



### ***IEHJA Riders shine despite a rainy start to the show season.***

*by Patti Schooley*

Southern Californians are so lucky, our show season can start in December and run for a full 12 months! The IEHJA season starts out in December with the Willowbrook Riding School Saddle Series in Desert Hot Springs.

The Willowbrook show, held Dec. 9, 2018, proved to be a great starting point for many IEHJA riders: Briannah Megee and Sam Tate won multiple championships on their horses Rhea Sunshine and Summer Vacation, respectively. Makenna Hanmer, riding Shes a Looker was Champion Green Rider and Reserve in the 2'3" Low Schooling Jumpers. Elizabeth Blount rode Kryptonite to Reserve Champion in the Green Rider Division. Ariana Hadiagh riding Kiss Me Kate was Champion in the Children's/Am Equitation 2'9" Hunters and Hunter Franklin won the 2'9" Medal Class and Reserve in the 2'9" Children's/Am Hunters. Makenna Keller and Skyler Hayford rode their horses Dancer and Bonita to the Cross Rails Champion and Reserve Champion. Finally, Brenda Heinricks on Tor and Shalay Dobbins on Cinnamon Toast Crunch won the walk-Trot Champion and Reserve ribbons.

### **January**

The Galway Downs North Inland County Show series, scheduled for Jan. 12-13, 2019, was one of the few IEHJA sanctioned shows canceled due to rain. Jumper riders especially enjoy this venue as many classes are held on a grass course. Fortunately, riders could look forward to the

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February and March scheduled shows and hope that rain would not be a factor.

Willowbrook Riding School was able to hold its Jan. 6 show to great success. Some new riders rose to the Champion and Reserve Champion level. This included Juliette l'Anson riding To the Max taking Champion in both the Cross Rail and Schooling Cross Rail Divisions and Sarah Caproili on Little Blackie Reserve. Another new name, Courtney Welch competed against herself, riding two horses in the 2'6" Combined Schooling Jumpers, to a tie for Reserve Champion. Brinley Wherili riding Zippy Ziggy was Reserve Champion in the Combined Stirrups and tied with Elizabeth Blount on Kryptonite in the 2'3" Medal Class.

### February

The Feb. 8-10 North Inland County Show at Galway Downs had a great turn-out to make up for the canceled January show. Sanctioned not only by IEHJA but also GSDHJA and OCHSA, riders competed for points in all three organizations. Some of the highlights include Irelyn Herrick on Finn winning Champion of Walk Trot with Lauren Munos and Lili Grotefend riding Irish and Sir Calvin tied for Reserve. Lauren stepped up to win Champion in the Walk Trot Barely Canter Division with Lili as the Reserve. Maya Mason and Addison Henssler riding Anneka and Rock N Roll respectively, traded Champion and Reserve wins in the Cross-Rail Hunters and Short/Long Stirrup Divisions. Gabby Farrell rode two horses, Grand Juan and Simply Silver in the Short/Long Stirrup 2x Around with Grand Juan winning the Champion and tying with Olivia Grace Wells on Todays Special for Reserve.

Noah Kai Nelson had a great show winning Champion on Elitere in the Low Hunters, Children's/AA Hunters and Modified Hunters. Savannah Feigner on Mattayus was Reserve in two of those divisions. Savannah also shined in the 1M Open Jumper course riding to Champion on Reminisce One with Gianna Safizadeh on Tiger Lily as Reserve. More jumper results include Makenna Hanmer on Shes a Looker as Champion, and Cynthia Estey as Reserve, in the .70's; Briannah McGee on Patch of Mischief as Champion, and Megan Dean on Blugrass Hill as Reserve, in the .80's Low Children/AA. The .95 Children/AA Champion was Olivia Lee on her own Saved by the Bell with a tie for Reserve between Eden Monica on Reminisce One and Courtney Horan on Hello Kleo.

The 1.10m Jr/Am Jumper Division saw Nicholas Shank on his own Black Diamond Jasmine as Champion and Brecklyn Clement on her horse Starpone as Reserve. Great riding all around!

### March

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The month of March saw both the Willowbrook Saddle Series and the North Inland County Show Series hold successful shows. Many familiar names won Champion and/or Reserve Champion at the March 3rd Willowbrook venue. These include Brinley Wherli, Sam Tate, Hunter Franklin, Juliette l'Anson, Brenda Heinrichs, Elizabeth Blount, Shalay Dobbins, Briannah McGee and Makenna Hanmer. Congratulations on your continued show ring success. New to the Willowbrook winners stand was Emilie Reece on Axl Rose, Champion of the Low Children's/Am Equitation 2'6" and Christina Brady riding her own Black Jack N Beers as Reserve. Brooke Therman and the indomitable Little Blackies was the Cross-Rails Schooling Champ and won Reserve in Cross Rails.

