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KICK OFF 2018 IN STYLE!

It's an exciting time to be part of Stock Horse of Texas! Our first shows of 2018 kick off in a few weeks in both Texas and Colorado (CoWN) and we will award \$30,000 in year-end prizes at the Texas SHTX banquet. Don't forget to order your banquet tickets on your Bryan entry! This year's banquet is at the Hildebrand Equestrian Center. A tour of the center will be available at 6:30pm on Saturday night, followed by the banquet at 7pm. My phone has been steadily ringing with questions about the upcoming year. We have 10 Texas shows and 8 CoWN shows planned for 2018 with a great mix of clinicians. We also have some stand-alone clinics scheduled. Keep an eye on your email in the next few months for some upcoming opportunities for riders of all skill levels.

In December, the board of directors passed some important rule changes for 2018. Information is included in this newsletter as well as on the SHTX website. Rule books will be available at SHTX and CoWN shows.

If you are on social media, you likely noticed that SHTX is on the ground floor of a new development in the ranch/stock horse world. SHTX, along with five other associations, worked for over a year to develop the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance (NRSHA). The mission of NRSHA is to preserve and promote ranching tradition and heritage through ranch and stock horse events, highlighting the versatility of these horses including their innate ability to handle livestock. We feel that we're making history with this alliance when it comes to the longterm future of our industry.

I'm sure several of you have questions related to NRSHA and how it impacts SHTX. Quite simply -- there is very little impact but plenty of benefits! Our shows, year-end awards and world show will not change. But as SHTX members, if you competed last year, you are eligible to compete at the NRSHA National Championship Show this June. Entry forms will be sent this spring, along with additional information. We are excited to showcase stock horse talent from across the country. We will have the opportunity to meet riders from both the east and west coasts and everywhere in between. Additional information on NRSHA is included in this newsletter.

Take a minute to read through this Stock Horse Roundup. There is a lot of information that will help you prepare for the 2018 show season. We'll see you soon!

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2018 Rule Changes

In December, the Stock Horse of Texas Board of Directors approved rule changes for the 2018 competition year. Significant changes include rules in the Open division, altering the format of the Limited, Junior and Intermediate cow work class, and the collegiate year end awards calculations. SHTX members are encouraged to become familiar with these changes.

Open Level 1 (L1) Division

Responding to several requests for a division for riders who do not meet the definition of a non pro but have very limited showing experience, the Board created the Open Level 1 Division. "This was created for people who start colts, might get paid to ride ranch horses they don't own, or maybe they've given some lessons, but they are not experienced professional trainers," said SHTX President William Lewis. "These riders by definition are not non pros, but they don't compete and show against professional trainers on a regular basis. Now they have the opportunity to get show experience without competing against mainstream open riders."

Open L1 riders cannot have combined earnings of \$5,000 in any western performance organization. The new division will run concurrent with the Open and will be a jackpot-only division. It will not have year-end awards or added money. However, Level 1 riders can enter both the L1 and the Open by paying L1 entry and jackpot fees, as well as the Open jackpot fee. Riders also entering the Open will be eligible for Open year-end awards.

Open Year End Awards

In accordance with industry standards of Open competition, the 2018 year end awards in the Open division will track points on the horse only, not the horse and rider. All other SHTX divisions will remain one horse/one rider to track year end points.

Limited, Intermediate & Junior Cow Work

For the last two years, SHTX officers and staff have worked in conjunction with judges as well as AQHA staff to modify the box-drive-box format of the Limited, Intermediate and Junior Cow Work (and AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse limited cow work) classes. "When we started this class, it was intended to be a step-up class for riders coming from the boxing, and possibly to prepare them to advance to a fence class if they chose. The idea was to teach riders how to box, read a cow and set up the cow to drive down the fence," Lewis said, with a time limit to accomplish the tasks.

"However, as the class evolved it became more of a time management class. Riders knew it was harder to hold the cow on the far end, and would make their decision to drive down the fence based on the clock instead of reading when the cow was honoring their horse and ready to drive down the fence. We worked with several top cow horse judges who suggested we change the format of this class to get back to its purpose – teaching riders to read their cows and drive down the fence based on the cow, not a clock."

Riders will have 1 minute, 30 seconds to box a cow, drive down the fence, box on the opposite end, and then drive the cow back down the fence, past the middle marker. Riders do not need to work the entire allotted 1 minute, 30 seconds. Once they have fulfilled the requirements of the class, a judge will blow the whistle signifying completion of the run.

