

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



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### **Message from the President**

*As 2019 draws to a close, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a wonderful Holiday season and a happy and successful New Year.*

*I want to personally thank you to all of you for a fantastic year, from the first show of the season in May to the Bernie Traurig clinic this December and everything in between. It has been my pleasure to watch SNHSA members enjoying their horses, forging new friendships and embracing the sport throughout the year.*

*The SNHSA board is working hard on the details for January's Year-End Awards Banquet and I would like to congratulate all of our 2019 Year-End Award winners. Don't forget that the banquet will feature a raffle for members who have filled out any of our surveys this year - so if you haven't yet completed yours now is the time to do so!*

*I would also like to remind all of our members that your nominations for the 2019 Ricky Evans Sportsmanship Trophy can be sent to SNHSA (email to [Fall4apirate@gmail.com](mailto:Fall4apirate@gmail.com)). This trophy recognizes an individual who exemplifies high-quality horsemanship, sportsmanship and integrity in our sport, and any SNHSA member may nominate another member for the award.*

*Please remember to take the time to enjoy the moments you spend with your family, friends and loved ones over the Holidays, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!*

*~ Liz ~*

### **Nominations sought for the Ricky Evans Sportsmanship Award Deadline: Dec. 31**

#### **Ricky Evans Sportsmanship Award**

*In 2014, SNHSA started the tradition of recognizing an SNHSA member, whether junior, amateur or professional, who exemplifies high-quality horsemanship, sportsmanship and integrity in our sport. The second honoree, in 2015, was Shelley Evans and to carry forward the legacy, she donated the perpetual trophy to SNHSA in 2016 to honor all of the great horsemanship, sportsmanship and friendships within our association.*

*For those who might not know, Reno lost two of its "greats" in 2018... Shelley moved out of state to pursue another career opportunity and to be closer to family; and sadly, her beloved horse, Ricky, died that year after an unexpected accident.*

*When riding Ricky, Shelley always had a contagious smile. She was instrumental in bringing joy and friendship to our equestrian community and such an amazing role model for all of us. With that sentiment in our hearts, the Board of Directors decided to rename this trophy, the Ricky Evans Sportsmanship Trophy, to honor of them both. Thank you, Shelley and Ricky for shining your light on our equestrian community.*

*ANY SNHSA member may nominate a fellow member for consideration of the Ricky Evans Sportsmanship Trophy by submitting a nomination letter. The nomination should name the person and*

provide examples of why they believe that person deserves to be awarded the Sportsmanship trophy award.

Nominations are due by **Dec. 31 to Christina Brennan**, a new Board member, at [Fall4aPirate@gmail.com](mailto:Fall4aPirate@gmail.com). The Board will then discuss and vote on who to honor with the 2019 trophy.

Past awardees:

- 2018 - Julianna Osmetti
- 2017 - Leslie Biederman
- 2016 - Wendy Brownlee
- 2015 - Shelley Evans
- 2014 - Adrianna Osmetti

~ Dec. 31 is the DEADLINE to Tell Us What YOU THINK! ~

## WIN FREE CLASSES AT 2020 BENEFIT SHOWS BY TELLING US WHAT YOU THINK!

There are two surveys: SNHSA Show Evaluation 2 and SNHSA General Satisfaction. At the 2019 Year-End Awards Banquet, Jan. 25, 2020, three lucky people will each win 3 FREE classes at SNHSA 2020 Hunter-Jumper-Equitation Benefit shows for filling out at least one of our SNHSA Surveys! The more Show Evaluation surveys completed, the better your chance at winning, as each completed Show Evaluation Survey provides one raffle chance. With 12 scheduled shows for the 2019 season, each person could earn 12 raffle chances from show evaluations. A completed General Satisfaction Survey will also earn a person one chance. In all, 13 total chances can be earned!

**Surveys must be completed by Dec. 31, 2019 to be considered for the raffle.**

*So far, 20 members have filled out 53 surveys!*

Find the surveys on our website, [www.snhsa.org](http://www.snhsa.org) or click on the links below. All feedback is requested, whether positive or negative. Your responses will be shared with the board to assist in future planning, however, your contact information will not be shared with show managers or Board members if you check the box for anonymity. We request your name and a valid email address on the survey, but, the SNHSA secretary is the only person who will have the contact information.

