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As I look back over this year the VRHA has made a lot of positive strides in the promotion of the sport of reining. We had "the strongest" affiliate team at the Northeast Regional Affiliate Finals as well as one of the largest RHSF Rookie Day events ever organized. The VRHA had the largest turnout at the State Fair for any of the shows including the two day quarter horse show in which the reining classes far surpassed the entries in any of the other quarter horse classes. It speaks volumes for this great sport and proves that reining is truly catching on in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I would like to invite each and every one of you to consider coming to our NRHA judges seminar. This is an event that should be a prerequisite for all Rookie riders. This educational seminar will allow you to see what the judges see and understand the scoring system. It will improve your skills and make you a smarter rider. Please see our flyer in this newsletter and sign up today.

Your board has been working hard at preparing itself for the future. Our latest meeting was a rather lengthy one in which the board set short and long term goals for the VRHA. We have begun the process of laying the groundwork for making VRHA a stronger and more viable club in the near and distant future. Many goals have been set and the board is eager to begin the process of making those goals realities for the 2011 show season. I have the utmost confidence in this board and its ability to achieve greatness. They are truly great people who believe in this club and at each meeting are concerned with the health of the club and the success of it's members.

It is with great pleasure that I have served on this board for 6 years. I have met some of the finest people in the world and have made many new friends. I am very proud of the work that your board has accomplished under my guidance and am eager to see where our new leadership takes us. I have said time and time again that the VRHA members are the greatest and I truly believe it. Your unending support has made my job one of the most rewarding and positive experiences that I have ever had. Thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Kenny Moore

# State Fair Slide

Stephanie Askins  
VRHA Reporter

The Virginia Reining Horse Association (VRHA) held their second annual State Fair Slide at the Meadows Event Park, Doswell, VA on September 23-24, 2010 during the Virginia State Fair.

The weather was hot and the competition sizzling. Our Judge was Mr. Mike Carter who did an awesome job in the 100 degree temperatures along with our scribe, Vice President Beth Richards for enduring this heat wave.

Our show started out bright and early on Friday morning with great attendance.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our Sponsors, Advertisers & Donator's for this event.

The Freestyle Reining sponsored by Banixx Wound and Hoof Care got the crowd fired up on a warm fall evening. Huge thanks to Banixx for their generosity!

Freestyle Open & Non Pro:                    Krystal Saint James/Hollywood Ninetyeight  
                                                          John Bates/Breezin Slam  
                                                          Lara Cornell/Sugarman Holly  
                                                          Kim Smith/Footworks Fever  
                                                          Trisha Crossley/Jac Brownburn

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## Member Educational Opportunity

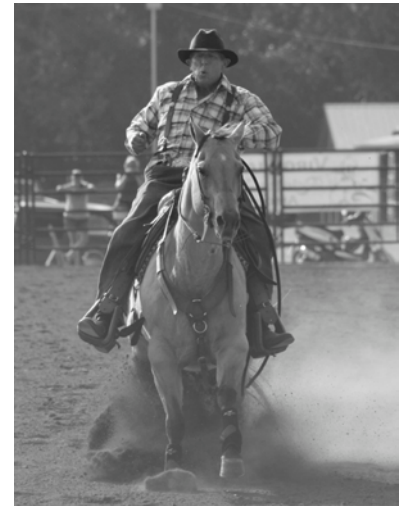
This was previously know as the “Judges Applicant Seminar” and is still required if you wish to become an NRHA Judge. However it is full of information for any Reiner! You do not need to be an NRHA member unless you plan to take the test! So come join us for a weekend full of Reining Education inside and warm with fellow Reiners.

The seminar will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 8:00 to around noon on Sunday. The test will start around 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Saturday lunch is provided as is coffee both days. There will be a cash bar Saturday evening 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with the Co-Author of the novel “Secretariat” with a book signing and farm tour (Additional \$10.00) Seminar Clinician is Ollie Griffith.

This seminar is open to anyone who wishes to know more about reining, even if you are not interested in becoming a NRHA Judge. Seminar is made possible by a grant from the Virginia Horse Industry Board.

If you are interested in attending the seminar, contact Joy Blake ASAP (804-932-4814) to reserve your place today! Flyer and registration form on VRHA website [www.virginiareininghorse.com](http://www.virginiareininghorse.com)

## State Fair Slide 2010



*There were 141 entries - one of the largest equine events at the fair!*



*There was plenty of everything - dust, dirt, grins and hot weather! And some really awesome runs!*





## Regional Affiliate Finals

VRHA was the subject of many a conversation at the Northeast Regional Affiliate Finals (RAF) in September. From the solid runs put in by each and every rider, to our distinctive team attire, to our generous support of the Youth Team Tournament, VRHA was noticed!

Our seven riders, Jesse Chase, John Bates, Patrice Hohl, Kelly Jo Hopkins, Jon Lamb, Beth Richards and Craig Stonesifer were fabulous in the show pen. Cindy LaBar (qualified in the Rookie division, but unable to compete) made the trip to provide moral support in person. Thanks Cindy!

