



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REINS!

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Editor's Note Kim Nordby

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Congratulations to all 2010 Year End Award winners. You worked hard throughout the year, and RMRHA was pleased to recognize your achievements at the 2010 Awards Banquet. Approximately 90 members and guests attended this year's Holiday and Awards Banquet.

Officer and Director election results were announced during the Awards banquet. Newly elected Officers thru 2012 include Shane Brown as President, Linda Hitt as Vice President, Inga Guernsey as Treasurer, and Barb Francis as Secretary. Directors elected thru 2012 include Bernie Kurth, Steve Schwartzenberger, Devin Warren, and Leslie Weibel. Appointed Directors thru 2011 include Chad Hartmann, Joelyn Knoll-Brown, Chuck Nesmith, and Justin Quick. Continuing Directors thru 2011 include Gabe Garrison, Danie Hewlett, Cathy Irvin, and Kim Nordby.

Welcome Dr. Brown of Colorado Equine Vet Services. He will be writing about horse health issues related to the performance horse and updating us on local health issues. We are fortunate to have his expertise and look forward to his educational articles.

The RMRHA Stallion Stakes Auction is underway. RMRHA is pleased to offer quality stallions whose services are available through the 2011 Stallion Stakes program. This group of stallions is comprised of some of the finest stallions in the performance horse industry. They include NRHA Futurity Champions, NRHA Derby Champions, NRBC Champions, AQHA World Champions, APHA World Champions, and NRHA/NRCHA/NCHA money earners. You can read more about the Stallion Stakes program in this newsletter or on our website (www.rmrha.com). Go to www.perfecthorseauctions.com for the auction.

2011 Stallion Stakes Auction January 1 thru 31, 2011

Over 60 Stallions are available in the auction. Check the RMRHA website for the list of enrolled stallions. Mare owners, encourage your stallion choice owner to enroll in the RMRHA Stallion Stakes program. Once a stallion's service is sold through the program, all of his get are eligible to compete in the 2015 Stallion Stakes Futurity in the Open and/or Non Pro divisions at the RMRHA Summer Slide. They are also eligible to compete in the Stallions Stakes Derby as 4, 5, and 6 year olds. This year's auction is managed by Perfect Horse Auctions. Go to www.perfecthorseauctions.com for auction conditions and to bid.

You can find program detail information inside the newsletter, or go to the website, www.rmrha.com for full details about this great program!

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Newest NRHA 3 Million Dollar Sire Gallo Del Cielo From NRHA.com



GALLO DEL CEILO

Only four stallions in history are distinguished as being an NRHA Three Million Dollar Sire. NRHA is pleased to welcome Gallo Del Cielo, a.k.a. “Rooster,” to this acclaimed list of that includes Hollywood Dun It, Topsail Whiz, Smart Chic Olena and Shining Spark as Rooster’s offspring earnings now total \$3,041,295. Congratulations go to his owner, the Joseph & Karalyn Revocable Trust.

Outstanding achievers by Gallo Del Cielo include Roosters Wrangler (owned by Mosing & Solum Stables LLC), the 1999 NRHA Level 4 Open Futurity Reserve Champion with \$125,653 in NRHA LTE to his credit and Ricochet Rooster (owned by Manuel Bonzano), the 2000 NRHA Level 4 Open Futurity Reserve Champion with \$148,708 in NRHA LTE. Lapke Quarter Horses’ Lena Gallo had only three shows under his belt when Rooster crossed the million dollar mark. The ten-year-old stallion out of Heavenly Doc is now the sire’s highest earning offspring with \$176,058 in NRHA LTE.

The 1989 bay stallion comes from a royal pedigree – he is by AQHA and NCHA Hall of Famer Peppy San Badger and is out of NCHA Hall of Famer Docs Starlight by Doc Bar. The cross has proven to generate other stellar producers like NRHA Million Dollar Sire Grays Starlight and Paddys Irish Whiskey.

Photo by John Brasseaux

Attention Breeders!

RMRHA Stallion Stakes

Enroll your stallion in this great program! Donate a breeding to enroll your stallion. Once the breeding has been sold, all foals born during the nominated period are eligible to compete in the Stallion Stakes futurity and derbies. Check out the rmrha.com website for more information about the RMRHA Stallion Stakes program.

