



COLLIE WESTERN RIDING ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear members

Congratulations on running another successful clinic with Mr Rod Osborne.

It was fantastic to see so many of our members taking part in the clinic and benefiting from the experience.

Club days have also been progressing well with good attendance to most days, with the club welcoming new members in the process. We are trying to put more emphasis on club days for our members so that all of the membership group has an opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of being a member of our club. If there is anything we could consider doing to improve club days please let us know.

Our show is fast approaching with Mr Anthony Ross coming across to judge. Anthony has judged at an extremely high level and has a wealth of experience as well as being a very approachable man. So please feel free to participate and put those clinics to good use and see where you and your horses are at. We are offering both sanctioned and non-sanctioned classes with ranch riding as well so there is something for everyone and we hope to see you there.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.

Best regards

Heath

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Newsletter

We have had an incredible and record-breaking 2023 NRHA year, and we are not slowing down! Our 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship will be held in Tatura, Australia on September 23–28, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Stay up to date with us!

We work hard to keep our membership up-to-date on the current NRHA events of the Oceania region and to let you know where to find information on NRHA. Make sure you follow us on all social media platforms, where we post updates on current events and keep you in the know on what's happening with NRHA and the reining community.

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2024 Happenings and Reminders

2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship: September 23–28 in Tatura

In 2024, our Oceania Affiliate Championship will be graciously hosted by the Victorian Reining Horse Association in Tatura, Australia, September 23–28. The qualifiers list will be posted mid-summer. However, to qualify, the process is simple! Check out the 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship conditions at nrha.com/affiliate. Preparations are well underway, and we cannot wait to crown next year's Oceania Affiliate Champions! Stay up to date by following this event on Facebook!

2024 New Rule Changes

Every other year, NRHA members in good standing can submit rule changes to the NRHA Board of Directors for review. If passed, the rule changes go into effect the following year. Please log in to the library in your ReinerSuite account to check out the 2024 rule changes that go into effect starting January 1! To submit a rule change for 2026, go to nrha.com/forms. 2026 rule change proposals must be submitted by December 31, 2024.

2024 NRHA Oceania Restricted Eligibility

The 2024 NRHA Oceania Restricted Eligibility Policy is posted on nrha.com/eligibility. The ReinerSuite Eligibility tool and ranking lists will be updated at the start of the new year. Do not forget to take a look before entering your first NRHA event of the 2024 season!

2024 Fee Updates

Each year, the NRHA Board reviews fees for member services and transactions. Visit nrha.com/fees to see the list of fees for the coming year.

2024 Deadline Reminders

If you or someone you know is an NRHA event secretary, please remember the deadlines for NRHA event approvals and show results! Moving efficiently helps to make event results available faster for NRHA members. These deadline reminders are found at nrha.com/showsec under Secretary Resources. Please remember that the currency exchange rates will be updated at the start of the year, and all recorded fees and payouts must be turned into NRHA in USD.

2024 Affiliate Renewal Deadline

Starting in 2024, all renewing affiliate paperwork is due by January 31, 2024, regardless of affiliate level (developing, regional, or national). If you or your affiliate need assistance submitting this paperwork, please reach out to NRHA, and we will be happy to help!

If you are in an area with no affiliate and are interested in starting one, do not hesitate to contact NRHA for options, ideas, and assistance!

Upcoming NRHA Events Around The World

Stay up to date on the NRHA events happening around the world by using the ReinerSuite event calendar! On the ReinerSuite dashboard, you can see countdowns for the NRHA-owned events, including the following:

NRHA European Futurity: May 22–26, 2024 in Cremona, Italy

6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel: June 11–23, 2024, in Oklahoma City, OK, USA

NRHA European Affiliate Championships: July 15–21, 2024 in Le Pin, France

NRHA European Derby: October 30–November 3, 2024 in Lyon, France

NRHA Futurity and Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship: November 26–December 7, 2024, in Oklahoma City, OK, USA (including the International Reception!)

Do not forget, if you will be present at any of these events, stop by the NRHA booth to say hi!

Saying Goodbye (For Now) To One Of Our Own

Starting on January 1, 2024, NRHA will be steered by a new commissioner for the first time in ten years. Gary Carpenter has decided to move on to new adventures in retirement, leaving Billy Smith to take the reins of NRHA. Billy, who joined NRHA's team in June of 2023, is excited and passionate about the possibilities for NRHA, and we cannot wait to see what he has in store for us!

We all wish Gary the absolute best in retirement, and we will miss him greatly. If you have not seen it yet, check out the article in the 2023 December Reiner magazine that speaks to Gary's life of devotion to horses and his final column as NRHA Commissioner.

Who is the NRHA Oceania Affiliate Council?

NRHA activities in Oceania are directed by the NRHA Oceania Affiliate Council, which comprises representatives from each affiliated state and country. These representatives are selected by their affiliate in whichever manner the affiliate deems necessary. They are responsible for guiding reining in Oceania and bringing their members' voices to the meetings while considering what is best for reining across Oceania. They suggest policies, submit and provide feedback on rule changes, review the NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship event conditions, select the NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship event location, approve the Oceania restricted eligibility policy, and so much more!

