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## KICKING OFF A GREAT NEW YEAR!

I hope this newsletter finds you fresh off a Christmas break and ready to make 2019 one of the best yet! Looking in the rear view mirror, I want to thank everyone who made the Western Horseman Stock Horse World Show such a success. New sponsors, new volunteers and new ideas all came together for a fantastic event. Congratulations to our World Champions!

We have some exciting changes this coming year, and this newsletter is full of that information. Please take a few moments to read this carefully. Jill will be in the office if you have questions about new rules, eligibility, etc.

If you're on Facebook, you might have noticed that the San Antonio Rose Palace is back in business! We are excited to put the show back on our calendar for May 3-4, 2019. This is an additional show to the schedule, so there will be 11 shows in 2019. Keep in mind, the SHTX rule book specifies that to be eligible for year end awards, riders

must compete in at least 50% of the shows in a year. That means in 2019, riders must compete in at least 6 shows to receive year end awards.

Speaking of year end awards, the banquet will be at the Hildebrand Equine Center in College Station on Saturday, March 2nd. Tickets can be purchased on your entry form for the Bryan show. Like last year, the Bryan show will be a two-day show, with Novice, Youth, Novice Youth and Junior divisions competing on Saturday and the Open, Non Pro, Limited and Intermediate on Sunday. Hotel information is on the website under the event calendar.

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Hotel info is online for Bryan and Lubbock. \*\*Please notice the cut off times for reservations! After these dates, the group rate will disappear!\*\* Also, RV and Stall reservations open on January 7 for the Lubbock Show. Call the TTU Equestrian Center to make reservations at 806-792-4682. Reservations are limited!

We look forward to a wonderful 2019. We'll see you in Bryan!

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## January 2019

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#### Know when to quit (the cow!)

by Barbra Schulte

If you cut, or do herd work in reined cow horse, or do ranch horse cutting, the nature of those classes is that you have to make moment-to-moment decisions. There are no pre-set patterns or

courses. You hold the reins. You have to make on-the-spot choices. This makes these classes exciting ... and often frustrating. One of these crucial decisions is when to quit a cow and go for another. Part of your decision making will depend on your ability to understand cattle.



Here are a few of the things you can weigh when you decide to stay with or quit a cow:

- Is your "good" cow maximized ... that is, did you get all the creditearning work out of her yet?
- Is your "mediocre" cow worth staying on?
- Is the cow you cut so "bad" that the only smart thing to do is quit and get another one?

Let's begin with a description of an ideal cow.

It faces your horse and goes back and forth for 15-30 feet at a medium clip in the middle of the arena. It has "feel" which means it stops and goes the other direction when you ride your horse to the correct position to stop her. Our "wonder cow" never darts toward the turn back people, the herd holders, towards the back fence or towards the ends of the arena. These behaviors all in one cow during a cutting or herd work class are rare, but they serve as a great references for deciding when to quit.

Okay, with those ideas in mind, here are the most common cow behaviors that should be red flags that it's time to look for a place to quit and get another cow. This list does not discuss the multitude of situations that also affect your decision at any moment in time, (like how much time you have been working it, or how much time is left on the clock, etc). That's a discussion for another day. This list is meant to be a simple set of key indicators about when a cow is probably "used-up". Her best stuff is gone ... if she ever had it! I also understand you have to work a cow until you can quit it legally. For the purposes of this discussion, I am assuming you will wait until a legal opportunity is available to you.

With "ideal cow" behavior understood, here are some red flags for when it's time to quit a cow and go for another:

continued on the next page....

## February 2019

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LONE STAR HATTERS



#### Judge's corner, continued...

- 1.) She starts off well, but darts hard towards one of the corners. The key word here is dart. You can bet the next time she travels back in the same direction, she will try even harder to get to the corner. She's no good. Do your best to stop her and quit working her as soon as possible.
- 2.) She has no interest in your horse. She wanders from one place in the arena to another ... everywhere but in the vicinity of you and your horse. She may or may not be that "bad", but without you being able to really affect her behavior and stop her, you won't be able show much of what your horse can do.
- 3.) She is numb. She stands there and your turn back helpers are yelling and slapping their chaps. She barely moves.Quit.
- 4.) She is crazy! Her tail goes up and maybe over her back. She is on a mission to go anywhere at jet speed and get by any horse she can. She might aim at the turn back horses or just run wildly around the arena. Quit working her ASAP. If she is super wild and you keep working her, even if she's not coming in your direction, chances are she's going to turn on you sooner or later and mow you over!
- 5.) She starts off like our ideal cow, but then starts moving in any direction out of the middle of the arena. Quit at an opportune time. She may not be that bad, but chances are you've gotten all of the good work out of her and she's not coming back to center stage.
- 6.) She starts running from wall-to-wall. It's time to quit.
- 7.) She starts trying to get through the turn back helpers. Thumbs down.
- 8.) She snorts at you! Adios, amigos! Quit ASAP.

