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The Stock Horse Roundup



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

I don't know about you, but I've enjoyed a few weeks at home! Don't get me wrong -- I love our show season, seeing everyone at shows and spending the weekends with our equine friends. But the last month or so in the office has been great to get some much-needed things completed, and to roll out a few great things for Stock Horse of Texas in 2017!

First up, a new website! It's not online yet, but the folks at Big Sky Internet Design are working hard to develop a fabulous new home for us on the world wide web. The new site will have photo galleries, be easier to navigate, will adapt to phones and tablets, and have some other fun features. We hope (in time) to have online show entries as one of the new benefits! I've seen some sneak peeks, and I can hardly wait to share it with everyone. Stay tuned....we will send out an email to announce when it goes live!

Next -- an updated Stock Horse of Texas rulebook! There are a few minor rule changes (no biggies) but the best news is the rulebook has been reorganized, complete with an index so it's easier to find things. The rulebook will be available online as a PDF early in 2017, and we will have a limited number of printed books available for members.

New reining patterns! The board voted to add a few new patterns to the rulebook and add the caveat that any pattern can be designated a "lope in" pattern. What does this mean exactly? Basically if the pattern starts in the middle of the pen, you might be instructed to lope to the middle, and then continue loping (don't stop when you get to the middle) to the beginning of your pattern. This is common in other associations and will help save some time in the reining pen.

As 2016 comes to a close, we also have a "changing of the guard" so-to-speak. Baru Spiller, who has served as president since 2014, is stepping down and William Lewis is taking her place. We will honor Baru's service at the Awards Banquet in February. Thanks, Baru, for so many HOURS, WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS you have dedicated to our association. William is already coordinating many things with Baru, and he will do a great job as he transitions to our fearless leader! I also want to recognize our outgoing directors who have helped in so many ways with our association: Tony White, Lanham Horne, Laurie Shelton and Mozaun McKibben. We thank you for your service!

On a final note, many of you have heard about the trademark issue the association has regarding our ever-popular acronym "SHOT." Well... another group trademarked the acronym in 1977 -- long before our existence -- and we must stop using it. So this newsletter debuts our new logo, and you will also start seeing the abbreviation SHT. Please know we are NOT changing our name. We are still Stock Horse of Texas! Unfortunately, we just can't be "SHOT" any more. Change is hard, but we will adapt!

Merry Christmas to you all and have a BLESSED New Year.
I look forward to seeing everyone in 2017.

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Trainer's Tip with Matlock Rice Seek help!

Courtesy of Kate Byars

Matlock Rice is no stranger to the show arena. When the horseman decided to try his hand at reining and cowhorse competition, though, he realized he had a steep learning curve. Rice says the best thing he did was reach out to his fellow horsemen to ask for assistance.

"When I first started this part of my life, three and a half years ago, a guy sent me a little yellow stud that was a reining horse," Rice recalls. "The first reining I went to, I did the whole pattern and never moved my hand, just like at a cutting. I was riding my cutting saddle, wearing batwing chaps and had a Clapper 27 [bit] in [the horse's] mouth. Clint Haverty was the first person to come up to me, and he said, 'Matlock, that was good. But you never moved your hand!' Clint gave me some pointers and suggested people that could help me. That really sent me in the right direction."

Rice says no matter your skill level, don't be afraid to ask for help at a Stock Horse of Texas show. If all a rider focuses on is their own opinion and view, it will be hard to better themselves and/or their horse.

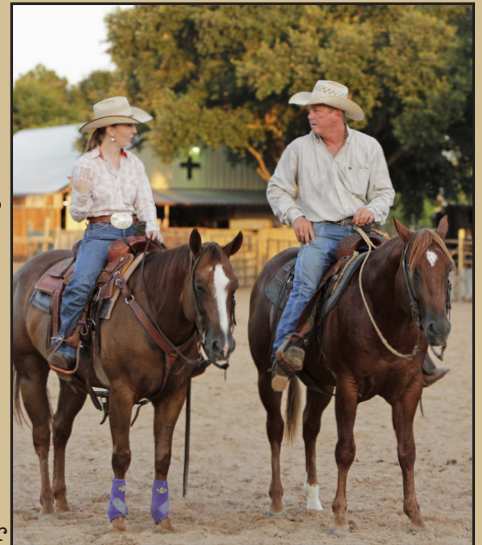
"You are never going to get any better if you don't get some advice on how to do what you do better. When I go to a show, I watch everyone. There is always someone out there - an amateur, a professional - someone that is doing something a little different with their horse that is getting a result that I would like to achieve," he says. "Now, I am not going to try it at the show, because I don't want to confuse my horse, but I do go home and try things out."

In addition to talking to other competitors about the pattern or about horsemanship, Rice will utilize the judge's score sheet as a means to educate himself. While each judge is different at the shows, and Rice knows that they are judging just that one ride, he can compare that score to previous show's scores to see if a maneuver is consistently in need of improvement.

