

COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION

July 2021

Newsletter

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear members

Thankyou. Thank-you for all your support over the past twelve months.

Being president of a club that has such a diverse and pleasant membership group makes being president an enjoyable task and I feel that all our membership has the club's best interest at heart and is committed to helping both our club and its membership to grow to its full potential. I would like to personally thank once again our office bearers, starting with Vice President, Midge Elvin for her tireless work maintaining our ground, working with the youth of our club and the multitude of other tasks that she performs so well. Liz Tressider, our show secretary who works tirelessly not only on show days but before and after each show. It is a job that carries a huge responsibility and Liz performs it well, so thanks again Liz.

Marie Wetherell, our general Secretary, has our gratitude for working determinedly throughout the year to coordinate various events, while being the main contact for the club and encouraging new members to come along and participate in our club events. Marie is also one of our Oceania Council delegates where she has taken on numerous tasks. It is a job that carries a huge responsibility and Marie does a fantastic job.

Chrystine Whiteaker, our fabulous Treasurer works diligently to keep the clubs accounts on the straight and narrow as well as assisting both Liz and Marie with their positions. Chrystine also helps in our canteen and a multitude of other tasks, thanks Mum.

Tim Elliott and James Elliott, what would our club be without its canteen? Thank you for your energetic efforts in keeping us all fed. A huge thankyou to Tim who also works with the youth of our club and helps maintain our grounds with Midge so a double thanks.

I would also like to give huge thanks to Nicky Hutt for running our Facebook page, which is of enormous benefit to our club and being the major coordinator for our spring show, so thank you Nicky.

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Finally, and by no means least, a colossal thankyou to Jillian Hunter who was our lead OC delegate this year as well as helping to coordinate our spring show with Nicky and providing a great newsletter. Thanks for everything Jill.

There still is time to fill out your membership survey. This is completely anonymous, and we hope you will be open and honest so the executive committee will have truly unbiased opinion of how the membership feels the club is progressing, and what we can potentially change to make being a member of the club a more enjoyable and beneficial experience.

Our spring show is fast approaching so shake off you winter languor and come along. While the show is primarily being put on for club members is open to all so why not bring your friends along.

The John wicks clinic has been fully booked for riding positions at this stage, however, there are plenty of fence sitting positions available which is still a great way to learn and participate in clinics if you're not quite ready to ride, so please come along. (Expressions of interest are now open for a Thursday & Friday clinic with John).

Don't forget our state championship - NRHA show is fast approaching, so if you wish to be assessed by quality judge, get your nominations in, and go home rich.

In closing I would like to welcome our newest committee members to their positions and encourage all members to bring their ideas forward in meetings and keep our club growing.

Thank you once again to our club membership for ALL your help and support in this last year, it really does make it all worthwhile.

PS welcome to our newest potential member Adam James... we have a horse for you.

Best regards

Heath

Oceania Update

- ◇ Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions the Regional Championships have been postponed until further notice.
- ◇ With the engagement of a dedicated minute taker our minutes should be available in a more timely manner. Please be aware that these minutes will not be accepted as correct until the following OC meeting.
- ◇ Eligibilities will remain the same for 2022 and revisited for 2023
- ◇ NRHA will be assisting the OC with show conditions for the 2022 regional finals
- ◇ The OC is currently working on creating sub-committees to enhance reining. These categories are—Judging, Secretaries, Youth, Major events and policies/procedures. If you would like to be a part of any of these and have extra input into how reining is progressed in Australia please contact Marie or Glenn.
- ◇ NRHA merchandise is now available in Australia. The OC has approved the use of the logo for our club and can be used in conjunction with our club logo.
- ◇ For all your NRHA Oceania Reining events go to— <https://www.facebook.com/NRHA-Oceania-Reining-Events-100803598713930/>
- ◇ Our CWRA email address is collieocdelegate@gmail.com for all OC correspondence.
- ◇ I have stepped down from the OC and Marie Wetherell is our new delegate with Glenn Winsor as second delegate. I would like to thank them for volunteering and I know that they will put in 150% effort.

Find us on Facebook at NRHA-Oceania

JULY 2021 Secretary Report

Hi everyone!

Hope you are managing to stay warm and dry!

What a great year we have had and now we have had our AGM we can start planning for another fantastic 12 months ahead!