Show Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T6ZBF5>

General Satisfaction Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VJSWXXJ>

~ Buy an Ad in the Year-End Program ~

## Year-End Awards Program ads

This year we will be selling ad space for advertising your business, extending congratulations to your horse, rider, barn, trainer, parents.... whatever you might wish to do with your space! Ad prices/sizes are as follows:

Full Page ad	(7.9" H x 4.9" W)	\$75
Half Page ad	(3.87" H x 4.9" W)	\$50
Quarter Page ad	(1.95" W x 4.9" W)	\$25

Please complete the attached form and send your high resolution COMPLETED PDF ad ALREADY PREPARED (logos, wording, fonts, and general formatting all done) to Susan Howe, [susanhowe@gmail.com](mailto:susanhowe@gmail.com), with the attached Banquet Program Ad form.

If you need someone to format the ad, it will be an additional expense - please contact Susan for details.

Deadline for ads:  
**FRIDAY, JAN. 10**

[2019 Year-End Awards Program ad form](#)

**SNHSA was represented at the  
AON/USHJA National Championships  
Nov. 11-17, 2019**



SNHSA riders who attended the USHJA Nationals

SNHSA sponsored six riders to attend the USHJA Nationals as Affiliate member qualifiers. The event was held at South Point Arena and Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, Nov. 11-17.

**USHSA Affiliate Hunter 2'**

Alessandra Smit and Pot of Gold (Trainer - Liz Reader)  
Abby Paulson and Rivanna Warrior (Trainer - Annelise Appleseth)  
Avery Ortiz and Call Me Maeby (Trainer - Annelise Appleseth)

**USHJA Affiliate Hunter 2'6"**

Jenna McAmis and Allegro BF (Trainer - Liz Reader)  
Ashley Myers and Gone At Dawn (Trainer - Liz Reader)  
Julia Hansen and In the Mist (Trainer - Wendy Brownlee)  
Laura Ann Moore and Lucca (alternate, Trainer - Sarah Mullins)

Here are some quotes from riders, trainers and parents who went to Nationals this year, representing SNHSA.

*This season, my daughter, Julia Hansen, had the opportunity to qualify as an Affiliate competitor for the USHJA Nationals in Las Vegas. This was an incredible opportunity that neither of us will forget anytime soon. She was able to set the goal of qualifying early on and she worked towards her goal all season, but her hard work didn't stop there; as soon as she qualified, she raised the bar on her own and continued to work towards her goal.*

*Once we were in Vegas her nerves crept up as she realized the quality of the elite group of riders she was joining, but she was able to reflect on her hard work throughout the season and how far she and Misty had come as a team. We so enjoyed being part of the "Reno Team" in Vegas, the atmosphere was truly one of mutual support and encouragement. We were able to meet other riders from Reno and I was so happy as a parent to see her confidence grow and her spirit shine.*

*We had so much fun, Julia is already setting her sights for next year. I'm so proud of her hard work and dedication, most of all she overcame her own anxiety and doubts to compete to the best of her abilities, and I know this confidence will carry over to any goal she may set for herself in the future. Thank you to her trainer, Wendy Brownlee, for seeing her potential and thank you SNHSA, from the bottom of my heart! ~ Julia's mom, Mindy*

*The riders of Ironwood Events Center (Avery Ortiz and Abby Paulson) would like to thank SNHSA for believing in them and supporting them at USHJA Nationals. We enjoyed the support and camaraderie that the SNHSA team showed. ~ Annelise Appleseeth*



Julia Hansen and In The Mist



Abby Paulson and Rivanna  
Warrior



Avery Ortiz and Call Me Maebly

*The show in Vegas was so much fun and I am so grateful to have been able to attend! The experience was very valuable for both me and my horse. It's always a blast getting to explore the city with my barn mates as well! ~ Laura-Ann Moore*

*The Vegas show is unlike any other show I've been to! Showing in indoor arenas is so different. I love that there is so much to do outside of the show as it's a big city. Riding in the South Point arena is really cool! ~ McKenna Owen, who also competed at Nationals*



Laura Ann Moore and Lucca



Laura Ann and McKenna Owen  
on Espoir d'Usance RW

## ~ 2019 Bernie Traurig Clinic ~ Sponsored by the SNHSA Junior Ambassadors



Bernie Traurig

### Bernie Traurig Clinic Dec. 7-8, 2019

The 2019 Bernie Traurig Clinic was a successful Clinic with 18 horse/riders in the clinic and 8 rider/horse combinations taking a private lesson on Friday.

Saturday night's dinner and Q&A session with Bernie Traurig, hosted by Julie Winkel at Maplewood Stables, was attended by 25.

