



# COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION

January 2022

Newsletter

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Here we are together ready to go at the start of another year and it's going to be another busy one just like last year.... While I am on the topic of last year, what a fantastic one we had, hosting Western Australia's first ever NRHA state show with both sanctioned and non-sanctioned classes. It was also our clubs 50th anniversary, what a significant milestone, 50 years on and we are still providing the same support and encouragement to our members that we did when we started and our club is still thriving as a result. So sincerely thank you to all members, both past and present, that took the time to contribute to our clubs success in whatever capacity that you were able to. You have made our club what it is today. We were also able to raise in excess of \$800 over the weekend which was donated on behalf of our membership to the cancer council and a big thank you to all who wore something yellow.

A belated merry Christmas to all of those who could not make it to our wind up. This was a tremendous way to end an incredible year, so thank you all once again for your efforts .

Now to this year..... While it is a little difficult at the moment to give exact dates due to Covid, we are still going to have one or possibly 2 "B" style shows. Last years was very successful and we had a huge amount of positive feedback from everyone who participated and ultimately it's our membership that we are trying to accommodate when we host these events. So if you have any ideas that you would like to discuss bring them to a meeting or approach a committee member. We are also looking to have our NRHA reining and ranch shows with our wonderful NRHA judges, though the dates may be subject to change we will continue to strive as we did last year until we find an appropriate time to host them. We are also pleased to announce several clinics that we will be hosting during the year. We have tried to cater to all of our members interests and skill levels with our clinicians so please feel free to participate, additionally there is still time to purchase a ticket in our Matt Charles clinic. You gotta be in it to win it after all. There will also be Clinics with Rob Lawson and our own Mike Donovan. All of our clinicians are great communicators which is so important when you are attending a clinics, as well as being accomplished horse people. So keep your skillset advancing and book in. It will help you not just on a show day but for your overall enjoyment of riding. Places are limited so be quick.

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## Committee Members

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We are also pleased to announce that we are going to give a membership discount to those members who donate over \$50 dollars to the club. This is not compulsory but we do not want to make our membership feel as if you are constantly having to put your hand in your pocket and at the same time minimise the time we spend fund raising. We also have the beginnings of another 5 year plan, you still have time to get your ideas in.

So in wrapping up, we are looking forward to having another busy year and we hope to see you on the CWRA express.

Heath

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## **Secretary Update**

Hello and welcome to 2022!

We have a full year planned so I hope you had a great rest over the Christmas and New Year break! Finishing our 50<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary with the State NRHA Oceania WA State Championship was a huge success and a massive credit to all! What a year to celebrate 50 years!

Congratulations to the winners of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hi Points, State Championship Titles and Perpetual Trophies.

I was so proud of each and everyone of you at the State show. The support everyone has offered and contributed to the club has made 2021 fantastic success! I was on such a high after watching the non-Sanctioned presentations I completely forgot my pattern! Whoops!

### **Now to look towards 2022!**

The Sponsorship Packages for 2022 have now been advertised and businesses contacted. The 2022 package is different to 2021 allowing sponsors to have a selected class for the entire year, Naming rights to shows and much more. Packages are available please email the club to receive.

### **We are pleased announce a 20% Membership Discount!**

This is to acknowledge and support CWRA members supporting CWRA. CWRA will implement a 20% discount on the following years membership for personal donations over \$50.00. So, get your donations in and get 20% off your 2022/2023 Membership.

Shows, Clinics and Club Days are all booked for 2022. Keep an eye on our facebook page and soon we will have new website to keep everyone up to date with our wonderful club events.

### **Planning for the future**

The Club is going to implement a 5-year plan. We had some exciting ideas suggested at the last members meeting. Ideas included.

- ❖ Sand Pit for the kids.
- ❖ Warm up pen extension.
- ❖ Practice show day Protocol days for Western Events. Judges to provide feedback to riders etc.
- ❖ Additional Yards
- ❖ Look into grants for roof over the arena
- ❖ Approach the shire about an additional arena
- ❖ Lawn mower upgraded
- ❖ New Kitchen
- ❖ Extend the veranda
- ❖ Roof over the yards
- ❖ Dedicated judges and show Secretary Office
- ❖ Bigger storage shed.
- ❖ Approach the ag society about replacing and using the yards at the near the toilets.
- ❖ Obstacle course.
- ❖ AQHA and or WAQHA Affiliation

If you have any additional ideas, please email them to [colliewesternriding@gmail.com](mailto:colliewesternriding@gmail.com)  
Look forward to seeing you all have a fabulous year with plenty of time in the saddle!  
See you all soon Marie

## **Oceania Council Update**

The Council is currently working on an Annual Awards Program for NRHA Oceania Riders. A 2022 Members survey will soon be issued to NRHA members within the Oceania region in Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Thailand, Japan and China to get their opinions on different systems available.

