

# COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION

March 2022

Newsletter

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear members

Welcome to Autumn and our fast-approaching club show. At the risk of sounding repetitive these shows are a great opportunity for both riders and horses to try competing. There is absolutely no pressure, plus plenty of helpful encouragement from all, so please feel free to bring down a friend and have a go. All are welcome and judging will be conducted with the guidance of the AQHA rulebook.

We are also pleased to announce that our Clinic with Mike Donovan is full. I think almost all our membership has met Mike and I can honestly say that if you're wanting to participate in a clinic for the first time you would not find better, nor is this clinic just for beginners either. Mike has a wealth of experience across most discipline's and has competed nationwide and overseas and is also a great communicator and a kind and understanding teacher so why not come down and participate and ask questions over the fence while putting yourself on the reserve list.

We are also pleased to announce the result of our Matt Charles clinic raffle. Congratulations Chelsea Coffey on a well-deserved win. We look forward to seeing you at the clinic and a sincere thankyou to all who purchased tickets. Matt has been training reining horses and coaching riders of all discipline's for more than 15 years. He travels nationwide teaching clinics and giving private lessons to all levels of riding skill and is an excellent communicator. He has also won several state and national titles in the discipline of reining and has coached both youth and non-professional riders to achieve the same. Matt and his Fiancé, Andrea very kindly sponsor the wonderful Green Reiner perpetual trophy to our club for our state championship show, so when you meet them, please say a huge thank you. I think everyone who saw the trophies were impressed with the generosity of the donation. For those face book aficionados out there, he gave our club a great boost while being interviewed by Clancy at the recent VRHA NRHA Oceania Regional Finals so if you're inclined to, please like the post.

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## Committee Members

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We have also received a grant from Bendigo Bank for the sum of \$2000 for specific sponsorship of our upcoming state championship show, so a huge thankyou to our local Bendigo Bank branch for their generous donation.

I would encourage all members to participate in this show. We do try and put classes on for all skill levels and interests for the enjoyment and benefit of our membership. We are also proceeding with extending our warm-up arena with exciting news in the pipeline, plus we are also looking to expand our horse yard area so watch this space. There will be a busy bee in the pipeline.

Should you have missed out on our two coming clinics, there will be a third later in the year plus a ranch/reining show. Details are to be confirmed plus our March NRHA show has been moved to May, so you still have time to get those entries in.

We are looking to move our club days back to daylight hours on March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm. So, all in all another busy year as it should be.

See you all soon

Heath

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### ***Secretary Report***

Its an exciting time right now for our club! Our future is looking bright and strong!

Sponsorship for the 2022 season is starting to be received. Last week got news from the Collie Community Bendigo Bank that they wish to Sponsor and support CWRA to the Value of \$2000 for the naming rights of 2022 NRHA Oceania State Championships. This is a great help to our club as it means the profits from the shows and events, we host during the year can be saved to help us improve and repair our beautiful facilities which leads me to the next topic!

Yards! We have been saving our money for a new set of yards. We have approached the Collie Agricultural Society regarding replacing the yards owned by the Collie Agricultural Society on the way to the toilet. We hope to hear about our proposal and our application to the Collie Miners Welfare Board soon to start making progress on getting some nice and safe yards for our horses.

We have also received a beautiful set of Pearls from Broome Staircase Designs to use at our discretion during the year. Along with their support for the Best Presented Horse and Rider at the State Show! I'm still working on compiling 5-year Progression and Growth Plan to ensure the membership and club grow in a positive direction over the next five years.

The new website is now up and running. On this you will find photos, entry forms, up and coming events and a great video of Matt Charles being interviewed regarding his passion to help WA grow.

I look forward to emailing you all soon with our exciting news that is still a work in progress.

We have some great clinics scheduled with both our clinics with Mike Donavon and Matt Charles now being full, lots of club days and Shows ahead of us for the year.

Its certainly going to be a very busy year.

