "all around" horse. Rosie has been used on the trails, picked up at rodeos and even won the junior barrels at the Cody Nite Rodeo with her previous owner. I started taking lessons on Rosie when I was 8. She has been a great and versatile horse for me to learn horsemanship on. We have done several events together, like barrel racing, ranch pleasure and English events at fair. We even tried roping cows! Rosie isn't necessarily a reining horse, but she and I work together as a good team.

In the winter of 2015 Rosie suffered a back injury at a rodeo we were competing in. The next time I rode her she bucked me off! We don't know exactly what she injured but she didn't want me or anybody riding or even touching her! Rosie was sidelined for almost 6 months while she recovered. I was very nervous to get back on her again, especially loping her. After a few rides, I felt comfortable again and started to trust her like I had before her injury.

My friends and instructors encouraged me to try reining. I had a hard time getting Rosie on her right lead but we still completed the pattern. I like reining because it is a challenge but also rewarding! I love trying anything with Rosie and everyone I meet has been very encouraging and helpful to me.

Thank you to my mom and dad, my sister Lauren, for coming to all of my horse events. For Steph and Brye Williams for teaching me and always pushing me to do my best! Nanette Till, thank you for your encouragement and words of wisdom! Thank you to Gordon Hinders for working with me and helping me through the patterns! I've had a lot of fun!



**Shining Bandito****Lindsey Thomas****Co - Reserve Champion CSRHA Short Stirrup**

Shining Bandito is a twelve year old palomino gelding. My dad and mom trained him when he was a two and three year old. Bandito came back into training a couple of years ago. I didn't get Bandito until the end of 2015. We went to just a couple shows, and then I got to show him at the 2015 NRHA Futurity. Last year was our first full year to show together and it was an awesome year. We showed in both NRHA and AQHA shows. We tied with my other horse, Splash for first place in short stirrups at the Cowboy States June show in Rapid City and we won 2 NRHA plaques together. We showed in the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City and tied for 9th place in the Short Stirrups. Bandito and I also did well in AQHA shows. We were Reserve Champion in both Novice Youth and 13 and Under Reining at the AQHA Region 2 Championships and we were the WQHA 2016 Reserve Champions in Novice and 13 and Under Reining. I also showed Bandito in Ranch Riding. We were the WQHA 2016 Champions in Youth Ranch Riding and won the AQHA Region 2 Championship in Youth Ranch Riding. I also showed Bandito in Open Ranch Riding a couple of times and earned the last point to finish his AQHA Register of Merit. It really was a very good year. Bandito and I are pretty good buddies; he even lets me sit on him when he is laying down in his stall. We were happy to learn that we had tied with Splash and I for the 2016 CSRHA Championship in Short Stirrups. Thank you, CSRHA!

Besides showing my reiners, I also show in all around classes at the AQHA shows. My Mom, Stacy Thomas, trains all around horses and riders, and this year I got to show her horse, Whisker Dude, in Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Riding and Western Riding. We won a lot of year end awards for WQHA and Center of the Nation, including firsts in Rookie Hunt Seat Equitation and Novice Youth Ranch Riding. My favorite win with Whiskers was at the AQHA Region 2 Championships. It was the first time I ever showed in Western Riding and we were Reserve Champion in Youth. My Mom was going to show him in Open Western Riding, but I begged her to let me ride him instead and she did. And guess what? We won the Open Western Riding Championship!

I think I am pretty lucky to have such nice horses to ride and a mom and dad to help me.

**Smart Pistol****Bailey Gibbons****Co-Champion CSRHA Youth 14-18****Peppys Sol R Eclipse****Isabel Hansemann****Co-Champion CSRHA Youth 14-18****Reserve Champion CSRHA Green Reiner****Puddens Revolver****Makayla Fulfer****Reserve Champion CSRHA Youth 14-18**

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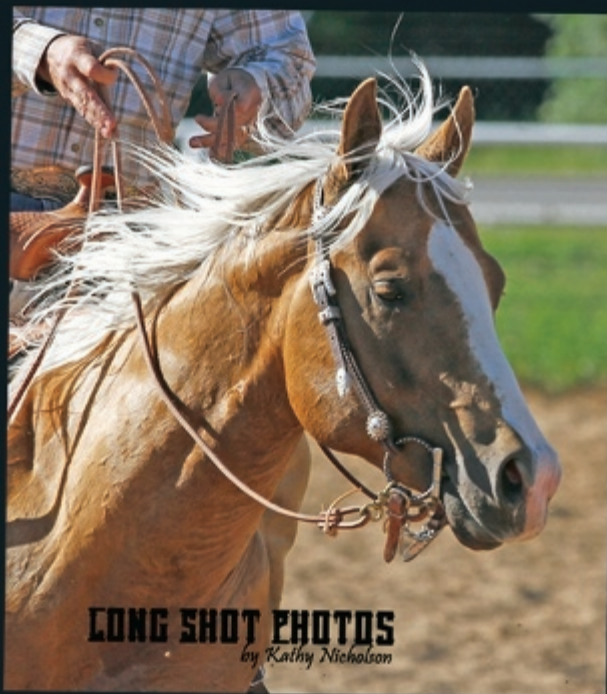
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# 2016 CSHRA Year End Saddle Winner



