

The Southern Strider

SCWHA

July 2025



Beyond The Barn

As we move into the second half of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished—and all that's still ahead.

There's a renewed sense of energy within the SC Walking Horse Association. With strong membership growth and successful shows already behind us in Sumter, Columbia, and Florence, it's clear that our membership is engaged and excited. Together, we're building a stronger show network across South Carolina—one that supports exhibitors at every level and brings the joy of our horse to more people.

One of the things I'm most excited about is the upcoming **Championship Show**. With **new dates** and a **new venue**, we're laying the groundwork for an exciting show! These changes reflect the feedback and ideas of our members, and I believe they'll create a more enjoyable and accessible event for everyone involved. For more details on the decision to move the dates and location, I encourage members to read the "*Letter to the Membership*" available under the **Championship Show** tab on our website.

Behind the scenes, your Board of Directors have been hard at work ensuring we are on a path toward long-term financial stability. Every decision we make—from show planning to budgeting—is made with the goal of sustaining and growing the Association in a way that serves our members well.

There's much to be proud of—and even more to look forward to. Thank you for being part of this journey.

See you at the Championship Show!

Tyler Hege

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July

19th: Waynesville Charity Horse Show; *Haywood County Ag Center; Waynesville, N.C.*

August

8th- 9th: Appalachian Championships; *Winfield Riding Club; Winfield, W.V.*

20th- 30th: TWH National Celebration; *Shelbyville, T.N.*

September

5th- 6th: Bland Co. Fair; *Bland, V.A.*

October

2nd- 4th: NC Championship; *WNC Ag Center; Fletcher, N.C.*

16th- 18th: ETWHA Fall Classic; *Walters State Expo; White Pine, T.N.*

25th: Palmetto Saddle Club; *Sumter, S.C.*

November

7th- 8th: S.C. Championships; *S.C. State Fairgrounds; Columbia, S.C.*



Around the Ring





State of the Association

As we strive for more transparency, the board is proud to share with you a positive, mid-year review of our membership and finances to date.

Financial Overview

As of July 1, the Association has brought in just under **\$30,000** in total income, with a wide range of contributions from our spring events, membership dues, sponsorships, and fundraising efforts.

Operating expenses to date total approximately **\$21,500**, covering our spring show, banquet, insurance, marketing, and other association functions.

We are currently operating with a net income of just over **\$8,000**, giving us a positive cushion to move into the second half of the year. This is a positive increase from our financial position in July 2024.

Membership Growth

We're proud to announce a 25% increase in membership over this time last year, currently at 148 members. This is a testament to the growth in engagement that we have seen at SC-affiliated events over the year.

Show Season Recap

The 2025 show season is off to a great start, with successful events already completed in Sumter, Columbia, and Florence. We've started the year with 16 shows to our High Point program, and we've seen strong membership support at those events thus far. There are two in-state shows left on the calendar (Palmetto Saddle and SC Championships), and 5 more opportunities in Waynesville, Bland, Winfield, Asheville, and White Pine.

The board is continuing to strive toward further stability for the future of the association. Cutting costs and increasing revenue have been two major contributors to this success.

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The South Carolina Championship Horse Show

November 7th - 8th , 2025

S.C. State Fairgrounds; Columbia, S.C.

Friday, November 7th,

5:00 p.m.

Leadline

1. Walking Youth Model
2. RC Walking Lite Shod - Western
3. *Walking All Day Pleasure Adult
4. Walking Amateur Show Pleasure
5. RC Walking Park Pleasure - Western
6. Walking Pick Your Partner Performance
7. *SSH Adult
8. Racking Action 4 & Under Amateur
9. SC/NC/VA/ET Members Only Performance
10. RC Walking Three Year Old Open
11. RC Walking Park Pleasure 5 & Under
12. Walking Youth Pony
13. RC Walking Trail Pleasure
14. Walking Youth 11 & Under
15. Racking Youth Action
16. Walking Amateur Ladies Specialty
17. *Go As You Please Youth
18. Walking Park Performance Amateur
19. RC Walking Park Pleasure
20. Walking Amateur 50 & Over
21. Racking Trail Pleasure
22. RC Walking Lite Shod
23. Racking Open Specialty Action
24. RC Walking Two Year Old Open
25. *SCWHA Members Only Pleasure
26. Walking Amateur 15.2 & Under Specialty
27. Walking Amateur Trail Pleasure
28. Walking Youth 12-17 Specialty
29. Walking AOT Park Pleasure
30. Racking Style Action
31. RC Walking Four Year Old Open
32. Walking Country Pleasure Adult
33. RC Walking Young Trainers 35 & Under Specialty
34. *Walking Pick Your Partner Pleasure
35. Racking Amateur Ladies Action
36. RC Walking Open Specialty

Saturday, November 8th

5:00 p.m.

Stick Horse

37. RC Model Open
38. *Walking All Day Pleasure Youth
39. RC Walking Mares & Geldings
40. RC Weanlings
41. Racking Action 4 & Under Open
42. Walking Country Pleasure Youth
43. Walking Park Pleasure Youth
44. RC Yearlings
45. *Go As You Please Adults
46. RC Walking Park Performance
47. Racking Trail Pleasure
48. Walking Amateur Two Year Old
49. Racking Action Amateur Specialty
50. SSH AOT - Keg Shod
51. Walking Amateur Three Year Old
52. Walking Show Pleasure Youth
53. RC Walking 15.2 & Under Specialty
54. Walking Trail Pleasure Youth
55. *Walking AOT Pleasure
56. Walking Juvenile Championship
57. *Walking All Day Pleasure Championship
58. Walking Youth Lite Shod
59. Walking Amateur Four Year Old
60. *SSH Youth
61. RC Walking Park Pleasure Championship
62. RC Walking Show Pleasure
63. Walking Amateur Canter
64. RC Walking Trail Pleasure Championship
65. Walking AOT Performance
66. RC Walking Lite Shod Championship
67. Walking Amateur Specialty Championship
68. Racking Specialty Action Championship
69. *Pleasure Horse Championship
70. RC Walking Open Specialty Championship

**** Max Shoe Size: $\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$**

*****All classes are optional tack
unless otherwise specified**

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Show Secretary: Brandy Martin; Gibsonville, N.C.

Announcer: Tyler Hege; Lexington, N.C.

Photographer: Deb Bush; Chesnee, S.C.

Ringmaster: Perry Thompson, Greenwood, N.C.

Officials:

Jamie Lawrence; Vinemont, Alabama

Amanda Manis; Shelbyville, Tennessee

Johnny Puckett; Shelbyville, Tennessee

Affiliated with: SHOW-HIO, NCWHA, ETWHA, VWRHOA,
AWRHA, TWHBEA, WHTA-RC, RHBA, WHOA

Class	Entry Fee	Premium
Preliminary	\$45	\$100-\$50-\$40-\$30- R-R-R-R
Championships	\$100	\$200-\$100-\$50-\$40- R-R-R-R

Inspection Fees

Performance: \$30 per class

Pleasure: \$30 for the first class, \$5 for each additional

Lodging

Staybridge Suites: 3 miles from showgrounds
1913 Huger Street; Columbia (803) 451-5900

Show rate: \$135 nightly

Econo Lodge: 5 miles from showgrounds
Columbia Airport; Cayce, S.C. (803) 936-0015

Show rate: \$89 nightly

Stalls/RV'S Rental

Stalls: \$100/ weekend

Shavings: \$7/bale

RV's: \$50/ per night

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