Take Care

Marie



It's been a big month for the NRHA Oceania! With the first ever NRHA Regional Finals being held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre in Victoria hosted by the Victorian Reining Horse Association along with the Victorian Potties State Derby. With over 530 runs!

The show was full of great riding, partying, and some great interviews with the The Rundown with Clancy.

The Calliope Sliders put on their famous parties. With some fantastic Yellowstone actor look-alikes turning up. Which made an amazing atmosphere for the first night.

Two representatives from the NRHA USA Sam Oldfield and Sara Honegger were at the show taking their time to speak to everyone. It was really nice to be in a closer time zone and over a week to catch these two ladies.

The Regional Finals was also the first opportunity for riders to qualify for the Run For A Million event which will be held in Las Vegas in August!

Below is a great write up written by the talented photographer of the show Stephen Mowbary regarding the NRHA Youth Team Tournament

### **NRHA YOUTH TEAM REINING A TRIUMPH!**

When each of our Youth competitors entered the pen in class 15 of the 2021 NRHA - National Reining Horse Association 4CYTE Oceania Regional Finals they weren't just riding for themselves, they were riding for their Team.

It's a concept that the NRHA strongly believes in and we have seen in the USA how it bonds, builds and develops our Youth riders and it's a thrill to say that what happened at the NRHA – 4CYTE Oceania Regional Finals in Melbourne is everything that we hoped it could be. And that's 'inspired reining', not just riding for 'me' but riding for 'we' ... and these young Reiner's delivered in spades!

#### **CONCEPT**

Each Team of four Reiners has one 13yo or under member and one 14-18yo member. The lowest score from all four members is dropped and the Team with the highest aggregate scores from 3 runs wins.

#### **TEAM 1 : THE PORK CHOPS**

Tahlia Noonan, Hope Kelderman Adelaide Osler and Minna Baxter

#### **TEAM 2 : NU TOO MUCH**

Tomi Rose Elliott, Jhi Watts, Kasey Bogie and Chiara Sonsini

#### **TEAM 3 : TOPSPIN'S LITTLE PLAYBOY BOMB**

Ally Bogie, Arianny Watts, Katia Sonsini, and Stevie Oven

#### **TEAM 4 : THE FLYING OSTRICHES**

Hope Kelderman, Charley Oven, Chiara Sonsini and Arianny Watts

Each of the competitors are competing in their own age group divisions, here are those results:

#### **YOUTH 13YO AND UNDER**

1st: Stevie Oven and Topspin Jackie' 67pts

2nd: Hope Kelderman and 'Chex This Gun' 66pts

3rd: Tomi Rose Elliott and 'OP Whizzel Do' 65.50 pts

#### **YOUTH 14 -18YO**

1st: Kasey Bogie and 'Starbar Tassas Oakie' 70pts

2nd: Ally Bogie and 'Lil Shot' 69.50 pts

3rd: Charley Oven and 'Dunit Til It Shone' 68pts

## THE WINNING TEAM

And then you add in all the runs from all the Team Members to determine which Team would take home the stunning Trophy Buckle and Medal and it becomes close, very close!

In fact, the winning Team was decided on the very last run from little Stevie Oven and 'Top Spin Jackie'. Stevie didn't know this but at that stage her Team was on 198.5pts. The lowest of the three scores for her Team before her run was 62.50pts so in order to take the lead from the 'Nu Too Much' Team whose score, after the drop score was removed was 200pts.

So Stevie had to mark 64 to tie and anything above that would see team 'Top Spin's Playboy Bomb' clip the beautiful buckles on their belt!

The record books will show that not only did Stevie mark more than 64pts, her fabulous 67pt run also claimed top spot in the Youth 13yo and under class to give her an extra reason to celebrate.

And for her Team mate Katia Sonsini, she won her very first buckle in the Team's event, what a beautiful way to start your career trophy cabinet!

Congratulations to all our young Reiner's, what an awesome class.

Photos and words Stephen Mowbray



On completion of the show. The USA Judge Ollie Griffiths only had one day rest and then he was put straight back to work for the NRHA Oceania Judges school which had 18 participants and ran for 3 days. We look forward to seeing new judges' names on the list.

