



Growth, good work & good times.

by Jeni Brown, president

The California Professional Horsemen's Association had a great year in 2018. We so appreciate the support of all our members and sponsors who helped to make it so special.

The CPHA Foundation was able to offer support to many horsemen in need, as well as scholarships to children of professionals and young working professionals who are continuing their education. These programs are so important and rely on the equestrian community for funding and support. We are so grateful for all the assistance we get and are proud to be able to help members of our community when they need it most.

Our membership was at an all-time high of almost 1000 members and we are excited to be reaching out to try to assist professional members in all different roles in our equestrian community.

The CPHA put on some great events thanks to our sponsors and the wonderful show managers

who work with us all year long. Our fundraisers were all successful and helped raise much needed funds. Our qualifying classes are quite popular, and the money sent to CPHA from them helps us to fund our other programs for the benefit of professionals everywhere.

We had some great Medal Finals and Championship Classes this fall to highlight all the hard work the riders, trainers, support staff and horses put in through out the year. The CPHA Junior and Amateur Finals held in the indoor arena at the Blenheim Summer Classic had a great turn-out of 61 juniors and 21 amateurs. This is a challenging and fun final and it's great to see so many riders taking part and enjoying the event.

The CPHA Foundation Championships at the Showpark Summer Classic had 113 competitors between the three age breaks: it was a great competition and earning a ribbon at these Championships is quite an achievement.

The Regional Medal Finals in the North and the South for the Children/Adult Finals, as well as the Horsemanship Finals, were popular and successful in both regions. They are great classes and a good stepping stone for the equitation riders at the 2'6" and 3' level to compete in high quality finals at great horse shows, with super courses and a format structured to help them learn and succeed in our sport.

Our Green Incentive Program for the 3' and 3'3" Hunters is also growing and the qualifying classes are being offered more often. It is a great way for the owners of these young hunters to get some prize money and great experience for their horses. The Championship was beautiful as always and almost \$30,000 in prize money was given away as well as bonuses for the top riders and owners. We are so proud to offer this type of program and special classes for our Hunters on the West Coast.

CPHA offered in 2018 for the first time a Championship Class for the Style of Riding Class in both the North and the South. West Palms Event Management had a great class with 25 riders in Woodside and HITS had a super turn-out of 45 riders at the Sunshine Series II. This class has really taken off: it has become much more popular with the trainers and exhibitors and often has 20 riders in the qualifying classes!! It's a fun format and it's a great bridge between the equitation and the jumper divisions. It is such a wonderful opportunity for the 1M riders to be able to get in the Grand Prix ring at some of our best horse show venues.

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Sadly, we said goodbye to some amazing members with the passing of J Richard Wilkinson and Bobby Drennan. Their smiles, wisdom and encouraging words will be missed by many.

Thanks so much to everyone who supports the CPHA, the list is so long, and we are eternally grateful. Your participation and suggestions on ways we can improve are always welcome. As a benevolent association, we rely on your support and generosity to survive, and to be able to improve the lives of our fellow horsemen.

Best Wishes for a wonderful 2019!