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Message from the President



Hello Members!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful spring weather, and I know many of you are excited to get the show season kicked off! The SNHSA calendar features many upcoming clinics and shows and I am excited to see you all out there. Coach Daniel Stewart is in town Mar. 28-29 to help riders with their mental game, Kelli Jackson will be hosting a lunch and learn educational clinic about bits, bridles and their impact on our horse's whole bodies on April 11 – this Lunch and Learn clinic is free to SNHSA members!

I hope that you will join us on April 20 at Roller Kingdom for the SNHSA skating night, and of course, the first show of the year is just around the corner at Pair of Aces Stables on April 25-26!

As a reminder now is a great time to get your SNHSA memberships up to date, mark your 2026 calendar with this season's SNHSA events, and get ready to have some fun!

Read on for full details on upcoming events, rule changes, Nationals Declaration of Intent and more!

*See you all soon,
~ Liz*

2026 SNHSA Upcoming Shows and Events



[2026 SNHSA Show Season Calendar](#)

Upcoming:

- Mar. 28-29 "Equestrian Sport Psychology & Rider Fitness Event Clinic" with Coach Daniel Stewart
- Apr. 9-11 Biting Clinic with Keli Jackson at Pair of Aces
- Apr. 20 SNHSA Skate Night at Roller Kingdom
- Apr. 25-26 Pair of Aces Spring Horse Show
- May 2-3 Rosemary Meadows Premier

Audit the Equestrian Sport Psychology & Rider Fitness Clinic Mar. 28-29

Pair of Aces invites you to attend as an Auditor at our upcoming Equestrian Sport Psychology & Rider Fitness Event, featuring Coach Daniel Stewart!

For nearly a decade, we have had the privilege of working with **Coach Stewart**, and his expertise has had a **profound impact on our program and riders**. His coaching techniques in **sport psychology, biomechanics, and rider fitness** have helped countless equestrians build confidence, overcome performance challenges, and improve their overall riding experience. Now, we are excited to once again bring his **world-class training and insights** to our community!

Why Attend as an Auditor?

- **Gain Insider Knowledge** – Watch Coach Daniel Stewart as he works with riders, breaking down real-time strategies you can apply to your own riding.
- **Master the Mental Game** – Learn proven techniques to overcome fear, show nerves, and self-doubt, and develop the confidence to perform at your best.
- **Improve Your Fitness & Biomechanics** – Understand how rider fitness and body control impact balance, strength, and communication with your horse.
- **Live Q&A and Book Signing** – Have the chance to ask questions directly to Coach Stewart and get a signed copy of his books on equestrian sport psychology and biomechanics.
- **No Horse Required** – Unlike riding participants, Auditors can attend stress-free and absorb **key takeaways** without being in the saddle.
- **Perfect for Everyone** – Whether you're a **rider, trainer, coach, parent, or equestrian enthusiast**, this event will **expand your knowledge and skills** in a fun and interactive way!
- **Complimentary Meals & Refreshments are provided to all auditors.**

[Daniel Stewart Clinic Flyer](#)
[AUDITORS CAN REGISTER HERE](#)

Bit and Bridle Fitting Clinic Apr. 9-11

The Bit & Bridle Fitting Clinic with Kelli Jackson is Apr. 9-11 Pair of Aces Stables at The Historic Silver Circle Ranch 3400 Holcomb Ranch Lane, Reno, 89511

Fittings are roughly 1 hour per horse and are individualized. The goal is the increased comfort of the horse and improved communication in their partnership.

Reach out to Liz Reader if you are interested in your own fitting.

[Bit and Bridle Fitting Flyer](#)



LUNCH & LEARN

APRIL 11TH AT 11:30

WITH KELLI JACKSON, MOODY MARE
REPRESENTATIVE
HOSTING THE PAIR OF ACES STABLES

WATCH

A live fitting and live fitting. Kelli will evaluate the horse's mouth, and work with the rider to find the right fit for the horse's mouth and communication issues. While the live fitting is in progress, we will have one participant on the fitting process.

LISTEN

After attending the live fitting, in the SNHSA hosted lunch and Q&A session, Kelli will answer questions and provide information on the fitting process.

LEARN MORE

The Lunch and Learn Class is free for SNHSA members, and \$5 for a former participant. The live fitting is free for all SNHSA members, and lunch with Q&A session is free for all SNHSA members.

To RSVP or to learn more, contact Liz Reader by email at liz@pairofacesstables.com.

