



COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION

May 2021

Newsletter

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members

Exiting news we are having an NRHA state Championship show on the 6/7th November this year. The show is named in honour of two of our club life members. Both men were long standing and committed members of our club and were valued for their considerable efforts over numerous years. Ian Smith was a founding member and former club President who was also a dedicated and enthusiastic competitor over many years. He was ever ready with a helpful training tip or encouragement to all his fellow competitors and club members and was always willing to help anyone advance their horse. Ivan Tressider was the longest serving vice-president of our club, while also being an enthusiastic competitor and always ready to offer help and advice to people with horse problems. He worked tirelessly on our grounds and I think he attended every busy bee and fund-raiser we ever had. Ivan was always present at the entry gate and had a word of encouragement or reassurance for everyone on show day. So, we would like to extend an invitation to all, to come and compete at the show and commemorate two of our clubs most valued members.

More exciting news, we are also going to have a B show on the 10th October for all of our club members and their friends who are not as enthusiastic about reining. There will be almost the full spectrum of other western events, so there is something in it for everyone. Contact Jill and Nicky for details. Should you be unsure of the requirements of a particular event please come to our regularly scheduled club days and we will explain or demonstrate it for you .

It's a great opportunity to try out competition in a completely stress-free environment for both horse and rider with our club's friendly atmosphere. So do come along and bring your friends and relatives with you. All are welcome.

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President report cont...

The next show of our NRHA buckle series is fast approaching, nominations close on the 9th May so be quick. Our judge is Mr. Rod Osbourne who judged our last show which was a great weekend and enjoyed by all. For those who don't know, Rod is an NRHA accredited International Judge so if you want to see where you and your horse are at, come on down and compete. He also is more than happy at the end of the show to give advice on how to improve your show performance it is a fantastic opportunity to be assessed by a great judge.

Our practice day for the upcoming show is this Sunday. It's a good opportunity to spend time in the arena on your own under show conditions, we hope to see you there.

We are also pleased to announce our upcoming John Wicks clinic. John is at the pinnacle of reining in Australia and is an excellent clinician and is fantastic at communicating his training methodology to all levels of skill and experience. Places are extremely limited so be quick. For those who miss out, we are also considering holding our Rob Lawson clinic which was previously postponed due to covid. Rob is also an accomplished competitor and clinician so watch this space.

In conclusion, I would like to offer our sincerest welcome to all our new members .

Best regards

Heath

A sneak-peek at our 50th Anniversary-Hi Point Series buckle



Oceania Update

- ◇ Big news for Australian reiners!! The Oceania Affiliate Regional Championships will be held in conjunction with the NSW RHA State Championship at the K Ranch 28 June—3 July. Watch this space for more information or go to <https://www.facebook.com/NRHA-Oceania-Reining-Events-100803598713930/>
- ◇ Equitana will be run the following week with the Equitana Australia Reining Masters being the highlight. This prestigious event will have a prize pool of \$27,000 so it will be a great one to watch if you're not riding.
- ◇ A new event page is up and running. 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.

Find us on Facebook at NRHA-Oceania

May 2021 Secretary Report

Hi Everyone!

Things have been a little quiet on the Secretary side of things!!

Everyone is busy preparing for the May Collie Sliding show. Entries close on the 9th be sure to get your entries in contact Liz if you need any assistance. If you can help on the weekend please let us know! Many hands make light work! Tim is busy organising our super Saturday feist! It's a roast on Saturday night. Remember everyone is welcome for the entire weekend even if you're not riding!

In October we have some exciting news! Nicky and Jill are organising a Western B Show with lots of classes like ranch riding, trail & showmanship. This will be a great show to get out there and have some fun! This will be on 9th October.

September, we have the John Wicks clinic. John is a great clinician which showed with how quickly the clinic filled up. We didn't get a chance to advertise this clinic to the public as it's full of CWRA members. If you wish to put your name down on the waitlist, please let me know.

In November we have our first NRHA Oceania State Championship in memory of two great men and life members of our club, Ivan Tresidder and Ian Smith. Both men contributed to our club in many ways.

Collie Western Riding Merchandise can now be purchased from Promote You in Bunbury.

