

2017

## California Cow Horse Association

### Board Member Election Ballot for Board Terms 2018 & 2019

Thank you for participating in our board member elections. There are currently 5 openings for the upcoming year. Each board member position is for a 2-year term 2018 and 2019. In order to be eligible to vote, you must be a CCHA member in good standing at the time you vote. There are 2 ways to vote. If you are not going to be at the November show to vote in person you may reply to this email with your vote at califcowhorse@gmail.com. Each Member in good standings has one vote. If you choose to vote by email it will be noted so we do not erroneously take an additional vote from you in any other form, and if you choose to vote at the show you will need to inform the show secretary so that she can give you a ballot in person and note that you have voted. Even though it will be noted that you voted, your vote is still confidential.

Please take a few moments to read through the brief bio's on the next couple of pages, then **please select the 5 people** from the list below that you think will best help shape & make decisions on your behalf for your association. The board works very hard year after year to put on good shows and address concerns that come up in the association. We all bring different qualities and backgrounds to the table, however our focus is on making the best decisions possible for the association members as a whole.

**Nominees for the 2017 elections: (in alphabetical order by last name) Please choose 5**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Bonnello
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Paula Francis
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Ann Ferrero
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Russ Greathouse
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Arlene Kelemen
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Krieg
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Tyrin Prince
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Samara Trimble

**The John & Helen Warren "Spirit of the Valley Buckle" award:**

Originally sponsored by John, in loving memory of his wife Helen. This annual award is now carried on by the CCHA board members in loving memory of both John & Helen Warren.

It traditionally has been given to the member (nominated by their peers) who has overcome challenges while exhibiting true sportsmanship and horsemanship. These people may or may not be champions or long time competitors, but they are true winners in life, overcoming obstacles and rising above them to genuinely encourage and cheer for others around them! Helen Warren embodied these characteristics and both John & Helen were respected and adored by those around them.

The "Spirit of the Valley" has evolved to encompass many respected and admired character traits of sportsmanship and helping others (including their own competition) to be the best they can be. Please take a few moments to nominate someone who you believe is deserving of this special award. Please describe why you feel they should be chosen.

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

I believe they deserve this award because: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Paul Bonnelo**

Hello everyone, my name is Paul Bonnelo. I train horses in Paso Robles CA. I'm interested in becoming more involved in California Cow Horse and feel that being on the board will allow me to do so. It would be an honor to be able to be a steward to such a great association. I would like to continue to help CCHA offer a wide variety of great classes and work to fulfill the needs of every member. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Paula Francis**

Paula and her husband, Daran, live in the hills northeast of Bakersfield, CA, where they have raised two sons (Drew, age 22, and Ethan, age 20), run a small herd of commercial beef cattle and enjoy riding good cow horses. Having ridden horses since the age of two, Paula's goal of showing a reined cow horse began while she earned her degree in Agriculture Business Management from Cal Poly, SLO. During her senior year, as a member of the Cal Poly Quarter Horse Enterprise team she traveled to Reno for the SBF to sell the school's two-year-olds at the SBF sale and she was hooked! After 28 years of being a wife, mom, rancher, home-school teacher, and community volunteer, Paula finally entered the show pen this year in the Non-Pro Limited. Paula has a long career as an administrative assistant having worked in banking, agriculture and private businesses, and she is currently employed as the Administrative Support Coordinator for the Department of Teacher Education at CSU Bakersfield. She has also served on many non-profit boards including: California Cattlewomen state secretary (2015-16), North High School Parent-Teacher Club secretary (2014-16), Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association secretary/treasurer (4+ years), and Kern County Cattlewomen treasurer (6 years). Paula believes in giving back and would welcome the opportunity to serve the local cow horse community as a member of the CCHA Board.

## **Mary Ann Ferrero**

My name is Mary Ann Ferrero. I am "older than dirt" and have been around horses all my life and involved with cow horses since the early 1960s. I currently own and operate TLC Quarter Horses where I care for, manage, breed, and foal out horses of all breeds plus care for retirees. I also fit and prepare sale horses. You will also see Rein Jane and I at the CCHA horse shows. I would like to use my experience to contribute to an organization that I believe has the ability to make a great impact in carrying on the reined cow horse tradition today.

## **Russ Greathouse**

I have been involved in VCHA/CCHA for many years in many ways, including exhibitor, show manager, announcer and as a board member. I also have had the opportunity to work for several other reined cow horse organizations and gained a great deal of experience from those opportunities. My mind set has been and will continue to be what can we do to give every exhibitor a fair opportunity to show their horse and enjoy doing it. Thank you.

## **Arlene Kelemen up for re election**

I have been a CCHA Member since 2002, and a Board Member since January, 2016. During that time I have worked hard to communicate with all CCHA members to hear and give a voice their concerns. During my tenure as a Board member, I have helped to support the continuing mission of CCHA as a place for the promotion of the reined cow horse. A few examples are: The continued quest to find premier venues for cow horse shows. The implementation of the "one run, one cattle charge" policy. Continued support of CCHA club classes. Adjustments to office charges, add back and pay back fees to allow CCHA to remain fiscally responsible, and yet return maximum monies to

our NRCHA exhibitors. I would appreciate your vote so that I can continue to work for you on the CCHA Board.

### **Chris Krieg**

I was born and raised in Northern California and been riding horses nearly my whole life. I have enjoyed training horses for 15 years, and the past 10 of those have been in the cow horse industry. I believe that California Cow Horse Association provides a great experience for open, non- pro and novice riders. My interest in being on the board is to help the club continue to provide an atmosphere where riders of all experience levels can continue to grow and enjoy the local club experience while preparing themselves and their horses for the larger shows.

### **Tyrin Prince up for re election**

I was born and raised in Canada where the love of horses was instilled in me by my family for generation. I moved to Bakersfield my high school year. I have been married 20 years and have 6 children and have been a farrier for 10 years. Right out of college I began working on ranches and training horses. I have been in the cow horse industry for about 12 years now. The past two years I have served as a CCHA board member and worked on the cattle committee. If reelected I will continue to do my best to help CCHA continue to be an organization that provides an opportunity for individuals and families to come together and encourage one another in this sport.

### **Samara Trimble**

My name is Samara Trimble. I live in Exeter with my husband Shaun, daughter Mylea (11) and Tyler (9) along with an assortment of 4-legged family members. I was one of those kids who spent as much time as I could with horses and have shown in a variety of disciplines. About 5 years ago, I found my way to reined cowhorse and CCHA (VCHA at the time). By the end of the first show I attended, I had been welcomed by more people than I could remember. The support and camaraderie I experienced that day left me feeling confident that this was something I wanted to be part of. My first three years with CCHA I competed in the boxing classes and then began going down the fence. CCHA has been a huge part of my opportunity to grow in this sport. As a board member, I want to contribute to supporting the development of our organization as one that provides a variety of quality opportunities for our seasoned riders while also supporting the culture of being a place where those new to the reined cowhorse world will be welcomed and supported as they grow. I also hope to help grow our youth divisions!