Who is the Chair

The chair of the Oceania Affiliate Council is Dr. Lyndon Hale. Check out the library in your ReinerSuite account for the Oceania Affiliate Council meeting minutes!

ReinerSuite—what can I do in it?

If you have not logged in to your ReinerSuite account (which every NRHA member has), you are missing out! ReinerSuite allows members to pull reports, check eligibility, transfer and create competition licenses, renew memberships, and more! Creating an account is quick and easy. If you need help, do not hesitate to reach out to NRHA. Log in now!

We hope you all have a wonderful New Year and Holiday season! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact NRHA.

Better Your Backup

- **March 28, 2024**
- **Peter DeFreitas With Nichole Chirico**
- **Horse & Rider Magazine**

Avoid having a sticky backup with these tips from NRHA Professional Horseman Peter DeFreitas.

Picture this.

You're in the show pen and near the completion of a first-place pattern. But when it comes time to stop and back, your horse gets sticky, and instead of having a nice fluid backup, it requires you to pull and kick to get your horse to move his feet.

The last impression the judge has of you is you fighting with your horse to get him to back up, and that manoeuvre probably took you from having a winning run to being in the middle of the pack.

If you find yourself struggling to move your horse's feet when it comes time to back up, I have a few tips you can try at home to help him.



By using your legs to create movement in your horse's feet, you can get him to back a little quicker. *Photo by Nichole Chirico*

Back a Circle

To have total control of your horse's feet, you need to be able to move him around in any direction while keeping that backward motion. This is why I incorporate lots of circles into my backing at home.

You should be able to ask your horse to back and push his hips around without losing any movement. If you go to move his hips around and he locks his front feet before swinging his hind end around, take a hold of his face and ask him to move backward. Continue to use your outside leg to push the hip around, and fan your inside leg to create energy in your horse's feet.

The goal is to be able to do a complete circle without losing any momentum or having your horse's legs lock up as he manoeuvres his body around.

This drill can also help you in the show pen. If you go to back and find your horse backing crooked, you can support him with your leg and ask him to move his hips in the other direction to help straighten him back out.

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Make It Quick

Having a horse that willingly backs up with speed is an easy way to gain points in the show pen and leave a lasting impression with the judges.

Ask for more speed in the back by going to your hand. If he's still sticky or not moving his feet quick enough, fan your legs in a steady rhythm to encourage more movement. This is where you must use pressure and release. When you go to your hand and ask for more speed from your horse, release your hand when you feel him speed up. That's going to reward him and let him know that when you go to your hand, if he speeds up, you'll release your hand.

Use Your Legs

Just like how your horse should be able to stop from your voice, leg, and hand cues individually, he should also be able to back using different leg, hand, and voice cues individually. After I stop, I will keep weight in my heels and fan my legs to ask for my horse to back.

The first couple of times you attempt this, your horse might be confused by the lack of hand cues. If your horse does try to walk forward, go to your hand, ask for the back, and then release when he backs up.

Continue fanning your legs; if he tries to walk forward, go to your hand. He'll start to understand that the weight in your stirrups and how you're moving your feet is the cue to go backward.



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



**MARCH— Jill, Darci, Hugh, Vetty, Glenn, Linda
Serena, Ava, Evelyn & Brad**

APRIL — Mandy, Midge & Naomi

IMPORTANT NEWS AND COMING EVENTS..

- * Our NRHA Oceania WA State Championships were amazing. A big thank you to everyone who organised, volunteered, donated, watched, supported and participated. You all made this show enjoyable. We had some new faces competing and some who I haven't seen for quite a while so it was great to meet everyone and catch up. The camaraderie was incredible in the warm-up pen and this flowed to the support given to each person as they competed making for a relaxed but supportive event. Midge, Robin and Janine all helped to encourage the riders and it was greatly appreciated.
- * We have a Reining and Ranch show on the 13/14th April which will be judged by Anthony Ross. Anthony is a very experienced and respected NRHA Judge and I am sure that his feedback will be invaluable to us all. The entry forms and patterns are available on our website.
- * Once again Rod Osborne coached a fantastic clinic. I know I learnt many new tools for training. I'm not too sure that Cosimo had a great time but he is a trooper. I look forward to Rods next trip west.
- * Matt Charles from Sliding Lodge will be returning for a clinic on October 13 & 14th. Matt is a very experienced showman and we can learn a lot from him.
- * Are you looking for forms or information regarding CWRA? Follow this link to our website:
<https://colliewesternriding.org.au/club-documentation>

Until next time,

Jill

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Success is a series of small wins

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

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| ♦ | 16th | Club day | 1pm | Jill |
| ♦ | 30th | Club day and show practice | 1pm | Bruce |

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| ♦ | 13/14th | NRHA Reining and Ranch show | 9am | |
| ♦ | 27th | Club day | 1pm | Glenn |

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| ♦ | 11th | Members meeting & club day | 12noon | Vetty |
| ♦ | 25th | Club day | 1pm | TBA |