Ways to order your CWRA Merchandise

- **Online** - View the Promote You Website <http://www.promoteyou.com.au> to see the ranges available. Then email sales@promoteyou.com.au or call 9791 8195. To speak to the friendly team and place your order
- **Instore** - Visit the store on Albert Road Bunbury (The store has a wide range of clothing and you are welcome to try them on and see what you like best.

The current shirts you see everyone wearing is the Nitro range. They have shirts and jackets available in this range. I have attached a document so you can see what they look like. The shirts are \$33 each and the jackets are \$116.60 plus 8 for the CWRA on the front and \$15 for the CWRA logo on the back plus GST.

All members are welcome to select any shirts, jackets or jumpers etc as long as they are in the colour ranges of Royal Blue, White and Black (It doesn't have to have all the colours on the product) But no hot pink, yellow etc.

Members are responsible for ordering and making payment of your merchandise.

If you wish to purchase products away from Promote You, you are more than welcome to. I have the embroidery file and can provide you this to take to another embroidery business for those of you that don't live close to Bunbury.

I want to wish all our members riding at the May show the best of luck and a big thank you to our members helping on the weekend. We couldn't run shows without our helpers.

Take care and see you all soon

Marie

Clinic Updates

John Wicks – 2 Day Clinic – 11th and 12th September 2021 – CWRA Grounds

2020 Shows

Reining Shows

15th and 16th May – Rob Osborne

6th and 7th November – Pam Spokes

Nitro Unisex Jacket

Outer: 100% Nylon, Inner: 100% Polyester.

SIZE: XS-3XL,5XL

Contrast panels with piping, concealed hood with 2-way full zip and storm flap, internal pocket access.

Nitro Mens and Womens Polo

65% Polyester 35% Cotton. WEIGHT: 210 GSM.

SIZE: S - 3XL,5XL.

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

***MAY* — Mike, Heath, Wei & Sharlene**

***JUNE* — Kerry, Robin, Bruce & Taylor**

We would also like to welcome all our new members.

IMPORTANT NEWS AND COMING EVENTS..

- ◇ Buckle up for our second reining show of the 50th Anniversary Hi-point buckle series which will be held next weekend. Hopefully your entries will be in by now but if you're not riding please come up and support our reiner members and enjoy the social atmosphere. If you can give a hand at the show then please chat with any of our Committee members.
- ◇ This reining series has been incredibly well sponsored. I'd like to thank all of our sponsors and everyone who asked for sponsors. We genuinely appreciate it.
- ◇ Please talk with Tim about food for the show weekend. Tim and Jim will be making a Saturday night roast so we'll look forward to roast rolls for lunch on Sunday :-). If you can help out donating food for morning and afternoon tea please let Tim know. You don't have to be competing to come to dinner on Saturday, these are really social evenings and everyone is invited.
- ◇ The grounds will be used for the prestigious Tom Quilty Endurance ride between Monday the 27th and Thursday the 30th September, this is for vet checks and paperwork confirmation. The ride is the following weekend and starts from the race track.
- ◇ We will be running a Western Spring show in October. I would encourage everyone to make use of this event to get a foot into the showing world in a relaxed environment. I don't think that there's another show in WA that is held in such a great, safe arena so its perfect for green horses and riders. The show will have a range of western events like showmanship, ranch riding and trail. Chat with Nicky or Jill for more information.

Until next time,

Jill

Transparency Policy

At the members meeting held on the 6th March 2021 the CWRA membership adopted the implementation of the Transparency Policy. The aim of this policy is to ensure that the club follows true and correct transparency with its members and procedures. The elected committee have ultimate authority for the organisation, and as such, have ultimate accountability for its activities, public appearance, and the performance of the association. This means elected members must always represent CWRA in a manner which demonstrates high and fair standards, ensuring the association's best interests are always at the forefront, and followed in accordance with the membership vote.

The Transparency policy has been emailed to all members. If you have not received your policy please email - colliewesternriding@gmail.com for your copy.

Tell Resistance From Defiance to Be a More Confident, Effective Rider

Is your horse resisting you, or defying you? Learn how to tell the difference, and what to do for each to become a more confident, effective rider.

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Horse training is all about getting your horse to do what you want him to do. You achieve this by providing a foundation, setting your horse up to succeed, then asking him in a way he understands.

If you're successful, he complies. But when he doesn't, it's important to know the difference between his saying "I can't" or "I don't want to" and "I won't and you can't make me."