"I like to know [what judge] likes how I ride or show, who likes my style, and adjust accordingly as a showman," he says. "As a showman, you have to be able to adjust your style to fit what that judge wants. Use your score sheet as another way to improve and receive help. And if you can't read it, ask someone that can show you how."

The goal of Stock Horse of Texas is to ride a better horse, but often, the first step is to become a better rider or showman. Rice says that a rider that is open to improvement will be a better pilot for their horse—take a chance and ask for help the next time you have a question.

SHT member Kate Byars will feature Trainer's Tips in upcoming newsletters featuring short pieces of advice for riders from various Stock Horse of Texas clinicians.




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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Stock Horse of Texas Family:

As I write my last letter as Stock Horse of Texas president, I reflect on a wonderful year for our association. 2016 marks the 20th year for Stock Horse of Texas helping people ride a better horse. It also marked some pivotal events. In January, Kim Lindsey, who had been in some capacity of leadership from the beginnings of the association, was hired by AQHA as their new Ranching Director. Hers were big boots to fill just before our first and traditionally the largest show of the year, Abilene. We rolled out a new division (Intermediate) and AQHA Versatility to the show for the first time and were busting out a brand new show program!

"You really never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

Jill Dunkel stepped into those boots and, not worrying a whit about the fit, hit the ground running! The Abilene show broke all historical entry records, the show program is getting fine-tuned, and Kim is still promoting the ranch and stock horse industry at the world's largest breed association. As a part of her new position, Kim handed out trophies to the AQHA Versatility Ranch World Champions in Houston – of which, four of the five happened to be Stock Horse of Texas members!



"Cowboys, HIS time is perfect."

Summer shows are usually smaller, but Hamilton in August was a barn burner, and again it broke the entry record! SHOT's first official show secretary, Norma Belcher worked the show. She loved working the check-in table and helping everyone. She was often the first person a new member encountered. She literally was the face of SHOT. She saw the best in everyone and believed in the Golden Rule. She treated everyone equally, folding them into the SHOT family. At 75, her energy defied logic. MaryAnne Truemper, her co-secretary since 2000, said 'when Norma quits, I quit.' But Norma had no quit (and thankfully, neither does MaryAnne.) Within a week of the Hamilton show, Norma was seated at the check-in table by the Pearly Gates, with a smile and a good word of encouragement, making sure each arrival had a completed entry form so they could pass unfettered through the Gates.

"Saddles and trophies fade, but a man's integrity is attached to him for perpetuity."

In September, our elections were tallied and Kris Wilson was elected for another 3-yr term, continuing his service despite Stage IV kidney cancer. As a past president and long-time board member, Kris was invaluable on the board for his wisdom and experience. The national collegiate ranch horse team program owes its existence to Kris' big picture vision. He was diagnosed in 2013, and in 2015 he won the saddle for Top Hand at the Ft Worth Stock Show ranch rodeo. Talk about 'no quit!' Throughout his struggle, he managed two Silver Spur ranches in New Mexico, including the historic Bell Ranch, and remained active in meetings and decision-making in SHOT. Kris rode to Higher Ground in September.

"...jigging out in the dark, to ride into a beautiful sunset has to be God's most beautiful cathedral."



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We are in humble appreciation for those who have gone before us, and great anticipation for a bright future in ranch and stock horse industry. My tenure as president has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I will stay on the board as immediate past president and my passion for this industry will keep me involved. People say we are family. And that's exactly right. I won't disappear from the landscape, but instead will enjoy time as a member of our horse show family! I'm betting I see many of you at the Fort Worth Stock Show in January, and our first stock horse event in February.

In the mean time, I want to welcome William Lewis as the new president. I have every confidence that William will do an outstanding job. He is a member who truly exemplifies our goal of helping people ride a better horse. He started out as a Novice years ago, and was the 2015 Non Pro World Champion! Thanks to everyone for making my years as president so wonderful.

Baru Spiller

Stock Horse of Texas President

—All of the above quotes in italics are Kris' words taken from his book "I'll Drop You Off"

Youth Corner

by Allora Leonard

What a great experience it has been to be a member of the Stock Horse of Texas Association! And it has been such an honor to be a part of the youth. This is my first year to compete and the youth have been so welcoming to me. We (youth) had a blast at the world show competing and encouraging one another. Along with my youth competitors, we want to give a big thank you to the Stock Horse of Texas sponsors and board of directors for making this year possible.

The dazzling Halloween decorations of the barns brought a festive mood to all the competitors at the world show. This tradition was started in honor of Darlene Hicks. Darlene was always dressing up and acting "goofy" during the shows. Thus, the youth wanted to keep her spirit alive so they began this tradition.

