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**KENTUCKY HORSE PARK – LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**



The Kentucky Horse Park is a blend of old and new, respecting both honored traditions of the Bluegrass horse country and modern innovation. It is a place where over twelve hundred acres of land are devoted to the horse and the important role it has played in the history of man.

Two world-class museums can be found on the Park grounds, the International Museum of the Horse and the American Saddlebred Museum. From Mid-March through October the Park comes alive with the color, sound and excitement of the Breeds Barn which hosts the Parade of Breeds, a presentation highlighting the 50 different breeds that reside at the Park. The Hall of Champions is home to an elite group of horses representing the Thoroughbred, Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing and past stars of the Saddlebred show ring. Visitors also have the opportunity for hands-on experience with a horse on a trail ride, a horse drawn trolley ride or a carriage tour of the Park grounds. Besides the daily activities, the Park is the premier equine event facility in the United States. There are currently 1,084 permanent stalls, two outdoor stadiums, five outdoor show rings, five dressage arenas, a covered arena, a planned indoor coliseum arena, a cross-country/marathon course, four polo fields, and a steeplechase course.

The Park has one of the finest resort campgrounds in the region offering 260 campsites and full-service recreational facilities. The Park is also home to the National Horse Center, an office complex made up of many of the most influential equine associations, commissions, organizations and services within the industry. The Kentucky Horse Park welcomes the CHA International Conference!

#### WELCOME TO THE BLUE GRASS COUNTRY

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Kentucky and to the Kentucky Horse Park! We are honored that you chose the Kentucky Horse Park National Horse Center for your national headquarters and the site of your annual convention. Your mission is important and appreciated. We recognize that you work tirelessly to make horse sports safer and more enjoyable for everyone from beginners to seasoned professionals, and that many lives have been saved as a result. Your expertise, creativity and passion are improving all facets of horse sports, and your presence at the park is a benefit to everyone here. So it is with genuine appreciation that I wish you a very successful and enjoyable convention!

Sincerely,

*John Nicholson*

Executive Director, Kentucky Horse Park



Some of you might know that I served for six years as Vice Chair of the Virginia Horse Center. When asked what horse facility in the US was one of the best, my immediate response would be the Kentucky Horse Park. I am excited that CHA is holding the International Conference at the Kentucky Horse Park this year. The program and speakers that the staff have put together for this event are outstanding. All of our living CHA Past Presidents will be with us and the trail encampment will be hosting the Friday night meal under the stars. By the way, some of these tents are better equipped with more amenities than any Hyatt Regency room I have ever stayed in! My Methodist pastor back in West Virginia wrote a book titled "The Truth as I Remember It." Keep this in mind as you hear our Past Presidents and the "Black Hats" spin yarns around the campfire over the next several days.....it's the truth as they remember it! Welcome

to all you all (Kentucky and Virginia talk). Have a great week while you renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Most importantly have a wonderful time in this most magnificent horse country.

*Pat Mullins*, CHA President

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2007 .....Lynn O'Brien  
2006 .....Beth Powers  
2005 ..... Bill Enns  
2004 .....Lynn Squire  
2003 ..... Christine Guenther  
2002 ..... Dodi Stacey  
2001 .....Jo-Anne Young  
2000 .....Michal Kays  
1999 .....Susanne Valla  
1998 .....Barbara Christian  
1997 ..... Lew Sterrett  
1996 ..... Susan Harris

## PARTNERSHIP IN SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

2007 .....American Quarter Horse Association  
2006 ..... American Vaulting Association  
2005 .....North American Riding for the Handicapped Assn  
2004 ..... North American Horsemen's Association  
2003 .....American Camping Association  
2002 .....Markel Insurance Company  
2001 ..... American Youth Horse Council  
2000 ..... Washington State 4-H Foundation  
1999 .....Horse Council of British Columbia  
1998 .....Hadley Stacey  
1997 ..... Julie Fershtman of counsel  
1996 .....Lexington Helmets

## CHA STONE SCHOOL HORSE OF THE YEAR

2007 – Doc – Golden Gate Vaulters – Golden, Colorado  
2006 – Domino's Crescent Moon –  
Eagle Creek Equestrian Center in Griffin, Georgia  
2005 – Mr. Peach – Emigrant Springs Horsemanship in  
Grass Valley, California  
2004 – Woody - Woodloch Stables in Hugo, Minnesota  
2003 – Shotgun Jetta – TLC Stables in East Swanzey, New  
Hampshire  
2002 – Yeller – Rancho Vista Therapy Center in  
Fort Collins, Colorado

## CHA INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

2007 – Jennifer Willey of White Bear Lake, Minnesota  
2006 – Karen Pikovsky of Irwin, Pennsylvania  
2005 – Lori Hall-McNary of Escondido, California  
2004 – Rathel Gincig of Aurora, Colorado  
2003 – Cydney Adler of Burien, Washington

## CHA CLINIC INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

2007 – Jo-Anne Young of Houghton, New York  
2006 – Tara Gamble of Edmonton, Alberta  
2005 – Polly Haselton Barger of Nashville, Tennessee  
2004 – Barbara Klatt of Lancaster, Ohio  
2003 – Darla Ryder of Weatherford, Texas

# Special Events - HIGHLIGHTS -

## SILENT AUCTION – HOLIDAY INN LEXINGTON NORTH

To be held Thursday - Saturday. Final bids accepted at the banquet on Saturday night. Make sure to stroll through the auction area and bid on your favorite items. All proceeds benefit CHA to help provide scholarships to those who need financial help to attend a CHA clinic.

## CHA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday night, November 1st at 7 p.m. – Holiday Inn Lexington North  
Help us celebrate in our best dress as we toast the following award winners:

CHA Volunteer of the Year  
CHA Instructor of the Year  
Clinic Instructor of the Year  
Partnership in Safety Award  
CHA School Horse of the Year

## MOUNTED AND HANDS-ON HORSE SESSIONS

All mounted and hands-on horse sessions will be held in the covered, outdoor arena, or round pen at the Kentucky Horse Park. Four riding spots are available for each mounted session. Riders sign up ahead of time at registration for the session of your choice. Make sure to note riding ability at the top of each form, do not sign up to ride in a class that is being taught at a higher level than you ride. Limit one ride time per person for the entire conference to make sure we have enough room for all. Riding spots are not open to day rate participants. All are welcome to audit all sessions.

SEMI - PRIVATE LESSONS WITH JON ENSIGN AND JO-ANNE YOUNG  
Cost of semi-private western and dressage lessons is \$55 for one hour per person with all proceeds going to CHA for the scholarship fund.

## EXHIBITS & CHA PRODUCT LINE – HOLIDAY INN LEXINGTON NORTH

Please take time to shop and check out the great items on sale from CHA, our sponsors and vendors. Some CHA logo wear products are only available at the conference and these great prices are only available during conference.

CHA WELCOME RECEPTION AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Thursday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m. – Holiday Inn Lexington North – enjoy appetizers and a cash bar while you meet staff from the other associations that are part of the National Horse Center and the Kentucky Horse Park and our neighbors. Hear a great keynote speech from Doug Emerson on “Are you a Leader?” Meet all the CHA Past Presidents. See great photos from our past and present. Vote on important membership issues during the annual meeting and get to know other members of CHA.

1ST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION  
Join us on Sunday for the hands on portion of the EquineU.com  
CPR and First Aid Training.

CHA SITE ACCREDITATION VISITOR TRAINING  
Sunday come and learn how to be a CHA site visitor  
and accredit the Kentucky Horse Park.