A great way to practice knowing when to quit is to watch cattle from the bleachers in as many classes as you can. Study how cattle behave. Pretend like you are showing. When does her behavior change and when would be the most ideal time to quit?

To receive all of Barbra Schulte's and Sandy Collier's free articles, visit their website www.beunstoppable.us or Click Here





Open - Playin Motown & Ben Baldus



Ltd Non Pro - Jimmy Vick & Hondo Playinstylish

Non Pro & 4yo Incentive: Stefani Wagley & Precious Metals

4yo Ltd NP Incentive: Leslie Thoompson & CG Stylish Twister

Scholarship winners: Sawyer Sanders Abigail Wight

## January 2019

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#### **Rule Changes for 2019**

Below is a brief explanation of the significant rules changes for 2019. A complete explanation is available in the 2019 Rule Book online.

#### **NOVICE DIVISION**

Eligibility restrictions for the Novice division has been increased to allow riders to earn up to \$250 in a western performance discipline.

The Level 1 Novice recognition (which was tested in the fall of 2018) will remain in place in 2019. Level 1 Novice is not a separate division of the Novice, but is designed to recognize improvement and advancement in the Novice division at large shows at the discretion of show management. Level 1 Novice follows the "D" system (commonly used in barrel racing), dividing the Novice all around results at the 50% mark, and will recognize the top 5 riders in the second half of the Novice. There are no Year End awards in Level 1 Novice since these riders will be eligible to compete for Novice and Constant Competitor SHTX Year End awards.

#### CHANGES IN THE YOUTH; ADDING NOVICE YOUTH DIVISION

The new Novice Youth division is for youth riders with limited or no showing or riding experience. The Novice Youth division has the same eligibility restrictions as the Intermediate division. The rider has not won any combination of 2 champion or reserve champion titles at any show or cumulative year-end award in SHTX, ASHA, or Texas State 4-H finals; more than 10 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); or \$500 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.) SHTX 12 & Under awards and titles do not count toward eligibility since 12 & Under was not a separate SHTX division. Riders in the Novice Youth division will box only in the cow work class.

The Youth division will be for any skill level of youth rider. Riders in the Youth division will box-drive-box-drive in the cow work class. Both the Youth and Novice Youth divisions will offer Year End awards, and this will replace the current 12 & Under incentive awards.

#### **CHANGES IN THE COLLEGIATE PROGRAM**

Collegiate riders will now compete in their own division (Collegiate Open/Non Pro, Limited/Intermediate and Novice). The collegiate riders will draw up with other riders in their skill level to encourage networking between the collegiate riders and other riders; however separate results will be tallied. Collegiate riders wishing to ride in the regular SHTX divisions may do so by entering that division.

#### OTHER NOTABLE RULE CHANGES

Use of 2 hands in a curb bit is now an Off Pattern. Use of 2 hands in a snaffle bit is still allowed for any age horse in a SHTX event. Three new Stock Horse Pleasure patterns were added, and in the box-drive-box-drive cow work, the rider should drive the cow down the same fence or a 1 pt penalty will be assessed.



Stock Horse of Texas

2018 Year End Banquet

Hildebrand Equine Complex 3240 F&B Road, College Station on the campus of Texas A&M University

> Saturday, March 3, 2018 6:30 pm

Celebrate the 2018 Winners!

Top 10 in All Divisions Constant Competitors Collegiate Champions

\*reserve tickets on the Bryan entry form. \$20 per person Congratulations to these

## CONSTANT

#### COMPETITOR

**Jacket Winners!** 

AJ Lucuito
Will Lewis
Bonnie Rowan
Caroline Phelps
Sarah Stubbs
Madeline St. John
Leslie Thompson
Kimberly Wilkins

Riders who compete in the all around at 8 or more shows earn Constant Competitor honors.