If you are interested in signing up for you and your friend, please reach out to Liz for availability, until the end of April 9th.

Moody Mare Site and Bookstore
<http://moodymare.com>



Join the Lunch & Learn April 11
at Pair of Aces at the Historic Silver Circle Ranch
[3400 Holcomb Ranch Lane, Reno, 89511](http://3400HolcombRanchLane.com)

The Lunch & Learn on Apr. 11 at 11:30 am is **FREE to SNHSA members (\$15 for non-members)**.

A Live Fitting will be from 60-90 minutes, and lunch with a Q&A Session will follow immediately.

RSVP to Liz Reader at Liz@pairofacesstables.com

[Lunch & Learn Flyer](#)

Come Skate with Us! Apr. 20



Let's Go High Rollin' With SNHSA!
Bring your Friends and Family for a night of skating fun!

SNHSA Skate Night at Roller Kingdom
Monday, April 20, from 6-8 pm
[515 E. 7th St., Reno 89512](http://515E.7thSt.com)

Tickets to skate are \$8 per person

We'll also have some fun raffles to win, and the snack bar will be open!

Hope to see you there!

[Skate Night Flyer](#)

Attendees can fill out the waiver and pay online to avoid waiting in line.

Go here to pay online:

<https://www.rollerkingdom.org/>

Go here to sign the waiver form:

https://waiver.roller.app/RollerKingdom/home?ubid=qwil378fXU27RycA_dMZnw

First Horse Show of the season! Apr. 25-26



Pair of Aces Spring Horse Show
Saturday & Sunday, Apr. 25-26
[3400 Holcomb Ranch Lane, Reno, NV 89511](http://3400HolcombRanchLane.com)

The deadline to pre-register is 8 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 22. At 8:01 pm, post-registration pricing takes effect!

With this being the first show of the season, this is a reminder for year-end award points requirements:

FOR SNHSA Year-End Award points:

1. To earn SNHSA year-end award points in Equitation divisions, riders must be SNHSA members on or before the end of the show weekend. Go here to access methods of paying for

membership for the rider or horse: [Membership - Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association \(https://snhsa.org/membership/\)](https://snhsa.org/membership/)

2. To earn SNHSA year-end award points in Hunter or Jumper divisions, the rider and the horse must be registered with SNHSA on or before the end of the show weekend. Go here to access methods of paying for membership for the rider or horse: [Membership - Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association \(https://snhsa.org/membership/\)](https://snhsa.org/membership/)
3. Trainers must be SNHSA members if a rider enters a SNHSA Medals class at the show.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER for the Show

1. REGISTER ONLINE:

www.RingRadar.com/1812/show-info

Watch this video for first time registrants: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF21LIV_lvl

2. Email registration form(s) to susanhowe@gmail.com

> Use regular pdf or use Fillable pdf form found below

Remember Flu/Rhino Vaccination Proof as this is the first show of the season. Email proof to susanhowe@gmail.com prior to the show.

[Pair of Aces Spring Horse Show Prize List and Registration](#) pdf

[FILLABLE Pair of Aces Registration form](#) (Save to your device, fill it in, save it, then email the form)

All forms also available on the snhsa.org website

[SNHSA Clinics and Events page](#)

Washoe County 4-H Mutual Show Recognition



Mutual Show Recognition for Washoe County 4-H Horse members

SNHSA is happy to announce a Mutual Show Recognition arrangement with the Washoe County 4-H Horse members. The following information is for 4-H members to review and abide by so that they can receive credit by participating in SNHSA shows.

Participation by registered Washoe County 4-H Horse members in either the Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association (SNHSA) or Sierra Nevada Gymkhana Club programs will be recognized as qualifying for the Washoe County Horse 4-H horsemanship activities and events requirement.

- The 4-H member must have also shown in at least one showmanship class and ridden in one Western or English equitation or pleasure class (currently offered at Sagebrush Community Horse Shows in Lemmon Valley during the summer) before getting credit for the gymkhana classes or jumping classes. Sagebrush Horse Show dates for 2026 are May 10, June 6, Aug. 15 and Sept. 12; all shows are at the Lemmon Valley Horsemen's Arena.
- The current requirement for County Participation Recognition is riding in at least two events during the 4-H year.
- It is the 4-H member's responsibility to get the Participation Form (found below) filled out and signed by the gymkhana or SNHSA event secretary or club officer listing the classes/events that the member rode in. Actual placings or winnings do not impact the authenticity of the participation. It is participation in the events that counts, and it must be verified by the event secretary, then sent to the Washoe County 4-H Office for recording. Riding activity submissions should be reported promptly after each event, and all reports must be received by Sept. 30th of the current 4-H year.
- This mutual endeavor is offered with the intention of encouraging youth to participate both in the 4-H Youth Development Program and supporting equine opportunities in the area.