## CHA Past Presidents

THESE ARE THE LEADERS IN THE ORDER THAT THEY HAVE SERVED THE CERTIFIED HORSEMANSHIP ASSOCIATION. MANY OF THEM ARE WITH US AT THIS CONFERENCE. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FIND THEM AND SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE



BILL WILEY

Bill Wiley became a charter member of Camp Horsemanship Association when Dan Hemp-hill had a business booth at a National ACA convention. He was grandfathered in as a clinic instructor by the ladies who established the program for Dan's camp. He established a board of directors, and became the first elected president. During his presidency CHA became a 501-c-3 nonprofit organization at which time Dan turned over all assets of CHA. Also during his presidency, the instruction manual was revised updated the requirements for riding instructors and clinic instructors were upgraded. Bill was pleasantly surprised when he received the first honorary life membership at a CHA national conference at Miracle Mountain Ranch.

Bill and his wife Phyllis are co-founders of Marmon Valley Farm and Faith Ranch camps, which are retreat centers and public riding stables.



LEW STERRETT

Lew Sterrett PhD is no stranger to CHA, having served as President of CHA for 7 years. Manual revision and national standardization were among his primary concerns for CHA's improvement. Serving as the executive director for Miracle Mountain Ranch since 1977, a leadership training center, Lew's outreach has grown extensively. Recognized for outreach under the banner of Sermon on the Mount, Principle Based Training, and Leaders by Heart, Lew travels extensively addressing a wide variety of needs and interest groups. His many published resources, along with a regular TX program, supportive training program provide a sound base from which people may grow in their personal development, their horsemanship, and leadership skills. In these values and skills Lew represents the heart of CHA wherever he goes.



DON DUNLAP

Don was the Executive Director of Triple R Ranch in Chesapeake, Virginia. Along with Stan Loewen, Don developed a great arena and trail program for Triple R Ranch. Don was an advocate for the CHA Trail Program and supported every effort to get it completed. Don loved trail riding and was known to take his whole board to Alaska for pack trips. Don was CHA President during the time the CHA office moved from Michigan to Texas. At conferences Don could be found doing Dutch oven cooking or horse hair braiding. Many CHA members have horse hair items that Don helped them create.



DODI STACEY

Dodi is a retired horse trainer and riding instructor. She has been a member of CHA since 1980 and is a past member of the CHA Board of Directors and a past Regional Director. She is a former CHA President and the founding Chair of the Trail Committee and Chair of the IRD Development Committee. Dodi is a CHA clinic instructor for Standard, Trail and IRD clinics. She is a contributor to CHA's manuals and is a published author. Among her many awards, she was named Horsewoman of Distinction from the North

## Raffle Saddle

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## CHA Past Presidents, continued

American Horsemen's Association in 1999 and received the Mile High Girl Scout's Elizabeth Hayden Award, which is the highest award given for volunteer service to the GSA. She was also the CHA Volunteer of the Year in 2002. Following an IRD Clinic this year at the National Institute on Developmental Delays, Fr. Paul Zahler, O.S.B., Ph.D. awarded Dodi a photograph of the "Our Mother of Humanities" statute, commissioned by the Catholic Church, and crafted in honor of those individuals who reach out and dedicated their life to all children, but especially those with special physical and mental needs.



JIM GLUNT

Jim Glunt has been involved with horses for over 30 years. In the past, he has led the horse operation at a resort hotel, directed a youth camp with an extensive horse program, and worked as a farrier. He currently owns and operates Jim Glunt Equine Services, offering a wide variety of support services to group horseback riding programs. These services include staff selection, development and training; program planning and development; risk reviews; site planning; leadership; plus tack and saddle repair. He has been involved with CHA since 1980, serving on various committees and the CHA Board. In addition to CHA events, Jim has led workshops for a variety of regional and national groups, including the Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC), the American Camp Association (ACA) – Keystone Section, the YMCA, as well as the Pennsylvania State University (PSU). He is a CHA certified clinician and site visitor trainer and has had articles published in both *The Instructor* and *Camping Magazine*. He resides in central Pennsylvania with his wife, Jill.



BILL ENNS

Bill Enns managed a camp and conference center in British Columbia, Canada for 20 years. In his time and with the help of the CHA programming and CHA certification Bill and his staff were able to develop a high quality riding program for summer camp, outdoor education and weekend retreats. Bill joined the board of CHA in 1991 and served as President in 1998 - 2000. Since Bill completed his term as Past President in 2002 he has remained involved in volunteering on committees and presenting workshops at Regional and International CHA conferences. Bill has had a heart in promoting CHA in Canada in order to broaden the CHA membership base

and improve the safety of riding programs. Bill attributes much of his success in the horse industry to his involvement with CHA and the quality people in CHA.



SUSANNE VALLA

Susanne Valla is employed as the Director of Riding for Blue Star Camps in NC since 1977. She has been involved with horses for 52 years in 4-H, Girl Scouts, Pony Club, and College Intercollegiate. She has run and managed both private show barns and camp stables and showed in both Western and English. She holds a degree in Equine Science and one in Graphic Design and Illustration. Susanne has been a member of CHA since 1978 and actively involved since 1982. She is a CHA Certified Clinic Instructor and site visitor, served as Regional Director, Conference Director for 13 years, and as Committee Chair of the Manual Revision Committee and Chair of the Standing Committee of Education and Development and did the redesign and typeset of the new manuals. Susanne has served as a Board Member, Vice President, President and Past President.



POLLY HASELTON BARGER

Polly has been an active professional in the horse industry for thirty years. She is the current CHA Program Director and was the Equestrian Program Manager for the Cumberland Valley Girl Scouts and a past president of CHA. She has been actively involved in a wide range of equestrian programming that includes small children, riders with disabilities and advanced clinics. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, she is the past chair of the committees on safety and education for the Tennessee Horse Council and is a CHA Clinic Instructor for Standard, EFM and IRD and a site visitor.



PHIL PETERSON

Phil Peterson currently resides in Ritzville, WA with his wife Lisa. They have 4 married children and 13 grandchildren. He has been a camp director and horsemanship instructor for the past 30 years in CA at Rawhide Ranch

and WA at Circle C Ranch and Miracle Ranch. Currently he is a technician for Legacy Power systems, but continues to direct clinics. His experience with CHA started as a certified instructor in 1979 since then his appreciation for CHA lead him to pursue a Clinic Instructor rating which he has held since 1986. He also holds certification as a Trail ACI, EFM and Accreditation trainer. In 1996 he was elected to the board and served until 2008 in such roles as Standards committee, R & D chairman, Treasurer, and President. He will be finishing his term this year.



BO WINSLOW

After spending over 20 great years with Cheley Colorado Camps, managing their horse program and facility, Bo decided it was time to start his next career. He is now the Fairgrounds and Events Manager for the Town of Estes Park. Bo works with many different horse groups, musicians and artists to put on events throughout the year, everything from an award winning PRCA Rodeo to a Hunter Jumper Show to a Christmas Parade. Bo's family is the source of joy in his life – his wife Lauri and his son and daughter. In his free time, Bo volunteers with the local Fire Department and is a Deacon at the church. Bo also enjoys winter projects in his wood shop as the snow falls outside.



PAT MULLINS

A Virginia resident, Pat is the Director of Association Development for Markel Insurance Company. He has designed Insurance programs for the members of AQHA, APHA, National Reining Horse Association, American Farriers Association, Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, United Thoroughbred Trainers, the Jockey's Guild, the National Barrel Horse Association, and the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Pat is a Past President of the Virginia Horse Council and NARHA. He is the Vice Chair of the American Horse Council's State Horse Council Committee and the Past Vice Chair of the Virginia Horse Center. Having spoken in 42 states, Canada and Mexico on equine insurance topics and having written numerous articles on equine insurance for various magazines, Pat is an expert in his field. He has also consulted with several state Horse Councils on the implementation of Equine Liability laws in their individual states. Pat has been married for 44 years to Jackie and has four children and six grandchildren.