Congratulations to our own

Kelsey Watring & Taylor Coon!

Married on December 12, 2018

Let's celebrate the happy couple with an informal gathering after the Year End Banquet at the Stella Hotel bar!





## Stock Horse of Texas Novice Clinic

\*preference given to Novice & Intermediate riders

# Saturday & Sunday, February 16-17, 2019 Stephenville, Texas Clinicians: Al & Bobbie Walton

Reining, Trail, Pleasure and Cow
Live cattle!

\$250 per horse -- includes lunch both days
Covered and Outdoor arena available

\*Limited to 20 riders\*

(payment in full secures spot)

15 Stalls available - \$25 per night - bring your own shavings
No RV Hookups available



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## New Year! New Entry Form!

With new divisions in 2019 comes a revamped entry form for all classes offered at SHTX shows. The form is organized in 3 main sections:

-- Open/Non Pro

-- Ltd. Int & Junior

-- Youth, Novice & Nov Youth

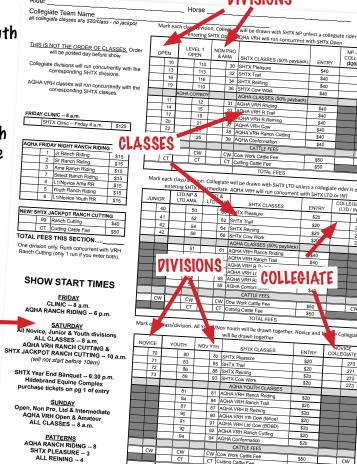
Collegiate divisions are on the right-hand column of each section.

Check which class you wish to enter in your respective division. It's that easy!

The lower left portion of the entry will have important show info such as start times, patterns, etc.

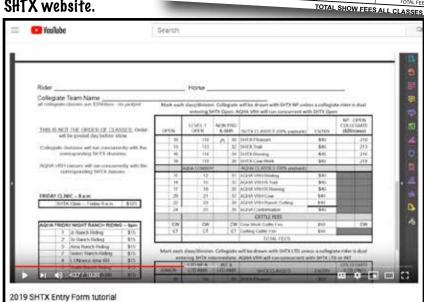
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SPECIFIC INFO



#### **Never Fear!**

We created a video explaining the new entry form on the SHTX website.





## January 2019

#### **BRONZE SPONSORS**





**Woodard Family** 

Jim and Mary Anne Truemper



#### FRIENDS

Brazos Valley Equine Joe & Becky Horlen

#### HOTEL INFO

Host hotels, rates and phone numbers for BRYAN and LUBBOCK are listed online under the Calendar.

Please notice the Cutoff Dates for the group rates!

FYI Lubbock RV & Stall reservations open Jan. 7 by calling TTU Equestrian Center @ 806-792-4682

# Texas Events

#### March 1-3, 2019\*

Brazos Co. Expo Center Bryan, Texas 1-day clinic & 2-day show Year End Banquet, Sat. March 2nd

#### March 16-17, 2019

Cowboy Church Athens, Texas Stand alone Novice Clinic

#### April 5-6, 2019\*

Texas Tech Equestrian Center Lubbock. Texas

## May 3-4, 2019\* NEW San Antonio Rose Palace

San Antonio Rose Palace San Antonio, Texas

#### May 31-June 1, 2019\*

Bell Co. Expo Center
Belton, Texas
Great tune up before
VRH World & NRSHA Championship!
featuring 2 air conditioned arenas,
Champions club above the arena

#### June 28-29, 2019\*

Dripping Springs Ranch Park Dripping Springs, Texas

#### July 19-20, 2019\*

Tri-State Fairgrounds Amarillo, Texas

Make a mini-vacation of this trip! Trail ride in Palo Duro Canyon & see the play TEXAS in the outdoor amphitheater. Visit the AQHA Heritage Center & Museum!

