



New Year 2022

# HIGH COUNTRY WORKING EQUITATION

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## WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF HCWE NEWS 2022!

### Letter from the President

As 2021 goes by it's time to reflect. We have gone through some interesting times in 2020 and 2021. In 2020 we were stuck at home not knowing what to expect. With vaccinations rolling out people were getting out a bit more in 2021. We had some clinics, playdays, schooling shows and rated shows. Our participation was very small but a lot of fun. We ended up having to change our show schedule because of the low numbers. Thank you to all that showed up and helped keep HCWE going forward.

My hope for 2022 is more members will renew and new members will come out and give Working Equitation a try. I believe it is the best cross training you can do with your horse. We know it is not an easy discipline to excel in. It takes work and dedication. In my opinion It takes a good partnership between you and your horse. Working Equitation helps build that partnership.

I invite you to come out and try it again, try it for the first time, or continue your journey with your horse. There are great clinics, schooling shows, and licensed shows this year. Check out the schedule in this newsletter, website and Facebook. Looking forward to seeing everyone this year!

All the best!

Chris

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We are very excited for our 2022 Show schedule, play dates and clinics. There are a lot of practice events available to ready everyone for the shows. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.



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## LICENSED SHOWS & CLINIC SCHEDULE 2022

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>4 Licensed Shows</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 23/24</b></p> <p><b>Nicole Chastain Price : Judge</b>  <b>Circle Star Arena</b>  <b>16191 County Rd 17</b>  <b>Platteville 80651</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 27/28</b></p> <p><b>Doreen Atkinson: Judge</b>  <b>Circle Star Arena</b>  <b>16191 County Rd 17</b>  <b>Platteville 80651</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Schooling Shows</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 23 Saturday</b></p> <p><b>Kitty McLaughlin: Judge</b>  <b>Hobby Horse Farms</b>  <b>5220 County Rd 20</b>  <b>Longmont 80504</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 18 Saturday &amp;</b>  <b>September 24 Saturday</b></p> <p><b>Kitty McLaughlin: Judge</b>  <b>Circle Star Arena</b>  <b>16191 County Rd 17</b>  <b>Platteville 80651</b></p>
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Clinics

**1/29 Intro Clinic @ Hobby Horse Farms - Private for HH**  
**Up Your Game Series (3) Circle Star Arena 3/26 - 4/16 - 5/14**  
**May 6/7 Fleurting Rose Ranch Payton**  
**July 8/9 Steamboat Springs**  
**3/27 - 8/13 WE Clinics CH Equine Brighton**

**Many More Clinics and Play-Days To Come**  
**Stay Tuned - Flyers Will Be Posted Before Each Event**



## **MEMBERSHIP**

Hello, High Country Working Equitation Members

Please join us! Show season will be here before you know it! Even if you don't show, there will be activities for you to ride and enjoy. Check the event schedule and membership flyer and forms at [Membership \(highcountryworkingequitation.com\)](http://Membership(highcountryworkingequitation.com)) for more information. The flyer will tell you how to pay and where to send your membership form.

NEW MEMBERS WILL PAY \$50 AND \$75 FOR FAMILIES.

I personally want to talk to those who are thinking they would like to give Working Equitation a try. HCWE welcomes you to our HCWE family and that's how we think of our members. **It doesn't matter the type of horse you ride or the disciplines you have tried, come, and join us in this multi-faceted, fun way of collaborating with your horse.**

Here is what High Country Working Equitation is offering our returning members and new members:

A Welcoming Atmosphere – Comradery

B-Rated Shows

Schooling Shows

Educational Clinics, Playdays, Up Your Game Clinics.

A Quarterly Newsletter.

Most of all, you get to have fun and learn with your horse.

**ATTENTION:** The two National Working Equitation Organizations have merged into one. Under the name USAWE. The links to the renewal form will be listed below. These links will take you directly to USAWE website. There you can get your National membership and register your WE competition horses. In order to compete in B-Rated Rated licensed USAWE shows you and your horse must have USAWE membership and recording numbers. If your horse was already registered through WE United, the registration will transfer over to USAWE. You can check the horse recordings on the USAWE website.

USAWE Membership form and USAWE Horse Recording Form – <https://usawe.org/membership/>

Thank you all!