## Conference Presenters

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTEER PRESENTERS. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE IS MUCH APPRECIATED!

SCHOOL HORSES: THANK YOU TO THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK MUSTANG TROOP, CHA PROGRAM MEMBER LIFE ADVENTURE CENTER OF THE BLUEGRASS, AND CHA MEMBER DIANE DINEEN FOR DONATING THE WONDERFUL SCHOOL HORSES AND TACK USED IN THESE SESSIONS.



DEB BALLIET

Deb is the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource Chief Executive Officer. At ELCR, Deb brings together her passions; horses and open space. Her love of the land started early, after an introduction to the outdoors with her father and older brother. The love of horses also

started early, but regular riding and horse ownership didn't begin until the late 1990's. A recreational rider, Deb regularly trail rides and is a member of the Eastern Mountain Ranch Horse Association. Deb's trusty steed, "Taz," is an appendix registered quarter horse. Professionally, Deb has 23 years of experience in not-for-profit management, consulting and fund-raising with organizations such as The University of Vermont, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Open Space Preservation Trust and National Audubon Society. Deb is a member of the Board of Directors of the Saratoga Therapeutic Equestrian Program and is an Advisory Board member of The Equus Projects: Dancing with Horses.

### **Where Will You Ride Tomorrow? Loss of Land for Horses Reaches an Alarming Rate**

Thursday – 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Open space and farm land is being developed at an alarming rate – 250 acres an hours according to USDA statistics – with the greatest rate occurring in urban and suburban areas. Loss of land is the greatest threat to the future of the horse industry – whether you no breed or discipline is exempt. Whether you teach riders or ride, train or breed horses, land is our most important asset. Without land, we have no place to keep horses or to produce their food. This presentation will teach your attendees about the issue and its immediacy and provide concrete steps each horseman and horsewoman can take to help save land for horses and horse-related activity.



DR. JOSH BALLARD

Dr. Ballard is a 2005 graduate of the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation from vet school he completed a one year equine veterinary internship at the Equine Clinic at Oakencroft in upstate New York. Dr. Ballard is currently

employed as an associate veterinarian with Dr. Jack Easley in an equine only practice located in Shelbyville, KY. His primary interests include equine dentistry, lameness and podiatry. Dr. Ballard resides in Shelbyville with his wife, son, border collie and two American Quarter Horses. In his "free time" he enjoys riding and showing his horses in reigned cow horse events.

### **Dentistry for the Older Horse**

Friday – 9 – 10:15 a.m. – Round Pen at KHP

Discussion of the normal ageing process of equine dentition. Ageing presents various conditions and altering of dental care. These conditions, how to manage them, as well as the various techniques used by veterinarians to care for the aged horse's teeth, will be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to view a video of the equine oral cavity and some pathology identified in the geriatric horse.

### **Lameness Issues and How to Prevent and Treat Them**

Friday – 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Round Pen at KHP

This session will show some common lameness issues in horses and some simple preventative steps and care for them. A question and answer segment will be included.



SCOTT CARTER

Scott is a Level 3 CHA packing instructor, board member, and is serving on the pack and trail and the research and development committees. His experience in packing comes from working as ranch manager and packing guide for Camp Classen YMCA in Davis, Oklahoma. He currently works for Blessing Ranch in Livermore, Colorado.

### **Trail Encampment**

Friday and Saturday all day – Kentucky Horse Park

Scott, along with the rest of the vested posse, invites you by the trail encampment to answer any questions dealing with packing: such as knots, Dutch-oven cooking, packing demonstrations with a regular saddle, sawbuck, or Decker. So come on by and they will keep the coffee on for you.



#### DR. ROBERT COOK

Dr. Cook, FRCVS, PhD is Professor of Surgery Emeritus of Tufts University, Massachusetts. Since graduating from the Royal Veterinary College in London in 1952, he has, for most of his career, been a clinician, teacher and researcher at Schools of Veterinary Medicine in the UK and USA. His research has been focused on the head, neck and chest of the horse. He is the founder of the Bitless Bridle.

#### **Let the Horses “Talk”: A Comparison of a Bitted and Bitless Exercise Test on Four Horses**

Friday – 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP

Four volunteers will each ride a school horse through the same 5-minute exercise test on two occasions. The first test will be in a snaffle bridle and the second test, immediately after, will be in a cross under bitless bridle (CBB). The only variable in the two tests will be the rein-aid. The probability is that none of the horses will have been ridden in a CBB previously, so the session will demonstrate two things. First, it will show how a horse adapts to the transition from bit to bitless. Secondly, it will demonstrate behavioral differences between the two tests. Dr. Cook will give a commentary on the tests and provide a summary. CHA Instructor, Mitzi Summers, will act as the official judge but viewers will also be able to make their own appraisals. A discussion period concludes the session.



#### TOM COURNEYA

Tom is the facility manager at the Michigan Christian Youth Camp. His main function is to keep the camp in repair. He also helps teach horse classes, riding skills, and leads trail rides. In his spare time, he does repairs to the tack and minor doctoring of the horses.

#### **Leather Working Workshop & Beginning Leather Repair**

Saturday – 10:30 – 11:45 p.m. – Round Pen at the KHP

Come and learn how to do some simple tack repairs and learn tips to care for your tack.



#### DOUG EMERSON

Doug combined his expertise in small business strategies with his love of horses to create Profitable Horseman, a company dedicated to helping professional horsemen and horsewomen who are struggling with the business half of the horse business. Doug is convinced that there are count-

less opportunities for profitable horse businesses in the 39 billion dollar equine industry. With the help of 8 key strategies, Doug helps professionals focus on improving and shaping their businesses to create the ones they have always wanted while maintaining a proper balance of work, rest and play. To learn more, please visit [www.profitablehorsmen.com](http://www.profitablehorsmen.com).

#### **How to Find and Keep Quality Part-Time and Full-Time Staff**

Thursday – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Holiday Inn

If you are like many professional horsemen, finding the right people to help you in your business is a challenge because candidates with horse experience are limited, the rate of pay in the equine industry is low and much of the work is unsupervised requiring employees with good work habits. And to make matters more difficult, once you invest time and money in an employee, they're apt to be lured away by tempting offers elsewhere. attend this session to find out how you can recruit train and retain employees for your lesson, boarding and training horse business. You may be surprised to learn that finding and retaining good employees is not entirely about the money.

#### **Does My Business Card Work?**

Thursday – Afternoon – Individual Sessions – Sign up at Registration Bring your business card (or business card ideas) and sit one-on-one with Doug Emerson or Maureen Gallatin for a 15-minute personal consultation.

#### **Are you a Leader?**

Thursday – 6:30 – 7 p.m. – Holiday Inn

This keynote will address in a fun and entertaining way how you deal with daily situations in your life, whether with family, friends, work, the horses, etc. and whether or not you are a leader or a follower. There will be fun group exercises and activities. Doug will give you insight into how to be a better leader and one that other respect, admire and look up to.