Only a few things from me this month!

Survey – The members survey is closing on the 31st of July. Make sure you have your say and help the club and plan for future growth and development of the club.

Uniforms are still available at Promote You in Bunbury. I will be taking the Oceania Logo and a 50th Anniversary logo in next week to be available to be placed on your merchandise.

2021/2022 Memberships are now due, and payment must be made by the 1st of August 2021. There is a new form and disclaimer for our insurance. Please email colliewesternriding@gmail.com if you have not received your new forms. Hopefully, they will be available on the website shortly.

As the John Wicks Clinic filled up very quickly, we can hold an additional clinic on the 9th and 10th of September. Please register your interest if you wish to attend this clinic. We need 10 riders to make the second clinic happen.

The next 6 months will be busy with the John Wicks Clinic in September, Spring Show in October, our first NRHA Oceania WA State Championships in November, and also hold our regular club days.

Hope to see you all dried out and mud free in the coming months.

Take care

Marie

Office bearers for 2021

President—Heath Whiteaker

Vice President—Midge Elvin

Secretary—Marie Wetherell

Show Secretary—Liz Tresidder

Treasurer—Chrystine Whiteaker

OC Delegates—Marie Wetherell & Glenn Winsor

Committee—Vetty Bailey, Janine Stevens, Mike Donovan, Bruce Whiteaker, Jill Hunter, Nicky Hutt and Brad Travers

Facebook—Nicky Hutt

Newsletter—Jillian Hunter

Canteen—Tim & Jim Elliott

Web—Jim Elliott

Grounds Keepers—Heath, Midge & Vetty

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their time and effort. It is appreciated.



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

JULY— Aimee, Sally, Wendy, Murray & Kirsty

AUGUST— Kevin, Sharon, Henry, Amy, Kristina, Rayne, Renae & Brendon

We would also like to welcome all our new members.

IMPORTANT NEWS AND COMING EVENTS..

- ◆ Our John Wicks clinic filled up without any outside advertising. If you or someone you know has missed out please contact Marie as we now have an option to run 2 more days if there is the interest. The clinic dates are 11/12th September and we are proposing to have 2 more days on Thurs/Fri which will be 9/10th September.
- ◆ Nicky, Heath and I have been hard at work getting the program right for our Spring Western Show. Hopefully we have something for everyone and every horse. Look out for the program and if you have any questions please contact Nicky or myself. This show will be held on October 10th which is a Sunday so we can have a practice day on the Saturday.
- ◆ Membership fees will be staying the same as 2021.
- ◆ Due to our membership being so widespread, for the 2022 AGM proxy voting will be allowed. This is as per the constitution.
- ◆ Our Spring Western Show is on the 10th October which is a Sunday. We will be having a practice day on the Saturday before so we can go through any questions. Keep in mind that this is meant to be a show where we can have fun, chill out and train ourselves and our horses. Bring your friends along too. And have a good time.

Until next time,

Jill

❖ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ❖

Grounds/Arena Usage Fee. \$10 per member per usage. Contact Tim 0429 016445 to obtain a key. If the key is not returned on the same day a \$5 late fee will apply. Arena hire and usage is for members only.

Membership Fee. Members joining after 1st March pay a part-year payment. Renewal of full membership is due by August 31st.

Mentoring Programme. Anyone interested in pre club mentoring can contact Bruce or Mike prior to the day to arrange. This is a free service and you can learn about western disciplines or just improve your horsemanship. These are one on one instructions with experienced committee members. An offer to good to pass up!!

Payment. Payments for membership and clinics can be spread out to reduce the burden. Contact our treasurer if you wish to make partial payments. Confidentiality assured.

Correcting Circles -

These tips from NRHA Professional Van Luse will help you improve your circle manoeuvre scores.

Article & photos by Abigail Boatwright

Circles comprise two of your pattern's seven or eight manoeuvre scores, but they can affect so much more. Depending on how you execute them, your large fast and small slow circles can influence other parts of your pattern as well.

NRHA Professional and judge Van Luse has coached many non-pros who've struggled with mastering the manoeuvre, which demonstrates control, willingness to guide and degree of difficulty in speed. Using these tips, you'll find it easier to avoid manoeuvre deductions — or even pick up points — in your circles.

