

# NAPHA National Newsletter

May/June 2026

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## Board Update

### Moving Forward Together

As we move further into the show season, the NAPHA Board continues working to support our members, programs, and the future of the Peruvian Horse. Committees have been actively developing their 2026 goals, and they have been submitted to the board. We appreciate the time and dedication everyone is investing across the organization. We are also excited by the continued momentum surrounding membership efforts and the return of the 2026 Junior Scholarship Program. In addition, the Joy of Riding Program is working to make it easier to log hours in the saddle and to find new ways to recognize riders. For more info on JOR, contact [joyofriding@outlook.com](mailto:joyofriding@outlook.com). Thank you for your ongoing support, involvement, and passion for our community. We look forward to all that the months ahead bring!!

-Your NAPHA Board of Directors



## In Memory of George M. Henry August 27, 1941 - May 20, 2026

NAPHA extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of George M. Henry, who passed away on May 20, 2026, at the age of 84.

George was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, accomplished horseman, and lifelong rancher whose passion for animals and agriculture touched many lives. Alongside his wife of 62 years, Susan, he established Rancho GyS in New Ulm, Texas, where they shared their love of ranching and the Peruvian horse.

A respected member of the Peruvian horse community, George earned numerous accolades throughout his years of involvement with the breed. He was known not only for his horsemanship, but also for his dedication, sportsmanship, and love for the animals in his care.

George's contributions to our breed and the friendships he built within our community will not be forgotten. On behalf of the NAPHA Board of Directors and membership, we extend our deepest sympathies to Susan and the entire Henry family. He will be greatly missed.



## Ask the Judges

Do you have a question about judging? Such as how conformation is assessed, ring procedures, execution of maneuvers, or other questions for NAPHA Judges? Please send your query to the email below, and the JAC will ask judges to weigh in with an answer in a subsequent newsletter. Your name will not be used if you wish to remain anonymous. Email: [NAPHAJAC@gmail.com](mailto:NAPHAJAC@gmail.com)

## Committee Interest Form

Interested in getting more involved with NAPHA? Our committees play an important role in supporting the organization's mission and future. Members interested in serving on a committee are invited to complete the interest form via the provided link.

**[2026 NAPHA Committee Interest Form](#)**

## NAPHA Online Membership Directory is Now Live!

We're excited to announce that the new NAPHA Online Membership Directory is officially live on our **website**! This updated, searchable directory makes it easier than ever to connect with fellow members across the country. You can search by state, services offered, or both. Whether you are looking for breeders, trainers, show services, or regional contacts, it is all now at your fingertips.

If you would like to have your information included, please take a moment to complete the form at the link below. Once submitted, your listing will be added to the directory. We are excited to continue strengthening our network and supporting our members.

**[NAPHA Membership Directory Submission Form](#)**

## NAPHA Junior Scholarship Program

NAPHA is proud to support the next generation of Peruvian Horse enthusiasts through the NAPHA Junior Scholarship Program. This program recognizes outstanding juniors within our community and provides financial support to help them pursue their educational goals.

The scholarship program is designed to encourage young members who demonstrate dedication to the Peruvian Horse, involvement in the NAPHA community, and commitment to their academic future. Our juniors represent the future of the breed and the organization, and NAPHA is honored to help support their continued growth and success.

Complete details about eligibility, application requirements, and deadlines—including the scholarship application form are available on the [NAPHA website](#). We encourage eligible juniors to apply and take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information and to access the application, please visit the NAPHA website.

## Thank You!

We would like to thank Mr. Scott Dunlevie for his generous donation of a Peruvian saddle to NAPHA. This will be auctioned off at this year's nationals, with proceeds benefiting our Junior Scholarship Program. We hope you will take the time to bid on this at this year's national show.

## Regional Club Spotlight: Celebrating Our Community Across the Country

Regional Club Presidents are invited to submit photos and brief write-ups of their recent or upcoming events. Whether it's a show, trail ride, clinic, or community outreach effort, we'd love to share your story. Please send your submissions directly to Bill Willis at [billywillisjr@gmail.com](mailto:billywillisjr@gmail.com).

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cactus Classic

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cactus Classic was very successful this past weekend, with many fun activities and a great show! Saturday night's dinner was a huge success, with many fun and unexpected awards and a successful silent auction! The silent auction brought in over \$400! We started our night by awarding our double Laureado MLM Minorca for the Luxury Gelding division, followed by our Year-end awards, and our High Point Awards! Congratulations to all the recipients! Then on to Sunday for Championship day, and a nice traditional performance at lunch by the Peruvian Consult of Phoenix, AZ.

We would like to thank all our show officials, as well as our honorable judges Lawrence Underwood and Renzo Crolle Claux for being a huge part of this year's Cactus Classic! Also, a huge thank you to all the exhibitors for traveling and bringing your horses to compete this past weekend! There is no show without our exhibitors and horses! A big thank you to all our sponsors for your support that helps these clubs put on these fun shows! Thanks to some of our donors, we were able to donate \$1000 to a local rescue in Gilbert, AZ, Wild Horse.

After three straight hot years in the Arizona heat, Cactus Classic is excited to announce that we are working to relocate the show to a cooler location. Stay tuned as we find a new location and/or dates for 2027. We would like to thank everyone for your support the past three years regardless of the extreme heat! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2027 for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cactus Classic!

Congratulations to all our 2026 Champions of Champions, Champions, Reserve Champions, and award Recipients!



## Southern California Peruvian Paso Horse Club

On April 11, 2026, the Southern California Peruvian Horse Club hosted a 1-day playday show in Murrieta, CA. Our judge was Dante Mazzi. With over 20 horses and over 40 people attending, the show was a huge success. Dante and his assistant, Bonnie Gallegos, gave riders feedback to help them understand what he was seeing and improve their skills.

The Club provided a wonderful lunch with goodies for dessert, and everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to sit under the big, beautiful trees and have great conversations celebrating the Peruvian Horse. Our thanks to Rebecca Milligan for setting this up for our members to enjoy, to Dante Mazzi, and to all of the volunteers who donated their time and energy to make this a wonderful day.

Many of our members are asking us to put on another one, and the Board will be looking into this for the early Fall.

Thank you to all who attended this fun event.

Joseph Chandler  
SCPPHC President



## Upcoming Show Dates

Here is a list of upcoming shows. Visit our [NAPHA events page](#) for more information on these shows.

### Southern California Peruvian Paso Horse Club - The Gold Rush Classic

- June 19-21, 2026
- South Point Equestrian Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

### Norte y Sur Peruvian Horse Championships

- July 24-26, 2026
- Evergreen Equestrian Park, Monroe, Washington

### Fiesta del Norte & Northern Lights Peruvian Horse Double Show

- August 7-9, 2026
- Ellsworth Equestrian Center, Iowa Falls, IA

### 2026 NAPHA National Show

- September 4 - 6, 2026
- Jim Norick Arena/OK State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### 2026 Spooktacular Double Show (Los Amigos Club and SCPPHC)

- October 31 - November 1, 2026
- California Ranch Company, Temecula California

## Flashback...

Here is a photo of Judge Kim Montee Cavataio riding sidesaddle at the 1977 US Nationals in Reno, Nevada. This was the first Sidesaddle class held at the National show. She is riding \*Seranada, owned by Forest Gutchel. Kim and\* Seranada won the class.



## Until Next Time:

Remember, whether it's a show, trail ride, clinic, or community outreach effort, we'd love to share your story. Please send your submissions directly to Bill Willis at [billywillisjr@gmail.com](mailto:billywillisjr@gmail.com).

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