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rule changes, continued... Collegiate Year End Awards

To be eligible for year end collegiate awards, collegiate riders must attend at least 75% of the shows during the collegiate academic year (when class is in session during the spring/fall), or at least 50% of the total shows in a competition year.

Other minor changes were approved regarding various classes or divisions. All changes are underlined in the 2018 rule book, which is available at stockhorsetexas.org. Printed rule books will be available to pick up in person at SHTX events.

Get your copy of the 2018
Rule Book at the next show
or Download a PDF at
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Congrats to Emily Woodard for submitting the winning Rule Book Cover Photo, taken by Emily Peak.





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NEW EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR SHTX & COWN MEMBERS!

SHTX Is a Founding Member of National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance



In an effort to work together with like-minded groups across the country, six partnering organizations are proud to introduce the **National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance (NRSHA)**. The alliance was developed to preserve and promote ranching traditions and heritage through competitive ranch and stock horse events, highlighting the versatility of the ranch and stock horse including its innate ability to handle livestock, on a national level.

The American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), East Coast Stock Horse Association (ECSHA), National Versatility Ranch Horse Association (NVRHA), Oklahoma Stock Horse Association (OkSHA), Stock Horse of Texas (SHTX), and Western States Versatility Ranch Horse Association (WSVRHA) have worked for over a year to organize the alliance. With several regional ranch and stock horse associations, the group felt a unified presence on a national level was important.

"We wanted to come together on a large scale as a unified group with the mission of promoting ranch and stock horse traditions and heritage through competitions and education," said Jill Dunkel, executive director of Stock Horse of Texas. "There are multiple regional associations, and we felt it was important to join forces as an all-breed, national alliance promoting ranch and stock horse events across the country."

NRSHA will be a strategic marketing alliance with AQHA. That means each alliance partner will turn in major awards and earnings to AQHA so that accomplishments by registered American Quarter Horses will be placed on the horses' permanent show records with AQHA.

One goal of the alliance is to offer a nationwide calendar of ranch and stock horse events hosted by alliance members. This calendar would make it easy for riders across the country to find ranch horse events with a variety of formats where they can compete.

National Championship Show

The six associations will continue to host competitions with their own rules and divisions, and will come together for a NRSHA National Championship Show in June 2018, held in conjunction with the Zoetis AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse world show in Guthrie, Okla. Five events will be offered – ranch cutting, cow work, ranch trail, ranch reining and ranch riding.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the top ranch horses, regardless of breed, at one big event," Dunkel said.

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In order to qualify for the inaugural NRSHA championship show, riders must have competed in at least one alliance partner show between January 1, 2017, and February 28, 2018.

Members of the alliance hope coming together as a unified group will promote all of the associations nationwide. "As a smaller association, we will be able to reach more riders who are interested in our events," said Jay Henson, president of the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association. "This will help all of us secure a presence for both members and sponsorships on a national level."

Additional information on the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance can be found at www.ranchhorse.net.



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March 2-4 — Bryan, TX

April 6-7 — Lubbock, TX

May 4-5 — San Antonio, TX

June 29-30 — Dripping Springs, TX

July 20-21 — Athens, TX

August 3-4 — Sweetwater, TX

Sept. 7-8 — Hamilton, TX

Sept. 21-22 — Bryan, TX

CoWN Clinics & Shows

March 3-4 — Fort Collins, CO

May 4-6 — Sterling, CO

May 18-20 — Loveland, CO

June 1-3 — Loveland, CO

August 11-12 — Brighton, CO

Sept 15-16 — Brighton, CO

October 12-13 — Fort Collins, CO



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NRSHA National
Championship Show
June 13-17 — Guthrie, OK

Western Horseman Stock Horse World Show Oct. 26-28 — Abilene, TX

CoWN Winterfest Championship Nov 29-Dec 2 — Loveland, CO

Many events feature a Clinic, Stock Horse of Texas Show, AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse & AQHA Ranch Riding



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Warm-Up Arena Etiquette

- Always go with the flow of traffic. If the arena is large enough for two sets of circles, follow the diagram. If the arena only has space to lope one circle, ask others when you want to change directions. Most people will oblige.
- NEVER stop your horse in traffic, and ALWAYS look behind you <u>before</u> you stop or slow down.
- Always look where you are going, and watch out for other riders.
 - Don't tie horses in the warm up arena.

