

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association would like to congratulate all our members who competed at the 2016 NRHA *Futurity and North American Affiliate Finals* which was held from **November 24** through **December 3** at the State Fair Arena in **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**! We would like to congratulate CSRHA Vice President, George Pfeiffer who rode *Chexy N He Knows It*. This team made it to the Level 1 Non-Pro Consolation round and had a good run. Also, congratulations to past CSRHA Vice President, Keith Thomas, past CSRHA Board of Director, Stacy Thomas, and their daughter Lindsey Thomas. Lindsey showed both *Splashy Goldigger* and *Shining Bandito* in the NRHA 10 and Under class and *Shining Bandito* in the Youth 13 and Under class while in Oklahoma City. We know that a number of other past and present CSRHA members, to include past President, Dave Leithead and his wife Sonja competed as well, but with this writing, we are not sure of all the classes they showed. Everyone knows just how deep the competition is at this level and is grateful to have the opportunity to ride at this big event, so again, congratulations!

Of course, the stands are always packed full for the Open Futurity Finals, which was held on Saturday, **December 3rd**. With a score of 225.5 and prize money of \$150,000, a big congratulations goes to the 2016 Level 4 Open Futurity Champions, Andrea Fappani and *Spooky Whiz*, owned by Rancho Oso Rio, LLC! Andrea piloted this super nice 3-year old in his expert fashion, complete with romel reins, to 'up the ante' in level of difficulty! This was an exciting Level 4 finals as it was looking like there would be a run-off for the championship title between Shawn Florida riding *Whiz Gata Prize*, owned by Alberto Casasco and Franco Bertolani who showed *Dun It For Whizkey*, owned by Cardinal Hill Training Center, LLC. These two ended up sharing the Level 4 Open Futurity Reserve Championship title with scores of 221 and prize money of \$109,854. Arno Honstetter rode *Whizkey Chaser* to a score of 222, earning the championship title in the Open Level 3 for owner Marilyn Overgaard. Pedro Baiao and *Hollywood Nites*, owned by Michael Garnett earned the championship with a score of 218.5 in the Open Level 2. Josh Murphy had a good time in the Open Level 1 as he showed his horse, *Got That Iowa Shine* to the championship, followed closely by *CBK Hang A Wright*, owned by William and Corliss Kellogg! The Level 4 Non-Pro Futurity Champion was won by Jack Medows who showed *Chicsdreamofdiamonds*, owned by Amy Medows. The Non-Pro Level 3 and Level 2 championships were earned by rider and owner, Sandra Bentien on *Gotta Twist It Up* with Taylor Zimmerman showing *Wimpys Little Jessie* for owner Vaughn Zimmerman winning the Non-Pro Level 1 championship. The Prime Time Non-Pro Futurity was won by Dr. James Morgan who showed his horse, *Shiney Workboots*. Dr. Morgan judged for the CSRHA's last *Energy City Classic and Derby* in 2015 and continues to demonstrate his talent and ability in the Non-Pro classes. You can read all about the 2016 *Futurity and NAAC* by visiting their website at www.nrhafuturity.com. Congratulations to all who participated in Oklahoma City this year.

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association officers and board of directors met via teleconference on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016**. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm with the review and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes and treasurer's report.

Peggy Peterson has received a few ballots with Ryan Clark as the CSRHA's new board of director, to replace Mark Nicholson. Ballots were emailed to members on November 15 and will be accepted through December 15, 2016. Members may also submit/elect a write-in candidate. Nanette Till verified that the CSRHA needs seven board members in the organizational chart, so the club will satisfy this requirement with this election. Board of director positions have a 3-year term; the presidential appointee has a 1-year term; and the officers have 2-year terms.