Some exciting news coming very soon of the location for the 2022 NRHA Oceania Regional Finals to be held in October.

To keep up to date with the Oceania Council please follow the facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/oceanianrha>

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Check out some incredible perks of the Green Reiner program:

- 🍀 You can ride one- or two-handed and can even switch in the middle of a pattern!
- 🍀 All you need to show is an NRHA Associate membership, which is only \$40!
- 🍀 There are no ownership requirements for the horse you ride!

For more information on the Green Reiner program, visit [bit.ly/nrha-entrylevel](http://bit.ly/nrha-entrylevel).

NRHA - National Reining Horse Association

Classic Equine





# Coalfields Classic

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**WITH**

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**&**

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# AUTUMN WESTERN SHOW

SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022  
ENTRIES CLOSE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

ADULTS - \$5 PER CLASS  
ALL YOUTH - \$3 PER CLASS

START TIME - 9AM -



PLEASE ADHERE TO ALL WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COVID RESTRICTIONS WHERE APPLICABLE. CURRENT COVID INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT: [https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/articles/a\\_e/coronavirus](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/articles/a_e/coronavirus)

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# THE COIN BUCKET



## Trivia Challenge: Egg Bars & Coronet Bands

Answer the questions, then check at bottom for the key. For more fun and interesting information about horses and horsemanship, read H&R's 'The Ride' newsletter.

**BY JENNIFER FORSBERG MEYER** | FEBRUARY 22, 2019

### 1. An 'egg bar' is a type of equine

- A) bit.
- B) shoe.
- C) breakfast.

### 2. This is a dreaded hoof condition.

- A) wobbles
- B) founder
- C) rain rot

### 3. The 'white line' is found in a horse's

- A) mouth.
- B) cecum.
- C) hoof.

### 4. Where is the coronet band?

- A) where the hoof meets the pastern
- B) where the neck meets the withers
- C) at a circle of muscles around the poll

### HOW'D YOU DO? (Answers below.)

1. B is correct. An egg bar is simply an oval-shaped horseshoe, with no opening in the back as in an ordinary horseshoe. An egg bar shoe provides support to the back of the foot and is frequently used for therapeutic purposes.

2. B is correct. *Founder* is often used interchangeably with *laminitis*, although the latter is the more descriptive medical term, denoting inflammation of the lamina, which attaches the hoof capsule to the coffin bone.

3. C is correct. The white line of the foot exists between your horse's hoof wall and his sole. You can see it by looking for the whitish area that runs along the inner edge of the hoof wall on the sole of your horse's foot. Damage to the white line can allow fungus or bacteria to invade and separate the layers of the hoof wall.

4. A is correct. The coronet or coronary band is where the hairline of your horse's pastern meets the top of his hoof capsule. The coronet band enables continuous growth of the hoof over your horse's lifetime.

