



*Eastern Plains Reining Horse Association  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Happy New Year!** Can you believe that another year is behind us and we are beginning the last year of the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? We are already approaching Valentine's Day and that means that the beginning of Spring and the Easter holiday are not far behind. That also means that the first EPRHA Jackpot Show is soon – April 10, 2010. Check out [eprha.org](http://eprha.org) for membership, show and qualifying information.

**March 14, 2010** is the EPRHA members and guests Spring Tune Up with Dave Dillman and Guy Vernon at the Colorado Horse Park south of Parker. A flyer with full details is attached to this message. This clinic and scoring of patterns is limited to 12 riders and 30 auditors. This opportunity will fill up fast – deadline is March 1, 2010 so call now to reserve your spot – **Bev Phillips – 303-841-2080 – [canasilk@aol.com](mailto:canasilk@aol.com)**

Many new and exciting ideas and opportunities are in front of the 2010 EPRHA board and officers. Due to the NWSS, holidays, etc, the first board meeting will be held in February. So, the March 1, 2010 EPRHA meeting will be full of new information, dates, events, etc. The website is full of information and links for paying EPRHA and NRHA dues, getting a competition license for your horse, finding out about jackpot and affiliate qualifying shows, year-end award requirements, etc. Remember: in 2010, each year-end award qualifier **MUST** volunteer at least 1 hour to EPRHA with proof to Rocky or Bev. The EPRHA youth are an inspiration to all of us with their record number of volunteer hours in 2009!

In addition to tuning up you and your horse, are your show requirements up to date?

- 2010 EPRHA dues paid? NRHA dues paid?
- Does your horse have a NRHA license – required if showing at NRHA approved shows?
- Remember to declare to NRHA your EPRHA affiliate designation before July 1, 2010.

- If showing at many of the NRHA shows, a current coggins test and health papers may be required.
- Check the show information – pre-entries may be required.
- If you are showing a new horse, make sure that your paperwork is in order or you could miss out for an entire show season.

Don't forget the EPRHA Youth. For the first time in EPRHA history, the youth have a Full slate of officers. Nicole, Marie and Cody will be having their first board meeting soon along with Youth Advisor, Rocky Gee, and many interested parents. The competition in our Youth group is expected to be thrilling in 2010 as our wee ones move up to Youth Rookie and our Youth Rookie test the waters of loping an entire pattern or moving into the aged Youth classes. Look for exciting ideas and news from the EPRHA Youth. Don't have a youth reiner in your world – mentor a youth and give them the gift of being part of such a rewarding experience.

#### Stuff

- Rocky, hope that you are recovering from you surgery. Have Keg and the kids been helpful? Glad to hear that you are up and around.
- Shane Brown is hosting a reining clinic on February 20-21, 2010 featuring Todd Bergen. I know that some of the EPRHA membership is auditing this clinic.
- Chuck Nesmith, resident trainer at Mary Boyd's facility, is now an approved NRHA judge! Congratulations.
- NRHA Hall of Fame Topsail Whiz was put down in December 2009. He was reining's first and only \$6,000,000 sire. Many EPRHA members are showing offspring of this one-of-a-kind stallion. Just a week before, West Coast Whiz (an own son of Topsail Whiz) was put down. December was not kind to the Bob Loomis family but we all thank them for their "marks in reining history".
- Want a private lesson or spring tune up – Contact any of the EPRHA trainers – Dave, Guy, Winona, Frank, Chuck, Tim or myself (Scott).

Enough of my musings. Saddle up and rein. See you at a reining event soon. Call or write if you have questions or need information.

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