Another event that the youth are hosting is the silent auction to be held in February at the first show that will take place. The youth donate auction items and all members are encouraged to bid. The proceeds from the auction go toward the Darlene Hicks Memorial Scholarship fund. This scholarship is for high school seniors or a college freshman who are members of SHOT. Last year was very successful and the auction generated \$1,000 in one night. There will be some great items up for bids this year, so please come support our cause. We look forward to seeing everyone in February! Until then have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Stock Horse of Texas Year End Awards Banquet Saturday evening, Feb 25, 2017



You can reserve banquet tickets on your
Abilene show entry form.

We look forward to presenting awards to the Year End
Top 10 in each division, as well as these special awards:

Constant Competitor Awards:

*Presented to competitors who compete in at least 8 shows in a
show season but are not in the Top 10)*

**Angela Smith, Alicia Walker, Jonathan Yarbrough, Pete Rosales,
Todd Gray, Anita Lockwood, Becky Walker and Jill Alexander**

Novice Achievement Award:

Presented to novice exhibitors who accrue 1600 points in a five-year period

Laura Yarbrough and NADA Pepto Taz

Superior Stock Horse Versatility Award:

Presented to a horse/rider combination that has earned at least 100 Merit Points

**Cowpony Express, ridden by Mike Major
owned by Diamond JK Ranches**

**Quigley Dun Under, owned and ridden
by Stefani Wagley**

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**Don't forget to bring a silent auction item to the
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BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

We are often asked by potential sponsors how many members we have, how many horses they own and what type of purchases they make. So in a week or two, we will be sending out a **SURVEY** to our membership on your purchasing power! It will give sponsors and possible new ones a great look at our membership and how well their marketing dollars are spent with us! Please take 5 minutes to answer the survey when you receive it!

STAND ALONE CLINICS!

Back by popular demand! We have scheduled three stand alone clinics thus far in 2017. These are all limited to a small number of students so you get plenty of individual attention. The first one is just around the corner -- Feb 11th in Grandview. Next up will be in Bryan in April. And a special 2-day intense clinic at NRS in Decatur on July 15-16! Check our website for more indormation!

2017

Tentative Schedule

CLINIC & SHOW COMBINATION

Abilene Clinic & Show
 Feb 24-26, 2017

Lubbock Clinic & Show
 March 31-April 1, 2017

San Antonio Clinic & Show
 May 5-6, 2017

Hamilton Clinic & Show
 June 9-10, 2017

Dripping Springs Clinic & Show
 June 30-July 1, 2017

Athens Clinic & Show
 July 21-22, 2017

Sweetwater Clinic & Show
 August 4-5, 2017

Stephenville Clinic & Show
 Sept 8-9, 2017

Bryan Clinic & Show
 Sept 22-23, 2017

Stock Horse World Show - Abilene
 Oct 26-29, 2017

NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE FOCUSED CLINICS (no show)

Grandview Novice/Int Clinic
 Feb 11, 2017

Bryan
 April 2017 (exact date pending)

Decatur
 July 15-16, 2017

JINX MCCAIN HORSEMANSHIP

College Station
 Dec 1-3, 2017

Congratulations to these 2016 Stock Horse World Champions!



OPEN: Cowpony Express shown by Mike Major, owned by Diamond JK Ranches



NON PRO: Smart Lil Redman, owned and shown by Jayton Baca



LTD NON PRO: The Dream Seniorita, shown by Emily Woodward, owned by Thomas Hicks



NOVICE: TAMU Rayette Olena, shown by Anissa Cervera, owned by Texas A&M

WESTERN HORSEMAN SHOT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP and Futurity & Derby

More than \$60,000 in cash
& prizes were awarded!



INT NON PRO: Conchos Colonel, owned and shown by Peggy Hughes



JUNIOR: Cattasan, shown by Matlock Rice, owned by Susan Rice



COLLEGIATE TEAM: Texas Tech University



YOUTH: Jac Smart, owned and shown by Teghan Brooks

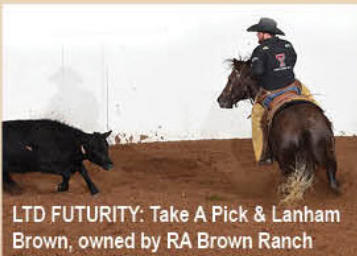
Futurity & Derby Winners



FUTURITY: Seven S Woodrow & Ben Baldus, owned by Jerry Ward



DERBY: TAMU Twista Lilbling & Ryan Birkenfeld, owned by Keith Birkenfeld



LTD FUTURITY: Take A Pick & Lanham Brown, owned by RA Brown Ranch



LTD DERBY: Ruftimeintinseltown & Sarah Lesh, owned by Mozaun McKibben

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Athens July 21-22, 2017	

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Stock Horse of Texas Novice & Intermediate Clinic

**preference given to Novice & Intermediate riders*

Saturday, February 11, 2017
Grandview, Texas 8:30am - 5pm
Clinician: Brianna Wallis

Emphasis on Reining, Cow and Pleasure
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