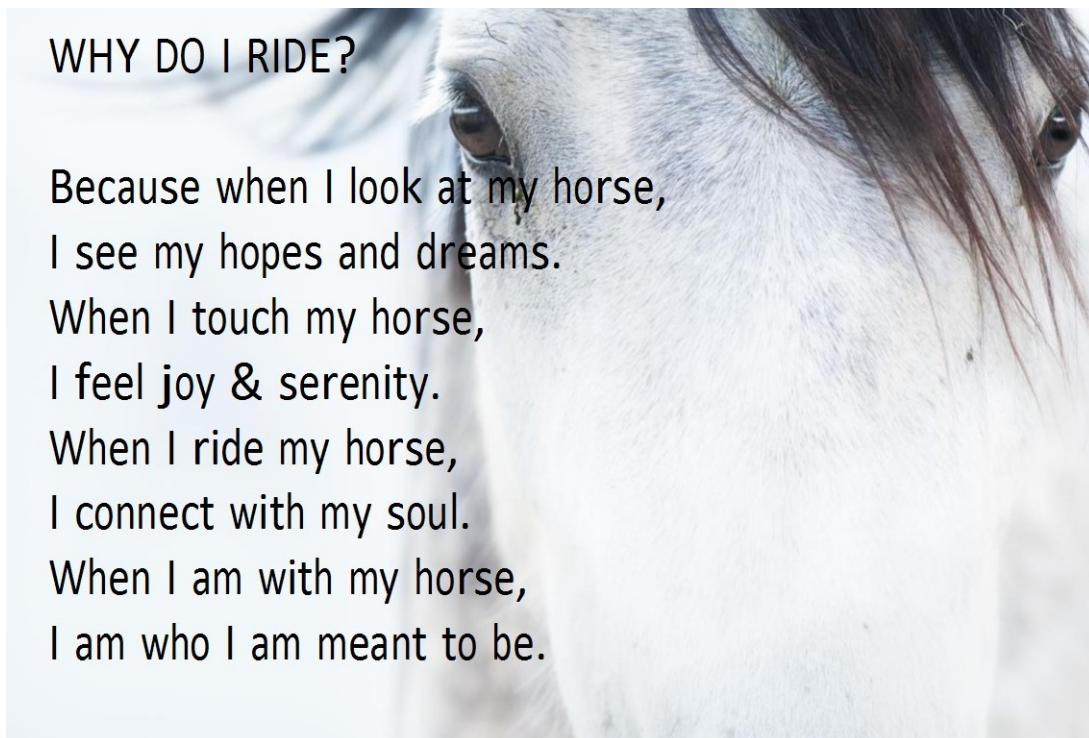
## WHY DO I RIDE?

Because when I look at my horse,  
I see my hopes and dreams.

When I touch my horse,  
I feel joy & serenity.

When I ride my horse,  
I connect with my soul.

When I am with my horse,  
I am who I am meant to be.





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

**MARCH— Glenn, Jill, Steve, Darci, Evelyn, Charlee, Brad & Hugh**

**APRIL — Jim & Midge**

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

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

- ◆ Due to circumstances out of our control the March Reining & Ranch show has been re-scheduled to May 7th & 8th. Rod Osbourne will be our judge. Rod is a very experienced judge and was one of the 15 NRHA OC judges who recently se-sat their ticket.
- ◆ The delayed 2021 NRHA Oceania Regional Finals was hosted by VRHA 1-5 March and was a outstanding success. Watch this space for information on the 2022 NRHA OC Regional Finals.
- ◆ The Matt Charles clinic will be held over 4 days, 23-26th April. This clinic is now full but fence sitting is available for all 4 days. Congratulations to Chelsea Coffey for winning the raffle. For a sneak peek at Matt giving our clinic a plug during the Regional Finals check out this link-[https://fb.watch/bOEVx\\_d8Um/](https://fb.watch/bOEVx_d8Um/)
- ◆ Mike Donovan will again be donating his time to host a clinic on March 26 & 27th. Mike is a wealth of knowledge and this is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to dip their hoof in the pool of clinics.
- ◆ **\*\*\*BENDIGO BANK\*\*\*** has become our naming rights sponsor for the CWRA NRHA OC State Championships. We thank them for becoming a partner in our club.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ A bit of 'horse'keeping- if your horse digs holes while in a yard or tied to the float, please fill them in prior to leaving. The grass grows over them and they then become a trip/fall hazard.

Until next time,

*Jill*

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

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

### **MARCH**

- ◆ 5th Members meeting & Club day 5pm Tim
- ◆ 19th Club day 1pm Jill
- ◆ 26/27th Mike Donovan Clinic 8am

### **APRIL**

- ◆ 2nd Club day 1pm Nicky
- ◆ 3rd Autumn Western show 9am
- ◆ 16th Club Day 1pm Heath
- ◆ 23rd-26th Matt Charles clinic
- ◆ 30th Club Day

### **MAY**

- ◆ 1st Reining & Ranch Practice day 9am
- ◆ 7/8th Reining & Ranch Show 8am
- ◆ 14th Members meeting & club day 12 noon