SHTX Kickoff Classic Bryan Clinic & Show Schedule

FRIDAY -- 8am -- CLINIC

COW -- Sarah Clifford

REINING -- Matlock Rice

TRAIL -- Bozo Rogers

PLEASURE -- Earnest Wilson

LUNCH & LEARN -- bring your lunch to the stands for an educational talk

6pm -- AQHA Ranch Riding all divisions

SATURDAY

8am -- Youth (SHTX & VRH), Junior & Novice 10am -- VRH Ranch Cutting -- All Divisions

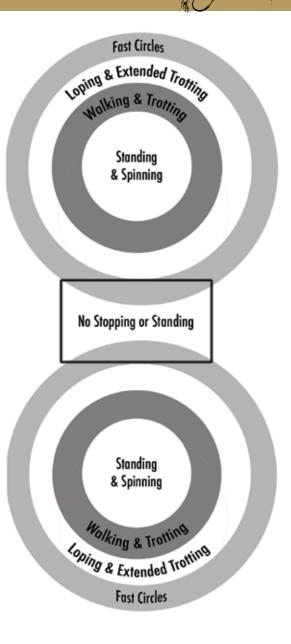
SATURDAY EVENING

7pm -- Year End Banquet (reserve tickets on the entry form) Hildebrand Equine Complex, Texas A&M Tour available at 6:30 pm

Yearly SHTX Member Meeting after banquet

SUNDAY

8am -- Open, Non Pro, Limited & Intermediate



Yearly Member Meeting!

Immediately following the banquet

Got ideas? Questions? We welcome all members to stay and help shape our association!

FAQs for the NRSHA

It's been in the works for more than a year and it is now a reality! Stock Horse of Texas along with five other organizations have established the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance (NRSHA). We are extremely excited to be on the ground floor of this national alliance dedicated to promoting and preserving the ranch horse and ranch horse competitions.

What does this mean for SHTX members?

You are now part of a national organization developed to preserve and promote ranching traditions and heritage through competitive ranch and stock horse events, highlighting the versatility of the ranch and stock horse including its innate ability to handle livestock, on a national level.

Do I have to buy a membership to NRSHA?

No, you do NOT need to purchase an additional membership. As a member of SHTX, you are part of the NR-SHA.

Will this change SHTX or CoWN clinics or shows? What about Year End SHTX or CoWN awards?

SHTX clinics and shows will continue on as always – there are no changes to our competitions and no changes to our year end awards. All of that stays the same! However, as part of NRSHA you could be eligible to compete at the NRSHA National Championship Show in June.

What is the NRSHA National Championship Show?

It is a national, all-breed show that will showcase ranch and stock horses! In order to be eligible to show, riders must have participated in at least one NRSHA-member show. If you competed at a SHTX or CoWN show in 2017, you are eligible! The show will run concurrent with Zoetis AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Show in Guthrie, Okla, June 13-17, 2018.

How do I enter the NRSHA National Championship Show?

Entries will be mailed this spring to all eligible riders.

I showed in VRH classes, not SHTX or CoWN classes. Am I eligible to compete?

Yes, AQHA is also a member of the NRSHA so if you competed at a full VRH show, you are eligible. Your entry forms will come from AQHA, not from SHTX or CoWN.

What events will be at the NRSHA National Championship Show?

Ranch trail, ranch riding (stock horse pleasure), ranch reining, ranch cow work and ranch cutting.

What divisions will be at NRSHA National Championship Show?

Open, Amateur (Non Pro), Limited Amateur (Ltd Non Pro), Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth and Novice Youth. Eligibility will be based on AQHA Open/Amateur/Youth rules.

Novice riders MUST meet the following requirements:

- a) The rider does not have more than 5 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); or \$100 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)
- b) The rider must meet other Amateur or Youth eligibility requirements for their respective division per AQHA's definition of an Amateur and a Youth.

Since SHTX and CoWN do not have a Novice Youth division, any Youth member can show in the Novice Youth if they meet the Novice eligibility requirements. Or they can elect to show in the regular Youth or Limited Youth divisions.

What are the show rules? Are the class requirements different for different divisions?

For the most part, the NRSHA National Show will follow AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse rules with a few exceptions. A complete list of the rules are available on the NRSHA website, ranchhorse.net. Here is a short summary of the differences:

- a) Novice Amateur and Novice Youth cow work will be a boxing only class with a 50 second time limit. Novice riders will NOT drag a log in the ranch trail.
- b) Limited Amateur and Limited Youth cow work will be a box/drive/box/drive format, just like SHTX/ CoWN and AQHA VRH.
- c) Open, Amateur and Youth will follow VRH cow work (full cow horse run).
- d) To be eligible for the all-around title, one horse/ one rider must enter and show in ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch reining and at least one cattle class (ranch cow work and/or ranch cutting). If they enter both cattle classes, points earned from both will count toward the all around.