#### JON ENSIGN

Jon calls the Gallatin valley and mountains around Bozeman Montana his home. Jon has spent the better part of his life there working with horses. Initially, as a cowboy and ranch hand for various large ranches local to the Bozeman area, then onto the professional rodeo circuit, and

finally settling into a career as a full time horse trainer, clinician, and rancher. With every challenge that Jon undertakes, he uses all of his experience, knowledge and information, to develop a unique and long-term relationship between horse and rider that benefits both parties. His ultimate objective being a mutual partnership in which both horse and rider can understand and trust

each other. Jon currently maintains his family's ranch where he starts colts, trains horses and people and raises beef cattle. In addition, Jon travels extensively between Montana, California, and Washington, conducting colt starting clinics, foundation and horsemanship clinics, and cow working, roping, and ranch clinics.

#### **Desensitizing Your Horses to New Stimuli**

Friday – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Outdoor Arena at KHP

The horse has a primary instinct to protect and preserve his own self interest. This demonstration is designed to help riders better understand the horse's reliance on self-preservation and to provide guidance that the rider can use daily to help their horses work through various activities. Jon will focus specifically on safety for both horse and rider while working through those “hot button” activities, including, flagging your horse, and using tarps, ropes and sacks to desensitize them to the outside world.

#### **Colt Starting**

Saturday - 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Round Pen at KHP

This is a perfect opportunity to watch Jon in action, demonstrating what he does best: the principals of providing you and your colt with a good foundation from day one. Jon will present basic horsemanship principles that he uses to start colts under saddle, including, safety for both horse and rider, earning and keeping your horse's respect, yielding and disengaging the hind quarters and sacking out.



#### TAMMI GAINER

Having grown up around horses Tammi began her professional equine career in 1989 as a trail guide at a large ranch camp where she attended her first CHA Standard Clinic and became a certified instructor in 1990. Tammi joined the instructor staff at Pegasus Farm, one of the largest therapeutic equestrian centers in the United States, in the spring of 1995. While working at the

Farm part-time and home schooling her three children, Tammi also spent much time working under several trainers in both reining and dressage and achieving NARHA instructor certification. In 2000, she achieved CHA Master Level Instructor and clinic staff status and has since earned CI status in the IRD and Vaulting programs as well. Tammi was promoted to Equestrian Director at Pegasus Farm where she manages all aspects of the equestrian programs that now include 250 plus students each week participating in areas such as horsemanship, driving, vaulting and work programs. Since 1998 she has been the coach of the Pegasus Vaulting Club; a twelve member team made up of program riders and community youth.

#### **Hands-On Vaulting**

Friday – 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at KHP

Tammi will be co-teaching this workshop with Patti Skipton. Everyone should have the opportunity to experience the sport of vaulting. Not only does it increase one's strength and balance it is just plain fun and anyone can do it! This workshop will focus on how you can incorporate vaulting into your program with or without a horse.



#### MAUREEN GALLATIN

Maureen Gallatin describes what she does as giving people a leg up. Her unique brand of wisdom and warmth, humor and horsemanship is inspirational and encouraging. It's been said that she is like a life coach through the grid of horsemanship. She is a frequent speaker and consultant in the horse industry, with an

emphasis on helping professionals to see where they fit best and what marketing efforts will get the best results. She is often involved in helping people start or maintain horse ministries. [www.inspiredbyhorses.com](http://www.inspiredbyhorses.com)

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#### JIM GLUNT

Jim Glunt has been involved with horses for over 30 years. In the past, he has led the horse operation at a resort hotel, directed a youth camp with an extensive horse program, and worked as a farrier. He currently owns

and operates Jim Glunt Equine Services, offering a wide variety of support services to group horseback riding programs. These services include staff selection, development and training; program planning and development; risk reviews; site planning; leadership; plus tack and saddle repair. He has been involved with CHA since 1980, serving on various committees and the CHA Board. In addition to CHA events, Jim has led workshops for a variety of regional and national groups, including the Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC), the American Camp Association (ACA) – Keystone Section, the YMCA, as well as the Pennsylvania State University (PSU). He is a CHA certified clinician and site visitor trainer and has had articles published in both *The Instructor* and *Camping Magazine*.

CHA International Conference Tentative Schedule of Events  
KENTUCKY HORSE PARK IN LEXINGTON, KY

Thursday, October 30, 2008

10 a.m. – Noon	Registration – Holiday Inn Lexington North
8:30 – 11:30	\$\$ Discover Your Best Business Strength – Doug Emerson/Maureen Gallatin – Extra fee required
Noon	Welcome Lunch – Holiday Inn Lexington North World Equestrian Games 2010 Update – John Nickolson – Kentucky Horse Park CHA Annual Membership Meeting
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	(IRD) Sanna Roling - Equestrian Life After Two Sidewalkers and a Horse Handler Doug Emerson – How to Find and Keep Quality Part and Full Time Staff Pat Mullins – Insurance Question and Answer Session Regional Directors Meeting – Holiday Inn Restaurant
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Deb Balliet - Where Will You Ride Tomorrow? Loss of Land for Horses Reaches an Alarming Rate Stephanie LaFarge – Helping Students Deal with the Grief of Losing a Horse Julie Goodnight – The Communicative Behavior of Horses * Doug Emerson/Maureen Gallatin – Does My Business Card Work? - Sign up for 15 min. session - free
4 – 5 p.m.	Aileen Gordon - USPC – Pony Club Riding Center Program Linda Schultz – Marketing and Funding your Equine Programming Julie Suwyn – Volunteers - The Three “R’s” * Doug Emerson/Maureen Gallatin – Does My Business Card Work? – Sign up for 15 min. session - free
5:30 p.m.	Meet and Greet Reception – Holiday Inn Lexington North Doug Emerson – Are you a Leader? Past CHA Presidents Honored & Visitors will attend from other associations at the KY Horse Park

Friday, October 31, 2008

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own Clinic Staff Meeting – Holiday Inn Restaurant
9 – 10:15 a.m.	Scott Carter – Trail Encampment Topics – Trail Encampment – All Day \$ Jo-Anne Young – Semi-Private Dressage Lessons & Jon Ensign – Western Lessons – Outdoor Arena Dr. Josh Ballard – Dental Care for the Older Horse – Round Pen Tracy Walker – Five Things Every Driver Must Know - Covered Arena
10:30 - 11:45	Lynn O’Brien – Bits and Biting – Round Pen # (IRD) Smokey Thornbury – Riding for At-Risk Youth – Covered Arena # Jon Ensign - Desensitizing Your Horses to New Stimuli – Outdoor Arena
Noon	Lunch - Julie Goodnight – Reflexes & Riding – Controlling Your Fear & Mastering Mental Control
1:30 - 2:45	Dr. Josh Ballard – Lameness Issues and How to Prevent and Treat Them – Round Pen Tammi Gainer/Patti Skipton – Hands-On Vaulting – Outdoor Arena # Julie Suwyn – Quick Corrections for Position - Covered Arena
3 – 4:15 p.m.	# Lew Sterrett – Ground Work to Improve Your Riding - Outdoor Arena # Julie Goodnight – Canter Departures and Lead Problems – Covered Arena Mitzi Summers – Half Halt Exercises – Round Pen
4:30 - 5:45	Heidi Potter – Gaining Confidence From the Ground Up – Round Pen # Jo-Anne Young – Developing the Rider’s Seat – Outdoor Arena # Dr. Robert Cook – Let the Horses Talk: Comparison of Bitted and Bitless Exercises – Covered Arena
6 p.m.	Dinner at the Trail Encampment or On Your Own - Halloween Costume Contest and Party

