

To start with we have a letter from our President

Dear Members

I would like to address a little problem that seems to bob its head up from time to time around our shows mostly, and that is the disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behaviour towards our show officials and committee members alike. Now I realise we are all volunteers and we say I'M A VOLANTEER YOU CANT SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY. This doesn't cut it for me anymore I think people need to be accountable for their own actions. By that I mean filling out their own show Nominations and having the correct information and correct licence and membership numbers, correct money paid and signed etc. As well as treating ALL people with respect and dignity.

RA will take on the responsibility of dealing with an issue that arises from this type of behaviour to alleviate pressure at Affiliate level. By that I mean the Committee person involved is not debating with one of their neighbours so to speak, or a colleague, or a trainer etc. It would be fair to say that the majority of our problems come from Show Nominations not being filled out correctly and our secretaries have to try to get everything in line prior to the show and people get heated most probably because they have left everything until the last minute and of course there is the late entry cry as well, along with stabling and camping at certain shows.

I believe if we are clear and concise in our explanations by way of our show conditions and follow the rule book and have one rule for everyone, and ensure that everyone follow the rules we will set a much higher standard of acceptance and behaviour. No doubt most of you will have heard the term I DIDN'T KNOW THAT on many occasions, well everyone has a rule book to read and absorb and also a duty to educate themselves. And of course we have a duty to present the correct info for the members as well in a professional and courteous manner.

We as Board and Affiliate committee members are not here to mistreat or abuse or be abused or mistreated by anyone. So if you do have an incident and find it difficult to handle jot down the facts and send them to me for perusal and confidential discussion.

I don't mean to be a rule book Nazi and I don't wish to make anyone else a rule book Nazi but we have to have one rule for everyone. NO EXCEPTIONS. This may mean some short term pain but if everyone sticks to the system it will certainly make all of our lives a lot easier and pleasant and a far more enjoyable season.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss this or any other issue you feel relevant 0427 554544

Some points from our last Meeting

A huge thank you to Trainers Mick Taylor and Ed Smith who have both conducted clinics in support of RA, Mick's as sponsorship for the National Show and Ed's sponsorship for the Snaffle Bit Futurity. Some information will be going out shortly from our Affiliate Liaison

Affiliates need to be reminded that whenever they have an issues or incident, it should be directed to the Show Manager and Show Representative to be dealt with, an RA incident report needs to be filled out and the incident noted on the Show Representative report going to NRHA. NRHA recommend that a Show Representative should be a Judge or Professional wherever possible.

Gold Buckle Futurity and National Show

The Open GB Futurity Prize money will be increased by \$5000, to bring the total prize pool to \$30,000 plus full added of the entry fee with a Horse Float going to the winner.

The Pattern for the Open Futurity will be 12

Snaffle bit Futurity to be ridden two handed in a snaffle bit only, no qualifying necessary

Addition to Show conditions

If you need two power points you need to pay for two Camping bays

Competitors could be fined \$25 if they don't notify Gate Marshall and office of scratching at the start of the class or not at all, it is very disrespectfully and can cause other competitors problems when all of a sudden three horses have been scratched before them.

RA Professional Trainers

A statement to clarify RA stand with regards to Professional Trainers

“All Professional Trainers that wish to be advertised on the RA Website, must fulfil the following requirements. A copy of certificate of currency, current First Aide certificate, Australian Business Number, PIC and Working with Children card. Only Trainers on the RA website can be used for Clinic’s organized by Affiliates.

RA appreciates those Trainers who have already attended the Horse Safety Course and encourage trainers to do the course, but as yet this has not become Law in all States and an insurance requirement”.

Casey Deary

Casey Deary is an NRHA Million Dollar Rider, two time NRHA Futurity Champion, NRHA Derby winner, multiple AQHA World Champion and multiple APHA World Champion. Casey Deary and his wife of 15 years, Nicole have 4 children and live on their ranch in Weatherford, TX.



WEG CRI Future Plan

FEI has changed their stand on the qualifying criteria requiring riders to compete at least once in their own country. We plan to run two CRI3* qualifiers in April 2018 at QSEC the qualifying score is now 70. Expression of interest will go out shortly for the Chef d’equipe.

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From the Office

We ask Affiliates to be mindful when choosing patterns, especially for the Green Rider classes, these are classes as an introduction to Reining and competitors don't need to be frightened with difficult patterns, try to use, 4, 8, 6, 5 or 13

Unfortunately the message isn't getting out there not to leave your competition licenses and membership to the last minute. It really is causing Affiliate Secretary's and the Office a lot of extra work chasing up numbers, it would be a shame if these entries weren't accepted and riders missed out on competing.

We are in the process of formalizing a standard list of Show conditions for all Affiliate.

Note to Affiliates that when conducting introductory day to reining they can charge a \$25 Day fee which is a once only after that riders must join local Affiliate and RA Green Rider program

Until next time

Lynda Gray