

The Rocky Beat

MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

CORSICANA CHARITY HORSE SHOW

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- RMHA Youth Getting It Done
- Word From Our President
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Corsicana, Texas, was host to the 2020 Corsicana Charity Horse Show, March 5th through 7th. Held at the Navarro County Expo Center, this three day, 3 "B" RMHA sanctioned show had 81 horses representing seven breeds - a total of 444 class entries!

Attending were exhibitors from Ky., Utah, as

well as all parts of Texas - even spectators from Oakdale, CA. The show benefited the Corsicana High School FFA. The FFA students volun-

teered to assist in the show's daily demands from helping/greeting arrivals, delivering shavings, manning the food booth, handing out ribbons, tending arena gate & answering exhibitors questions. The show enjoyed their happy, helpful attitude for which everyone was grateful.

The Lone Star Rocky Club sponsored ALL of the RMHA classes at the show. Included in the showing activities, owners enjoyed the opportunity to have their horses certified. Five

examiners (all members of LSRC) were in attendance. The spectrum of Rocky Mountain Horses was a visual delight.

The Exhibitor Party Friday evening was a Texas "blow-out"! The event was generously sponsored by Dr. John Antonetti & Clinique Dallas Plastic Surgery Center. All exhibitors,

their families, and guests, plus volunteers, were treated to a fabulous BBQ dinner, dessert, open bar and incredible music.

The very talented Diedra Thornell flew in from Nashville for the party. She was accompanied by an eight-piece band & entertained everyone into the wee hours. It's important to acknowledge a guest vocalist - Dakota. Her rendition of "Tennessee Whiskey" brought the roof down. Come midnight breakfast tacos were ready for those dancers who worked up another appetite.

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CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED AD (MAX 50 WORDS) -\$10

FRIENDS OF THE RMHA

Please thank them for their support of the RMHA with your patronage if you have a need.

Click on each name to visit the corresponding website.

[Stoner Ridge Farm](#)

[West Coast RMH Club](#)

[Mike Walker](#)

[Lee Boyd](#)

[Bluegrass Equine Vet](#)

[Michael & Judy Brummer](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEADLINES TO NOTE:

Rocky Beat: Deadline for submitting content or classifieds is always the 1st of each month.

Summer Issue Printed Magazine:

Articles-June 30th

Ads-June 20th

Approx release-Aug 7th

Next RMHA Board Meeting:

Jun 27th, 12 p.m., Winchester, KY

For all **2020 show and event** information go to the [RMHA Show page](#).

American Horse Council Benefits

For RMHA members. If you would like to see the benefits we get just for being members of the RMHA

Go [HERE](#)

2020 RMHA International Dates:

September 2-5, 2020 @ Kentucky Horse Park

B.E.S.T.S. DIRECTORY LINK

(Breeders, Equine Services, Trainers and Sales Directory)

Click [HERE](#)

Advertise with the RMHA

-Help to support all of the programs of the RMHA by advertising in the BESTS Directory or becoming a website home page sponsor. Live links to your own website are available from the BESTS Directory and the website home page. Contact the RMHA office (859-644-5244) for more information. Ads must be prepaid.

Farewell from the Editor

Fellow members, I want to take a moment to bid you adieu. I have resigned my chair to the publications committee. Which also includes the editor duties for both the printed magazine and the e-newspaper, The Rocky Beat. My job responsibilities have changed in a way that makes it very difficult for me to dedicate the time that needs to be put into both of these publications. I can not abide doing a job halfway and both publications deserve more, so rather than let any quality slip, I feel it is best to step away. I have so enjoyed the experience of serving on this committee for the last 6 years and will miss the connection it put me in with so many people and stories. I hope one of you will step in to have a turn at the same experience I have had. You don't need to have publishing experience to do this job but it does help to have writing experience, good organizational skills, a commitment to balance to serve all members and a willingness to work as a team with your committee. During my tenure, our committee members have always remained committed to a balanced mix of trail, rail, health, history and human interest in the magazine as it serves all active members of our RMHA community and I hope we have done well by you there. If you have interest in joining the committee and/or filling the chair position, please contact Judy Brummer at president@rmhorse.com. Please continue to send contributions and stories to the same RMHA magazine email address you always have, at rmha.magazine@gmail.com

Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH)-

Read [HERE](#) about their news and activi-

Link to KHBIF Information.

[KHBIF Information](#)

RMHA Trail Program

If you ride those trails and you aren't a part of this program yet, you should be! What are you waiting for? And if you are, you need to know that the trail year has changed! To find out all you need to know, click [here](#)!