[Washoe County 4-H Horse Program Participation form](#)



USHJA Nationals - Nov. 9-15, 2026

The **Marshall & Sterling Insurance/USHJA National Championships** are returning to Las Vegas at the Southpoint Hotel & Casino, Nov. 9-15, 2026.

The Championships will feature the USHJA Affiliate Championships for Junior and Adult Amateur riders in 3 disciplines and 16 sections, along with many other National Hunter and Jumper Championships. Affiliate sections offered this year are:

- Hunters 2', Children's and Adult, and Hunters 2'6", Children's and Adult
- Equitation 17 & Under 2', Equitation 17 & Under 2'6", Equitation 18 & Over 2'0" and Equitation 18 & Over 2'6"
- Children's and Adult Jumpers at 0.70m, 0.80m, 0.90m and 1.0m

Horse and rider combinations may not compete in both the 2' and 2'6" Hunter sections. A horse and rider combination may be nominated for and compete in a maximum of two (2) divisions (Hunter, Equitation or Jumper). Horse and rider combinations may compete in a maximum of two (2) consecutive Jumper heights but may be asked to compete in one USHJA Affiliate Jumper Section height lower or higher than the one qualified to compete.

Affiliate riders may not cross-enter into any rated sections, even on another horse.

As a USHJA Affiliate Organization, SNHSA is invited to select three riders for each Nationals Affiliate division, order of preference, with the #1 rider guaranteed a competition spot. Riders #2 and #3 are on contingency, as USHJA allows only 30 entries per class. The SNHSA Board of Directors (BoD) will choose the most qualified horse/rider combinations for each division from the list of nominees. **Please note that each horse/rider combination (or horse substitution) is required to have shown in a SNHSA show during the current season and a Board-approved equine professional who will oversee the pair at Nationals must be listed on the Declaration of Intent to be considered a nominee.** The BoD has the final decision on the slate of nominees to be forwarded to USHJA and any horse or trainer substitution requires Board approval. Remember, if you are selected by SNHSA, you represent SNHSA.

USHJA RULES to REMEMBER:

- **All Competitors (rider, trainer/coach, owner/leasee) at the Affiliate National Championships MUST be USHJA and USEF Active Competing members – be sure your membership is up to date before entering!**
- Competitors over 18 years of age and all individuals signing the entry form as trainer or coach **MUST be current on SafeSport training**
- **All Horses competing at the Affiliate National Championships MUST be registered with USHJA and USEF and be microchipped – be sure these are up to date before arriving!**

SNHSA may offer sponsorships. If available, more information will be forthcoming.

All Declaration of Intents with the \$50 payment must be submitted to the SNHSA Board by noon May 30. Declaration of Intents submitted after the May 30 deadline but before the hard deadline of July 26 will pay a \$100 Declaration Fee and must submit videos of horse and rider competing so that the Board has something to judge your ride by.

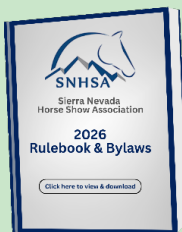
[2026 Declaration of Intent Form](#)

[FILLABLE 2026 Declaration of Intent form](#)

[2026 Nationals FAQ](#)

[Online Declaration of Intent form with payment through PayPal](#)

2026 Rulebook Changes



2026 Rulebook Changes and Amendments

Attention SNHSA members!

The **2026 SNHSA Rulebook changes and amendments** document has been released and is available online and as a link in newsletters. The links below will also access the change document and the 2026 Rulebook.

Updates to the 2026 season include:

- 2026 Board of Directors additions and committee changes for new board of directors
- Redefined SNHSA stewards
- Reworded Conditions of Participation at SNHSA-sanctioned events
- For the 2026 show season, the Board waived the rule for number of shows that Show managers can hold
- Allows previous Medal Final winners to compete in show season Medal classes
- Reduced the number of total fences for the Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby to no fewer than 12 and reduced the maximum number of rider fences to 8.
- The Mini Hunter Division is now 2'
- The High Pony Jumper Division is now 0.90m and mandatory optimum time has been dropped
- All Jumper division names have been renamed to meter heights
- Updated the Special Declaration Form wording to encompass the change of jumper class fence heights and division titles

[2026 SNHSA Rule Changes and Amendments](#)

[2026 SNHSA Rulebook and Bylaws](#) updated 3-7-26,

also available on www.snhsa.org website

[2026 SNHSA online membership](#)

[2026 SNHSA Membership Form](#)

[2026 Show Calendar](#)

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We have a new SNHSA.ORG website! Check it out!