#### August 2-3, 2019\*

Nolan Co. Coliseum Sweetwater, Texas

#### August 2019

NRS Ranch
Decatur, Texas
Stand alone Novice & Intermediate Clinic

#### Sept 6-7, 2019\*

Circle T Arena Hamilton, Texas

#### September 27-28, 2019\*

Brazos Co. Expo Center Bryan, Texas

#### October 24-26, 2019

Western Horseman Stock Horse World Show & SHTX Derby, Ranching Heritage Taylor Co. Expo Center Abilene, Texas 2-day World Show & Stock Horse Derby

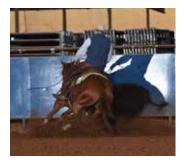
\*AQHA & APHA Ranch Classes have been submitted for approval







## **SHTX World Champions!**



Open - Playin Motown & Ben Baldus



Non Pro - Josh Brings & SV Whiskey Whiz



Limited Non Pro - Sidney Dunkel & Bobbie Can Do



Intermediate - Laura Yarbrough & NADA Pepto Taz



Level 1 Open - Christy Steed & Sparkling Lena Belle



Junior - Brook Mohedano & Rey Jays Money Maker

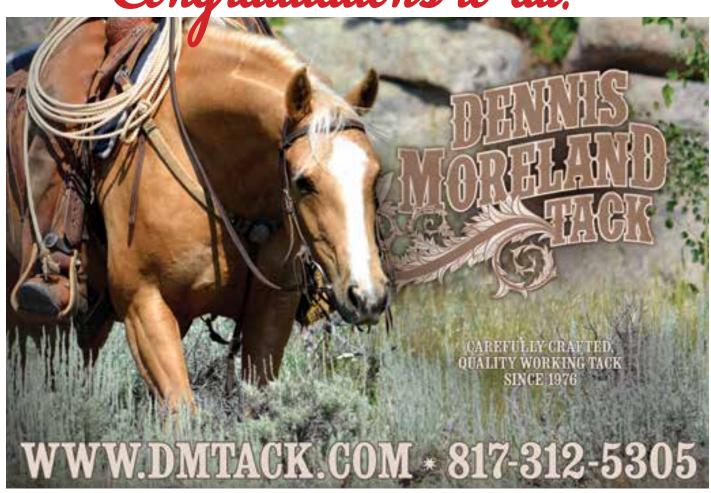


Youth - Jordan Cheek & SLJ Navijuice



12 & Under Youth Incentive Addison Gomez & Zan Reminic

Congratulations to all!





**MARCH 1-3, 2019** 

**Brazos County Expo Center Bryan, Texas** 

## Stock Horse Show, AQHA Ranch Riding **AQHA VRH & APHA Ranch Classes**

pre-enter by Monday, Feb 18 to avoid a late fee

Stock Horse of Texas Banquet -- Saturday, March 2, 6:30pm

Judges include: Sarah Clifford, Steven Cooper, Delena Doyle & Mark Russell

#### **FRIDAY**

March 1

**SHTX Clinic** 

8am-4:30pm **Reining -- Matlock Rice** Cow -- Sarah Clifford **Pleasure -- Troy Koehl Trail -- Sharon Wellman** 

**AQHA & APHA Ranch Riding** 6pm

#### SATURDAY

March 2

SHTX, AQHA VRH & **APHA SHOW** -- 8am YOUTH, (SHTX & VRH)

**VRH Ranch Cutting** & Jackpot Ranch Cutting 10 am -- All Divisions

**NOV YTH, NOVICE, JUNIOR** 

**SHTX Banquet** 

6:30pm -- Hildebrand Equine Complex, Texas A&M Univ.

#### SUNDAY

March 3

SHTX/AQHA VRH & APHA SHOW

8am

OPEN, L1 OPEN, COWBOY, NON PRO/AMATEUR & LTD. LTD NP, INTERMEDIATE

\$500 ADDED in SHTX Open & Non Pro

Jackpot in Open/Cowboy/ Amateur AQHA VRH show

> Buckles, Bronzes, Prizes, Ribbons & Rosettes! Added money in Open/ Non Pro

Stalls \$30 & RVs \$35/night Pre-Enter by Feb 18 to avoid a late fee. Entry forms posted at www.stockhorsetexas.org

Stella Hotel (979) 421-4000 \$129 5 minutes from Expo Ctr **Group Code: SHT0219** Cutoff date: 1/30/19

Sleep Inn (979) 485-5577 \$90 10 minutes from Expo Center **Group Code: SHOT** Cutoff date: 2/14/19

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## Scholarship Applications due Feb 1st!