Horse expo participation forms-If you plan to participate in expos in 2020, please find your form [HERE](#). Forms are now being accepted year-round.

RMHA Versatility Program

What do you do with your horse? Perform? Ride Trails? Show? Extreme Cowboy? Obstacles? Mounted shooting? Drill team? More? Then you should really check out our versatility program! Get all the details right [here](#) and start adding up those points!

Youth Horse Camp: The RMHA 2020 Youth Camp will be held June 12-14 at Rudy's Ranch, Salt Lick, KY. We will have lots of educational clinics, demos and more. We are planning a youth fun show to close out camp on June 14th at 2:00pm. All youth are welcome, even if you don't participate in camp. Registration packets will be available in April. Watch the youth facebook page and RMHA facebook page for more information on lodging and schedule of activities.

REGIONAL LIAISONS

Do you know what a regional board liaison is? Here is your explanation according to the rules:

From the Rules, Section 3:

5. Board Communication with Affiliated Clubs (Amended January 24, 2015) Annually the president shall appoint a Member at Large of the Board to act as a direct liaison with each Affiliated Club. An officer may act in this capacity if specifically requested. Duties will require biannual reports from regional club liaisons with the second report to include financial status and a list of members.

Here are the currently appointed liaisons:

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| 1. Central States | Brittany Hopkins |
| 2. Michigan | Kathy House |
| 3. Mid-Atlantic | Tess Smith |
| 4. Pacific Crest | Janet Peters |
| 5. Southern States | Jason Slone |
| 6. Tristate | Jane Gean |
| 7. West Coast | Mindy Smith |

VERSATILITY PROGRAM

If you do a number of different things with your Rocky, this is the program for you.

The versatility program runs from November 1 to October 31 each year. Completed forms must be turned in (postmarked) by November 15th to be tabulated for the year. Youth and Adults may participate and are tallied accordingly. There are forms for the program on the RMHA web site. There are two forms. One is for [Horse of the Year](#). The [Accumulating form](#) is for subsequent years. The program runs year after year. A very detailed description of the program is on the RMHA website at [Versatility Program](#).

Examples of some of the versatile things one might do with their horse are trail riding, trail competitions, showing, 4H programs, team penning, dressage, jumping, carriage driving, drill team or demos and any other activities that are popular in your area of the world. You will need to keep good records as you must turn in documentation with your forms. Documentation can be scores, photos, receipts or any other form depending on the activity.

Good luck, and we look forward to seeing many folks participating in the Versatile Horse Program.

OUR APOLOGIES

In this year's RMHA International Show review in the RMHA magazine, we listed the Grand Champions photos. In final layout of the magazine, we had to rearrange a bit to make page count come out even and somehow in that process we inadvertently dropped one of the class champions off of the page without realizing it. This will be corrected in the next issue but as we only have 2 printed issues a year right now, we did not want to wait that long to acknowledge the error and to present to you, your 2019 Show Pleasure Grand Champion. We hope you can accept our sincere apologies for this oversight.



2019 Show Pleasure Grand Champion, Purdue's High Roller, Rider-Keith Purdue, Owner-Keith Purdue

YOUTH REPRESENTING

Meet nine-year-old, Liliane from Pincher Creek, Alberta. She and her family are all new to 4H. One of the 4H requirements is to do a 4-8 minute speech or presentation on a chosen subject, and Liliane chose one very close to home and heart, the Rocky Mountain Horse. Liliane's family owns 4 Rocky Mountain Horses, and they supported her in her choice, feeling she would grow better to appreciate our horses and their history using the knowledge she gained from her research. Liliane used several sources to round out her knowledge to give an informative speech, which included the rmhorse.com website, asking our registrar, Cyndee Davis, for information and materials as well as her own experience. Liliane decided on the content of the presentation, and her parents helped some with structure. It took two weeks to write the draft and final version, and then on their way to school each day, they would practice the speech for about 10 mins at a time. Liliane is typically a quiet girl, so one of her challenges was to work on voice projecting. At the end of the presentation, judges get to ask 1 question, so her parents helped her practice types of questions and how she might want to answer. Her presentation first won at her club level, she then went on to districts to present, then was invited to go to regionals which were canceled due to the Covid19 restrictions, but she had practiced so hard, her parents decided to video her final version. In place of the judge, mom asked the question at the end. Her mom, Dominique, feels that her performing at violin recitals gave her some experience for confidence in presenting. At home, Liliane helps with many aspects of their Rockies. She feeds, works in the round pen, loves to pick hooves and has started to lunge Ginger (registered name, Borrowed Time), who she presents in the video. Liliane's mom has helped teach her horse and rider fundamentals by following the ideals and practices taught by P'tit Trot, which is a youth learning program in Canada that uses different levels, incentives, activities and tests to encourage youth. Mom teaches theory, and Liliane does the practical side with her riding instructor. She started riding lessons at age six, and she and Ginger have similar personalities, being both sweet and a bit feisty, so they make a great partnership. Dominique says we really love the Rockies and have one colt out of Ginger, Zephyr (registered name, Zephyr's Spirit). Zephyr's name is perfect for him as his home is known for the Chinook Winds, and Zephyr is the Greek god of the west wind. She says someday they plan to have more babies but for now they are just enjoying their small herd. Liliane is a great example of what we can hope for in our Rocky Mountain Horse Youth. Enjoy her presentation on the RM Horse [HERE](#) and some of Liliane's practice at home [HERE](#).