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Flarida is NRHA’s First Four Million Dollar Rider From NRHA.com



Just two short years ago, Shawn Flarida became the National Reining Horse Association’s first Three Million Dollar Rider with earnings accumulated at the 2008 NRHA Futurity. History repeated itself when the gates closed on the 2010 NRHA Futurity and the results were announced. With rides in the finals aboard Quistador (owned by Augustine and Gaynia Revenberg) and Shine Chic Shine (owned by Amabile & Strusiner), plus a tie for third in the \$100,000 added NRHA World Championship Shootout on Wimpys Little Chic (owned by Arcese Quarter Horses USA), Flarida scooped up more than \$100,000 to become NRHA’s first Four Million Dollar Rider. Flarida’s official NRHA earnings are \$4,023,885.

Flarida, of Springfield, Ohio, became the second rider in history to break the \$2 million mark in 2006 at the FEI World Reining Masters in Denver, Colorado. Bill Horn was

the first rider to earn in excess of \$1 million. Tim McQuay, Craig Schmersal and Andrea Fappani are the only other riders to cross the \$2 million earnings level. Only thirteen other riders have crossed the \$1 million earnings plateau in addition to Flarida.

Flarida has been showing at NRHA-approved events since 1981 competing at nearly every major Reining event in the world. Flarida has won the NRHA Level 4 Open Futurity five times, and has nine All American Quarter Horse Congress Open Futurity championship titles. In 2002 and in 2010, he earned a team Gold Medal at the FEI World Equestrian Games. In 2002, he also claimed the individual Gold.

Photo: Flarida aboard Wimpys Little Chic in the NRHA World Championship Shootout – Photo by Waltenberry

RMRHA Stallion Stakes Program Details

Donate A Breeding

Stallion owners can donate one or more breeding services to RMRHA by mailing a stallion contract (available on the RMRHA website) to RMRHA. The stallion's regular stud fee will be listed in the amount advertised for the auction. For any stallion that is advertised as a Private Treaty Breeding Fee, that fee must be listed with a dollar value on the RMRHA Breeding Contract. Chute fees shall be the responsibility of the mare owner and payable directly to the stallion owner/agent. All vet fees, mare care, and shipped semen charges are also the responsibility of the mare owner.

Distribution of Program Funds

The money from nominated stallions is committed 20% for operating expenses, awards and promotion of the program and 10% for annual sire awards; the remaining 70% will be the added money for the Stallion Stakes division of the Summer Slide Futurity: the added money will be split 70% to the Open division and 30% to the Non Pro division. Funds collected from the program are not allocated to Stallion Stakes Derby winners; the RMRHA itself provides a fixed amount of \$2,500 added money to the Open and \$1,000 added money to the Non Pro division.

All donated Stallions are offered for sale by the RMRHA through an online auction running from January 1 to 6:00 p. m. PST on January 31, 2011. High bidder names and amounts will be visible during February, with winning bidders notified on March 1st. All bids must be at least 50% of the advertised service fee or greater with a minimum bid of \$350. Bids must be made in \$50 dollar increments. Multiple services may be purchased if so desired, by placing bids on more than one stallion in the auction.

Unsold Services

Any service not sold through the online auction will be available after February 1 for 50% of the advertised service fee (minimum bid \$350). These will be on a first come, first served basis until August 31st of the current breeding year. The nomination of a stallion is complete upon the sale of his service. Stallion services will be donated, sold (and thus become eligible) on an annual basis. Stallion owners desiring to have all offspring of that season's breeding qualify in subsequent years eligibility are encouraged to submit a contract for the services of their stallion along with a check after March 1st, but no later than August 31st, for 50% of the advertised service fee (minimum \$350). No further enrollments at the 1/2 price fee will be accepted after August 31st. See "Retroactive Eligibility" for paying up stallions who failed to be enrolled in prior years.

Show Entry Eligibility

Every foal sired by a stallion during his nominated period is eligible to compete for RMRHA Stallion Stakes purse money by paying the appropriate entry fee. A list of stallions whose get are eligible to compete in the Futurity or Derby in a given year is available on the RMRHA website. The stallion owner that donates the breeding is entitled to a free entry in the Stallion Stakes. The stallion owner may transfer the free entry to another person provided the stallion owner was also the breeder (the owner of the dam at the time of the service) of that entry. In the case of a rebreed, if the stallion named in the contract is not current in the program, this one foal will still be eligible to participate in the Stallion Stakes Program. It will be the responsibility of the mare owner to notify the Stallion Stakes committee of this situation prior to the end of the year in which the rebreed takes place.