Saturday, November 1, 2008

9 a.m. - 10:15	Breakfast on your own Scott Carter – Trail Encampment Topics – Trail Encampment – All Day Jim Glunt – Saddle Fit Solutions for Group Riding Programs – Round Pen # Terry Williams (Jones) – Through the Judge’s Eyes – Covered Arena # Dale Rudin – Developing Confidence and Skills for Riding on a Loose Rein - Outdoor Arena
10:30 - 11:45	# Karen Winn – How to Ride that Winning Dressage Test or Equitation Pattern – Covered Arena # Julie Goodnight – Teaching and Learning Equitation – Outdoor Arena Tom Courneya – Leather Working Workshop & Beginning Leather Repair – Round Pen
Noon	Lunch – Lew Sterrett – Relationship Training for Humans Taught to You by Your Horse – Covered Arena
1:30 - 2:45	Julie Goodnight – Conformation Clinic – Outdoor Arena # Heidi Potter – Jumping 101 – Covered Arena Jon Ensign – Colt Starting – Round Pen
3 – 4:15 p.m.	# Lew Sterrett – Mounted Exercises to Improve your Riding – Covered Arena # Terry Williams (Jones) – Problem Rider vs. Problem Horse – Outdoor Arena Barbara Klatt & Robyn Gray, P.T. - Add a Unique Teaching Resource to your Bag of Tricks - Round Pen
4:30 - 5:45	# Jo-Anne Young – Gymnastic Development of the Lesson Horse – Covered Arena # Mitzi Summers –Using Centered Riding to Work on Balance/Tenseness Issues in Riders – Outdoor Arena Doug Russo – AFA - Maintaining and Caring for the Hooves of the Older Horse – Round Pen
7 p.m. 9 p.m.	CHA Awards Banquet – Holiday Inn Lexington North Closing of Silent Auction – Holiday Inn Lexington North

Sunday, November 2, 2008

	Breakfast on Your Own Tours on your Own: Three Chimneys Thoroughbred Farm Keeneland Fall Yearling Sale Kentucky Horse Park Tour Churchill Downs tour in Louisville, KY
8 a.m. – 10 a.m. 11 – 1 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	% Equine U CPR and First Aid Certification Hands on Portion – Holiday Inn % Equine U CPR and First Aid Certification Hands on Portion – Holiday Inn CHA Site Accreditation Visitor Training – enroll by emailing bpowers@ymcacampwillson.org
2 – 4 p.m. 3 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own % Equine U CPR and First Aid Certification Hands on Portion – Holiday Inn CHA Driving Certification pilot clinic begins – contact pbarger@cha-ahse.org for more information

# Full conference participants may ride in one mounted presentation. Please bring own boots, correct riding attire and ASTM-SEI approved helmets. Sign up at the CHA registration desk at Holiday Inn Lexington North hotel.

\$ Registration and extra fee required. Sign up at CHA registration desk.

\$\$ Registration and extra fee required. Sign up at [www.InspiredByHorses.com/CHA.html](http://www.InspiredByHorses.com/CHA.html) or [www.ProfitableHorseman.com/CHA.html](http://www.ProfitableHorseman.com/CHA.html) ahead of time.

\* Sign up sheet will be available during conference registration at the hotel.

(IRD) – Session is for all instructors, but will have information for IRD instructors specifically as well.

% CPR and First Aid Certification requires a separate registration and separate fee and that written course work is complete online prior to attending the conference – visit <http://www.equineu.com/courses/cha.php> to register. There are different times to sign up for and you only have to do one two-hour session and the online test that is required beforehand.

### **Saddle Fit Solutions for Group Riding Programs**

Saturday – 9 – 10:15 a.m. – Round Pen at KHP

“Take home” application of saddle fit principles for both horse and rider, and appropriate adjustment/compromises for group riding programs. “Hands-on” process with primary focus on western saddles. Includes 10 recommendations for saddles most suitable for group programs.



#### **JULIE GOODNIGHT**

Julie is a full-time equine professional with more than a quarter-century of experience. Her varied background ranges from dressage and jumping to racing, reining, colt-starting, and wilderness riding. Julie’s extensive experience training horses and riders has earned her the moniker, “Communicating Clearly with Horses and Riders.”

She travels coast-to-coast and beyond much of the year to horse expos, conferences and clinics to teach horses and people about each other. Her training and teaching techniques are frequent features of *Western Horseman*, *Perfect Horse*, *Trail Rider*, *Equus*, Certified Horsemanship Association’s *The Instructor* and many other excellent equine publications and websites. Her television debut in July 2007 rounds out her multi-media appearances. Julie is the official Spokesperson for CHA.

### **The Communicative Behavior of Horses**

Thursday – 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Horses are extremely communicative, with a language that includes gestures, body language and audible communications. Horses are always communicating—and they are not always saying what we want to hear. We’ll take an in-depth look at the horse’s communication from a scientific point of view.

### **Reflexes & Riding-- Controlling Your Fear & Mastering Mental Control**

Friday – Noon – Covered Arena at KHP

Emotions and reflexes—the movements your brain and body make without your conscious choice—present themselves when you’re fearful. Instead of riding or working with your horse the way you’ve been taught, your emotions take over. We’ll take a look at a few common mistakes riders make, explore their relationships to developmental reflexes and give you simple exercises to balance your brain and coordinate your body. Riding is a truly bi-lateral sport and coordination and balance of the rider impacts the ability of the horse to perform. Riding is also a sport that requires you to multi-task and uses your whole brain—seeing, feeling, responding, analyzing, and reacting without a glitch. Learn how to teach riders to access all parts of their brains and enhance their bilateral coordination and improve their riding and the horse’s performance.

### **Canter Departures & Lead Problems**

Friday – 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Covered Arena at KHP

A thorough look at teaching your students to cue for canter, setting the horse up correctly for smooth departures and correct leads, plus training tips for fixing lead problems.

### **Teaching & Learning Equitation**

Saturday – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Outdoor Arena at KHP

How to analyze a rider’s ability, detect and prioritize position problems and develop a plan to improve the rider’s form and control of the horse with fun and challenging exercises.

### **Quantitative Methods for Evaluating Conformation & Suitability**

Saturday – 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at KHP

What is a “good shoulder?” This workshop provides a system of precise parameters for determining acceptable values that indicate suitability for specific disciplines. In this hands-on workshop, participants will utilize an assortment of common measuring devices to obtain precise measurements from their assigned subject. They will then compare these measurements to “ideal” conformation values to determine the potential suitability of the subject. (Although it sounds very scientific and complicated, it is really quite simple!)



#### **AILEEN GORDON**

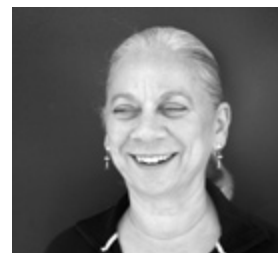
Aileen is the Riding Center Liaison for the United States Pony Clubs, Inc, and responsible for working with the Committee to develop and administer the Riding Center Program. Aileen made the move to Lexington, KY, when working with United State Equestrian Federation as Assistant Director of Breeds and Western Disciplines. She has also

worked with the American Saddlebred Horse Association as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Aileen joined USPC in January of 2005 to work in the Membership and Development Departments.

### **Pony Club Riding Center Program**

Thursday – 4 - 5 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Now in the third year of recognized USPC Riding Centers, USPC is ready to expand the program. Learn about this new program, and how it works with facilities which have a current lesson program to offer the Pony Club program to their clients. Through the Riding Center Program, Pony Club is able to reach children who have traditionally not been able to participate in Pony Club because they have not had access to their own horse.