T R A I L M I L E A G E P R O G R A M

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| Northcote | Gloria | 30,296 | Twyman | Cindy | 561 |
| Moon | Dean | 21,373 | Travers | Susan | 437 |
| Untiedt | Susan | 15,225 | Holland | Karen | 426 |
| Pravda | Cindy | 13,730 | Bullock | Lisa | 346 |
| Plumley | Laura | 12,078 | Abram | Karen | 292 |
| Wisneski | Patty | 10,450 | Bellamore | Tom | 273 |
| Peters | Janet | 9,242 | Bunting | Kathleen | 225 |
| Balan | Christina | 9,126 | DeHaan | Pamela | 217 |
| Burke | JD | 7,900 | Enderle | Patricia | 207 |
| Kaper | Tara | 5,237 | Knight | Chrissy | 117 |
| Ewert | David | 4,445 | Adams | James | 110 |
| Cade | Jackie | 3,769 | Bellamore | Lisa | 103 |
| Quatsoe | Carrie | 3,633 | | | |
| eadows | Sandi | 3,384 | | | |
| Fleming | Angela | 3,354 | | | |
| Nichols | Jennifer | 3,249 | | | |
| Meadows | Dallas | 3,176 | | | |
| Daby | Leahe | 3,086 | | | |
| Zynda | Alyce | 2,961 | | | |
| Killip | Tammy | 2,796 | | | |
| O'Dell | Ashley | 2,522 | | | |
| Hesterberg | Armin | 2,456 | | | |
| Styers | Ellen | 2,282 | | | |
| Tremper | Lee | 2,112 | | | |
| Miller | D'Anna | 2,081 | | | |
| Smith | Tess | 1,870 | | | |
| Smith | Ken | 1,775 | | | |
| Pearce | Rhonda | 1,706 | | | |
| Dunn | Jan | 1,675 | | | |
| Griffin | Terri | 1,633 | | | |
| Pierson | Dolly | 1,484 | | | |
| Jolley | Marianne | 1,328 | | | |
| Depew | Claudia | 1,246 | | | |
| Altizer | Diane | 1,186 | | | |
| Reeder | Deborah | 1,169 | | | |
| Sheglia | Michelle | 1,165 | | | |
| Morgan | Rosemary | 1,153 | | | |
| Grimes | Melissa | 1,058 | | | |
| Hopkins | Leslie | 1,014 | | | |
| Collins | Kelley | 653 | | | |
| Adams | Miranda | 650 | | | |

Trail Miles as of 3-1-20



2020 RMHA YOUTH CAMP

**COME JOIN US
JUNE 12-14, 2020
Rudy's Ranch
Salt Lick, KY**

**Clinics, Trails,
Demos, Youth
Fun Show,
Food, Fun and more**

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2020 RMHA ELECTION CANDIDATES

The Candidates for election to RMHA Board positions in the upcoming 2020 election are as follows:

President: Ellen Knapp

Vice President: Chastity Adkins

Secretary: Gina Purdue

Treasurer: Lyngle Lawson

Director of Examiners: Tara Stone

Hearing Panel:

Jan Dunn

Tim Spencer

Stewart Wickham

Member at Large – 3 to be elected:

Judy Brummer

Terri Griffin

Marianne Jolley

Susan Travers

Signatures on a petition to add a candidate for any office may be collected until February 28, 2020. To be valid, a petition must bear signatures of 50 members of the association eligible to vote as of December 31st of the year prior to the election. Signatures in ink or faxed (to the candidate) will be accepted, when verified by the office as to required status of “membership in good standing” of those signing. Petitions must be presented to the RMHA Office by March 1st with all required signatures included. Petitions can be submitted by email, mail or in person.