Paybacks

Paybacks for winners are paid per NRHA rules. The 10% set aside for sire awards is split 50/50 between the Open and Non Pro divisions. This money will go to the owner of the stallion (at the time of service) that sired the winning horse in the division.

Retroactive Eligibility

It is possible to make your stallion current in the program if you have not participated in past years. This will require a stallion owner to pay retroactive breeding fees for the years of not participating in the program. In this case, however, the stallion owner must pay full advertised breeding fee for each year, not 50% of the advertised breeding fee. Example: A stallion owner in 2011 wants to make his three year old foals eligible for the 2011 Stallion Stakes Division of the Summer Slide Futurity, but his stallion has not been in the Stallion Stakes Program. The owner must pay full breeding fees for the years of 2007-2008-2009-2010. The 2011 three year olds would have been conceived in 2007, so the stallion must be paid retroactive to that year.

This years auction is hosted by Perfect Horse Auctions (www.perfecthorseauctions.com). The auction runs from January 1 thru January 31.

Go to the RMRHA website for additional information - www.rmrha.com

RMRHA Year End Award Winners



Congratulations to our 2010 Year End Award Winners! Awards were given out to the top 3 places in each division during the annual RMRHA Awards Banquet held at LuLu's Inn in Watkins CO.

Champions were awarded Trophy Buckles made by Clint Mortenson (www.silverandsaddles.com). Reserve Champions received custom engraved stirrups. Leather engraved pattern book covers were given out to third place winners. Stirrups and Pattern Book covers were designed by Laser and Leatherworks (www.laserandleatherworks.com) exclusively for RMRHA.



**Rookie Champion
Kim Oliver**

Congratulations to Kim Oliver as our Rookie Champion. She was awarded with a customized Eagle Mountain trophy saddle sponsored by Kyle Tack. The Rookie Champion travelling trophy makes its way from last years Rookie Champion to reside with Kim for the year. This travelling trophy was donated by Guy and Valerie Vernon along with Kim Nordby.

Open

Shane Brown/Boon N Crockett/Jan & Carl Cover
Shane Brown/Houston Shine/Sheryl Mease
Steve Schwartzenberger/BBR Game Time/Linda Wise

Intermediate Open

Rane Baker/Smokey Mtn Reyn/Jim Balkema
Chuck Nesmith/Hollys Little Dun/Mary Boyd
Christian Rammerstorfer/Maddox/Christian Rammerstorfer

Limited Open

Alan Pitts/Anna Wana Boogie/A & J Pitts
Emily Emerson/Hank W Adams/Tina Jacobson
Emily Emerson/Hooked On Boon/Candy James

Rookie Professional

Alan Pitts/Anna Wana Boogie/A & J Pitts
Emily Emerson/Hank W Adams/Tina Jacobson
Emily Emerson/Hooked On Boon/Candy James

NonPro

Sharee Schwartzenberger/Playin Dominos/Dori Schwartzenberger
Tami Carrasco/Roosters Starlight/Tami Carrasco
Gianna Hansen/Cowgirls Remedy/Gianna Hansen

Prime Time Non Pro

Sandy Kaplan/Smoketacular/G & S Kaplan
Sandy Kaplan/Im Too Cool To Smoke/ G & S Kaplan
Julie Pitts/Anna Wana Boogie/A & J Pitts

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Windows Phone 7 Reining Scores Application

We've recently completed a beta (unpublished/pre-release) version of MyReiningScores, a Windows Phone 7 application for entering and tracking Reining Scores. We're looking for Reiner's who own a Windows Phone 7, are local to the front range of Colorado, and would like to test drive the application and provide feedback. The cost to participate is free. If interested please contact us by email: support@stride4consulting.com and we'll provide more details.

Equine Rabies found in Colorado

Dr. Greg Brown



Dr. Greg Brown
Colorado Equine
Veterinary Services

Rabies is relatively rare, but in the last few years an increased risk of infection has been noted in areas where it was not expected to be. Colorado, for example, had its first case in 25 years diagnosed in a horse. Our practice first handily experienced some of the implications and risks involved with an infection in domestic animals. Because of local laws, many people are accustomed to the idea of vaccinating their small animals and neglected their livestock. It is important to protect these animals too!