#### **ROBYN GRAY**

A graduate of The Ohio State University, Robyn has had a long, comprehensive career in physical therapy (37 years) and has invested hundred of hours of continuing education for ongoing development of certifications in equine rehab, equestrian fitness, pilates, yoga and orthopedic massage. Her own challenges as a novice adult rider helped form her interest in the physical therapist’s role within a team approach to riding instruction. As a physical therapist, her approach to equestrian performance and fitness is based on the quest for symmetry and balance that is so necessary for the partnership of horse and rider. Robyn integrates alternative/complementary approaches with traditional physical therapy interventions and is a strong proponent of a holistic approach to rehabilitation, wellness, and fitness. Soft tissue mobilization, pilates, and yoga are the basis of her practice which deals with the resolution of postural faults, fascial restrictions and movement dysfunction that fundamentally affect the rider of all disciplines.



#### **BARBARA KLATT**

Barbara N. Klatt is a CHA Clinic Instructor and Site Visitor, earning the Clinic Instructor of the Year award in 2004. She is also certified as an Instructor with the British Horse Society. Barbara has actively taught, trained and competed in several

disciplines for over 35 years. She currently teaches at Bookmark Farms, a hunter/jumper lesson and training facility east of Columbus, Ohio. Her students range in age from 4 - 60 years of age and include both casual and competitive riders. Barbara works with Robyn as her instructor and colleague helping to develop the concepts of Robyn’s theories and putting them into practice in the riding school.

### **Add a Unique Teaching Resource to your Bag of Tricks**

Saturday – 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Round Pen at KHP

Through body assessment and consultation with Barbara, the instructor, Robyn Gray, PT, develops a individual program of “exercises” to move the rider beyond the limitations of their natural postural effect on their riding seat. This, in turn, develops a higher level of response from the horse, as a truer balance is found. “Exercises” may include soft tissue mobilization, pilates and yoga. This approach can be used as a team teaching approach in any discipline of riding. Step beyond the assumption that a rider will always have a certain position challenge. Come find out how you can incorporate this new and unique resource into your riding program.



#### **STEPHANIE LAFARGE**

Dr. LaFarge is Senior Director of Counseling Services at ASPCA. She specializes in all aspects of the Human/Animal Bond and maintains a 24/7 national toll free Pet Loss Hotline to provide support to people grieving loss of their companion animal. Her work with animals includes surrogate mothering

of an infant chimpanzee in order to study sign language acquisition and management of ASPCA AAT program. She is a NARHA instructor and past chairman of EFMHA research committee.

### **Helping Students Deal with the Grief of Losing a Horse**

Thursday – 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. – Holiday Inn

The loss of a beloved school horse is a possibility at any riding center. This presentation will help you develop a plan for helping staff and students cope with this crisis. The goal is to minimize stress while maximizing the possibility of emotional growth and development that will benefit students in their lives beyond the riding center. The following issues will be discussed:

- What to tell student about the decision to euthanize a horse.
- How to manage differences of opinion among staff over the fate of a program horse.
- How to assess a student’s understanding of death and dying.
- When to consult with parents before speaking to their children about the unexpected death of a horse.
- What kind of remembrance ceremony is appropriate for a culturally diverse group of students.



#### **PAT MULLINS**

A Virginia resident, Pat is the Director of Association Development for Markel Insurance Company. He has designed Insurance programs for the members of AQHA, APHA, National Reining Horse Association, American Farriers Association, Horsemen’s Be-

nevolent and Protective Association, United Thoroughbred Trainers, the Jockey’s Guild, the National Barrel Horse Association, and the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Pat is a Past President of the Virginia Horse Council and NARHA. He is the Vice Chair of the American Horse Council’s State Horse Council Committee and the Past Vice Chair of the Virginia Horse Center. Having spoken in 42 states, Canada and Mexico on equine insurance topics and having written numerous articles on equine insurance for various magazines, Pat is an expert in his field. He has also consulted with several state Horse Councils on the implementation of Equine Liability laws in their individual states. Pat has been married for 44 years to Jackie and has four children and six grandchildren.

### **Insurance Question and Answer Session**

Thursday – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Come and get your questions answered about professional limited liability insurance, mortality insurance, facility insurance and much more!



#### **JOHN NICHOLSON**

A native of Winchester, KY, John has been Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park since June 1997. Prior to being appointed to this position, he was the Horse Park's Deputy Director. From 1994-96 he was Director of Sales for the launch of the international equestrian trade show, Equitana USA. He began his association with the Kentucky Horse Park from 1991-94 while

serving as the Park's Director of Operations. He is a former President of the Kentucky Horse Council and Chairman of the Kentucky Horse Fair. He served on the Board of Directors of the Horse Industry Alliance, a national marketing council for the equine industry. Currently, he serves as President of the World Games 2010 Foundation.

### **World Equestrian Games 2010 Update**

Thursday – Noon – Holiday Inn

This keynote speech will provide updates on the WEG coming for the first time to the US in 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Find out how you can get involved.



#### **LYNN O'BRIEN**

Lynn serves as a Resource Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegan County, working with beginning farmers, livestock producers and in the area of natural resources enhancement. As a youth educator, she conducted year-round activities for the county 4-H program and operated the annually 4-H Horsemanship Camp Program.

Lynn holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education from Cornell University. Lynn was the Secretary on the CHA Board of Directors until just recently. She won CHA Volunteer of the Year in 2007 and operates a small horse boarding & training facility in Western New York.

### **Bits and Biting**

Friday – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Round Pen at KHP

This workshop will cover selection, use and adjustment of bits for all disciplines of riding and driving to enhance communication with the horse. Also, tips for "reading" your horse, activities for teaching others about bits, and suggested references for horseman of all levels of experience will be shared.



#### **HEIDI POTTER**

Heidi is a full time instructor, trainer and clinician. Her experience as a Level III Centered Riding Instructor/Clinician enables her to help students of any discipline find improved balance, comfort and confidence in the saddle. She gains many skills and insights from her experience as a Martial Artist and a Yoga practitioner. Heidi is thankful to have studied under several wonderful teachers, including Sally Swift, the founder of Centered Riding®. As a CHA Clinic Instructor who is certified at the Master Level, Heidi always puts an emphasis on safety, whether working on the ground or in the saddle. She teaches, trains and conducts clinics throughout the country, as well as at her family's southern Vermont farm, Maple Ridge Stable.

### **Gaining Confidence From the Ground Up**

Friday – 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Round Pen at the KHP

This workshop is designed for those that would like to feel more confident working around and/or riding horses, as well as instructors that could use help instilling confidence in their students. The exercises and ideas presented will help participants evaluate their fears and then develop a plan to help them stay safe while building (or re-building) confidence. Ground exercises for the horse as well as "self-help" exercises for the human will be explored and discussed.

### **Jumping 101**

Saturday – 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP

This lesson is designed to show a safe and practical progression of horse and rider as they journey into the world of jumping. Obtaining correct jumping position and exercises to help riders and instructors evaluate readiness will be included. It will progress to building confidence, balance and proper form over ground poles, cavaletti and possibly the first jump.



#### **SANNA ROLING**

Sanna has been a CHA certified instructor since 1983. She is the founder of three separate programs for persons with disabilities, past member of standards, IRD and several manual committees, NARHA instructor and currently a State of Texas Teacher certified in Special Education and

Secondary Math. As Founder, President, and Instructor Sanna has taken Dream Catcher Stables Inc. from an organization with 1 horse and a \$5,000 debt to a public charity 7 horses, over 40 riders, a dedicated group of volunteers and the no frills bare bones annual budget in the bank. Her all-volunteer program currently teaches horsemanship to persons with disabilities and youth at-risk, utilizes adjudicated youth for menial jobs, and creates a truly inclusionary community. In her 40 hour a week job, Sanna assists students with disabilities in achieving the same academic success as persons without disabilities.