The March 15-17 North Inland County Show Series event drew a large number of riders and it too had many multiple and familiar winners. Chloe Moores, riding both Mona Lisa's Smile and Pudding Pop could not be stopped in the Cross-Rails Division. She was twice Reserve Champion and competing against herself was also Champion in the Cross-rail Hunters. She shared this Championship with Skye Entrikin riding Strawberry. Chloe also won Champion in the Short Stirrup Division. Not far behind was Piper Theisen on Hailey chalking up Champion and Reserve in both Cross-rail Divisions. Noah Kai Nelson was a five-time winner with Champion wins in the Low Hunters, Children's Hunters 13 & under and the Modified Jr/Am Hunters on Elitere with Reserve Champion on Sambuca in the first two listed divisions. Sadie Debin was a double Champion for Green Riders 13-17 and Low Children's Hunter 14-17 riding Silhouette to both wins. Marisa Flores on Shirley Temple, Emma Bryson on Chicago and Jill Hexberg on Dream On tied for Reserve. The Green Riders 12 & Under saw Pearl Baldi on her own Ava Francesca and Sarina Schwab on April capturing the top Division titles.

The Low Children's Hunters is divided into two divisions; 13 & under and 14-17 riders. Jasmine Baez on Zymon was Champion in the younger division with Forrest Franklin on Axl Rose in Reserve. Moving onto Children's Hunter 14-17 saw Debbie Padilla riding Rio win Champion and Cindy McGuire on This is Us and Jill Hexberg on Dream On tying for Reserve. Cindy McGuire also captured Reserve in the Modified Jr/Am Hunters. The jumper divisions included the .60's open, .80's Low /AA, .80's Thoroughbred Jumpers and the .95 Open Jumpers. Champions in order of divisions listed were Skyler Grable, DeeDee DiRienzo and Patricia Lisa tied, Catherine Harrison and Savannah Feigner. Reserve winners in the same order of divisions include Deborah Harrison, Karen Moore and Stella King.

The first of four shows in the Showcase Horse Show Series was held March 31st in Redlands. The series, sanctioned by both IEHJA and GSDHJA, also offered T.I.P classes, Thoroughbred Hunter Division and USHJA Outreach programs. The popular Thoroughbred Hunter Division was won by Jessica Abbott riding Black Jack N Beers. Jessica also rode Kindred Spirit to

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Reserve Champion. Jessica continued her winning ways by taking Champion and Reserve in Open Cross-Rails on Set the Tempo and Lady Platinum and the Modified Hunters riding Check Me Out and Black Jack N Beers. Lindsey Steele on Lucky Star won Reserve to Jessica's Champion in the Low Hunter Division on Kindred Spirit. Jen Hallett was a double Champion in both the Low Children's/AA Equitation and Hunter Divisions at 2'6" height. Ashley Park and Christina Brady won Reserve Champion respectively. Green Rider competitor Samantha Goosby on Atlas won division Champion while Anne Lorkowski on her own Kindred Spirit was Reserve. Short Stirrup Division 12 & under Champion was Hailey Koranda riding Willow and Reserve was Nicole Sannes on Like Clockwork. Lauren Brown won Cross-Rail Champion on Benvolio with Kiera Kuy on Set the Tempo Reserve Champion. Not to be outdone, Abby Ibarra and Ashley Morano were the Walk-Trot Champion and Reserve Champion riding Isaiah and Just a Hunch. The .70's Low Children/Am Jumper Division Champion was Campbell Lear riding her own Aria's Destiny with Masha Tafoya on her mount Strawberry Wine as Reserve Champion.

*Congratulations to all our competitors, division champions and reserve champions. Complete results for all IEHJA sanctioned shows can be found on [www.horseshowtime.com](http://www.horseshowtime.com). Check out our 2019 show calendar at [www.iehja.com](http://www.iehja.com)*

*Correction Notice: This author incorrectly identified the Champion in the Walk-Trot Division at the IEHJA Fall Festival End of Year Show article printed in the January 2019 edition of California Riding Magazine. Kiera Kuy won The Walk-Trot Division Champion riding Like Clockwork.*