Rabies is caused by a virus in the Rhabdovirus family. Variants of rabies have been classified based on the source, or reservoir, in a given geological location. Some of the more common variants seen in the US are canine (dog), raccoon, skunk, and bat. Most of the variants to infect humans in the last few decades have been of the bat variety. Rabies can infect and be transmitted from any type of mammal.

Infection is associated with a severe, rapidly progressive neurological disease which can be seen with a variety of physical symptoms. These symptoms may include; loss of appetite, depression, fever, lameness, in coordination, seizures, increased sensitivity to touch, abdominal pain (colic), inability to swallow, salivation, nervousness, irritability, and abnormal behavior. The virus is most commonly transmitted through a bite wound involving the saliva of an infected animal. Once it enters through a bite wound the virus travels through peripheral nerves to the spinal cord and brain. Once in the brain, it travels to salivary glands where it can be shed through saliva.

Symptoms of an infection can appear in as little as two weeks but can take up to a year. On average symptoms will appear in four to eight weeks after exposure. Once physical symptoms appear there is no cure and death is imminent. Death usually appears within two to four days after a horse shows physical signs.

In recent years of surveillance, rabies originating in Colorado has shown it to be present in low number in bats (ranging from 40-100 per year). In 2007 a shift to skunks was noted. This had not been noted since 1994. Skunks serve as a very good "spill over" reservoir to infect other species. In 2009 cases were reported in 2 foxes, 1 mountain lion, a cow, and a horse. This leads some to speculate a current spreading of the disease.

The decision to vaccinate is up to individual owners. Historically vaccination has been used as a means to effectively prevent the spread of rabies. Any human that could potentially come into contact with an infected animal can become infected too. The cost of rabies prophylaxis in people following exposure is >\$2000. The implication for infection is death. The decision to vaccinate should be based on the health of your animals, the safety of those in contact with them, and to prevent spread. Thinking of you and your loved ones may ultimately make the decision for you!

With the recent rise of rabid skunks in the Colorado area, the difficult diagnosis, the risk to humans in contact with a rabid horse and the devastation of losing a horse to the disease, the doctors of Colorado Equine Veterinary Services as well as the American Association of Equine Practitioners are strongly recommending that if your horses have not been vaccinated for rabies in the last 12 months that you contact your veterinarian and formulate a plan to get them vaccinated. The vaccines that are available require that your horse(s) be vaccinated once per year to maintain protective immunity to the disease. You can purchase the rabies vaccine at some of the animal supply stores and administer the vaccine yourself, however; most states laws do not recognize that an animal has been vaccinated unless the rabies vaccine was administered by a veterinarian. Therefore, if the horse was to attack or bite someone or was exposed to a known rabid animal and was given the vaccine by someone other than a veterinarian it most likely that it would be treated as an unvaccinated animal. If you have further questions or would like further information please contact Colorado Equine Veterinary Services at (719)749-9500 or you can go to our website at www.coequinevets.com

All of the doctors and staff at Colorado Equine Veterinary Services wish you a very successful new year and a great show season.

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RMRHA Year End Award Winners (cont)

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Intermediate Non Pro

Sharee Schwartzberger/Playin Dominos/Dori Schwartzberger
Gianna Hansen/Cowgirls Remedy/Gianna Hansen
Tami Carrasco/Roosters Starlight/Tami Carrasco

Limited Non Pro

Sharee Schwartzberger/Playin Dominos/Dori Schwartzberger
Tami Carrasco/Roosters Starlight/Tami Carrasco
Jan Cover/Boon N Crockett/Jan & Carl Cover

Novice Horse Open - Level 2

Steve Schwartzberger/Overdrawn Whiz/Linda Wise
Chuck Nesmith/Holly Little Dun/Mary Boyd
Guy Vernon/ Can Buttermilk Shine/Jennifer Dionisio

Novice Horse Open - Level 1

Steve Schwartzberger/Overdrawn Whiz/Linda Wise
Chuck Nesmith/Holly Little Dun/Mary Boyd
Guy Vernon/ Smart Cat Jazz/Jeanne Adams

Novice Horse Non Pro - Level 2

Gianna Hansen/Cowgirls Remedy/Gianna Hansen
Teena Barnett/Chic Boogie/Teena Barnett
Sharee Schwartzberger/Playin Dominos/Dori Schwartzberger

Novice Horse Non Pro - Level 1

Sandy Kaplan/Im Too Cool To Smoke/G & S Kaplan
Sharee Schwartzberger/Playin Dominos/Dori Schwartzberger