#### **Darlene Hicks Youth Scholarship**

We lost a tough, brave cowgirl when Darlene Isbell Hicks of Hawley, Texas, died on July 10, 2011. She never rode a horse until after she married Thomas Hicks, but she soon loved to ride and show horses. She learned to team rope with her husband and also enjoyed wagon driving. Darlene was a member of Stock Horse of Texas Association, Texas Draft Horse Association and American Stock Horse Association. She was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2000. While fighting cancer, she showed in Stock Horse of Texas competitions on several different horses. She won buckles, bronzes, a saddle and she was SHTX Reserve Champion Limited Non-Pro for 2010. One saying that gave Darlene encouragement during her battle was, "courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway."



In her honor, the Darlene Hicks Scholarship fund was established. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior.



#### Dr. Josie Coverdale Collegiate Scholarship

A former competitor and member of SHTX, Dr. Josie Coverdale, passed away in February, 2016 from a car accident. Dr. Coverdale was an assistant professor in equine sciences at Texas A&M and an active part of the Equine Initiative. She was known for her passion for her career, her students, her selflessness and her character. In her memory, a SHTX scholarship has been established by her friends. The scholarship will be presented to a TAMU student who shows at the SHTX World Show and embodies the same hard work, excellence and pleasant demeanor that Josie shared with everyone.

Applications for both scholarships are available at stockhorsetexas.org.

#### RANCH CUTTING

ACKPOT

SHTX is going to offer Jackpot Ranch Cuttings at select stock horse shows in 2019. The Jackpot Ranch Cutting will follow AQHAVRH class rules. Any age or breed of horse may enter. The class will be held concurrently with VRH Ranch Cutting. At this time, there is only one division -- youth, non pro and open riders will all compete together.

The goal of the Jackpot Ranch Cutting is to allow riders who might not enter AQHAVRH the opportunity to participate in Ranch Cutting. The NRSHA National Championship Show offers Ranch Cutting, and this will give our members the opportunity to practice the event.

If Jackpot Ranch Cutting is offered at a show, it will be in the left-hand column of the entry form on page 2. Please note>> Those riders entered in VRH Ranch Cutting and SHTX Jackpot Ranch Cutting will make ONE run. Entering both classes will NOT give riders the opportunity for two runs.

## Welcome APHA Riders!

We are excited to offer several APHA ranch horse classes in conjunction with SHTX classes in 2019. All APHA classes will be on a separate entry form. The APHA entry form will be

on the website next to the SHTX/AQHA entry form. We will offer Solid Paint Bred (SPB) classes concurrently in many cases.

APHA Ranch Riding classes will be held concurrently with AQHA Ranch Riding classes, typically on Friday nights. Other APHA ranch classes will be concurrent within specific SHTX divisions (ie. APHA Open Ranch Pleasure will run with SHTX Open Ranch Pleasure, APHA Amateur Cow Work will run with SHTX Non Pro Cow Work, etc).

Certain APHA classes will not run concurrent due to a difference in rules. For example, APHA Limited Cow Work is a boxing-only class. It will run with the other SHTX boxing classes near the end of the show. APHA Youth and Novice Youth are also boxing-only classes. They will run with the SHTX Novice Youth cow work. Currently, APHA does not have a box-drive-box-drive class.



APHA Novice Amateur classes will run concurrent with SHTX Novice. However, APHA and SHTX have different rules related to novice eligibility. It is important that riders compete within the division they are eligible for. If a rider is APHA Novice eligible but not SHTX Novice eligible, they will only be able to enter the APHA Novice division (not a concurrent SHTX run). They can, however, make a separate run in the SHTX division they are eligible for.

APHA Amateur ranch classes are like AQHA Amateur ranch classes, in that they can run concurrently with the SHTX Non Pro, Limited and Intermediate. Then all APHA scores will be combined for one set of results.

\*\*\*Please keep in mind\*\*\* it will take some time for the office to run all of the results! With adding APHA to our already busy SHTX and AQHA schedule, we are running THREE separate horse shows, with THREE separate sets of entries and THREE separate sets of results!

## Ever thought about being a SPONSOR?

With a new Novice Youth division and 3 new Collegiate divisions, there are many opportunities to sponsor! Additional divisions means extra prizes at every show. Sponsors help keep class fees affordable.

Let us know if you or your business are interested in supporting your association!