### **Equestrian Life After Two Sidewalkers and a Horse Handler**

Thursday – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Holiday Inn

This session will provide a glimpse into the possibilities for riders with disabilities and the ongoing benefits to the program. Not your ordinary outcomes, expect staff, clean tack, the really atrocious jobs completed at little or NO cost all with safety in mind. Connect with the warm fuzzies and solve horse issues, too.



#### **DOUG RUSSO**

Doug is one of only 16 American Farrier's Association Certified Journeyman Farriers in the state of Michigan. He is a past board member of the AFA and current President of the Michigan Horseshoer's Association. As professional full time farrier, he strongly be-

lieves that the trade is much more than a labor position. It is more of an art and science than many horse owners and farriers understand. Doug has spent countless hours dissecting equine limbs and studying anatomy, as well as taking part in ongoing case studies. He competes in forging competitions and believes in a simple approach to hoof care where less is often more when it comes to aiding and maintaining the equine hoof and limb. Doug has worked with dressage horses, hunter/jumpers, older horses, trail, western pleasure, reining, and walking types.

### **Maintaining and Caring for the Hooves of the Older Horse**

Saturday – 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Round Pen at the KHP

Trimming seems like such a simple practice, but when a horse's angles are not maintained properly damage to soft tissue structures can often develop. Horses that already suffer from these ailments can often be relieved from some or possibly all of their symptoms through sound and regular trimming practices. We will discuss the needs of older horses that are barefoot or shod and those on a budget.



#### **DALE RUDIN**

Dale has 25 years experience training horses for pleasure and competition, and teaching people how to better understand horses. A native of Southern California, Dale relocated to Middle Tennessee in the fall of 2006. It was a Kentucky horse show that introduced Dale to the South and inspired her to trade in her urban lifestyle for a horse-friendly life in the country. Since her move east, Dale has been sharing her "Performance Through Partnership"™ techniques as a clinician and instructor. She also starts youngsters under saddle, prepares horses for the show ring, and helps

horses in need of emotional and physical rehabilitation. At the heart of her program is a whole horse "from the hooves up and the brain out" approach. She emphasizes relaxation and confidence, a strong horse-human connection, and the importance of proper physical development, comfort, and balance no matter the discipline or event. She is a contributing editor, columnist, and feature writer in *Horse Illustrated* magazine. She authors *Young Rider* magazine's "Western Lessons," and has had articles published in *Horses USA*, *The Popular Horse Series – The Quarter Horse*, and *The Paint Horse Journal Directory*.

### **Developing Confidence and Skills for Riding on a Loose Rein**

Saturday – 9 – 10:15 a.m. – Outdoor Arena at the KHP

Dale will demonstrate several exercises that make it easy and fun for students to learn how to guide their mounts with their seat and legs. Using several different configurations of cones and poles, she will challenge her student-participants to use minimal rein contact while maintaining balanced movement, consistent gaits, and a soft and responsive horse.



#### **LINDA M. SCHULTZ**

Linda is currently the Director of Marketing for the United States Dressage Federation in Lexington, KY. She has more than 20 years of professional marketing experience including positions as President of her own consulting firm, the Director of Marketing for Family Office Exchange

and Sr. Online Web Manager for Smith Bucklin and Associates, the world's largest association management firm. As a dressage professional, she managed a full-care training facility and acted as groom and riding assistant to David DeWispelaere. Under Mr. DeWispelaere's tutelage, she moved up six levels in dressage and schooled Grand Prix. She began riding in 1978 and won numerous amateur hunter championships before beginning with dressage in 1989. She is an associate instructor with the USDF and holds a BA in Journalism from Northern Illinois University and an MBA in Marketing from Keller Graduate School of Management.

### **Marketing and Funding Your Equine Programming**

Thursday – 4 – 5 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Learn the basic marketing principles big companies use to drive the success of their products and services and understand how to apply them to your equine programs to create your success. Dozens of tips and ideas plus interactive games designed to stimulate ideas and build your network of marketing partners.



#### PATTI SKIPTON

Patti has over 30 years of experience with both camp vaulting and competitive teams. She has started and/or taught in six camp vaulting programs and has given numerous clinics about the benefits of vaulting and how to start a program. In 1994, she coached the team that represented the USA at the World Equestrian Games in Holland. In 1996, she was the coach of the Friendship Vaulting Team that performed in the Atlanta Olympics. Patti currently lives in WA with her husband who is the Horsemanship Director for Warm Beach Christian Camp and Conference Center. Patti coaches the Warm Beach Vaulters who are sponsored by the camp. Warm Beach Vaulters are the Trot Team National Champions for 2007 and 2008.

#### **Hands-On Vaulting**

Friday – 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at KHP

Patti will be co-teaching this workshop with Tammi Gainer. Everyone should have the opportunity to experience the sport of vaulting. Not only does it increase one's strength and balance it is just plain fun and anyone can do it! This workshop will focus on how you can incorporate vaulting into your program with or without a horse.



#### LEW STERRETT

Lew Sterrett PhD is no stranger to CHA, having served as President of CHA for 7 years. Manual revision and national standardization were among his primary concerns for CHA's improvement. Serving as the executive director for

Miracle Mountain Ranch since 1977, a leadership training center, Lew's outreach has grown extensively. Recognized for outreach under the banner of Sermon on the Mount, Principle Based Training, and Leaders by Heart, Lew travels extensively addressing a wide variety of needs and interest groups. His many published resources, along with a regular TX program, supportive training program provide a sound base from which people may grow in their personal development, their horsemanship, and leadership skills. In these values and skills Lew represents the heart of CHA wherever he goes.

#### **Ground Work to Improve Your Riding**

Friday – 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at the KHP

Double your investment by making sure your ground work has direct returns in your horse's response under saddle.

#### **Relationship Training for Humans**

##### **Taught to You by Your Horse**

Saturday – Noon – Covered Arena at the KHP

Understand the 5 essentials in every tension/conflict and how to respond effectively. Learn how to improve your human and equine relationship.

#### **Mounted Exercises to Improve your Riding**

Saturday – 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Covered Arena

Having learned how to better prepare your horse to ride from ground exercises, now you can experience the benefits of disengaging and engaging your horse for a safer and more responsive workout.



#### MITZI SUMMERS

Mitzi has been a CHA Clinician for many years as well as a Level IV Centered Riding Instructor. She has given clinics throughout the United States, Europe, and New Zealand, often teaching and certifying other instructors. She has also judged for many years, attaining her American

Judging Association Certification in Hunt Seat, Stock Seat and Saddle Seat. She has shown successfully in many disciplines including dressage, open jumping, and western. She rode and traveled at one time with the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Tour, and also attended the Northern School of Equitation in Ormskirk, England. Mitzi has been the head instructor-trainer and director at several stables throughout her career, but now enjoys free-lancing. Traveling to barns throughout the US and Europe, she enjoys helping people learn to train their horses in a non-abusive way. Her business is now SUMMERSET.Summers Equine Theory), in which she holds workshops for owners, instructors, and trainers. Mitzi can be reached at SummersDressage@aol.com or at www.MitziSummers.com.

#### **Half Halt Exercises**

Friday – 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Round Pen at the KHP

Mitzi will lead the participants through a series of ground exercises, some alone, some with partners, to delve into the art of the half halt. The half halt is sometimes allowed to have an aura of the mystic, and is often taught incorrectly, or fairly late in the rider's education. Instructors and participants will learn how to teach the essence of a half halt to a beginner rider, so that the student will know how to use it when they are ready. She will also explain the intricacies of the half halt as riding progresses.