Kim Nordby/Our Son Of A Gunner/Kim Nordby

Rookie - Level 2

Kim Oliver/Roopaulena/Kim Oliver
Tony Wetherbee/El Dorado Whiz/Tony Wetherbee
Julie Pitts/Anna Wana Boogie/A & J Pitts

Youth 13 & Under

Hannah Hardy/Decider Slider/Hannah Hardy
Amy Stoney/Searchin Smoke/Connie Stoney
Rylee Justus/Ima Chocolate Dunit/RMJ Ranch

Youth 14-18

Christi Gordon/ Smart First Move/ Jim Gordon
Marie Carrothers/Skeets Royal Badger/Marie Carrothers

Green Reiner II

Tony Wetherbee/El Dorado Whiz/Tony Wetherbee
Lauren Waymire/Datin With No Dough/Gary Pipkin
Tracey Brose/Reyny Chex/
Tracey Brose



**Shane Brown,
RMRHA President
congratulates Youth
Sportsmanship
Award recipient
Rylee Justus.**

The 2010 RMRHyA Youth Sportsmanship Award was presented to Rylee Justus. This award is voted on by the members of the youth association. Rylee will receive a pair of Greg Darnell custom spurs.

Communication Corner

Send your membership news to kimnordby@yahoo.com

RMRHA held it's annual awards banquet and holiday party in Watkins, CO. The room was filled to capacity with reining enthusiasts. Members enjoyed appetizers provided by the RMRHA Board of Directors, followed by a chicken or steak dinner and cake.



Thanks to the following individuals involved in putting this event together:

- Banquet coordinator Inga Guernsey
- Year end awards chairman Catherine Brown-Swain
- Darren Miller as the awards emcee.
- Inga Guernsey and Catherine Brown-Swain for awards presentation
- Award makers Mortenson Silver and Saddles, Laser and Leatherworks, and Kyle Tack.

2010 RMRHA Officers and Board



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Front Row: Kirsten Zook, Inga Guernsey, Patti Lee, Bernie Kurth, Kim Nordby

**Back Row: Shane Brown, Devin Warren, Steve Schwartzenberger, Gabe Garrison, Danie Hewlett,
Cathy Irvin, Gary Pipkin.**

**Not Pictured: Chad Hartmann, Joelyn Knoll-Brown, Justin Quick,
Kelly Rainford, Liz Rammerstorfer**

The Penalty Box

Kim Nordby

Being “Out of Lead” - it’s a term that reiners are familiar with, and they hope doesn’t happen to them. It’s very easy to quickly rack up penalty points when your horse is out of lead. There are 3 times in a pattern when your horse is required to be in lead:

- Circles
- Figure Eight (for those patterns that include this maneuver)
- Maneuvers that round the end of the arena

The NRHA Handbook defines the following “Out of Lead” penalties:

Starting or performing circles or eights out of lead will be judged as follows:

- *Each time a horse is out of lead, a judge is required to penalize by 1 point. The penalty for being out of lead is cumulative, and the judge will add 1 penalty point for each 1/4 of the circumference of a circle or any part thereof that a horse is out of lead.*
- *A judge is required to penalize a horse 1/2 of a point for a change of lead delayed by 1 stride where the lead change is required by the pattern.*

In patterns requiring a run-around, failure to be on the correct lead when rounding the end of the arena will be penalized as follows: for 1/2 the turn or less, 1 point; for more than 1/2 turn, 2 points.

Meet your 2011 Officers and Board

Meet your newly elected Officer and Directors.

These folks will join current Directors (thru 2011) Gabe Garrison, Danie Hewlett, Cathy Irvin, and Kim Nordby, as well as Immediate Past President Gary Pipkin.

President - Shane Brown

Shane has been the RMRHA President for the past 2 years and has served as a board member for many years. Shane has been active and working in the horse industry for all of his adult life, beginning first under Troy Heikes at Pine Run Ranch, then moving on in 1992 to his own training business at Jean and Gary Pipkin's barn. Married in 1995 to his wife, Stacey, they have two children Quincy and Levi. Shane has moved and trained up and down the Front Range with a loyal set of clients and active Non Pros. Now residing on his own ranch in Elbert, CO, Shane's experiences include multiple World Qualifiers, Derby Finalists and an NRHA Futurity Finalist in 2003. His desire is to see the NRHA meet and exceed the expectation of its membership by working through his local affiliate. His basic belief is that we take care of our local association first before we worry about our parent association in NRHA.

