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HIGH COUNTRY WORKING EQUITATION

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2021 HCWE Show News

We've had a few shows already this year. May's schooling show was tons of fun. The weather was very threatening but went right by us with just a bit of wind. Everyone is really improving.

In June, HCWE hosted 2 B-Rated shows with Barbara Price as our judge. We had a total of 13 entries for the June show. All the riders did really well. There were some very excellent rides and both days ran very smoothly. The EOH courses were challenging without being overwhelming and Barbara Price was a wonderful judge. Olga Hendrickson was an awesome TD.

July 11th was a schooling show at Circle Star Arena. Again, we all learned a lot and had great weather and, of course, great people. Our schooling shows are schooling for every aspect of WE. Not only the competitors but the judges, scribes, TDs too. Lots of educational opportunities going on.

HCWE has several more shows coming up and would love to see you all there, both Rated shows and schooling shows.

Thank you to Gary and Kitty McLaughlin for sharing Circle Star Arena with all of us! You're the best!

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SHOW PICTURES





High Point - Check out the High-Point Standing on the HCWE Website

We have a B-Rated show in August with Doreen Atkinson, a schooling show in September, and a proposed B-Rated show in October with Jill Barron, all of which will count toward the High Point awards at the end of the year.

Here is the link for High-Point - <https://www.highcountryworkingequitation.com/show-results.html>

Look under show results!

COVID UPDATE

The High Country Working Equitation Board would like to reiterate that we take the nation's current COVID-19 challenge very seriously. With the area starting to relax in some requirements we still want everyone to remain safe. We've had several shows, and although the numbers were low, we still practiced safe guidelines. Now that things are somewhat getting back to normal, we would love to see you at the upcoming shows. Check out the schedule here, and on the High Country Working equitation website.

Stay safe everyone and hope to see everyone during this season!



SHOW SCHEDULE

Please join us for great friends, learning and an awesome time!

Here are the dates of upcoming shows and check out the flyer on the events section of.
[Events \(highcountryworkingequitation.com\)](http://highcountryworkingequitation.com)

August 21– B-Rated Show – Circle Star Arena, Platteville, CO

August 22 – Clinic with Doreen Doreen Atkinson – Circle Star Arena, Platteville, CO

September 11 – Schooling Show – Circle Star Arena, Platteville, CO

October 9-10 – B-Rated Show – Circle Star Arena, Platteville, CO

MEMBERSHIP

Hello, High Country Working Equitation Members

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

We practice all safety rules and are even offering a COVID RELIEF SIGN UP: \$25. AND \$37.50 FOR FAMILIES

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 working with your horse.**

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

A Welcoming Atmosphere – Comradery

7 B-Rated Shows

3 Schooling Shows



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Educational Clinics, Playdays, Ride a Course or Ride a test.
A Quarterly Newsletter.
Most of all, you get to have fun and learn with your horse.

ATTENTION: This year 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 to 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

Rules Committee extracted from USAWE NEWS. Keep up to date by checking out [USA Working Equitation | The National Organization of the sport of Working Equitation in the USA \(usawe.org\)](https://usawe.org/)

**USAWE Rules Committee Report
June 24, 2021**

Rule Change Announcement

The Rules committee has released Revision 4.1 to the U.S. Rules for Working Equitation to be incorporated immediately.

This rule change, dated 16 June 2021, allows a veterinarian and a farrier to be **on call** at A-rated and championship shows, eliminating the requirement for them to be **on site**.

The veterinarian will be required on site for initial inspections only. B-rated shows, which constitute 95 percent of our show roster, have been operating without problem under this rule.

The timing for this rule change was necessary to support the organizers of the



regional championship shows this year.

Incorporating this change reduces the cost to show organizers by an estimated \$5000 for each show. Lower show costs translate directly to lower entry fees, which benefit our members as well.

The [change pages for revision 4.1](#) are included separately on the rules page of the website (USAWE.org/Competitions/Rules and Dressage Tests) to enable easy replacement of the affected pages in revision 4.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Karen Burch

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

I first learned of WE in 2013, from a friend in Maryland. It looked like so much fun and I thought it would really help my relationship with Ashke. I saw a FB post on a Nuno Matos clinic at PVF and signed up. We were nowhere near ready for a clinic of that caliber and it was the first clinic I had ever taken, so it was a challenge. That was when I met Chris for the first time, and Leslie as well. From there I participated in the Horse Expo in 2014, and again in 2015. In 2015, HCWE was started and I was one of the first to join. The rest is history.

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

When I was younger, I rode in 4-H until I was 17, and then I rode with a girl's posse at rodeos and in competition until I turned 18. I moved to SoCal in 1983 and spent some time teaching young Arabians how to stand for grooming, have their feet messed with, and lead nicely at the end of the rope. When I moved to Colorado, I catch rode for several people, mostly working the kinks out of horses that were a little fresh for their owners. The majority of my riding as an adult was purely trail riding. Prior to 2012, when I brought Ashke home, I had not ridden in 20 years.

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

My current short-term goal is to earn my silver medal in WE. My mid-term goal is to ride at the L5 Intermediate B one-handed as prep for the Advanced level. My long-term goal is to earn my Gold Medal. We focus on the dressage and use the EOH as a practical application of the dressage work. It keeps Ashke from being bored, because a bored Ashke is a mischievous Ashke.

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

I can remember riding behind my mother at the age of three or so. I was six when I remember a trail ride we made to the Shoshone Reservation and then racing the horses home. We came around the corner all three horses abreast - me on behind my mom, my brother clinging like a



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monkey behind my uncle, and my littlest sister (2 at the time) held in front of my father - as we raced toward the cattle guard crossing in the middle of the road. There was a small gate to the right of the crossing, barely wide enough for one horse. My mom and uncle both hit that opening at the same time, wood shattering and flying around us. I remember turning my head and watching the big rawboned thoroughbred my father was riding, lengthen her stride and sail over the cattle guard. They won.

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

Ashke is a straight Egyptian Arabian who became mine Dec 2011, and I brought him home from Texas March 31, 2012. He was an unbroke seven-year-old and needed some significant care. We spent our time from 2012 until 2016 strengthening and conditioning him by trail riding all of the trails along the front range. I started dressage lessons in 2016 and the dressage has helped him gain strength and wisdom and given me what I need to be a better partner for him. He is Loki in horse form and as long as I remember my partner is a trickster, not out of spite but because he has a strong sense of humor, and meet his antics with laughter instead of anger, we do very well together. He gave me two great efforts at our B-Rated show in June and I look forward to seeing how well he does in August.

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

I am very much an introvert who has taught herself to be comfortable in public with groups of people.



Please check out our website for current information on any upcoming events at www.highcountryworkingequitation.com



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

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

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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



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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.



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.



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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.