

SNHSA's Vision: To bring the joy of horse sports to as many people as possible.



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## Message from the President

### **Welcome to Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association!**

*As we prepare to start a new year of horse showing, I am thrilled to share with you all of the exciting plans we have for the future.*

*First, I would like to tell you about the **SNHSA Strategic Planning Day** that the Board held at the end of March. There, we were able to start the day with getting back to our roots of why we all started riding horses to begin with. It was amazing to hear everyone's stories, and for each board member, it all started with the love of horses. We looked back with gratitude for the great horseman who had the vision to create SNHSA and laid a foundation that we can build on now, as the sport asks more of us. We look ahead to the **US Equestrian and USHJA**, the opportunities they create, and we now make it our goal to create new opportunities as well. It was with that in mind that we went to work on an exciting new vision, with programs and plans for 2017 and beyond. We have made the decision to align ourselves with the **US Equestrian**, and adopt their Vision to "Bring the joy of horse sports to as many people as possible", their Mission, The Sportsman's Charter, and their Core Values. The love of horses, and the passion for the sport is what drives us, so you will see this take shape throughout the year with a new focus on education and horsemanship.*

*We have created a **Member Education and Opportunities Committee** that will be the umbrella under which the **Youth Committee** will continue to grow, and we are looking forward to joining forces with amateur riders within the Education Committee to create a **Mentor Program**. We will also update the format of the SNHSA Newsletter and Website to elevate the content with inspirational stories, educational pieces, and examples of horsemanship, sportsmanship and the like.*

*We want to welcome all levels of riders to experience SNHSA and promote the sport with those just starting out so we have added a new **Walk-Trot Division** to our list of sanctioned classes.*

*Hunter derbies have become very popular in our sport so we have added **Handy Hunters** as a class option to some of our Hunter divisions in an effort to promote the knowledge and understanding of how to ride a "Handy Round."*

*In a sport that does not have many "team" competitions, we have established the **SNHSA Challenge Cup for Jumper riders**, where they will partner with other riders and horses to create teams for this **Prix de Nations** competition format that will take place on our new **SNHSA Jumper Benefit Horse Show weekend**. This is on the calendar just a few weekends after our **Hunter and Equitation Benefit Horse Show weekend** that also hosts both of the **SNHSA Medal Finals** and we are looking forward to having two weekends dedicated to some exciting competition.*

*I hope that as you continue to experience our changes that you will become inspired to participate in new ways, both in and out of the saddle. I am proud of the equestrian community that we live in, and I look forward to an amazing 2017 season!*

## EXCITING NEW CHANGES FOR SNHSA MEMBERS!

### **2017 SNHSA Rule Book changes**

Changes and revisions are currently being made to the SNHSA Rule Book, and the 2017 SNHSA Rule Book will be available on the SNHSA.org website in the near future. Last year's Rule Book is currently available on the website. The following is a summary of all of the changes and additions that have been approved by the Board up to this point. Several more items will be added, but for now, we offer these.

#### **Summary of changes:**

- 1) Adoption of US Equestrian's Vision, Mission, Sportsman's Charter and Core Values
- 2) Addition of a new division, Walk-Trot
- 3) Criteria for Walk-Trot year-end points
- 4) Added specs to Special Hunters, Modified Child/Adult Hunters, Low Working Hunters, Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters, Modified Open Hunters and Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters.
- 5) A change of the Competition year
- 6) Addition and distinction between Competition and Advocate Membership types
- 7) A change in Non-Member Fees
- 8) A change in number of classes that Horse Show Managers must offer at a show

**Click on this link to see each new rule change:  
[2017 Rule Book Changes and Amendments](#)**

## SNHSA DIVISION & PROGRAM SPONSORS NEEDED!

### **SNHSA Sponsorships Available**

Division and program sponsorships are still available for the following:

- Pre-Training Jumpers
- SNHSA JR/AM Medal
- High School Challenge
- Middle School Challenge
- Academic Excellence/Honor Society



Contact any of the following Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee members for more information or to pledge a sponsorship:

- Leslie Biederman at 530-448-1561
- Natalie Davidson at 775-560-1468
- Sara Hartman at 775-354-5401
- Felise Canterini at 512-415-3352

Download the [2017 Sponsorship Form](#)

## QUICK LINKS *(Links also available on [www.SNHSA.org](http://www.SNHSA.org))*



***Happening now!*** April 14-16 Greg Best Clinic  
at Pair of Aces Stables  
2150 Greentree Lane, Reno  
Contact Liz Reader (775) 220-2270

***1st show of the season!*** [5/6/17 Franktown Meadows Horse Show](#)

[5/20/17 Brownlee Equestrian Horse Show](#)

[May 27-28 Susan Hutchinson Clinic](#)  
at Brownlee Equestrian  
1115 N. Cantlon Lane, Reno  
Contact Wendy Brownlee (775) 997-2221

[6/17/17 Brownlee Equestrian Horse Show](#)

[June 24-25 Franktown Meadows 8th annual Hunter Derby](#)  
[FMHD Entry Form](#)

[2017 SNHSA Show Calendar](#)

[2016 SNHSA Rule Book](#)

2017 SNHSA Rule Book (not available, currently working on updates)

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## ~ SNHSA BARN NEWS ~

Barn News will become a different feature in the next issue of the SNHSA e-newsletter. More later, but the news submission deadline will be the 15th of each month, with the newsletter publishing by the end of each month.