Vice President - Linda Hitt

Linda Hitt is a trainer at Gambel Oaks Equestrian Center, Inc., in Elizabeth, Colorado; a facility owned and operated by husband Jim and son, Dalton Hitt. Linda currently specializes in training Arabians and Half Arabians, but also shows and trains a number of Quarter Horses and Paints. Linda has held her NRHA Judges card for the past eight years and has been a scribe for the NRHA Futurity for the past seven years. Linda served on the board in 2008 and 2009. Linda enjoyed learning the process and enjoyed getting to know members and fellow trainers. She looks forward to growing our membership, as well as, services we provide our members. Linda looks forward to helping RMRHA make the organization and shows stronger than ever.

Treasurer - Inga Guernsey

I have been the RMRHA Treasurer for six years. My husband Troy and I own and operate an excavating business. My obsession with horses began at 3 years old. I started showing horses first in 4H and then went to showing in the "A" circuit on Jumpers. After realizing that I needed to find a discipline that involved staying on the ground I moved towards reining and was immediately hooked! I love the people and the horses that are in this sport. I feel that RMRHA has made some positive changes in the last couple of years and I am excited to see what more can be done! I would like

to see more involvement from our members in the different committees that RMRHA offers. I feel we have a lot of great people that could contribute excellent ideas for our association if given the chance to voice their opinion.

Secretary - Barb Francis

I am a business graduate with 10 years experience owning and operating a successful wedding and special event floral business and 2.5 years owning and operating two Subway restaurant businesses. I am a rookie rider to the world of reining. I started riding had competing hunter/jumper horses when I was 9 years old. I am new to the discipline of reining, 2010 was my first year of showing. I now have 4 shows under my belt! (and they say you cannot teach an old dog new tricks!) I will bring to this board my business experience which includes starting, marketing and expansion of 3 new businesses, plus the viewpoint of a rookie rider in the world of reining. My business input and enthusiasm for the sport of reining will be a great benefit to the RMRHA association.

Elected Director - Bernie Kurth

I have enjoyed the camaraderie in RMRHA for many years as a Non Pro. Having been on the board off and on for most of that time. This club has a lot of wonderful people with a wide variety of backgrounds. I would like to continue in the promotion of RMRHA and bring more of those people into an active voice for our club. My husband, Rick, and I own a landscaping business and an engraving and leatherworking business. We understand how difficult it is for everyone to make the commitment to own and show reiners. I am sure you will agree it is definitely worth the effort when you feel the satisfaction of good run, no matter what level you show at.

Elected Director - Steve Schwartzenberger

Steve Schwartzenberger is one of the few remaining charter members of the RMRHA, having served as an officer to director for all of those 26 years. A Past President of RMRHA and past NRHA National Director, Steve is an Open rider with earnings over \$500,000.00, all earned living in Colorado and promoting reining in the Rocky Mountain Region. Steve has a wife, Dori, and two daughters, Shevin and Sharee, all of who are active in the reining industry. Steve has been an NRHA judge for over 20 years and a Chair or Co-Chair for Summer Slide for the majority of its' 25 year history. This

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2011 Officers and Board (cont)

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association is his primary passion and he has seen many of the challenges reiners face over the years but is optimistic for our future. He thanks the membership and board for the recognition at the Summer Slide and will always be grateful for being able to live as a reiner in Colorado.

Elected Director - Devin Warren

Devin Warren is the driving force behind Warren Performance Horses, located in Franktown Colorado for nearly 10 years. Warren Performance Horses is an internationally known facility that is home base to World Champions, Reserve World Champions, and many more outstanding horses and owners. Devin began showing through the 4-H program at an early age. In order to pursue a life-long goal of training reining horses, he apprenticed and worked at Pine Run Ranch in Elbert CO before opening his own facility in 1999. Today Devin operates a successful training barn with his wife Jolene and their 3 boys: Garrett, Gavin and Graydon. Devin's desire is to promote reining horses to all levels and ages of individuals and to guide his clientele to fulfill goals with their horses. As a family man, Devin understands the importance of instilling good values and work ethic in all his students and he strive to help his people, both and youth and adult, to be the best rider and people they can be. The outstanding results of his youth riders and amateur competitors, as well as the open horses, in the NRHA and APHA arenas continue to prove that Devin's technique as a trainer and teacher produce winners. Devin's objective as a director is to bring his enthusiasm for and appreciation of top-notch reining to the attention of the NRHA membership and spectators alike to promote continual growth of the organization.

