

Over 330 Horses Flock to Paso Robles for the  
2023 California Championship Ranch & Rail Show

Perfect California horse show weather followed the 2023 CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP AQHA Show, August 31-September 3, 2023 at the Paso Robles Event Center, Paso Robles, CA. "With temperatures in the 70-80's, hundreds of exhibitors and over 330 horses loved competing in the historic Paso Robles Event Center – all vying for the amazing prizes, titles and money. This unique show has become California's favorite Ranch & Rail show with a strong class list of Ranch, Reining, Western, English, Trail, All Breed Walk-Trot, and Futurity classes.

As always, the prizes were amazing, including the coveted PCQHA 3-horse headed trophies, Silver Chippendale Platters, All Around Feature Stories in Pacific Coast Journal and numerous \$250 gift cards, plus some really special tack and gear. All in all, it was a fabulous show with huge awards, great competition and way fun parties!

One of the fun new additions to the show was the FREE SNACKS & SHOW VIEWING STANDS by each arena. Comfortable seating around tall round tables with flowers and snacks/water gave exhibitors the perfect view to watch the competition. Thanks fo the generous sponsorship of Caroline McKoane & Barbara Fletcher Show Horses

We are excited to announce our 2023 High Point Champions, Best Walk/Trot Champions, All Around Champions and Futurity Champions:

HIGH POINT PATTERN HORSE CHAMPIONS (RAIL) CHAMPIONS:

L1 Youth Pattern Horse High Point – Lovin U For Certain/ Audrey May  
L1 Amateur Pattern Horse High Point: Im A Good Bar Deluxe/ Elise Guerra  
Youth Pattern Horse High Point– None Qualified  
Amateur Pattern Horse High Point – Its Southern Blues/ Parris Rice  
Select Amateur Pattern Horse High Point – One Dynamic Krymsun/ Rebekkah Rosa

HIGH POINT CHAMPIONS RANCH HORSE CHAMPIONS:

L1 Youth Ranch Horse High Point – Sofia Margaryan  
L1 Amateur Ranch Horse High Point – Dru Meyenberg  
Youth Ranch High Point – Casey Skadden  
Amateur Ranch High Point – Jennifer Dawson  
Select Amateur Ranch High Point – Carol Kurtz

BEST WALK-JOG PATTERN HORSE (RAIL) CHAMPIONS:

Best W/J All Breed 11 & U Pattern Horse High Point – Betterlazythancrazy/ Elizabeth Rene Montez  
Best W/J All Breed Youth Pattern Horse High Point – A Chance For Sleep/ Isabella Rose Torres  
Best W/J All Breed Amateur Pattern Horse High Point - Hesa Heart Rush/ Dana Thompson

BEST WALK/TROT ALL BREED YOUTH RANCH HORSE CHAMPIONS:

Best W/J All Breed 11 & U Ranch Horse High Point – Huckleberry Cat/ Kendall Dawson  
Best W/J All Breed Youth Ranch Horse High Point – Captain/ Payton Ingram  
Best W/J All Breed Amateur Ranch Horse High Point – Haidas High Noon/ Robert Job

RAIL ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS:

W/T 11 & U All Around – Elizabeth Rene Montez/ Betterlazythancrazy  
W/T Youth All Around – Isabella Rose Torres/ A Chance To Sleep  
W/T Amateur All Around – Dana Thompson/ Hesa Heart Rush  
L1 Youth All Around – Audrey May/ Lovin U For Certain  
L1 Amateur All Around – Elise Guerra/ Im A Good Bar Deluxe  
Amateur All Around: Taylor Lauren Deppen/ Flat Otto Money  
Select All Around: Jim Stubbs/ Suddenly Acquited  
Sr Horse All Around – Lisa Simon/ It's A Fine Line

RANCH ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS:

W/T 11 & U All Around – Kendall Dawson/ Huckleberry Cat  
W/T Youth All Around – Payton Ingram/ Captain  
W/T Amateur All Around – Robert Job/ Haidas High Noon  
L1 Youth All Around – Sofia Margaryan/ Shootin Fireball  
L1 Amateur All Around – Dru Meyenberg/ Gunna Be Fashionable  
Youth All Around – Casey Skadden/ Lights In The Waves  
Amateur All Around – Jennifer Dawson/ Huckleberry Cat  
Dru Meyenberg/ Gunna Be Fashionable  
Select All Around – Carol Kurtz/ Spooky Gunner  
Jr Horse All Around – Sophia Georgia Cowan (Owner)/ Rider: Kristin Brock/ Xtra Okie Shiner  
Sr Horse All Around – Kristin Brock/ Sweatin Bullets

FUTURITY CHAMPIONS:

NSBA All Age Non Pro Ranch Riding – Haylee Brock (owner: Kristin Brock)/ Sweatin Bullets  
NSBA Jr Ranch Trail – Victoria Crettenand (owner: Victori Crettenand)/ Einsteins Ichi Kitty  
NSBA All Age Open Trail – Barbara Fletcher (owner: Caroline McKoane)/ Doin Big Things  
NSBA ¾ YO Open Western Pleasure – Gary Roberts (owner: Michelle Coulter)/ VS Dress Code  
NSBA ¾ YO Non-Pro Western Pleasure - Michelle Coulter/ VS Dress Code  
NSBA ¾ yo Open Trail – Sarah Faught (owner: Patricia Avila)/ A Cherry On Top  
NSBA Jr Ranch Riding – Rosie Cowley (owner: Kristina Tracy)/ Smokejumper  
NSBA All Age Open Ranch Trail – Melissa Zanetti (owner Michelle Ingram/ Caucha Spin N)

On Thursday night, exhibitors enjoyed an over-the-top FIESTA PARTY with Taco Salad (15 ingredients) and Margaritas, thanks to the sponsorship of Jim/Kathy Rauch, Oliver & Kelly Dixon, plus lots of assistance from Sandy Ballard and Dan Mannion. Afterwards, the attendees had dessert with the vendors, plus received valuable gift cards via the raffle. 12 vendors brought amazing western shopping to this show!

Friday night, we had MINI MULES (one of a kind local spirits) from the Paso Robles Distillery Trail organization (exquisite brandy, whiskey, gin, vodka, liquors and grappa). The Paso Robles Distillery Trail is an affiliation of farmers, winemakers, brewers, bartenders, chemists, and overall spirit enthusiasts with the common interest of crafting world-class distillates in the heart of the Paso Robles wine region, and beyond.

After the MINI MULES, the youth of PCQHYA (led by Melissa Zanetti and assisted by Justin Wheeler), put on a HORSEY FAMILY FEUD GAME (They Said What?!?!). After 175 PCQHA and FB Friends were polled to create "They Said What!?" This fast paced Family Feud style game challenged the teams to be the first one to come up to with what may not be the "right" answer but what is the most "popular" answer as reflected by the survey. There was music, buzzers, and lots of laughs! Congratulations to all who participated!

Thanks to our Show Manager – Casey Devitt and Show Secretary – Heidi Lane and staff for their expertise and management of this great show. We also want to give a special shout out to Don Lehman for the exciting City Trail and Ranch Trail courses. In addition, please check out the wonderful photos from Topline Image ([ToplineImage.com](http://ToplineImage.com)) as they are amazing!

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