### Maplewood Stables

**Julie Winkel**

425 W. Laramie Drive, Reno

775-849-1849

[www.mwstables.com](http://www.mwstables.com)



Karen Dearthmont &  
Annie Up

Twenty horses and riders represented **Maplewood** at the Northern Winter Classics, Mar. 1-5, and at Paso Robles Horse Show, Mar. 8-12. Bringing home many blue ribbons and show reserves and championships were **Karen Dearthmont & Annie Up, Jillian Shaw & Ominous, Susan Buntyn & Osilvana, Robin Mercer & Fergie, Juliet Hekemian & Black Star, Jersey Hekemian & Outspoken, Andrew Jayne & Onyx/Candy's Gone, Mia Vilario & Dardam Q, Julie Von Hennig's Osogrand & Cinnibon with Corinne Shaw riding, and Tricia Booker & Carma.**

**Kevin Winkel** won the \$10,000 Open Welcome Stake on **Osophia** and also won the \$24,000 Grand Prix on Optical Illusion at Northern Winter Classics! At Paso Robles, Kevin won the \$5,000 Open Welcome on **Optical Illusion**. Kevin won the \$20,000 Grand Prix on **Osophia**, was 3rd on **Cartel**, and **Andrew Jayne** was 7th on **Georgia Brown's Onyx**. Congratulations!



Kevin Winkel &  
Osophia

Andrew Jayne, Kevin and Julie Winkel had a great time at the World Cup Finals in Omaha, NE Mar. 30-April 2.

## **Vision Quest One**

***Sue Leep***

**90 Steptoe Lane, New Washoe City**

**708-404-4336**

**[www.visionquestone.com](http://www.visionquestone.com)**

We have returned from a successful winter circuit in Coachella, Calif. I would like to congratulate working student **Emily Rye** and her horse, **Midnight Dancer**, on their debut in the jumper ring. Ribbons were earned, and a knowledgeable understanding of course walking and strategy were achieved.

We also enjoyed representing several quality sale horses throughout the season.

Currently we are planning our local and NorCal schedule for the year, and are looking forward to new sale and lease horses that will be arriving shortly. For those of you who are independent and home boarded, we have openings for short-term training and ship-in lessons to get ready for summer. Give me a call for further information.



Emily Rye & Midnight Dancer

## **Balance Point Training**

***Juci Somogyi***

**2955 Rhodes Road, Reno**

**775-233-6274**

**[balancepointtraining.com](http://balancepointtraining.com)**

We are so excited for a change of seasons and for our wonderful local show circuit to get under way!

This winter proved to be a challenging one, although we are grateful all the precipitation, we look forward to the change of season!

On the education front Juci just returned from Salmon Arm, Canada where she attended the Coaches Short Course. The instructors, Andrew and Manuela McLean, believe "it is every horse-person's responsibility to understand the horse as completely as possible. Evidence-based horse training is our way to protect the welfare of the horse." Their approach is based on the science of ethology (natural behaviors), cognition (an animal's mental abilities), learning theory (learning processes), biomechanics (movement characteristics) and the current goals of training in all disciplines. This system of horse training fully embraces a scientific approach to arrive at training goals focusing on a logical connection between your light aids and the desired behavior in horses. There must be a predictability in our aids to make our horses mentally secure and this system aims to make things as easy and clear for the horses as possible.

Juci was honored to be accepted into this course and was thrilled by the opportunity to work with these incredibly accomplished and genuinely kind horse trainers as well as all the coaches in attendance. It's another piece of the puzzle when heading down the road of training horses.

We can never stop learning when it comes to the good of the horse.

## **Breakaway Farms at Franktown Meadows**

***Ashlin Bowen, trainer/Lynne Garnett, owner***

**4200 Old US Hwy 395 N., Carson City**

**775-722-4261**

**[www.franktownmeadows.com](http://www.franktownmeadows.com)**

Preparation for this year's **Franktown Meadows Hunter Derby** began with the wonderful news that our derby was voted one of the top six hunter derbies in the country by the **National Show Hunter Hall of Fame**. Our entire community should be proud of this accomplishment, especially considering the short time this event has existed. Continuing with this positive news, we are excited to announce that the weekend's festivities are growing to include another charitable benefactor. **JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)**, as well as the **Food Bank of Northern Nevada**, will be the deserving recipients of this year's proceeds.

More event updates include: **Land Rover of Reno** is the presenting sponsor of the **\$30,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby**, while the **Carson Valley Inn** is the presenting sponsor of the **\$10,000 Franktown Meadows 3' Hunter Derby**. Both Breakaway Farms and Cheval Farms have renewed their support, with **Breakaway Farms sponsoring the \$1,000 Welcome Stake**, and **Cheval Farms continuing the \$2,500 Jr/Am High Score Award of the 3' Hunter Derby**. As always, we thank our growing list of local businesses and individuals who have supported this event from the beginning. We so appreciate your continued support in 2017.

Further information including tickets, sponsorship, prize list and entry form can be found at: [www.FMHunterDerby.com](http://www.FMHunterDerby.com)

[www.SNHSA.org](http://www.SNHSA.org)



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