Nail Your Centre

Without a doubt, the most important element of the circle manoeuvre is lining your horse up with the middle marker every time you come through the centre, Luse said.

"If you're having a zero set of circles, you're not doing anything wrong," he explained. "You're not doing anything for a [credit earning] high degree of difficulty, but you're still going to get [at least] a zero. "But" he added, "if you can't make it back to the centre, then you're probably going to get a minus-half [manoeuvre] score. So, you just spent all that time on your circles, but if you miss the centre of the arena, you're going to get discredited for it."

Look for the cone every time you work on circles. When you're practicing at shows, make sure you have a landmark to orient yourself as you circle around. At home, Luse works with cones every time he's in the arena.

"Never do I not look for the cone on a circle, unless someone's in the way [in practice]," Luse said. "Never do I not hit that centre. My horses just think it's part of the day-to-day routine."

Change the Shape

Luse said symmetry is the key to good circles.

"It's very common for green riders to lop off part of their circle," he noted.

Often, riders will guide straight through the centre of the arena and toward the wall, following the wall around to the corner, where they get stuck. They compensate by cutting off the other long wall on the way back to the centre. This results in a poorly shaped circle.

Other times, riders may aim to make round circles each way, but struggle when it comes time to change leads or stop in the centre.

Luse said the key to a quality pattern is to change the shape of your circles to be more oblong, with the shorter curves on the long sides of the arena and the gentler curves meeting in the centre. "Make your circles more like footballs, not actual round donut shapes," Luse advised. "The football shape allows you to stay wide in the arena and have a straighter line across the centre of the arena." Perfectly round circles mean your horse is actually facing toward the opposite side of the arena as you come through the centre, which can interfere when it's time to change leads or stop for spins in the centre.

"Horses usually change leads from the hind end to the front end," Luse said. "But, if your horse is already leaning into the new direction, you can end up dragging a lead. And if you're in a small, slow as your last circle before you stop and spin, you'll be facing the far third cone instead of the centre cone. You'll be in a bad position."

An oval shape in the circles will not only keep a horse's movement flowing smoothly, it will also keep the rider from getting sucked into that first corner of the circle — a drift that will throw off the whole manoeuvre. It's a mistake Luse has seen time and again from the judge's chair.

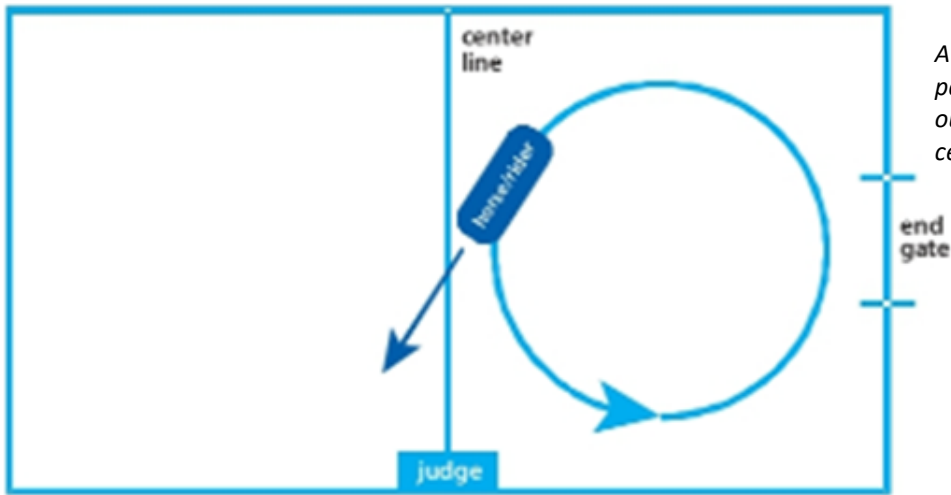
"When you get into the corner, you end up doing a straight line down the [short end of the arena] wall," he said. "Now you're into a square, and that looks bad. Your symmetries are off. Avoid that corner at all costs."