The first, *I can't/don't want to*, is resistance. The second, *I won't and you can't make me*, is defiance. Distinguishing between these two and knowing how to respond to each will make you a better horseman and a more confident, effective rider.

(*Note:* Anytime your horse's behaviour becomes consistently difficult in any way, always rule out pain, discomfort, or illness first before embarking on a training remedy.)



My horse is showing resistance: His head is raised, his neck braced, his feet slow. But he's not refusing outright to back up, or threatening to rear—those behaviours would indicate defiance.

Resistance

What it is: Bracing in your horse's body and/or mind that causes him to avoid doing what you ask. Your horse avoids or resists your cue, rather than refusing it outright.

How it looks/feels: Your horse might lift his head and be stiff in his neck and slow to respond as he resists your cue to, say, go forward or backward, or to move or bend in a particular way.

His ears might be back, but they won't be pinned flat to his head. He might swish his tail, but it's not flailing as if there were bees swarming around it.

You may feel uncomfortable with his resistance, but you're not scared. It doesn't seem as if your horse may do something rash, such as run into a fence or rear over backwards.

What causes resistance: There are various causes. *Confusion*, when he's not clear on what's wanted. *Fear*, when something about what you're asking is unfamiliar or threatening. *Laziness/boredom*, often when the training routine has become too predictable. *Stiffness*, when he hasn't been adequately suppled and prepared to do the manoeuvre you're asking for.

What you should do: Handle resistance differently from how you handle defiance (which I'll discuss in a moment). Meet resistance with lots of educated riding to soften and supple your horse. Specifically, figure out the cause of his resistance and address it.

If your horse is confused or fearful, stay calm and supportive as you "explain" what you want in a slightly different way. Think of your horse as a child who doesn't "get" something or is hesitant about it. You don't bonk him on the head or scold him. You get down to his level and softly but firmly explain again and again, as need be.

If your horse is lazy or bored, try mixing up your schooling routine. A stubbornly lazy horse may pin his ears and balk, but his bluff can usually be called with a light smack of the rein ends.

Stiffness, of course, is relieved by suppling exercises that work both sides of his body. Try lateral work (such as leg-yielding) and bending exercises (such as counter-bend circles).



My horse is showing resistance: His head is raised, plus he's "spitting" the bit and rushing. But he's not ignoring me completely or bolting in earnest—those behaviours would indicate defiance.

Defiance

What it is: Your horse wilfully challenges your authority by saying flat-out, "No." Going back to the analogy of a child, after you've prepared the child and explained and cajoled and explained again, if you sense that he's just plainly refusing you by being rude, disrespectful, or bullying, *that's* when you know he's being defiant. Same with your horse.

How it looks/feels: Your horse's ears may be pinned flat to his head, or he may cock one ear flat to the side. His tail may be thrashing, his muscles tensed.

You may have a palpable feeling that he doesn't care what happens to him—he's *that* set on saying *no*. He's being obviously insubordinate, and it makes you feel vulnerable.

What causes defiance: Often it happens when a horse has been allowed to get away with small things and has come to disrespect the rider. Though the rider picks, picks, picks at the horse, ultimately the horse has his way, then moves on to larger disobediences. Horses are rarely "naturally bad"; they become ill-behaved through the mistakes we riders make.

What you should do: Simply backing off because you feel uncomfortable just rewards and reinforces the bad attitude. A simple "redirect" with one rein may be all you need to break his defiance and get him moving and responding again. But sometimes the horse may need a smack on the butt with a rein end (with one rein shortened down first so you don't wind up in another ZIP code).

Then explain again what you want, only more firmly, but always calmly. Never allow your temper to rise. There's already one temper flaring; adding to that won't help.

Your goal is simply to avoid backing down, while getting controlled movement in any direction, even just a circle. Then keep him going until you feel him soften his attitude. Then resume your original lesson.

Caveat: If you become genuinely frightened by your horse's behaviour and feel out of your depth, take him to a professional right away. You don't want to get hurt, nor do you want to let bad habits become ingrained.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- ◆ 15/16th Reining show 9am
- ◆ 29th Club day 1pm Glenn

JUNE

- ◆ 12th Club day 1pm Mike
- ◆ 26th Club day 1pm Liz

JULY

- ◆ 10th AGM & Club day 12noon Heath
 - ◆ 24th Club day 1pm Nicky
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