#### **Contributed by Wendy Brownlee**

*We really lucked out this year and had beautiful weather for the Bernie Clinic. It was much warmer than last year.*

*Bernie started each group with a tack check and discussion about the importance of proper fitted tack and stirrup length. He started all the groups in a 2-point to let the horses' back' warm up in the cold weather.*

*He stressed a lot about the importance of poles and cavaletti exercises to work to develop your eye without too much concussion on your horse's body.*

**Day 1** - The earlier groups worked on the basics of track and pace. The last few groups worked on handy turns, transitions before and after jumps, counter-cantering jumps, proper transitions halting and backing.

**Day 2** - Course day. Groups 1 & 2, consisting of **Niya Kuhns, Pam Emmerich Alessandra Smit, Katie Caldwell, Jenna McAmis, Lisa Trujillo, Jolie Paddock, Cadence Lacroix and Hailey Childers**, did a basic hunter course with lines set at straight forward distances between the jumps, with some added strides.



Groups 3 & 4 worked on bending lines and using the track and pace to change the number of strides between the jumps. Group 3, **Chrysann Collatos, Maeve Delaney, Kate Kassity and Wendy Brownlee**, started with a 5-stride set 3' long, left to a bending half stride 5 or 6 right across the diagonal, to a short stride across the diagonal, to an easy two-stride, left to another bending line set long and you could choose six or seven strides, then right to a long galloping oxer.

Group 4, **McKenna Owen, Sierra Giesler, Jason Fish, Megan Feulner and Tiffany McCormack**, had the same course but he added a liver pool, hogs back and changed the short four-stride to two-stride to a combination of four jumps set as a two stride to a one stride to a two stride. They worked on finished with a timed Jump Off.

The top 6 performing Junior Ambassadors in 2019 were **Niya Kuhns, Katie Caldwell, Cadence Lacroix, Hailey Childers, Jenna McAmis and Jolie Paddock**. They worked throughout the season, attending educational unmounted clinics, completing a work-study program and a horsemanship exam and earned fully sponsored rides in this year's clinic, thanks to the generous USHJA Grant and Julie Winkel.



Katie Caldwell\_ Hailey Childers and Cadence Lacroix with Bernie

Photos courtesy of Liz Lacroix Fine Art Photography



Upcoming Meetings, Events, Clinics & Quick Links  
(Links also available on [www.SNHSA.org](http://www.SNHSA.org))

***Save your dates!***  
**SNHSA 2020 SHOW SEASON CALENDAR**

(draft as of 11/22/19)

**SNHSA Upcoming Events!**

**Jan. 10.....SNHSA Board Meeting**, at University of Nevada, Reno Extension, 4955 Energy Way, at 8:30 a.m. to 13 a.m. If interested in attending, contact Susan at [susanhowe@gmail.com](mailto:susanhowe@gmail.com) or Liz at [snhsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:snhsa.president@gmail.com).

**Mar. 21-22.....Diane Carney Clinic**  
at Franktown Meadows Equestrian Facility  
**Flyer**

**Quick Links**

**Registration form for Year-End Banquet (Pre-register by Jan. 15)**  
**2019 SNHSA FINAL SEASON Points OFFICIAL YEAR-END STANDINGS**  
**2019 SNHSA Rule Book and By Laws**  
**2019 SNHSA Rule Book Changes and Amendments**  
**2020 SNHSA Membership Form (NEW!)**

~ **SNHSA Tack Sale Donations Needed!** ~

**SNHSA needs tack, clothes or decor**



**DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**SNHSA** is participating in the annual 4-H tack sale and needs donations of new and gently used tack and horse related items! **All proceeds go to the SNHSA juniors and local 4-H clubs!** Contact Liz Lacroix for drop off information. All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions please message **SNHSA** on FB or call **Liz at 775-781-9617**



## ~ SNHSA Barn News ~



Sunset at our new location!

### Pair of Aces Stables

**Liz Reader**

Holcomb Ranch Road, South Reno

775-220-2270

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

**Pair of Aces Stables** has been busy this fall, with the move to our new facility well underway! As the year draws to a close the property is almost ready for the horses to move in, and we are so excited to start 2020 at our new barn! Look for us at the Silver Circle Ranch, located in South Reno on Holcomb Ranch Lane. Situated on over 12 acres, we can now offer an even higher standard of care for our equine partners, and for our

owners and riders!

Our 2019 show season came to an end with many wins and high ribbons at the Let's Show Halloween Show in October, and with a wonderful week at the USHJA Nationals Competition in Las Vegas. We would like to congratulate not just our riders, but all 7 of the riders representing SNHSA in the Affiliate Hunter divisions on their quality rounds and good show!

We would also like to congratulate all of our SNHSA Year-End Awards winners, **Landess, Felise, Jolie, Jenna, Cynthia, Liz, Ashley, Carly, Ally, Chanlee and Lonnie**. Combined, they brought home 23 year-end awards in 15 different divisions in 2019!