The Oceania is truly growing now with the first NRHA Regional Finals to be held by the Victorian Reining Horse Association in March.

I am working on a Delegate Job Description this will allow delegates to know what their role requires and what members are allowing delegates to do when voted in.

I'm excited about the Oceania future developments and very pleased CWRA can be part of helping guide reining in this region.



## **50th Anniversary Hi Points Winners!**



### **Congratulations to:**

- ◆ Rider 13 years and under - William Bowen
- ◆ Ranch Walk Trot - Darci Peace
- ◆ Ranch Riding Open - Susan Peace
- ◆ Beginner - Susan Peace
- ◆ Green Reiner L1 - Chelsea Harrison
- ◆ Green Reiner L2 - Marie Wetherell
- ◆ Prime Time Non Pro - Glen Winsor
- ◆ Rookie Pro - Mike Donavon
- ◆ Rookie L1 - Marie Wetherell
- ◆ Rookie L2 - Jillian Hunter
- ◆ Limited Non Pro - Glen Winsor
- ◆ Novice Horse Open L1 - Alicia Lewis
- ◆ Novice Horse Non Pro L1 - Jill Hunter

A massive thank you to the Hi Points Sponsors!

- ★ Collie Veterinary Services ★ Collie Salvage & Hardware
- ★ Peace Cutting ★ BT Saddlesitting & Bodywork
- ★ Horse Essentials Australia ★ GR Toovey Leathercraft
- ★ Boyanup Fuels ★ Genetically Gifted
- ★ S and J Hunter Rural Services ★ Bunbury Settlement Services
- ★ Allpest ★ Equissage Mel Equine services WA
- ★ Harrison Performance Horses ★ Ezyhold Australia rope reins
- ★ Maximus Metallica ★ Stitch'Em Embroidery

## **COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION INC.**



The Collie Western Riding Association Inc. celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the first NRHA Oceania State Reining/Ranch Riding show on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Collie Western Arena .The weather couldn't have been better.

This show was dedicated to Ian Smith and Ivan Tresidder, two life members, who have passed away in recent years. Another life member, Murray Whiteaker, passed away recently.

Fundraising for the Cancer Council was held over the weekend in memory of Ian and Ivan.

Rod Osborne who is from Queensland was our judge for the weekend. There were 25 horses with 60 runs per day competing over the 2 days. The prizes were Garlands, Sashes, Trophy's and Buckles.

Broome Staircase Design provided fresh water pearls for our Best Presented Rider on Saturday which was won by Jacinta Bolsenbroek, and our perpetual trophies went to Chelsea Harrison for most points for Green Reiner and Mike Donavon won his for highest score overall.

Now a bit of history of the club.

The Collie Western Riding Association Inc. was first formed in 1971 by Dave Little who introduced the Western style of horse riding. Dave was the first president of the CWRA and the first secretary was Cath Cluning who still lives in Collie. The Cluning, Thompson, Lane, Smith and Whiteaker families were involved in the early years and the Whiteaker family is still involved with the club today. Heath Whiteaker is the current president. The club obtained the present ground early to mid-70s and with true determination turned an old railway formation into the present day riding arena. The arena has been improved and rebuilt several times over the years, which has resulted in the fully drained, irrigated and lit arena we enjoy today.



**NRHA Oceania State  
Championship  
Reining Show Results  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Beginner**

- 1<sup>st</sup> S. Peace-PCH Ember  
2<sup>nd</sup> K. Travers-Luvash Constance  
3<sup>rd</sup> J. Bolsenbroek-Invited With Love

**Novice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> C. Coffey-Dunkicknupastorm  
2<sup>nd</sup> S. Peace-Maximus Metallica

**Youth 13 & Under**

- 1<sup>st</sup> W. Bowen-CheMandu Vixen  
2<sup>nd</sup> D. Peace-Daddys Lil Squirt  
3<sup>rd</sup> A. Bowen-Annie

**Ranch Riding Walk Trot**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J. Bolsenbroek-Invited With Love  
2<sup>nd</sup> C. Coffey-Dunkicknupastorm  
3<sup>rd</sup> J. Panizza-CVS Hes Got Attitude

**Ranch Riding Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J. Bolsenbroek-Invited With Love  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Panizza-CVS Hes Got Attitude  
3<sup>rd</sup> N. Hutt-Crown K Commanders Chex