Check out our New Instagram page!

~ @snhsa_official

Facebook

~ Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association @SNHSANV

Thank you to our SNHSA SPONSORS



2026 Sponsorships

Year after year, SNHSA provides quality Year-End Awards and educational opportunities to its members. Our association relies on sponsors to help. Sponsoring SNHSA is more than just a donation – it's a direct investment into your company. You receive brand recognition, wide promotion and the satisfaction you are supporting a highly regarded nonprofit organization. Our tiered sponsorship opportunities have a range of benefits tailored to match your level of support.

Please consider sponsoring as an Equine Industry or Friends of SNHSA Sponsor for the 2026 show season. Sponsors will receive many marketing benefits including social media posts, group logo banner advertisement, contact information listings on the snhsa.org website and in newsletters., and much more!

If you are a member rider, parent of a rider or friend of a rider, please think about business contacts you have in the equine industry and maybe you could reach out to them to ask for support for your sport. We'd be happy to talk to anyone interested as well to answer any their questions!

Questions? Call Susan Howe 775-750-6475 or Elle Morrison 714-728-9286

[Sponsorship - Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association https://snhsa.org/sponsorship/](https://snhsa.org/sponsorship/)

[Friends of SNHSA Sponsorship Levels](#)

[Friends of SNHSA Sponsorship Form](#)



SNHSA SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



The Washing Bay
owners, Bailey & Jeff Pollock
2026 Champion SNHSA Equine Industry Sponsor
Sponsor of the 0.90m Jumper Division

Sponsor Spotlight is a feature in our newsletters where we ask SNHSA Sponsors questions to help us know who they are, and what products or services they offer so that we can know them a little better than before! Our sponsors directly support a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering local hunter/jumper enthusiasts, creating opportunities for riders of all ages, and offering scholarships to further the development of the sport in Northern Nevada.

A little bit about your company first, including what service/product(s) do you offer?

The Washing Bay is Northern Nevada's go-to equine laundry and repair service. We specialize in washing, repairing, and waterproofing horse blankets, and we also clean and care for items like saddle pads, fly sheets, fly masks, boots, and more.

New this year, we're excited to offer embroidery services, giving you the option to add custom blanket tags or personalize blankets and saddle pads. Our goal is simple: to help keep your equine gear clean, comfortable, and ready for everyday use.

How long has your company been in existence? And/or how it came about, or what prompted you to start this business?

The Washing Bay officially launched in December 2024, but the idea came together a few months earlier during a casual conversation with my trainer while warming up for a lesson. I had been exploring ways to step away from my tech career and into something more creative, flexible, and connected to the equine community, while still leaving time to ride.

What started in my garage and basement quickly grew, and within a year The Washing Bay expanded into its own dedicated workshop space, allowing the business to continue growing and better serve the local horse community.

Where is your company located?

Northern Nevada

What is your contact information should someone want to call you or email you for questions or even orders/service? Do you have a website?

Website: www.washingbaynv.com

Facebook: [@washingbayNV](https://www.facebook.com/washingbayNV)

Instagram: [washingbay.nv](https://www.instagram.com/washingbay.nv)

Phone: (775) 393-9708

Email: hello@washingbaynv.com

Can you tell me something interesting about your business?

In our first year, we washed over 300 blankets and served over 40 individual customers around the greater northern Nevada equine community.

Anything else you would like to share? (family, local interest)

I was born and raised in Nevada. I have a 13-year-old quarter horse mare named Nova. Without her, this business would have never come to be!



Jeff and Bailey Pollock



before ↑ @washingbay.nv after ↓



Bailey Pollock, chief operator of The Washing Bay, and horse, Nova, a 13-year old quarter horse.



before ↑ @washingbay.nv after ↓



Before and After blanket pictures

2026 Friends of SNHSA Sponsors



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Hunter, Jumper, Equitation training
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Horse Boarding, events, Hunter/Jumper/Dressage Training
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