

A letter from PCHA president, Elizabeth Redd  
December 29, 2020

Dear PCHA competitors, parents, trainers, staff, sponsors and our many supporters:

2020 has been a challenging year for many of us. Many show circuits have not been able to have end of year celebrations, banquets or provide prizes due to the loss of income. We are fortunate that even with the loss of two shows, PCHA has been able to overcome and take on 2021 because of supporters such as you.

Although we will be unable to have our PCHA banquet this year, we will be hosting a 2020 Awards Celebration during our January 2021 show. We have tables reserved, prizes, awards and ribbons will all be displayed in the Pavilion. Award distribution and photo opportunities will commence at 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 23, 2021. As we get closer to the date, we will let you know if times for division awards will be distributed or if we can have the pavilion open for all to come and celebrate. PCHA will also have games and horseless jumping available for attendees, but we are not sure yet what the limitation will be on people coming and going in the pavilion. Additionally, I am coordinating with the NEW caterer for the fairgrounds to either have the concession open later on Saturday with a boxed meal or food trucks available should we be able to allow guests to sit and enjoy a meal in the pavilion or just outside in the schooling area of the covered ring. Once again, your health and safety are our first concern, and we promise to keep you advised via FB and our website. If you cannot attend, please arrange for your TRAINER to collect your awards.

It takes so many hands and shoulders to carry the load of PCHA, and first I would like to thank the PCHA Board for their tireless support and effort throughout this trying time:

Nina Zelanka – Vice President and my right arm!!

Lena Rogachevsky – Treasurer

Bridget Earl – Secretary (and technology guru)

Vicki Dillard – at large volunteer for marketing and promotional materials

Diane Weber – Trainer Liaison

Abby Martes and Debbie Whitaker – Junior Board and Banquet chairs

Dana Ball – sponsor and generous donor

Leslie Taylor, Katie Sikorra and Karen Jones – always ready to lend a hand, make a donation or offer support

We would also like to recognize our generous Sponsors:

Platinum Plus:

Winding Oaks Equestrian for our beautiful new jumper course

Gold:

Tenney's Custom Saddlery

North Star Farm

Cheval Saddlery

Brandon Equine Medical Center

Kristie Wright Dimarkis (Realtor / Robert Slack LLC)

Silver:

Oak Hollow Saddlery

Dana Ball (Coastal Properties Group, Beach and Waterfront Expert)

Behind the scenes:

Linda Kratochwil – Show Secretary- she is an integral part of PCHA who handles entries, payment, follow up and tracking of all the points

Rick Witham who helps keep the office running and the technology cooperating

Michele Witham – ribbons and prizes and thanks to her, we have our inventory in check and a variety of prizes sure to please all ages

Danny Moore (Show Manager) and his entire team

Woodie Speed – Announcer extraordinaire who volunteers for events that even run after a show day's end

Trish Schwarzkopf – provider of our great prizes, banners and signs for our sponsors

Courtenay Sumners – not only is she our EMT, she has helped post division results, run the live raffle baskets and filled in wherever we needed extra hands

Jody Rodriguez and Vicki Dillard – always in the office to help exhibitors with a smile and answers to questions asked

Finally, Kathryn Tenney (Tenney's Custom Saddlery) who generously donates the garment bags for our year end medal winners as well as generously discounts the prizes we order for our banquet and year end awards.

And NEW for 2021:

All rings have a start time of 8:00 am

The MINI PRIX will now be at 8:00 am on SUNDAY. Competitors will have an "order of go". The jumper ring will then continue to 3'6" that day and then drop to 2'3" (puddle jumpers) and continue to the 3' divisions.

We are eliminating the Nervous Novice and adding an Open / Green Hunter division open to amateurs and professionals. These classes will take place at the end of the day on Saturdays in the annex ring then begin first thing (8:00 am) on Sunday in the covered hunter ring.

Finally, the vote is in! The PCHA Board elected for 2021 is:

Elizabeth Redd  
Nina Zelanka  
Bridget Earl  
Lena Rogachevsky  
Dana Ball  
Vicki Dillard  
Diane Weber  
Debbie Whitaker  
Abby Martes  
Katie Sikorra  
Leslie Taylor  
Courtney Ford  
Courtenay Sumners

So, let's JUMP INTO 2021! PCHA is ready!!!

Comments, suggestions and participation are always greatly appreciated.