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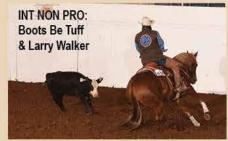
More than \$60,000 in cash

& prizes were awarded!















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Futurity & Derby Winners









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You see them at all of the shows, but how well do you really know the SHTX show staff? Here's a little background on each of the ladies that make everything happen in the office!

Jill Dunkel

I grew up in Amarillo and horses were always part of my life. My parents put their hobbies on hold to take me to a gazillion horse shows while I was growing up. Stock horse events didn't exist, so I did all around events (western horsemanship, western riding, showmanship, English, etc). I was very active in 4-H, showing horses and horse judging. While at Texas A&M, I met my husband Doug. We both had a passion for horses and competed on Texas A&M's horse judging team. We have been thrilled to raise our kids horseback, and are blessed they love the industry as much as we do. Our oldest, Ashton, is a junior at Texas A&M and competes as a Reiner on the Women's Equestrian Team. Sidney is a freshman at Texas Tech and will compete this spring on Texas Tech's ranch horse team. Blake, the youngest, is in high school and is an avid team roper.



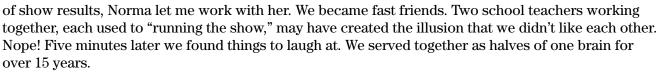
Before I took the job as Executive Director, I managed a SHTX show in Vernon for eight years. I fell in love with the camaraderie, humbleness and family atmosphere that is Stock Horse of Texas. As our association evolves with the popularity of stock horse events, I will strive to keep those qualities first and foremost for our association.

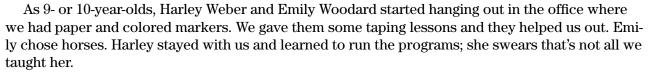
MaryAnne Truemper

I grew up on a farm in Earth county during the drought of the '50s. Escaping to read was much more fun than any chores my mother wanted me to do. I began teaching in 1971 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. I returned to Texas in 1986 where I taught at Farmersville High School until I retired in 2014. Jim and I married in 1988. Our grandson Orion is a sophomore at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

Jim and I became involved with SHOT in 1997. He competed and served on the board for a term; I took pictures, met some new people, read, met some more new people, ran a video camera, met a lot more new people, filled out entries, stood in line, met yet more people, wrote checks, and checked working orders/results. Whew!

At the Abilene show in 2000, I felt sorry for Norma (one of those new people I met) who seemed very overworked and quite stressed as SHOT's show secretary. After giving me a lesson in the correct taping





Kelsey joined us as an intern some years ago and helped Donna, who has the patience of a saint, take care of the "Grey-haired Grannies," as Kim Lindsey dubbed us.

So Jill gets to corral the latest version of SHTX show secretaries who snip, snap, laugh, and tape!

STAFF

SHOW SHOW

Kelsey Watring

Born and raised in Lakewood, Colorado, I went to school at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming and joined their Ranch Horse Team. This is where I first met Kim Lindsey and Granny (Norma Belcher), when they came up to the ASHA show we put on at the college. Kim offered me an internship position with SHOT/ASHA the summer of 2010, so after school got out I loaded my horses in a blizzard and drove 14 hours to Aspermont, TX where the temperatures were in the 100's!

I was introduced to the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team that summer and the rest is history! I went back to Wyoming to finish out my sophomore year and moved back to Texas as soon as I could, transferring to Tech that fall. With a 2012 Reserve National Championship, 2013 National Championship, 2011 Non Pro Year End Reserve Championship (Reserve Champion Collegiate), 2012 Non Pro Year End Champion (Champion Collegiate), and 2011 & 2014 Collegiate Derby Winner; my collegiate career came to an end and I went to work for a 2-Time World Champion Barrel Racer Lindsay Sears.

After 2 great years working for her, and many new experiences including living in Canada for 3 months, I came back to Texas and went back to work for SHTX in 2016! SHTX has opened so many doors for me I could not be more happy working full time for this great association that is bettering our industry everyday as well as all the great people! You all are like family, my Texas family!!



