

# October Informer



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## 2024 WRHA Show Dates

**Elkhorn Equestrian Event Center • 411 E Court St,  
Elkhorn, WI**

MAY 18 & 19

JUNE 22 & 23

AUGUST 10 & 11

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

### **2023 WRHA Leaders**

#### **Officers**

**President: Jo Ellen Milkie**

**Vice President: Sheila Enright**

**Treasurer: Penny LePak**

**Secretary: Sarah Nosbisch**

#### **Board Members**

**Kenda Shotliff**

**Candace Marsh**

**If you have any comments, questions  
or concerns, please feel free to reach  
out.**

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## Ridott Ranch

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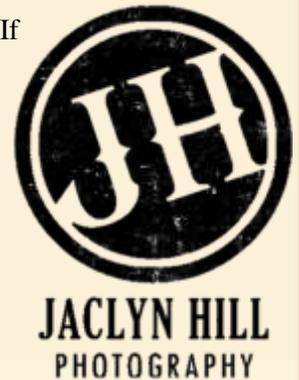
Shown in the cutting & herdwork classes during the 2023  
WRHA season.

For breeding info please call  
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# General Membership Meeting

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 ELKHORN, WI

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Dates (Goal: All cattle in new outdoor arena)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Show: May 18-19
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Show: June 22-23
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Show: August 10-11 in indoor or October 12-13 in outdoor
    - Vote was conducted (25 Aug : 4 Oct) - 3rd show will be held August 10-11.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Show: September 21-22
  - Can not rent out full grounds due to pricing not being cost effective .
3. Grounds
  - Discussion about donating to expand cattle warm-up arena.
    - Dave W. made a motion to talk to Larry about making the cattle warm-up arena (Arena #5) larger with donation from WRHA (If the amount was more than \$10,000.00 additional approval with be required to move forward.). Jo Ellen will see what Larry has to offer in exchange for the donation. After, WRHA will be able to re-evaluate & make a decision. Sarah T. seconded. All in favor.
    - Jo Ellen to provide update on or before Awards Banquet held in 2024.
  - Can we add sand to the arena?
    - It had been discussed with Larry and they will not change the ground for any one club because there are so many different clubs with different footing requirements they will not make any changes for any one club.
4. 2024 Showbill
  - GAG Classes – Split into Green Horse & Green Rider.
    - If added, will debate on adding Friday.
    - TJ C. makes a motion to add a green horse Ranch Riding class following the same GAG rules. Paul seconds it. All in favor.
  - Sunday Cattle Classes
    - Should not be WRH & WCH. Suggestion to be herd work &/or boxing.
  - Possible class additions
    - Walk Trot Trail
    - Novice Youth Division – Ellen H. made a motion to have the board consider bringing back 3-5 Novice Youth classes for 2023. Candice Marsh 2nd. All in favor.
  - Possible class removals
    - Why is GAG showing in more than NA classes? Suggestion to remove all GAG classes that are more than what is offered in Novice Amateur classes be remove & in exchange, converted into GAG Horse classes. (If 3 GAG classes removed, 3 GAG horse classes will be added.)
    - Board will discuss further.
5. Online sign up/pre-entry for at-will draws would be nice to have.
6. Warm-up
  - WRHA going to check to see if we can have all warm-up arenas at each show (pending which clubs we are sharing the grounds with).
  - Open arena needs to have times set to lunging.
  - More knowledge needs to be spent on how to complete proper arena etiquette.



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# General Membership Meeting Continued

## 7. Camping

- Needs to be expanded. What we had at the last 2 shows, we did not have enough.
- Grounds looking at numbering/locking electrical. Possibly drawing on ground to mark out spots.

## 8. Most Improved & Best Sportsman ARHA Determination

- Susan L. makes a motion that Most Improved, & Best Sportsmanship should be nominated & voted on by the members. Marjorie 2nd. All in favor.
- Cassidy made a motion for a WRHA Ambassador award. Morgan 2nd it. Will have a nomination & voting form.

## 9. Suggestions for 2024

- Muck bucket/wheel borrow and pick by wash racks
- Shavings are not on show bill
- Natural logs in the trail classes



## 2024 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now **OPEN** for the 2024 WRHA officer positions!

Nominations will **CLOSE October 15th**. Those nominated will be notified and must provide a bio of their qualifications by October 27th to allow time for the ballots to be prepared. Emails with electronic ballots will be sent to each member. Family members are allowed 2 votes. Individual memberships are allowed 1 vote. No youth under 16 years old may vote.