**Green Horse Walk/Trot**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J. Panizza-CVS Hes Got Attitude  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Bolsenbroek-Invited With Love

**Green Horse**

- 1<sup>st</sup> B. Travers-Tully Bar Leo  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Panizza- Jessies Smart N Dandy  
3<sup>rd</sup> J. Bolsenbroek-Invited With Love

**Green Reiner L1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> C. Harrison-Stylish Lil Step  
2<sup>nd</sup> R. Atkins-Spins Lil Gem

**Green Reiner L2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Wetherell-Buttoned Up Jacit

**Novice Horse Open L1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> K. Harrison-Stylish Lil Step  
=2<sup>nd</sup> A. Lewis-Hand Grenade  
=2<sup>nd</sup> K. Winsor-Custom Hootchy

**Novice Horse Open L2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> K. Harrison-Stylish Lil Step

**Novice Horse Non Pro L1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J. Hunter-Cat Brules  
2<sup>nd</sup> A. Morris-NPH Lil Hollywood  
3<sup>rd</sup> K. Winsor-Custom Hootchy

**Prime Time Non Pro**

- 1<sup>st</sup> G. Winsor-Custom Chic

**Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Donavon-Quirran Lea Barita Olena  
2<sup>nd</sup> K. Harrison-Stylish Lil Step

**Rookie L1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Wetherell-Buttoned Up Jacit  
2<sup>nd</sup> R. Atkins-Spins Lil Gem  
3<sup>rd</sup> K. Winsor-Custom Hootchy

**Rookie L2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> J. Hunter-Cat Brules

**Prime Time Rookie**

- 1<sup>st</sup> R. Atkins-Spins Lil Gem

**Limited Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Donavon-Quirran Lea Barita Olena

**Rookie Pro**

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Donavon-Quirran Lea Barita Olena

**Limited Non Pro**

- 1<sup>st</sup> G. Winsor-Custom Chic

# Mental Conformation by Dick Pieper

Posted by [Horse Digests](#) on May 29, 2018 in [BLOG](#), [Dick Pieper](#), [Training Tips](#)

In selecting a prospect, we take into consideration both a horse's physical and mental conformation. To be an athlete, he must be an exceptional individual. No matter what the event or job, he needs to have a body that is suited to his intended use.

The first selection decisions are based almost solely on conformation and breeding. We know that certain bloodlines and combinations of bloodlines have been very successful in the past and that conformation characteristics ensure that he's the athlete we want.

As the business of breeding performance horses has become more sophisticated, we know we can select a horse for inheritable characteristics. Probably the most dramatic illustration of heredity is mental attitude. It's amazing how many horses from the same family react alike. We get up in the morning and know what horses of that family are going to do.

After considering the breeding, we look at conformation and athleticism. Is the horse built to stay sound? Is he constructed so that it can be easy and natural for him to perform the manoeuvres we're going to ask of him?

Finally, we want the horse to have had premium handling. We don't want him to have been exposed to any training or schooling that makes it hard for him to trust our program later.

Conformation refers to the outline or form of a horse —how the body is made. I believe there are two facets to the horse's makeup —the mental and the physical. The physical conformation tells me what kind of athlete a horse can be. The mental conformation tells me what kind of heart he might have, whether he is trustworthy, and if he can be mentally strong whether in a show arena or out on the trail.

## Genetics

I think that genetics play a great part in both the mental and the physical aspects of a horse. First, when considering a young prospect, I know the genetics tell me what mental traits the horse has or how this horse reacts to different stimuli because his relatives react in the same ways.

Here's an example. All the foals by our stallion Playgun have this trait. If riders are rough training them, the horses become very fearful and are liable to react the wrong way because they're afraid. They might be faced up to a cow and jump in the wrong direction; they're afraid if they don't move the right way, their riders might get after them. The horses put enough pressure on themselves. If the riders try to put too much more pressure on these horses, they overreact. But when riders are fair to these horses and correct them without overdoing things, they're great to ride.

**The point:** Different bloodlines react differently to training. The further you go as a rider or trainer, the more you recognize different traits in horses by a specific stallion. For example, the Doc's Hickory horses could be very reactive, extremely cowy and were terrific overachievers.

They had to be quieted down and constantly reassured with a lot of slow, methodical repetition. The Doc Quixote horses were a little different in that they were very calm, good-minded horses and still very cowy, but much more laid-back. At times you needed to speed them up, as opposed to the Hickorys, which you always were trying to slow down. These two extreme opposites illustrate the differences in mental conformation.