#### **CoWN 2019 Show Schedule**

An affiliate of Stock Horse of Texas

May 11 – 12 Northern Colorado Junior College Sterling, Colorado

May 17 - 19 Ride With Pride The Ranch Loveland, Colorado

May 31 - June 1 Rockin Rendezvous The Ranch Loveland,
Colorado

June 29 · 30 Adams County Fair Grounds Brighton, Colorado

July 13 - 14 Laramie County Community College Cheyenne,
Wyoming

In partnership with The American Paint Horse Association

Sept 21 - 22 Adams County Fair Grounds Brighton, Colorado

November 18 - 24 Winterfest The Ranch Loveland, Colorado

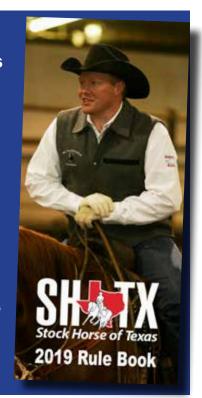
Visit our website at: www.cownsh.com

Contact Bill Gentle President 307 630 1284

The 2019
Rule Book is
now online!

Download a copy for quick smartphone access.

Printed copies will be available at every SHTX show!



## DID YOU KNOW?

All SHTX shows with AQHA classes are Texas Quarter Horse Association-approved. If

you're a TQHA member, points you earn at SHTX classes count toward Year End TQHA standings!

TQHA is the Texas-based affiliate of AQHA. TQHA belongs to the Texas Agriculture Council and is involved in the legislative process regarding equine industry issues in Texas. Members are encouraged to become involved with political issues through TQHA's Political Action Committee.



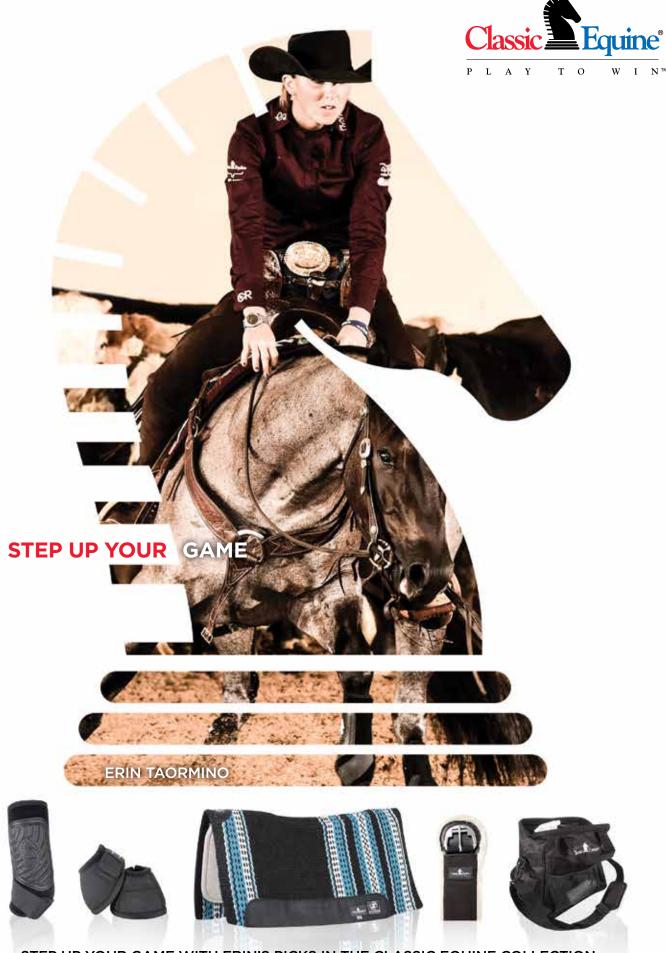
Points earned at TQHA-approved shows are used for Open, Amateur and Youth year rexas quarter Horse association end awards and AQHA Youth World qualifying. The TQHA Foundation is organized to promote the Texas Quarter Horse Association and its various initiatives through education/scholarships, research & charitable works for the horse industry in Texas. Multiple SHTX members have received TQHA scholarships! Visit tqha. org for more information about the association and its programs.

TQHA has a NEW STOCK HORSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM for 2019! You must be a TQHA member to be eligible for the TQHA / SHTX award! TQHA memberships are available at all SHTX shows, or join TQHA online!