## S.H.O.W. Program

Southern States has created a program for non-profit organizations to submit proofs of purchase of Southern States feeds. S.H.O.W. Program (Special Horse Organization Winner). VRHA can earn \$.10 for every proof of purchase from Reliance and \$.25 for every proof of purchase of Legends or Triple Crown. As long as we invite a Southern States representative to be present at our event and use their logo or banner at the event. We will also list Southern States as one of our sponsors at the events. For bulk feed the original customer copy will need to be submitted.

Please save proof of purchase labels from Legends, Triple Crown and Reliance feed bags and mail to Joy Blake 5881 Hopewell Road New Kent, VA 23124 or to any VRHA Board Member (addresses on VRHA website).

A big thanks to everyone who has submitted their proofs of purchase - Remember to cut out the proof of purchase bar code to submit. With over 200 members I know we can raise more funds. Mail in those proof of purchases now or bring them to the Year End Banquet!

The small but strong VRHA Team finished a very credible 4th in the team standings. Beth and Craig even managed to post personal best scores. They join Patty, Jesse, and John on the Northeast Region's team roster for the North American Affiliate Championships in Oklahoma City. Running in conjunction with the NRHA Futurity, the NAAC show starts on November 25th and ends December 4th.

The show will be webcast, so plan to send your good vibes through the network as your VRHA representatives compete! Four of our five qualified riders plan to compete in Oklahoma. Follow Patty in Limited Open and Intermediate Open, Beth in Novice Horse Non Pro and Prime Time Non Pro, and John and Craig in the Rookie of the Year finals! Information is available on [www.nrhafuturity.com](http://www.nrhafuturity.com).

Many thanks to everyone who supported the VRHA RAF team through the purchase of a logo sticker and/or whooping it up at your computer during the webcast. The VRHA RAF team is pictured in team attire at the New Jersey Dream Park - Standing: John Bates, Craig Stonesifer, Jesse Chase, Beth Richards, Cindy LaBar; kneeling: Jon Lamb, Kelly Jo Hopkins. Not pictured: Patty Hohl.

## ***Quarter Horse Classes - Why should I enter?***

Over the past year VRHA has offered AQHA classes running concurrently with NRHA classes. Participation has been dismal. Recently the board examined if this was something we wanted, needed, or should continue.

The majority of our members never attend a AQHA show yet the reining classes of Virginia Quarter Horse Association shows are their largest - larger than halter, pleasure or trail proving that reining is growing by leaps and bounds.

With this information in hand, your Board has decided to continue AQHA classes and provide you with some information so hopefully you will be more willing to enter the AQHA classes which are running concurrently with your regular class.

If you wish to compete in AQHA classes you do not need to be an NRHA or VRHA member. Your score is compared only to other riders who also ride AQHA - a little cheaper way to get some show experience and win some AQHA points. In the future VRHA is looking into providing separate AQHA weekend awards and year end awards. Talk about an easy way to show. There is an additional drug charge per horse (varies per show) which will be added to your show bill. What runs concurrently? Youth with Youth, Novice Amateur with Rookie, Amateur with Non-Pro and Open with Open.

You must be a AQHA member and the horse AQHA registered - papers must be shown in the show office prior to entering the class. For youth and amateur classes the horse must be owned by the rider or immediate family. Amateurs must possess a current individual AQHA Amateur membership card or copy and provide it to the show office prior to entering the class.

What AQHA class do I show in? Well Youth and Open are easy - Youth with Youth class with a valid AQHA youth membership card, no stallions in youth classes - no exceptions, Open with Open class. The confusion lies with Novice Amateur and Novice Youth - must possess a valid novice amateur or novice youth membership card and have not earned more than 25 performance points in AQHA. Novice points are not recorded on the horses performance record, they are recorded on the exhibitor. Yep, there's a bunch more rules and regulations but these are the main ones. If you have insomnia, download the AQHA handbook for some late night reading!

Board member Joy Blake is working with VQHA with the goal of having VRHA shows count towards their year end awards for Virginia Quarter Horse Association members.

## ***Mark your calendar - 2011 dates***

March 11, 2011 - VRHA Rookie Day - Williamston, NC

March 12 and 13, 2011 - VRHA March in to Spring - Williamston, NC

March 12, 2011 - VRHA 2010 Year End Award Banquet and Silent Auction

May 27, 28 and 29 2011 - VRHA Memorial Day Classic and Derby - Williamston, NC

### **Tentative Dates**

August 6 and 7, 2011 - VRHA Summer Slide - Williamston, NC

September 2011 - VRHA State Fair Slide during the opening days of the Virginia State Fair - Doswell, Virginia

## 2010 Year End Award Banquet and Silent Auction

Will be held in conjunction with VRHA's March in to Spring on March 12, 2011 in Williamston, NC. Get ready for some good times with good friends.