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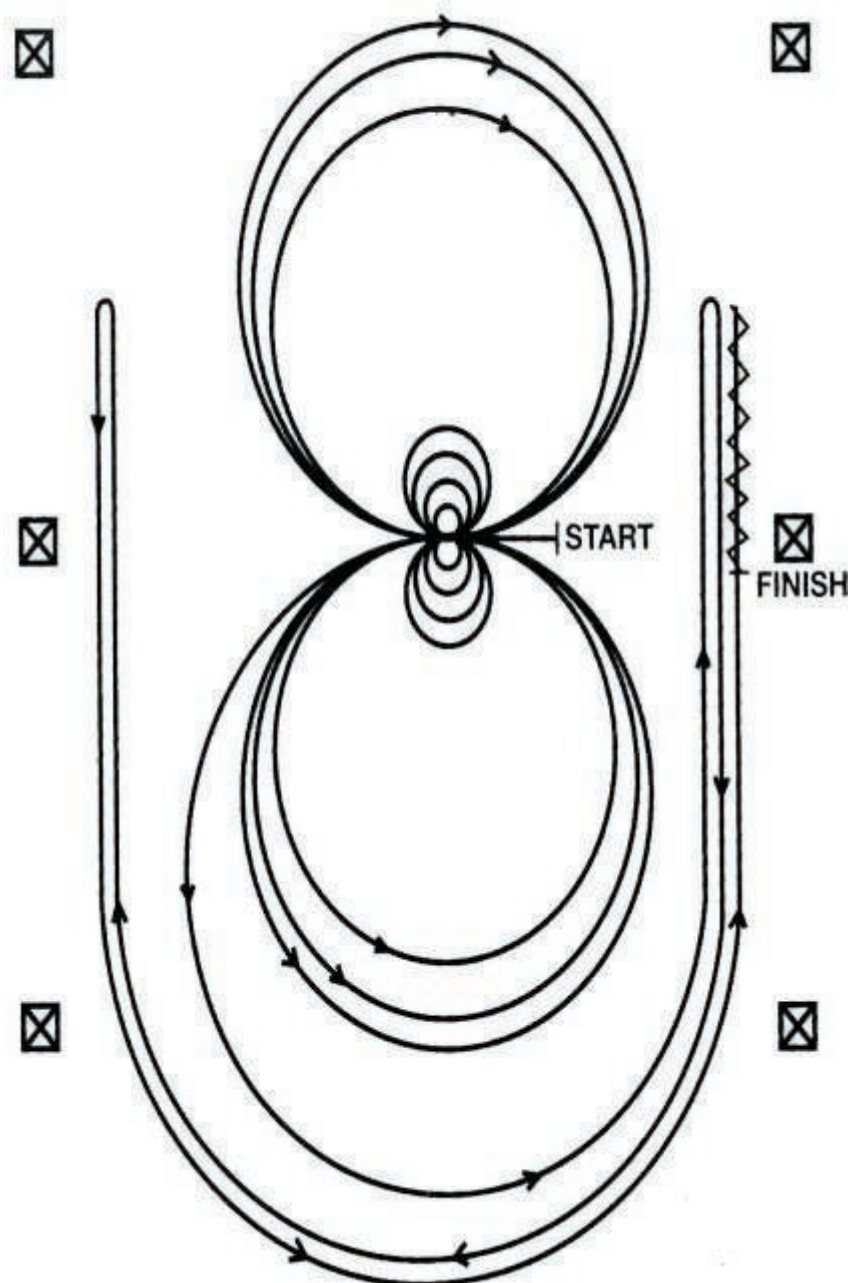
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## NRHA Reining Pattern 6

This is a description of each maneuver in Pattern 6, it is one of the thirteen patterns used by the National Reining Horse Association.



Horses may walk or trot to the center of arena. Horses must walk or stop prior to starting pattern.

Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
2. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the left lead, complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
4. Complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
5. Begin a large fast circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a right rollback at least twenty feet from the wall or fence – no hesitation.
6. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback at least twenty feet from the wall or fence – no hesitation.
7. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least twenty feet from the wall or fence. Back up at least ten feet. Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern. Rider must dismount and drop bridle to the designated judge.