Nancy Pfeiffer reported that she and Debbie Russell have been working on the Awards Banquet which will be held at the Best Western in **Sheridan, Wyoming** on Saturday, **March 18, 2016**. It will be

imperative that they receive an accurate head count as individual meals will be prepared (unlike the buffet line we have had in the past). Invitations will be sent by February 15, with an RSVP date of March 1, 2017. The club will also be having a silent auction for the year's fund raiser. Peggy will get this information posted on the CSRHA's facebook page while Kathy Nicholson will get it posted on the website. The officers and board of directors will have a meeting at noon that day as well. The Year-End Awards committee has found some great ideas for awards this year. We will be excited to present these to our year-end champions and reserve champions.

Nancy and George Pfeiffer met with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association with regards to the **May 18-20, 2017** show to be held in **Douglas, Wyoming**. They will meet with them again at a later date to review the proposal and iron out schedules. They also discussed the possibility of co-affiliating with the **June 3, 2017** show to be held in Sheridan, Wyoming. The WQHA leaders declined to co-affiliate a show in 2017, but would consider it in the future. In the meantime, Nanette will contact the Montana Quarter Horse Association to inquire if they would be interested in this opportunity. These decisions will have to be firmed up by January 2017. To remind everyone, the CSRHA show schedule is as follows:

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 3, 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

Gordon Hinders visited with Christin Brubaker about the possibility of offering ½ beef as a raffle ticket fund raiser again this year. Peggy Peterson did not sell the doll and horse on e-bay, but will relist it along with advertising the set on facebook and send the information to Kathy to place on the CSRHA's website. Nancy asked that everyone share this set with at least two other organizations for the club. To remind everyone, the CSRHA received a very generous donation from Linda Peterson of Riverton, Wyoming and Judy Sikkink of Bozeman, Montana. They purchased two 18 inch dolls (one blonde; one brunette) and two horses measuring 12 inches at the shoulder. They designed and hand sewed a number of adorable outfits for the dolls. From warm pajamas to cowboy and Native American outfits, there is something to appeal to every little one out there. This would make an outstanding gift. Visit www.ebay.com and search for item number 162269865168 to get your on-line bid submitted, visit www.cowboystatesreiners.com or visit the CSRHA facebook page! All proceeds will go to the CSRHA.

Various deadline dates for NRHA paperwork was discussed. The show committee will work on these forms and get required documents to the NRHA following the NRHA Futurity and North American Affiliate Championship show.

Membership dues for 2017 will be kept the same. Dues will be \$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!

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 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 will work 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 or Kathy Nicholson at 307/660-4496 or email her at kathyn2401@gmail.com.

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. 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 shieldhquarterhorses@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:

December 29, 2016-January 3, 2017: Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association's *Pre-Denver Quarter Horse Circuit* at the National Western Complex in **Denver, Colorado**. This is the first show of the 2017 season and a big event for the RMQHA which features wonderful class circuit and high point awards. Visit www.rmgha.com or www.excel.shows.com for more information.

January 7-22, 2017: The National Western Stock Show's *Quarter Horse and Paint Horse Performance Show* at the National Western Stock Show Complex Events Center in **Denver, Colorado**. Visit www.nationalwestern.com for more information.

January 8, 2017: NWSS \$20,000 RAM Invitational Freestyle Reining at the National Western Stock Show Complex Events Center in **Denver, Colorado**. Unlike most reining classes, which require competitors perform a specified standard pattern, freestyle reining uses costumes, music, themes, props and special effects and lighting to add to their presentation. The National Western Horse Show invites the nation's top reiners, making this event unique to any horse show in the world! Visit www.nationalwestern.com for more information.

January 21, 2017: Idaho Reining Horse Association's *Awards Banquet* at the Pearl House Banquet Room in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Please bring a silent auction item or two as these funds will be used to purchase 2017 awards. Visit www.idrha1.com or contact Joy Sinner at 208/206-0268.

January 21-26, 2017: Zoetis *Winter Classic AQHA Show* at the James Kierstad Event Center in **Rapid City, South Dakota**. This AQHA show is a triple judged event complete with reining classes! Visit www.blackhillsstockshow.com for more information.

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 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!