Nominations for the position of Member at Large may be made by the membership as outlined in Article 2, paragraph 2.11.B of the Bylaws. A letter addressed to the Secretary must be received in the RMHA Office by March 1st with all required signatures included. The letter must list the member to be nominated and bear the signatures of two supporting members. Nominations from the floor can be submitted by email, mail or in person.

C A L L I N G A L L R I D E R S

So, you asked, and we added. As part of the 2018 Membership Survey, numerous requests were made to allow Registered Rocky Mountain Horses who were not certified into the Trail Mileage Program. Starting with the 2020 Trail Year (November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020), the program has changed and riders who have Registered RMHs who are not Certified will be allowed to track and submit their miles.

This new program consists of two subprograms:

- Rider Mileage Program where yearly and lifetime trail miles are tracked by **Riders**, and
- RMHA Trail **Horse** Program where yearly and lifetime trail miles are tracked by **Certified Rocky Mountain Horse(s)**

RIDER MILEAGE PROGRAM

The new rider mileage program is open to all RMHA members with a current rider card and current trail card and there are now 2 divisions – Registered and Certified.

REGISTERED DIVISION

This division is for riders riding one or more RMHA Registered but Un-Certified horses. Yearly and lifetime miles will be tracked by the rider and submitted each year. At the end of the year, the RMHA Trail Committee will verify miles, and yearly awards are given for the Top Five high mileage riders in this Division.

Lifetime miles by single rider on a registered but uncertified horse or horses are tracked and awarded at key milestones - that is, 100, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 2500, 7500, 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000 miles.

Yearly and Lifetime awards will be given at the annual awards banquet.

CERTIFIED DIVISION

The Certified Division is for riders riding a RMHA Certified horse(s). Again, yearly and lifetime miles by rider (riding a certified horse(s)) are tracked by the rider and submitted each year and verified by the RMHA Trail Committee.

As with the Registered Division, yearly awards will be given yearly for the Top Five high mileage riders in this Division.

Lifetime rider awards miles by single rider on a Certified horse or horses are tracked and awarded at key milestone - that is, 100, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 2500, 7500, 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000 miles.

All awards will be given at annual awards banquet.

HORSE MILEAGE PROGRAM

Yearly and lifetime miles by ridden RMHA members on their **Certified Horse(s)** will be tracked for each Certified horse. The current rider will track the miles and submit them each year for verification by the Trail Committee. The rider must be enrolled in the Rider Mileage Program for that year for the miles to be counted. Yearly and lifetime horse awards are described below.

Yearly Certified Horse Awards - Yearly miles per Certified Horse will be tracked and an award given at the annual awards banquet to the Top High Mileage Certified Gelding, Top Mileage Certified Stallion, and the Top Mileage Certified Mare.

Lifetime Certified Horse Awards – Lifetime mileage for Certified horses will be awarded as follows:

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| 2,500 miles | Junior Trail Horse Certificate – (one horse/one or more riders – Certificate goes to current owner and in horse file) |
| 5,000 miles | Tobe Award (one horse/one rider) – Plaque/Story for Magazine Senior Trail Horse Certificate (one horse/one or more riders – Certificate goes to current owner and in horse file) |
| 7,5000 miles | Master Trail Horse Certificate (one horse/one or more rider – Certificate goes to current owner and in horse file) – Plaque/Story for Magazine |
| 10,000 | Trophy – (one horse/one of more rider - Trophy goes to current owner) |

CALLING ALL RIDERS

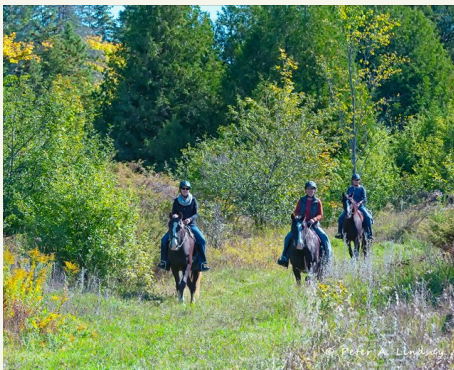
HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE

All RMHA members in good standing are eligible to participate in this program. This program requires an annual Rider's Card, and enrollment in the Trail Program. The Rider Card and Trail Program forms are available via the website or the RMHA Office. No mileage awards will be awarded without completion of these forms and associated fees. All horses participating in the RMHA Trail Certified Horse Awards Program MUST be Certified upon date of the yearly enrollment in the program.