Please send your nominations using the link below or go to

<https://wisconsinranchhorse.com/news.html> to get the link:

[2024 WRHA Officer Nomination Form \(cognitofirms.com\)](https://wisconsinranchhorse.com/news.html)

## 2023 WRHA MOST IMPROVED & TOP SPORTSMAN NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now **OPEN** for the 2023 WRHA Most Improved and Top Sportsman awards for Youth and Amateur!

Please send your nominations using the link below or go to

<https://wisconsinranchhorse.com/news.html> to

get the link: [2023 WRHA Most Improved & Top Sportsman Nomination Form \(cognitofirms.com\)](https://wisconsinranchhorse.com/news.html)



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## Dates to Remember

October

12-15 Midwest Classic  
Cloverdale, IN

January 2024

12-14 ARHA Judges Seminar  
Somerset, KY

13 ARHA Banquet  
Somerset, KY

TBD

WRHA Banquet

May 2024

10-12 RHAM  
Berrien Springs, MI

18-19 WRHA  
Elkhorn, WI

24-26 IRHA  
Cloverdale, IN

June 2024

7-9 RHAM  
Berrien Springs, MI

21-23 IRHA  
Cloverdale, IN

22-23 WRHA  
Elkhorn, WI

July 2024

1-13 ARHA World Show  
Ocala, FL

26-28 RHAM  
Berrien Springs, MI

August 2024

10-11 WRHA  
Elkhorn, WI

16-18 IRHA  
Cloverdale, IN

September 2024

6-8 RHAM  
Berrien Springs, MI

13-15 IRHA  
Cloverdale, IN

21-22 WRHA  
Elkhorn, WI

October 2024

10-13 Midwest Classic  
Cloverdale, IN



## 2023 WRHA

## Year-end Standings

Please double check  
your point totals! If you  
believe there is a  
discrepancy,  
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[Ashley.trousdale87@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley.trousdale87@gmail.com).



ARHA Region 2



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# Interested in becoming a sponsor of the Wisconsin Ranch Horse Association for 2024?

## 2 ways to become a sponsor:

- *Hard copy Mail: Fill out the sponsorship form by printing & mailing to Jo Ellen Milkie. Form is attached to the newsletter or available on the WRHA website.*

[www.wisconsinranchhorse.com/sponsors.html](http://www.wisconsinranchhorse.com/sponsors.html)

WRHA c/o Jo Ellen

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## ARHA News

### YOUTH HORSE CHALLENGE – SEE ATTACHMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Youth Challenge was established in 2021 by the ARHA Youth Committee of the American Ranch Horse Association. The ARHA Youth Committee is committed to giving our youth the opportunity to become great horseman. Our ultimate goal with the Youth Challenge is to create an educational program and experience to help ARHA Youth further and improve their horsemanship skills, equine knowledge and abilities as well as an a to earn some cool prizes and \$\$\$.

In 2024 with the help of the generous donations from breeders we are offering Yearlings for the top entries in our Youth Challenge! These Youth will also receive 30 days of free mentoring from an ARHA Professional that have donated their time plus a free stall at the 2024 World Championship Show.

### JUDGES SEMINAR - JANUARY 12-14, 2024

The Center for Rural Development Somerset, Kentucky

Host Hotel: The Courtyard Marriott • 2254 South Hwy 27 • Somerset, Kentucky

Phone: (606) 679-0090 Ask for the ARHA Special Rate!

Friday morning start time at 8:00 am for Judges & Judge Applicants.

9:00 am for Auditors (This is open to anyone that registers)

Form is on the ARHA Website under FORMS or ABOUT ARHA/JUDGES



### ARHA AWARDS CELEBRATION & BANQUET - SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024

Registration Form on ARHA Website under FORMS

Where: The Center for Rural Development Somerset, Kentucky

Time: 5:00pm Doors Open/Cash Bar 6:00 pm Dinner. Awards Presentation to follow

Cost: \$55 per person/ \$20 for children 10&Under

Please make your reservations by 12/22/2023.

No refunds on cancellations.



## 2024 WRHA Membership

4 easy ways to renew

1. Fill out membership form & mail to:

- Sarah Nosbisch

25954 Ridge Rd

Holy Cross, IA 52053

2. Fill out form online & email to

[wrha2018@gmail.com](mailto:wrha2018@gmail.com).

Send payment through

PayPal as a Friends &

Family payment.

4. Fill out the form at the banquet or at any show.

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**Attachments:**

**2023 WRHA Year-end Standings**

**WRHA By-laws**

**ARHA Youth Challenge Flyer**

**ARHA Youth Challenge Application**

**ARHA Judges Application**