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#### HISTORICAL CORNER WITH JIM TRUEMPER

Harry Truman said, "There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know." There are a lot of our newer members who might not know of or recognize the cowboy on the sorrel horse with the intense look on his face and the jumping form any Grand Prix rider would envy. He is Jimbo Humphreys of Spur, Texas. Jimbo could be described in many ways in addition to cowboy. Horseman, chuck wagon cook, rancher, raconteur, and maker of saddle hardware would be other skills and talents particular to Jimbo. Raised on the Pitchfork Ranch where his father, Jim, was manager, he could hardly pursue any other life but that of a cowboy. For many years Jimbo has managed the Guitar Ranch at Spur. At one time one of his duties was to give wagon tours of the ranch and relate stories of the history of the area to the tourists. He became so well known that Southern Living magazine once did a feature on him!

About fifteen years ago, it was common to see Jimbo's range tepee on the grounds at many SHTX shows. Often



accompanied by David Maltais, he would bunk in that tepee regardless of the weather. If the show venue did not require the stalling of horses, their mounts would be picket hobbled nearby. Jimbo worked hard to improve his horses and rode Josephs Catchum All to the title of Supreme Stock Horse and was the first to do so. This award requires a horse and rider team to amass a total of 200 merit points in the Open or Non-Pro divisions. Not to rest on his laurels, Jimbo competed with a second horse, BJ Whiskey (the sorrel taking the jump), also achieving the title of Supreme Stock Horse. At this time he is the only SHTX member to have twice won this honor. While attaining these championships, he also served a three-year term on the SHTX Board of Directors.

For several years either side of 2005, a SHTX competition was part of Horse-A-Rama which was held each spring at the Will Rogers complex in Fort Worth. One year Mary Anne and I took our grandson, Orion, and an exchange student from Armenia to this event. Between classes I would lead the young lady around the parking lot on my horse, Freckles. We went by Jimbo's trailer and as he was saddling Catchum I said, "Jimbo this is Maral. She is from Armenia and she wants to meet a real Texas cowboy." He dryly replied, "Well when I find one, I'll send him around to see you."

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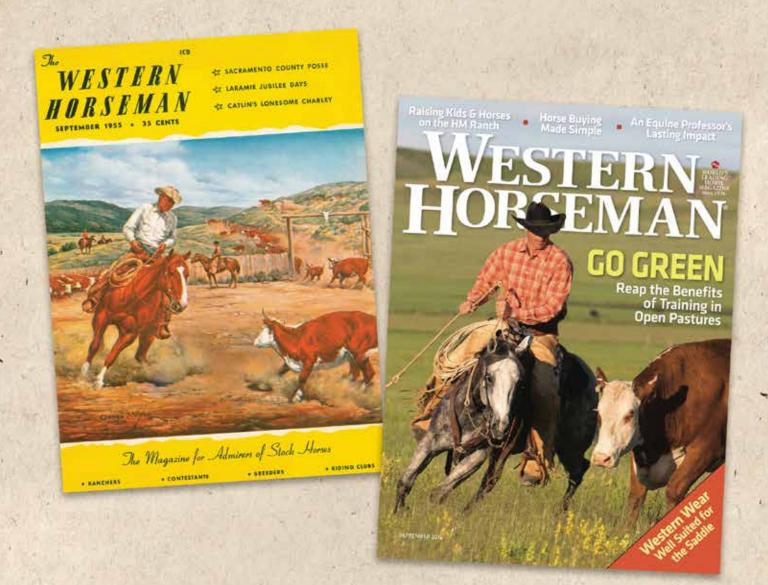
For more information on the Merit Program, please refer to pg 34 in the 2019 SHTX Rule Book.

#### THE FINAL RIDE...

Larry Rutledge, 70, of West Monroe, LA died September 11, 2018. In the early 2000s, Larry logged many miles hauling to Stock Horse of Texas events. Later Larry helped found the Louisiana Stock Horse Association (LaSH). He served as president and was a member of the board of directors at the time of his death.

Don Brehm, 60, of Richmond, TX died October 13, 2018. He owned and operated Brehm's Feed Co. in Richmond. In 2001 as the leader of the Fort Bend County Horse Committee, Don was instrumental in bringing Stock Horse of Texas events to southeast Texas. The show at the Fort Bend County Arena in Rosenberg continued for over 10 years.

## TIMELESS



A GOOD HORSE NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE.



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