The trail year for both programs runs from November 1 to October 31. The rider must be enrolled in the Rider Mileage Program for that year for the miles to be counted. Late submissions will still get credit for miles ridden but will not be eligible for any **end-of-year** awards.

The Trail Committee is currently working on the associated awards and a developing a sponsorship program to help fund and promote our programs. The program fees cover the costs of the awards only. If you are interested in being a sponsor – let us know!

So, fill out the forms and jump in the saddle. Looking forward to seeing all of you and your beautiful Rockies out on the trail.



As a first time participant with a young green horse self starting under saddle, this was a great incentive program to keep me on track. Working full time makes it difficult to get out on the trails. At the end of August, following a 3 month horsemanship challenge done with NATRC Region 4 members. I was able to get my 4 year old out on trail by ourselves successfully without issues or explosions. Fancy I Am, aka Callie, has been a stellar horse for me as a first time RMH owner. Thank you for having this program and I'm excited for the owners of non-certified RMHs that they'll be able to participate in the program going forward!

Chrissy Knight



Chrissy Knight and Callie
September 2019
NATRC R4 ride at Six O Ranch
Cleburne, TX

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Spring is here! The horses are shedding, flowers are blooming and soon the yard and the pasture will need to be mowed. Some things are going on just as expected, others aren't happening like usual or like we wish they would. Rules/laws, varying from state to state and country to country, have limited or changed many of the activities that we usually take for granted. Cancelling, postponing and rescheduling events has become a part of everyone's daily routine. I am guessing that soon most of us will need a good haircut, too. Meanwhile, the RMHA office staff, Board and Committees are using modern technology to see that the association's business gets taken care of.

The RMHA Board's last two meetings were held by ZOOM conference, with audio and visual connections and shared documents online. Teleconferencing has been used intermittently in the past for Board and Committee meetings, but ZOOM will make these meetings much more productive and satisfying for the participants.

The RMHA office is conducting business daily Monday through Friday, but our staff members' work habits have been adjusted to comply with the Kentucky Governor's Executive Orders. No business is being conducted in person in the office. All business will be handled by phone, email or mail until further notice. If you call the office and no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible. If you send a message/information by email or mail, it will be addressed on the same day it is received.

The RMHA KHBIF affiliate has notified us that 2019 KHBIF award vouchers have been mailed out to recipient RMHA members. This year, RMHA members will receive \$65, 592 for participating in RMHA sanctioned/associated events with Kentucky Born and Bred Rocky Mountain Horses. Congratulations to all those who will benefit from this program and thank you for participating in sanctioned/associated events. Thank you also to our affiliate for maintaining the RMHA KHBIF program in compliance with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's requirements.

The RMHA 2020 Election Ballot will be sent out to all members (who have been members since December 31st, 2019) by May 1st. Please take a moment to check your contact information on the RMHA website. This year's ballot will include elections for 9 positions on the Board and a proposed Bylaw change. The ballot will be accompanied by candidate statements (from all candidates who submit them by deadline) and an explanation from the Board about why the Bylaws change is being submitted to the membership. Please read through this information carefully. Your votes play an important part in deciding the future of the breed and the association.

Please take all necessary precautions to remain well and check the RMHA Facebook page or the RMHA website frequently for updates to our Calendar and Show Schedule. We appreciate your patience during this difficult time and will try to keep you informed of any changes as they are made.

WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.RMHORSE.COM



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One horse for all occasions

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Mission:

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association is to aid and encourage the preservation, promotion, breeding and development of the Rocky Mountain Horse throughout the United States and Internationally.

C O R S I C A N A C H A R I T Y H O R S E S H O W



Not only is Dr. John Antonetti, a renowned plastic surgeon specializing in microscopic breast reconstruction surgery for cancer patients, but he is also a proud Rocky owner and loves the show ring!

The show was expertly managed by Paula Sue Swope, who kept everything running smoothly & treated everyone as special always with a wonderful smile.



As a reflection of the unforgettable weekend of showing, numerous requests have been received asking to put this event on the calendar for next year. Plan to join us in March 2021!

Submitted by:
Lone Star Rocky Mountain Horse Club

