

In 1971 California State Horsemen's Association formed a Endurance Rides committee to promote horsemanship in long distance riding and to promote organized distance rides. I am honored to have been chosen by the former Chairman Richard Theodore and CSHA President James Hendrickson to be the current Chairwoman of this committee. Richard Theodore, long time ride manager of the Mariposa Ride (Run for the Gold), revived this program back in 2000 after many years of inactivity. He was Chairman for 10 years. I am doing my best to do as wonderful of a job as he did and keep the program growing and going strong. I would like to share with the AERC membership some of what we are doing and what we are about.

The CSHA State Endurance Program works to promote and market Endurance Rides, the American Endurance Ride Conference and CSHA. We also are supporting trails and working on introducing and educating new people to Endurance.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> CSHA State Endurance Program held a Educational 20 mile Fundraising Fun Ride on The Weaver Basin Trail in the small town of Weaverville, California: There were 9 paid participants that went out and enjoyed 20 miles of The Weaver Basin Trail and learned about pacing and vet checks for a Endurance ride or brought their Endurance horse for a training ride. A demonstration of vetting your horse and mock vet checks for each horse were done by Endurance rider Julie Neely and myself before and after the ride. Endurance riders Tara Fwelling and Willi Hoffman participated in the ride and were available for questions and advice. All participants received a educational handbook from the AERC and a donated custom magnet that included the CSHA website link.

There is a link to AERC on our page.

**C.S.H.A STATE ENDURANCE PROGRAM**  
 **20 MILE EDUCATIONAL FUN RIDE 6/24/12**

**WEAVER BASIN TRAIL**  
Shasta-Trinity National Forest  
Weaverville, California 



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There was also a CSHA State Fundraiser 4 mile Poker ride on June 23rd 2012 in the same location. Other trail users were invited to this ride. There were 19 paid participants. There was a untimely storm that came in that left snow on upper peaks in the Trinity Alps, but we were fortunate to have enough breaks between the deluges to have sunshine out on the trail. Every one received a donated custom magnet, that included the CSHA website link, as a participation award. CSHA Region 18, local businesses and individuals donated some of the

awards and there was a \$50.00 cash high

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hand award won by Kat Wion, CSHA

**♣ JOINT TRAIL USER POKER RIDE OR HIKE  
WEAVER BASIN TRAIL**

Region 18 president. Everyone won something and some won twice.



T shirts were available to purchase for each event, some t shirts were given out as prizes and BBQ hamburger lunch was served.

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A good time was had by all that came and

we had a small profit so we plan to do it again next year.

We also plan to be offering a AERC sanctioned 50 and 25 mile ride on this trail system starting 2014 and will continue with a educational ride and joint trail user poker ride as well.

\$100.00 from profit from the events was donated back to the trail system the ride was held on to help build a permanent horse camp on the trail. This years event was base camped on private property donated by landowner

\$50.00 was donated to the CSHA State Royalty scholarship fund

\$145.00 went to the CSHA State administration/general fund.

\$100.00 was donated to the CSHA English Western Program recovery fund.

In keeping with our our mission statement of promoting horsemanship in Distance Riding, custom engraved bronze Gist buckles were donated by the CSHA State Endurance Program to The Redwood Empire Endurance Riders for Redwood I and II 2012 for 2 day Best Horsemanship and to the Natalie Herman for The Trinity River Challenge 2012 for Best Horsemanship on day 2. Both buckles recipients were chosen by DR Jennifer Powers as her choice of who took over all best care and presented the best horsemanship in not yanking or yelling at their horse, over riding it, making good choices and showing concern at vet checks through the day and presenting a horse that was willing and ready to continue. As many riders at both these ride fit into that criteria it was likely a tough choice for DR Jen. The winner of the custom engraved Gist bronze buckle at Redwood I and II was Patricia Smyth riding Jazz and the winner of the same at Trinity River Challenge was April Moore riding AB Air Alamahn Both Trish and April were very overwhelmed and appreciative.

Both buckles were provided by Gist at %50 retail and were paid for by much appreciated donations from Duane and Karen Fredrickson and Trinity Animal Hospital in Weaverville. CSHA is a non profit 501(c)(3)

In 1971 when the founders of the CSHA State Endurance Program started out, they provided year end high point awards to promote horsemanship in distance riding. This is to encourage riders to ride for longevity as a option or in addition to winning individual races. I was told by the program's 1<sup>st</sup> chairman's wife that in the early 70s Endurance riders were not seen as good horsemen by other horsemen in California. Some Endurance riders in Californian were known to ride there horse literally to death in the days before AERC and the welfare of the horse protections that are now in place. CSHA wanted to change that perception by showing that Endurance riders could maintain their horses over the entire season in good form.



CSHA has awards for top 5 in Junior and all weight divisions in Endurance and participation awards for non placers. There is a overall High Point Endurance Rider award in honor of immediate past chairman Richard Theodore. CSHA also has awards for top three in LD and participation awards for those that don't place.

The end of the 2012 AERC season is coming up soon on November 30th. CSHA points are calculated from AERC ride results. ALL AERC rides count toward CSHA year end awards. Program placings will be posted on the CSHA Endurance website on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 after all year end results are final.

2011 CSHA State Endurance Program year end high point 1<sup>st</sup> place winners :

Morgan Bowman and Ruphert 1<sup>st</sup> Junior  
Sharon Wimberg and Katir 1<sup>st</sup> Featherweight  
Karen Fredrickson and MRR Pyro 1<sup>st</sup> Lightweight  
Linda Glazier and CR Seyna 1<sup>st</sup> Middleweight

Robert Bischoff and Kenlyn Destiny  
1<sup>st</sup> Heavyweight  
Andrew Lydon and Rusty 1<sup>st</sup> Junior LD  
Carol Bischoff and Kenlyn Navigator  
1<sup>st</sup> Senior LD

Richard Theodore Overall High Point  
Endurance Rider: Karen Fredrickson  
1<sup>st</sup> Best Condition:  
MRR Pyro (4BCS)

There are 52 registered horses in the  
CSHA State Endurance Program for  
2012.



Present or past members of CSHA that have participated in the State Endurance Program please contribute your story or share photos by email so that we may post it on the web page with other participants stories and photos.

If interested in learning more about the how the program works and joining for 2013 go to:

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