Kitty McLaughlin - HCWE Board Membership Chairman



## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Samantha Winsett**

### ***How did you first learn about Working Equitation and what attracted you to the sport?***

I was showing on the Morgan circuit and was getting a bit bored with going around in circles. So were my horses. The horses loved the challenge of the obstacles and the different phases at the shows. We all fell in love with the sport immediately.

### ***Prior to Working Equitation what other riding disciplines were you, or are you still, interested in?***

I had been competing on the Morgan circuit since I was 8 years old in hunter and western equitation and pleasure. My horse Rookie was region champion numerous times and we competed at the national level as well. Rookie and I made the top ten at nationals in western equitation. Rookie was 6 when he became part of our family, and we grew up together in the horse show world. After I moved out of the junior exhibitor level into amateur, I rode a few other horses, and my mom moved from horse show mom to competitor with Rookie. Everyone might remember me with Emerald. My very fiery mare that also loved working equitation.

### ***What are some of your goals with Working Equitation (e.g., showing, improve your dressage, fun for you and/or your horse)?***

I just love the sport and want to improve in every aspect. I'm currently finishing up school, so have been out of the circuit for the past year. I hope to get back into riding once I graduate.

### ***What are some of your earliest memories of working with horses?***

My mom got me involved in horse riding very early. I was so little, and my legs were so short the instructors didn't have stirrups that would fit me. I rode the first couple of years without stirrups on the saddle at all. I guess that has really helped me in bareback riding.

### ***Tell us about your horse (e.g., breed, age, personality, training, how long you've had a partnership).***

Rookie has been my constant and solid rock. We started riding together when he was 6 and I was 8. He is a Morgan and is crazy versatile. He is now 27 and still loves the sport. He now is taking care of my mom. I had numerous Morgans throughout the years, although my true challenge and love was Emerald. We lost her the end of 2020, although working equitation turned her around as she loved the sport, and we both learned and became an awesome partnership together. We had Emerald for 10 years.

### ***Tell us something about yourself that most people might not know.***

I currently am living in California completing my Pathology Assistant Degree. I will be complete in September of 2022. I hope to come back to Colorado, although wherever I end up, I will be involved with horses and Working Equitation.



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Please check out our website for current information on any upcoming events at [www.highcountryworkingequitation.com](http://www.highcountryworkingequitation.com)



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## **SPONSORSHIP**

If you would like to be a HCWE sponsor, it's never too late! Please visit our website, click on the Sponsors menu option, and download the form. Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Please be sure to support our sponsors. You can find links to their websites on our sponsorship page:

<https://www.highcountryworkingequitation.com/sponsors.html>



## CO HORSE RESCUE

How to Donate, Adopt, or Sponsor:

- Donate: CHR offer a wide variety of ways to support CHR including general donations, honorary gifts and memorials, and bequests. You can also sponsor a horse or donate a vehicle and/or other goods and services! For more information, visit our website at <https://chr.org/get-involved/>
- Adopt: At CHR, we pride ourselves in matching potential adopters with the horse that are right for them, that is why we utilize a Match Profile so we can get to know you! If you are looking to adopt, you can visit our website to view available horses and complete your match profile and from there, our staff will be in contact to review your profile, have a conversation about our horses, and go over next step processes! <https://chr.org/adoption/available-horses/>
- Sponsor a Horse: Our popular sponsorship program empowers you to direct your donation toward the care and feeding of a specific companion horse at CHR. You are also invited to come out for monthly grooming sessions with the horse you sponsor while they await their forever home. More info: <https://chr.org/get-involved/sponsor-a-horse/>

Horses available for adoption:



Charlotte is an older mustang mare who has plenty of miles left in her to give her adopter as a riding buddy. She prefers the trail to the arena but could do anything with the right person.



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Sweet Pea is ready to take her training in any direction! She has a great foundation of training, and just got back from spending a semester in the Right Horse training program at Colorado State University.



Rio is a new arrival at CHR and is sweet as can be. He is super personable and needs a person who is looking to finish him in his training. He has a great foundation of training as well and is actively in our training program at the rescue. This gelding is such a love on the ground, and just needs to find his right person!

Support horses in need by making a [life changing gift here](#). Thank you for helping us create a better world for horses.

**HCWE donated \$100 to this 501c3 organization to help with their mission.**