Once you've considered the sire, consider the traits of the dam, based on her breeding. With those two criteria you can, with a fair degree of accuracy, predict how their young horses are going to train. You should pay attention to these things and catalogue them in memory in your quest to become a horseman. Study each horse you ride and eventually you see the similarities in horses bred along the same lines. This type knowledge helps you know how to mould a horse and give him confidence.

## Recognizing Characteristics of a Horse's Mind

One time we bought a gorgeous Doc O'Lena mare in Canada. She had great conformation, and we thought she'd be a star.

She looked like an older mare but had the mind of a yearling—easily distracted. She couldn't keep herself together and always was whinnying at other horses and looking at everything that was going on. She just wasn't mature enough to pay attention.

I could not get her to develop any willingness, so I couldn't ask her to do increasingly more difficult things.

I decided to put her on a holding pattern and wait until her mind caught up with her body. I ended up keeping her at about a mid-year level throughout her entire 3-year-old year, working her carefully, gradually asking for just tiny progress.





Finally, I began to see signs that she was making advances. When she was a 4-year-old, her mind caught up with her body. By the end of her 4-year-old year, she was a confident, willing performer.

Had she been spurred and pounded to make the futurity, she would have become a throwaway item. By going at her pace, we salvaged an outstanding individual.

*Dick Pieper is internationally recognized as a horseman's horseman and this iconic individual has influenced and developed the careers of riders and their trainers for decades. After*

*fifty plus years in the horse industry, his name has come to stand for a special brand of arena excellence that never compromised the welfare of the horse.*

# 2022

## COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION

### RANCH AND REINING SHOW DATES

12th and 13th March  
7th and 8th May  
5th and 6th November



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CWRA Membership

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**COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION**



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- Cordial container
- Concentrated fruit/veg  
juice containers
- Drink containers (<150mL)
- Flavoured milk (1L+)
- Wine or pure spirits
- Wine/water casks





**We would like to wish the following members a very Happy Birthday!**

***JANUARY— Marie, Robyn, Chelsea, Ethan, William, Elsie, Ray & Lana***

***FEBRUARY— Nicky & Margaret***

***Welcome all our members, new and old to a wonderful year full of horses and friendship.***

### *IMPORTANT NEWS AND COMING EVENTS..*

- ◆ Our NRHA OC State Championship reining and ranch show was a massive success. As I rider I was inspired by the support from fellow competitors, our show organisers and support crew, and our wonderful Judge—Rod Osbourne. These people all help to make competing possible and enjoyable. So a huge thank you from me.
- ◆ Our State Championship and High-point winners are on pages 3 & 5. Well done to everyone who went out and gave it all they had.
- ◆ The Matt Charles clinic will be held over 4 days in April. The Saturday/Sunday clinic is now full (with the exception of the raffle winner position) but there are a few remaining spots for Monday/Tuesday. Please see Marie, Chrys or Liz for raffle tickets which are \$10 each.
- ◆ Mike Donovan will again be donating his time to host a clinic on February 26th. Mike is a wealth of knowledge and this is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to dip their hoof in the pool of clinics.
- ◆ Marie has been busy organising sponsorship for 2022 and we would like to thank her for her efforts. Welcome to Elite Floats Australia and Hygain. I use products from both these companies and am very happy with the quality. If you have any businesses that would like to sponsor us and have a years worth of advertising please let Marie know.
- ◆ On the subject of sponsorship, we now have a 'CWRA Legends' membership discount. Any donation of \$50 or above will receive a 20% discount on their membership. What a great idea. See page 8 for more.
- ◆ Rob Lawson will finally be coming back west in October. Rob is an enabler for people wanting to get into reining as well as providing coaching for all levels of riders wanting to join the sport of reining.
- ◆ Our club will be hosting the 2022 NRHA OC State Championship in November. This is something for us to all work towards, if you aren't into reining you can give ranch riding a try. We will be holding 2 western shows this year with the first on April 3rd, and they will give you a taste of showing but in a very relaxed environment. This is a great opportunity for green riders or those with green horses to show.

Until next time,

*Jill*



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*Preparation + Attitude + Opportunity + Action  
= Luck.  
John C. Maxwell*

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

**\*\*JANUARY IS BACK TO TWILIGHT TIME\*\***

### **FEBRUARY**

- ◆ 5th Club day evening meal available 5pm Nicky/Heath
- ◆ 19th Club day evening meal available 5pm Midge/Bruce

### **MARCH**

- ◆ 5th Members meeting & Club day 5pm Tim
- ◆ 6th Practice day 9am
- ◆ 12/13th Reining and Ranch Show 9am
- ◆ 19th Club day TBA

### **APRIL**

- ◆ 2nd Club day 1pm
- ◆ 3rd Western events show 9am