#### **Using Centered Riding to Work on Balance and Tenseness Issues in Riders**

Saturday – 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at the KHP

Horses and Riders can become tense and nervous for many reasons. Lack of communication and understanding between riding partners is a common factor. This can often be a direct result of the inability of the horse to understand the aids the rider is attempting to give. This workshop will work on balance and tenseness issues which are often a result of such miscommunication. Energy is also a large part of this process and will be addressed and demonstrated.



#### JULIE SUWYN

Julie has been involved in Therapeutic Riding for over 20 years. She is a NARHA Advanced Instructor and IRD Clinic Instructor. Julie is an Occupational Therapy Assistant and is employed in an out-patient rehab facility near her home in Hastings, Michigan. In addition to her therapeutic background, she is also a CHA

Clinic Instructor and Level 1 Centered Riding Instructor. Julie and her husband stay busy with 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 horses, a dog and a huge garden.

#### **Volunteers - The Three "R's"**

Thursday – 4 – 5 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Recruitment, Retention, and Rewards. Explore the reasons volunteers choose to donate their time and why they do or don't keep coming back. Learn to meet their unique needs to create a win-win situation for volunteers and your programs.

#### **Quick Corrections for Position**

Friday – 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP

Develop your eye to find the root cause of position problems. Learn simple exercises that quickly fix most position problems and can be easily used in group riding programs.



#### SMOKEY THORNBURY

Born on a Working farm in South Wales, NY to a blacksmith sire and a teacher dam, Smokey's first horse was a retired steeple chaser, just perfect for a 13-year-old kid who did not know much! Her first real job was trail leader for Emery Park Hack stables while in high school

and a Counselor for Long Acres girls camp. Smokey took a few lessons and soon found herself riding green jumpers and jumping triple bars! She went on to ride and teach hunters & jumpers and whip for huntsman in London, Ontario and in Ohio. Smokey went to work for the Randolph Children's Home where she taught little Randolph Renegades to ride. These kids were one step away from jail and were often abused. Smokey learned so much from councilors, child care workers and of course the kids themselves.

#### **Riding for At-Risk Youth**

Friday – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP

This session will introduce you to working with at-risk youth in a riding program. Come and learn how to show an atmosphere of non-judgmental acceptance by horse and instructor.



#### TRACY WALKER

Tracy is the head driving instructor and trainer at the Kentucky Horse Park, where she has been employed for nearly 28 years. Through her extensive experience in the equine industry as an instructor and student she has developed an effective system of training both the

horse and driver. Tracy focuses on fundamentals and safety, the skills which form the foundation of any successful driving team. She is excited to be a part of the 2008 CHA conference. Those interested in additional educational opportunities with Tracy should visit the KHP [www.kyhorsepark.com](http://www.kyhorsepark.com).

#### **Five Things Every Driver Must Know**

Friday – 9 – 10:15 a.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP

Through years of experience it's obvious that without the sound knowledge of the fundamentals of driving, unsafe practices and bad habits can form quickly. This class will touch on topics such as; cart balance, driving position, choice of harness and fit, developing clear communication between you and your horse, and will also discuss the importance of a trained driving groom. This strong foundation and understanding of equipment, horse, and techniques will ensure a successful driving team, whether for pleasure or competition.



#### TERRY WILLIAMS (JONES)

Terry is a 1984 graduate of Otterbein College in Ohio with a Bachelor's Degree in Equine Science and Stable Management. She has been a Clinic Instructor with CHA since 1988, and a certified instructor since 1985 earning her ACI rating in 1986. Terry

is also a Clinic Instructor for the Equine Facility Management Program, a certified Overnight Guide, a site visitor, and CHA's Region 4 Director. Terry has taught both in year round residential camps and privately. She has been on the Approved List of Ohio 4H Judges since 1995. For the past ten years she managed a large thoroughbred breeding/training farm in Ohio. Terry is currently attending nursing school at The Christ College of Nursing in Cincinnati to allow her more time for her personal horses. She resides with her family in Blanchester, Ohio.



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**Through the Judge's Eyes**  
Saturday – 9 – 10:15 a.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP  
“Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” This rings true at most horse shows. We are either riding the horse, or our student or child is riding it. How much are we really paying attention to the other horses? Can we evaluate the competition honestly? What is the judge looking for in a pleasure horse? Attend this session and gain more insight about what a judge is looking for in a show class.

**Problem Rider vs. Problem Horse**  
Saturday – 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at the KHP  
How many of us send our horses with problems to trainers to fix them, only to have the problem resurface again a few months later? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to fix the real problem? Terry specializes in teaching riders how to fix their own problems. Most problems have common threads. Attend this session and learn what they are.



**KAREN WINN**  
Karen grew up riding hunters in Princeton, NJ. She was active on the Intercollegiate Riding Team and Equestrian Drill Team while obtaining her degree in Animal Science from the University of Massachusetts, and later coached riding at the University of Kentucky and Midway College. Karen is an “R” Dressage Judge, an “R” Eventing Judge and Technical Delegate, and an FEI Eventing Judge, TD, and Chief Steward. She has judged numerous Three-Day Events and dressage shows in both the US and Canada. After obtaining her Accounting degree from UK, Karen served as Business Manager of the American Hanoverian Society, and is currently the Finance Director for the United States Pony Clubs. Karen lives in Lexington, KY, with her husband Joe Carr. She has shown in dressage through the International levels, and is currently competing a homebred Thoroughbred in eventing and dressage.

**How to Ride that Winning Dressage Test or Equitation Pattern**  
Saturday – 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP  
Riding a dressage test or equitation pattern asks you to put your basic riding skills to work to show how effective a rider you are. Each piece of a dressage test or equitation pattern asks you to demonstrate a particular skill set. For instance, can you maintain an energetic, rhythmic trot, showing correct bend and balance around the whole circle, making the circle the right size and shape, all while maintaining your correct basic position in the saddle? We will learn to dissect a pattern or test into various pieces, analyze what skills are emphasized in each piece, assess what the judge will be looking for, then try to perfect your demonstration.



**JOANNE YOUNG**  
JoAnne has been teaching riding and training horses for over 40 years, and is happy that she is still learning. Every student and every horse bring fresh challenges that keep life interesting. Has been privileged and blessed beyond her wildest dreams to study with such wonderful instructors as Walter Zettl (dressage coach to Canadian event team when they won bronze at Los Angeles Olympics), Molly Sivewright (FEI judge and past chair of the Fellows of the British Horse Society), Carel Eijkenaar (FEI judge), and Doris Halstead (Physical Therapist and author of “Releasing the Potential: Physical Therapy Modalities for Horse and Rider.”) She is the author of the M.A. thesis: “Preparing students for riding instructor certification through college curricula.”

**Semi-Private Dressage Lessons**  
Friday – 9 – 10:15 a.m. – Outdoor Arena  
Take a semi private riding lesson from JoAnne in dressage. Extra fee is required and can be paid at registration.

**Developing the Rider's Seat**  
Friday – 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Outdoor Arena at the KHP  
Do you have students who want to ride at an advanced level? Here are exercises to help you identify their needs and to help the riders advance in skill and confidence.

**Gymnastic Development of the Lesson Horse**  
Saturday – 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Covered Arena at the KHP  
If you have aspiring upper level riders, you need upper level lesson horses to teach them on. If budget constraints prevent you shopping for a schoolmaster, here is how to develop and maintain your own. The workshop focus is on the steps to do that, and how to recognize when the horse is ready to advance to the next level.

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