We will also hold a Silent Auction at the same time so think about donations and bring some extra \$\$ to get that special item. Gail Murphy is coordinating donations however each and every member can obtain donations or donate items. Just let Gail know who donated so credit and thank you notes can be mailed to the folks who support VRHA! You can contact Gail at 804-514-9355 or [ggmurphy11@verizon.com](mailto:ggmurphy11@verizon.com)

### VRHA Saddle Raffle

The saddle is gone! We raffled it off in 2009 and it was donated back to the association. In 2010 we raffled it off again and raised over \$900. A big thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket and congratulations to Joe Thompson who brought the winning ticket!

*It now  
has a  
forever  
home!*



## NorthEast Regional Affiliate Finals Youth Team Tournament

Every year VRHA donates monies to provide awards to the Youth Riders who attend the Regional Affiliate Finals. This year our donation sponsored 4 teams of 3 riders each. They received first place show pads, second place coolers with tee shirts, third place coolers with splint boots and fourth place sheets and show pad carriers.

### 2011 Officer Nominations

Ballots will be in the mail by November 15, 2010 and will need to be mailed back to Kenny Moore by December 15, 2010 or you can email your vote to Kenny at [kennymoore.mlc@gmail.com](mailto:kennymoore.mlc@gmail.com) Identify yourself by name and list your vote.

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Kenny Moore will serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

### 2010 Year End Awards

Year End Awards for 2010 will be presented at the Banquet on March 12, 2011 in Williamston, NC. Results are on the VRHA website [www.virginiareininghorse.com](http://www.virginiareininghorse.com)

Sponsors are needed for Year End Awards - Buckles are \$100 and \$75, vests are \$50. Contact Brenda Clarke 804-921-4268 or email [bcmtgallant@gmail.com](mailto:bcmtgallant@gmail.com)

Champion and Reserve Champion Buckles will be awarded with VRHA vests going to places 3 to 5 in all divisions. Champions and Reserves exhibitors will not be awarded a vest but can purchase one from VRHA for \$50.00 by January 1, 2011.

# Rookie Day 2011

VRHA will host its third Reining Horse Sports Foundation Rookie Day presented by Classic Equine on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston, NC. Cost will be \$200 for adults and \$100 for youth. All proceeds benefit the RHSF, Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund. Our 2010 Rookie Day was a huge success; you can read about it in the October issue of Reiner Magazine. Several of this year's participants have qualified for Regional and National competition. Watch the web site at [www.virginiareininghorse.com](http://www.virginiareininghorse.com) for more information.

## 2010 Show and Trophy Sponsors

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## *Studs on Parade!*

The Virginia Reining Horse Association is actively seeking ways to raise money and promote the sport of reining/working cow horse. The funds are used to reduce show costs and provide monies for reining clinics within our membership area. One of our fundraising projects is this promotional, full color, 11" x 17" wall calendar featuring reining/working cow horse and cutting stallions standing (some of you may remember the calendar we designed in 2007). Due to the positive response from the stallion owners in 2007, we would like to produce an 18 months calendar this time, starting in July 2011 through December 2012. We chose this date range so we can sell the calendar at our spring/early summer events.

- Your stallion will be featured for one full month in this unique calendar
- You also receive a full page stallion ad on our web site for 12 months at [www.virginiareininghorse.com](http://www.virginiareininghorse.com).
- You receive one complimentary calendar

All of the above for the low cost of \$100.

**Reserve your spot now, deadline for submission of registration and images is November 25, 2010**

We hope you decide to be part of this project and look forward to receiving your stallion's images. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Hinzmann at 804-829-5883 or [karin.hinzmann@gmail.com](mailto:karin.hinzmann@gmail.com).

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**A.A.A.D.D. Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder!**

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it! This is how it manifests:

As I'm scrubbing the buckets to water the horses, I notice the barn aisle needs to be swept. I go to the feed room to get the broom. There's a bottle of water sitting on the counter, I drink some and it's warm so I put it in the refrig. We're short on horse cookies, so I head to the house to get another bag.

At the back door, I see ripe tomatoes on the vines. So I stop to pick them and head back to basement for the horse cookies. Then the flowers need to be watered, so I set the tomatoes down, grab the watering can and notice there's some branches down in the front yard. I gather up some branches and find a loose connector on the fence. I put the branches down, head back to the tool shed to get tools to fix the fence.

On the way to the tool shed, I see some guineas messing around the day lilies, so I go to investigate. Oh, a nest of guinea eggs! So back to the house I go for a bucket so I can get the eggs in the incubator. In the house it's after 12, so I make a quick sandwich. I start my sandwich when a friend phones, I sit and chat for a while.

About that time, the spouse is home from work, the buckets aren't washed, the horses aren't watered, the barn aisle still needs to be swept, there are no horse cookies in the barn, the guineas are still guarding their nest, fence connectors not fixed, tomatoes still on the steps, flowers not watered, branches still in yard, haven't eaten lunch and he asks what have you done today?

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming.



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