Donna Stokes

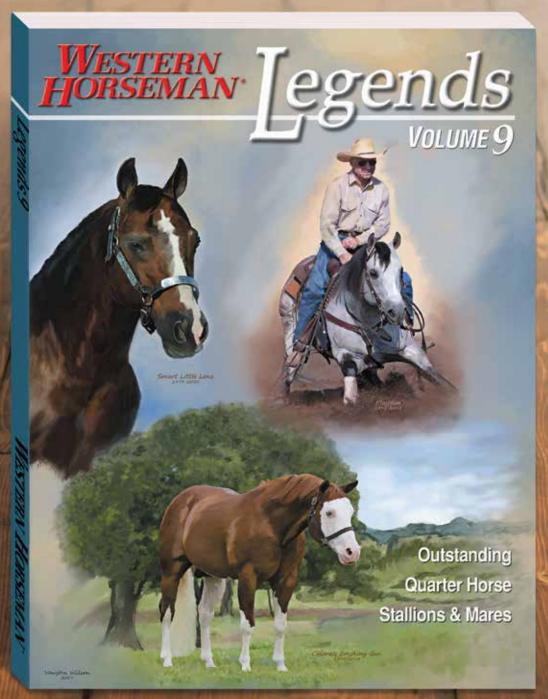
I have been a part of the Stock Horse of Texas office team for about 6 years! I got involved with SHTX when my youngest daughter was on the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team. I was born and raised in Poolville, Texas, and went to college at Tarleton State and graduated in '81. I raised my two daughters on a ranch northeast of Lubbock. I have since moved back to the Poolville area and live in a 100 year old farm house that I renovated! I love working in my yard, being outdoors, and playing with my adorable granddaughter, Lottie Belle, who will be two soon! I am so thankful for all of the wonderful people who I have met though this organization, and hope to be a part of the team for many years to come!

Harley Weber

Hey guys! My name is Harley Weber. I joined the SHTX Office staff at the end of 2016. I am 20 years old and I am currently attending Tarleton State University, but I am transferring back to McMurry University for the fall to get a degree in Athletic Training with a teaching certification for Physical Education! I grew up in SHTX, so everyone is like family to me! I have always either been in the office, showing or watching my family show at SHTX Shows. I was trained by Ms. Norma Belcher and Mrs. MaryAnne Truemper to become a SHTX Secretary, since I was 10. By that I mean that when I was 10 I would go into the office because it was always air conditioned and they had the coolest highlighters. Then I got to listen to Ms. Norma and Mrs. MaryAnne wonder where all their highlighters went. Then I got older and they actually started giving me jobs. These jobs included running to get scores, scribing, posting scores, working gates, checking



people in, and entering scores in the computer. I have so many great memories with SHTX and I am very excited to make a lot more! I am grateful to be a part of this association and I hope that SHTX will always be part of my life!



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HISTORICAL CORNER 2002 Year End Banquet

with Jim Truemper

As we begin 2018 with our first clinic, show and awards banquet, I looked back at an awards banquet from years ago. The 2002 Stock Horse of Texas awards banquet was held on March 19, 2003 at Miguel's Tex-Mex Café in Abilene, Texas. Looking through the pictures from that night, I would estimate about forty members in at-

tendance. The pictures were taken by Larry Rutledge of West Monroe, in far northeast Louisiana. For a number of years Larry hauled many miles to attend SHTX events, sometimes accompanied by his wife Janet. Larry finally tired of travel and was one of the founders of the Louisiana Stock Horse Association (LASH) which continues to this day.

In 2003 SHTX consisted of two divisions, Open and Novice. The only difference in the two was that no one who received compensation for riding horses was allowed in the Novice Division. The Open All Around Champion for 2002 was B. F. Yeates with Rodney Rosenauer taking reserve. The Novice All Around was won by Carol Lewis followed by Reserve Champion Judy Fortenberry. The All Around Champions each received Longhorn Cow Horse saddles while the Reserve



L to R: Show Secretary Norma Belcher, Treasurer Vicki Hogget, Secretary Kim Lindsey and Executive Secretary B.F. Yeates.

Champions were awarded a pair of spurs. The officers were President Dennis Sigler, Vice President Rodney Rosenauer, Secretary Kim Lindsey and Treasurer Vicki Hoggett. B.F. Yeates served as the SHTX Executive Secretary (now Executive Director).

March 19, 2003 is a significant date in American history because as we were leaving Miguel's, President George W. Bush was speaking on TV to announce the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Unfortunately, hostilities in Iraq continue to this day but on the upside so does the Stock Horse of Texas Association.



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