Have an incredibly Holiday season, and we will see you all in 2020!



Ashley Myers, Alessandra Smit and Jenna McAmis at USHJA Nationals



Margaret McEwen

### Brownlee Equestrian

**Wendy Brownlee**

1115 North Canton Lane, Reno

775-997-9221

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

We would like to welcome **Margaret McEwen** and **Leah Snowden** to our staff. Born and raised in San Diego Ca., Margaret worked for several years with Dale Harvey before then taking over his business at Del Mar Horse Park for 15 years, specializing in Hunters, Jumpers and Equitation. In addition, she also maintained a riding school that excelled in all levels and special needs for all ages as goals. Margaret

is very successful in European imports and sales and has had many horses that have competed and won on the top A show circuits.

**Leah Snowden** grew up in Kentucky riding hunter/ jumper, three-day eventing, Fox Hunting, Polo and Pony Club through A rating and has competed through the FEI level. She loves training young horses through the levels and has extensive knowledge and 30 years' experience in all aspects in the equine industry.

We are proud to announce our facility is under new ownership and management. They are hard at work to get the place spruced up for our two-day May show. We will feature Hunters on Day 1, with Division Championships with a Hunter Derby at the end of the day and Jumpers Day 2, also with Division Championships!



Leah Snowden



McKenna Owen and Espoir d'Usance RW

## Meadow View Farms

Lynn and Sarah Mullins  
2600 Rhodes Road, Reno  
775-745-2753 or 775-830-8979  
[www.meadowviewfarms.biz](http://www.meadowviewfarms.biz)

Meadow View Farms had a busy Fall season! Welcome to **Brogan Doolan** and her horse, **Johnny**, and to **Grace Gerberry** and her horse, **Lance!** We are excited to have you join our barn family!

Also, welcome to **Bobby Malmrose** and his horse, **Steel Drive**, and congratulations on the purchase of his new horse Dream from

Stal Wilton. We can't wait until he arrives in the U.S.!

We went to the Silicon Valley Equestrian Festival in Woodside and had a great show. Congrats to **McKenna Owen and Espoir d'Usance RW**...they were Champions in the 15-17 Equitation Division, won the CPHA Jr. Medal, 2nd in the NorCal Jr. Medal, and 3rd in the Dover USEF Medal. McKenna and G Star RW were Reserve Champions in the Low Child/Adult Jumpers, 2nd in the Hygain Classic, 2nd in the EMO/USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and 5th in the \$2,000 Open Eq. Challenge!

**Leslie Biederman and Udo** had several great rounds and were 2nd, 3rd, and 5th in the 18 & Over Equitation Division!

We had a great 2 weeks at Murieta Equestrian Center at the Sacramento International shows. During the Welcome Week, **Laura-Ann Moore and Lucca** won the Pre Child/Adult Hunter Classic and were 4th in the CPHA Horsemanship Medal.

**McKenna and Espoir d'Usance RW** were Champions in the 15-17 Equitation Division, won top ribbons in the Junior Hunters and 4th in the Classic, and 3rd in the NorCal Medal!



Laura Ann Moore and Lucca



McKenna and G Star RW

**McKenna and G Star RW** were Reserve Champions in the Low Child/Adult Jumpers and won the Classic, 2nd in the CPHA Style of Riding, and 3rd in the EMO/USHJA Jumping Seat Medal.

The International week was so much fun and a huge success...**McKenna and G Star RW** moved up to the Children's Jumpers, and **McKenna and Espoir d'Usance RW** had an amazing show... they were Champions in the 15-17 Equitation Division winning all 3 classes, they were Reserve Champions in the Junior Hunters and 3rd in the Classic, and they were the Overall Grand Junior Hunter Champions for the series!

## ~ 2019 SPONSORSHIPS ~

### 2019 SNHSA SPONSORSHIPS

SNHSA sponsors are the life-blood of our organization, and we are looking for YOU! Please consider sponsoring a division this year! Sponsorships start at \$250.

[2019 SNHSA Division Sponsorship Form](#)

The Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association (SNHSA) is an organization that promotes quality schooling and related equestrian competitions in Northern Nevada. In order to continue with this mission, the organization is seeks sponsors for 27 sanctioned divisions, Medals and Junior Ambassador-sponsored programs. By becoming a sponsor, you and/or your business will receive numerous marketing benefits throughout the show season in the form of public announcements, banner placement opportunities at sanctioned events, and logo placement in the monthly newsletter depending upon the Sponsorship level chosen.

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