Elected Director - Leslie Weibel

I have been involved with the horse industry for nearly all my life. I started as a horse crazy kid, then as a 4-H youth, continued on in the all around events with the RMQHA, and began riding reining horses when I was about 14, they have been my equine passion ever since. Currently, besides riding my horses, I help with the family farm raising hay, own and operate e-reiner.com, as well as many other hobbies and interests. I am running for the RMRHA board this year to broaden my involvement with the club as well as with the greater reining industry. The RMRHA has always been a very active club, producing an elite horse show, top trainers and Non Pros, as well as one of the largest active memberships in the NRHA. I want to help RMRHA continue with all of these endeavors. I have always been active with the club; participating in several of the club activities including; summer slide awards, volunteering, RMRHA sire and dam

program and production of the newsletter. I hope to continue working to make the RMRHA a great club for all of us to enjoy.

Appointed Director - Chad Hartmann

I have been competing as a Non Pro and an active member of the RMRHA since 2000. I have been on the Board of Directors for the past 6 years for the RMRHA and was in charge of putting together the Youth Scholarship Committee. Currently, thanks to the help of the other great committee members, the Rocky Mountain Youth Program has grown and hopefully will continue to grow with great vision for the future. I am very excited to continue my efforts as a Board Member for the RMRHA, making sure we are there to support the members. I feel it is important to have a well rounded Board of Directors consisting of Professionals as well as Non Pro members in order to insure that all voices are heard.

Appointed Director - Joelyn Knoll-Brown

My first experience as a member of RMRHA and MRHA was sitting in the stands watching my three year old being shown in the futurity at the Summer Slide. I didn't realize at the time what a premier NRHA event I was watching. That was in 2001 and since that time I have become a Non Pro participant in both ancillary and aged event classes. Even when I'm not able to show I can often be seen in the stands cheering on other exhibitors, volunteering as a scribe, at the gate, or helping the announcer. I enjoyed serving on the board in 2010 and look forward to helping the club move forward in the promotion and development of the reining horse.

Appointed Director - Justin Quick

Justin enjoys showing at all NRHA, AQHA, and APHA events. Justin and his wife, Mande, own and operate Quick Performance Horses, in Loveland, CO. In addition to training reining horses, Justin enjoys coaching youth and Non Pro riders. When he is not showing, he is busy keeping up with his two daughters. Justin is a proud member of the RMRHA and has enjoyed his position as Chairman for the Sponsorship Committee in 2010. He looks forward to bringing new ideas to the table to make the RMRHA a successful and prosperous association.

Appointed Director - Chuck Nesmith

Chuck has been training and showing reining horses for 16 years, and been a RMRHA member almost that long. This is his first time to be part of the board, and is really looking forward to serving in any way possible. He has introduced the world of reining to some of our great non pros, and really enjoys volunteering at our Rookie day clinics. He really wants to give back to RMRHA.

2011 Membership Application

Membership is required to represent RMRHA at the NRHA Affiliate Finals. If you are a member of other NRHA Affiliates and would like to represent RMRHA, you must designate RMRHA as your affiliate with the NRHA.

Rider and Owner must be members to be eligible for RMRHA Year End Awards.

An Entity is defined as a LLC, Partnership, Corporation, Syndicate, Ranch, or Business.

\$30 Individual/Entity

\$10 Youth

Name: _____ NRHA Membership # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ If Youth please specify age: _____

Email: _____

May we publish your name, address, phone number, and e-mail in our RMRHA general membership booklet (Circle One)? YES NO

Send payment to RMRHA, c/o Inga Guernsey, Treasurer 4541 Penrith Rd. Bennett, Co 80102

Rocky Mountain Reins

Jordan Larson Wins Open Futurity

Jordan Larson wins his first NRHA Futurity aboard Spooks Gotta Whiz (Spooks Gotta Gun x Prettywhizprettydoes) and Flarida marked a 224 to slide into the NRHA Level 4 Open Futurity Winners Circle. Spooks Gotta Whiz is owned by Michell Anne Kimball of Encinita, CA.

Tish Fappani Wins Non Pro Futurity

Tish Fappani came out on top at the 2010 NRHA Non Pro Futurity. She rode her gelding Litn Up Conquistador (Conquistador Whiz x Aleena Starlight) to the championship title.

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