Don't Overdo It

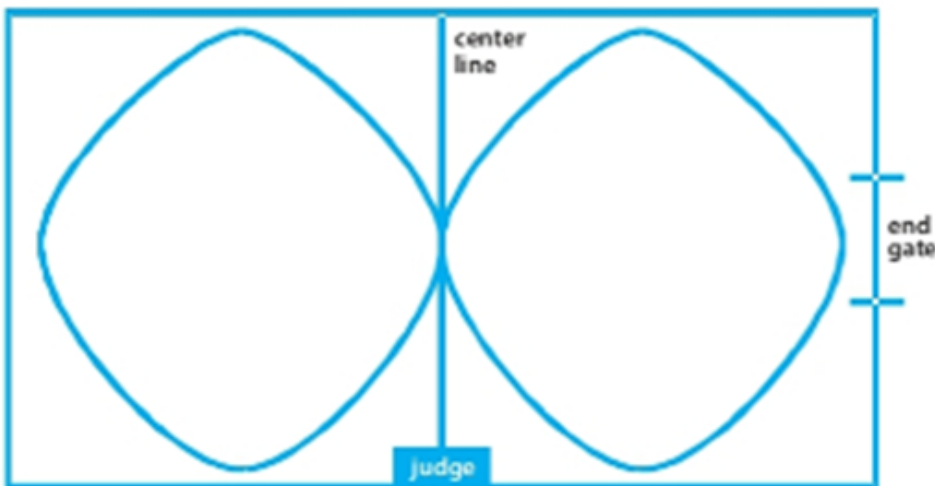
It's important to know your abilities, as well as your horse's, Luse said. Don't focus so much on trying to plus a manoeuvre with difficulty that it causes you to incur penalties.

"Going too slow is usually not going to get you in trouble but overriding your horse's ability and asking him to go too fast where it looks ugly and rough can get you in trouble," Luse said. "You're not going to have a big degree of difficulty going slow, but you will keep it to a zero, possibly even a plus-half."

Riding with too-loose reins for your horse's level of training can also land you penalties instead of plusses. "When you have too loose of reins, you're giving your horse too many bad options," Luse said. "Speaking as a judge, there's no set standard of how tight or loose reins are supposed to be. If I can see that if you would have tightened your reins a bit [to be able to] help your horse perform his circles correctly, you would have done better, even though you won't gain points for degree of difficulty. ❖"



A perfect circle may look good on paper, but it often puts the horse out of position when it reaches the centre of the arena.



Shape your circles more like footballs, with the long, more gradual curve of the oval up the centre and sharper curves along the longer sides of the arena. This will help put your horse in the correct position for lead changes or stops in the middle of the pen.



Use cones or some other landmark point of reference, even when you practice. If you can nail your centre marker every time you ride, it'll become habit when you get to the show pen.

Van Luse trains, coaches and sells reining and all-around horses with his wife, Cathy Woosely-Luse, in Gainesville, Texas. He won the 2003 NRHA Intermediate and Limited Open Futurity titles, and has won more than \$162,000 in NRHA lifetime earnings. The respected NRHA judge is scheduled to work as part of the Open judging team at the 2020 NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City

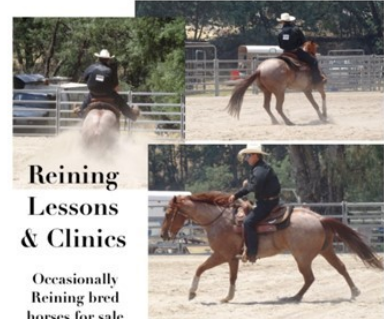
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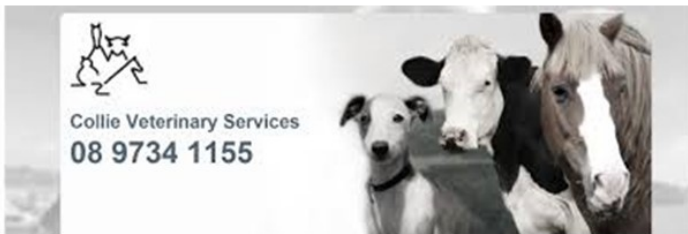
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Isabelle and Belle on the birth
of your sweet baby Adam.***



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



DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

◆ 24th Club day 1pm Nicky

AUGUST

◆ 7th Club Day 1pm Tim
◆ 21st Club day 1pm Glenn

SEPTEMBER

◆ 4th Members Meeting 12 noon
◆ 4th Club day 1pm Marie
◆ 11&12th John Wicks Reining Clinic 8 am
◆ (9th&10th Clinic TBA)
◆ 18th Club day 1pm Jill