## Pat Gervais Perpetual Trophy

Pat & Dan Gervais were our first CSRHA members from Northwestern Montana. At first they shared a horse (Ima Docs High Fever), while taking lessons from Cameron Meissner and competing in Green Rider and Rookie. In 2008 Dan won the CSRHA Rookie Year-end Award.

At the end of 2008, Pat decided she wanted to show her own reining horse. She purchased a gelding, Mighty Mega Jac, aka "Bird" from Sean Alquist of Cody, WY.

Pat practiced and practiced when she was not busy working in the State of Montana Legislature. By the 2009 show season, Pat was ready to roll....and that she did. Pat was an accomplished English rider until reining came along.....she was hooked. In 2009, Pat and Bird were Year-End Champions for the CSRHA Rookie and Reserve Champion for CSRHA 2 Handed Green As Grass.

On a cold wintery day in 2010 things would abruptly change for Pat. She went outside and whistled for her beloved Bird and as he came running to his special friend, Bird slipped on the ice hitting his head and passed on to the great beyond. Pat was devastated, but being the animal lover and reining enthusiast that she was, Pat, Dan and Cameron ventured out horse shopping. She immediately fell in love with a three year old gelding, Dunit With A Stranger aka 'Billy', but



not feeling experienced enough to ride a young horse in the show pen, she and Dan went back to sharing Ima Docs High Fever.

The following year, Pat became ill although she was still riding and showing some. After multiple tests and trips to the doctors in the northwest, Pat was diagnosed with a tumor of the spinal cord. Surgery was performed and the tumor was removed. But Pat's recovery did not go well and she passed away in July of that year.

Dunit With A Stranger has since gone on to win many NRHA awards as well as the CSRHA Non-Pro Derby Champion with his new owner, Mike Cassidy in the saddle. The pair are still being coached by Cameron Meissner.

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association is proud and honored to remember Pat and her winning spirit with the CSRHA Rookie Champion perpetual trophy each year. The Pat Gervais Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the CSRHA member who obtains the highest individual score in a Rookie 2 club class at any of the 2017 NRHA shows sponsored by Cowboy States Reining Horse Association. This would include the Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas, WY on May 20, the Sheridan Slide in Sheridan, WY on June 4 and the Parker County Slide in Powell, WY on July 15. The name of the winner will be added to the perpetual trophy, and a plaque commemorating the win will be awarded to the winner. As requested by the friends of Pat Gervais who donated the trophy, it will be displayed in a Cody business to be designated by the winner.

Past winners are: 2011 - Elise Donahue  
2012 - Whitney Crane 2013 - Karen Devenyns,  
2014 - Natalie Murphy, 2015 - Bebe Shortall &  
Christin Brubaker, 2016 - Bryanna Williams  
and Nancy Pfeiffer.



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## 2017 Shows & Events

### **CSRHA Play Day**

Flying T Ranch  
Reining & Ranch Riding Classes  
Cody, WY  
April 22, 2017

### **Bob Loomis Clinic**

**&**

### **NRHA Reining**

**\$2000 added money**

Sheridan College Agri-Complex  
Reining & Ranch Riding Classes  
Sheridan, WY  
Clinic: June 2-3, 2017  
Reining: June 4, 2017

### **Grasslands Market Slide**

**\$2000 added money**

NRHA, CSRHA & AQHA Show  
Ford Pavilion  
Douglas, WY  
May 20, 2017  
(NRHA classes will run concurrent  
with AQHA classes)

### **Park County Slide**

**NRHA Jackpot**

Park County Fairgrounds  
Reining & Ranch Riding Classes  
Powell, WY  
July 15, 2017

### **CSRHA Play Day**

Sheridan College Agri-Complex  
Reining & Ranch Riding Classes  
Sheridan, WY  
September 9, 2017



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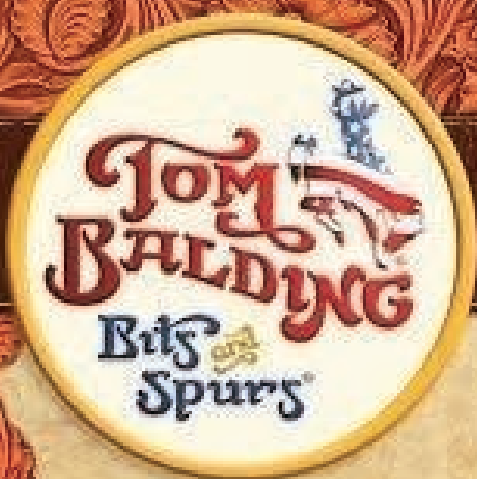
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