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International Affiliate Program

South Africa hosts 1st Ever NRHA Sanctioned Event

It was a history-making event as South Africa hosted its first ever National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) approved show. The event was held Saturday, September 9th, at the Southern Riding Center in Johannesburg. Seventeen reiners competed in three different classes; Open, Limited Open and Non-Pro.

The South African Reining Horse Association (SARHA) was founded four and a half years ago and membership has grown every year since. SARHA President Lynn Muller says, "I must thank the NRHA and all their team for going out of their way to help us with all our last minute rush jobs. Without this help our first ever, in fact, Africa's first ever affiliated Reining show could never have happened. We in South Africa are hoping this exciting event will in its small way help Reining to one day be accepted as an Olympic sport." The South African Reining Horse Association plans to offer NRHA Judges Seminars and clinics to educate Reining enthusiasts about the sport.



Watch Reining Highlights of the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games - FREE!

A special "Free Rein" presentation of the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) is available now, FREE. Catch all of the arena-side action of Reining events as well as all the other highlights of the WEG just as if you were on site in Aachen, Germany. This special, multi-day promotional event debuts a new internet service from The HorseTV Channel - HorseTV Access. HorseTV Access launches in late September, providing all the action, excitement and entertainment of The HorseTV Channel, just like on your TV. Click [here](#) to find out how you can begin watching the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games right NOW.

NRHA Affiliate

Regional Affiliate Finals Competition Now Underway

The top riders in North America are now competing in the NRHA North American Regional Affiliate Finals. The top four reiners, plus ties, in each division from the Central US and Eastern US regions have qualified to advance to the 2006 Adequan® North American Affiliate Championships. Right now, the Western US Affiliate Finals in Las Vegas and the Western Canada Affiliate Finals in Manitoba are underway through September 17th. Still to come: Mountain US Finals in Denver, Colorado, October 17-22 and Eastern Canada Finals, October 27-29, Hamilton, Ontario.



Two Lucky Reiners Win Elite Trailer Sweepstakes - Four More To Go

Kinzy Donnelly from Aubrey, Texas, is now hauling his champion reiners around in a brand new Mustang Horse Trailer from Elite Trailer Company. Donnelly had pretty good odds going into the Elite Trailer Sweepstakes at the Central US Regional Affiliate Finals in Tulsa. Donnelly won three keys and his daughter, Jordan, qualified to draw two more. So that meant five chances to unlock the box containing the keys to the Mustang. Elite Trailer Co. Sales and Dealer Support Representative Brad Dyche and Elite dealer representative Eric Whipple from Weatherford, Texas, presented Donnelly and his family with their new Mustang Horse Trailer.



At the Eastern US Regional Affiliate Finals, Kate Stewart from Dawson, Georgia, drew the lucky key. Elite's Brad Dyche presented Stewart's father, Chip, with the keys to the Elite Mustang Trailer. Kate wasn't present to try her lucky key in the lockbox. Her father had to rush her to the airport right before the drawing. He sped back to the arena for the presentation. Ironically, the Stewarts also had five chances to win the Mustang Horse Trailer. Chip won three keys and Kate walked away with two. Four more lucky reiners across the U.S. and Canada will win the use of an Elite Mustang Trailer for one year.



Pard's Saddle Series Champions Awarded Trophy Saddles

Four Pard's Saddle Series Champions are now riding high in their new trophy saddles from Pard's Western Shop. Pard's Owner Mark Butzow awarded Shelli Ries from Whitesboro, Texas, and Lynda Wordsworth from Weatherford, Texas, their new saddles at the Central US Regional Affiliate Finals in

Tulsa. Ann Salmon accepted the award for Shelli Ries.



Mark was also on hand to present trophy saddles to Brian Bell from Smithfield, North Carolina, and Domenick Bianchi from Granville, Massachusetts at the Eastern US Regional Affiliate Finals this past weekend in Springfield, Ohio. Eight more reiners from across North America will also walk away with their own trophy saddles in the Pard's Saddle Series awarded at each Regional Affiliate Finals.



Futurity Deadline Approaches

If you have nominated a horse(s) into the NRHA Futurity, PLEASE remember that the October payment is due in the NRHA Office on or before October 1, 2006. A late fee will be assessed to all payments received after October 1, 2006 with no final payments accepted after November 1, 2006. For more information contact Supervisor of Membership Services - Futurity/Derby, Jennifer Hettinger, jhettinger@nrha.com or (405) 946-7400 extension 123.

Futurity Tickets To Go On Sale

It's time to buy your tickets to the Futurity. Tickets to the premiere event go on sale September 25th. You can buy your tickets through Tickets.com and the Oklahoma State Fair Box Office (OK Tickets) or you can call (405) 948-6827. There are all sorts of Futurity ticket package deals - from Box Seat Tickets for the entire show to a Final Six Session Package. Just visit NRHA.COM for more information about how you can purchase your tickets to the 2006 Futurity.



NRHA Sire & Dam Program

The new 2007 NRHA Sire & Dam Program contracts are now available on our website at NRHA.COM. Contracts donated through the original program guidelines will be available beginning on October 2 for purchase on a first come, first serve basis. Contracts donated for the auction must be received before November 14. The auction will take place from November 15 - December 2.

It is not too late to donate a 2006 breeding, paid contracts must be received in the office prior to the start of the Futurity to be eligible for 2006 Sire Awards.



NRHA Director of Events, Robert Simpson, has requested input from NRHA members regarding the forums/social activities for the 2007 Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. If you're interested in helping construct the Convention schedule go to our [Convention questionnaire](#). Please send your thoughts to Robert Simpson at rsimpson@nrha.com.



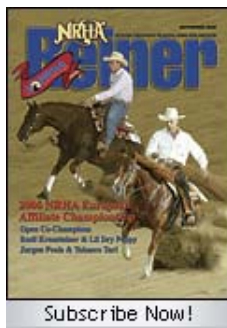
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President's Letter

To see what NRHA President Dell Hendricks had to say in his September President's Letter [click here](#).



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