



*Eastern Plains Reining Horse Association  
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*APRIL 2010*

*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

*IT MUST BE SPRING IN COLORADO!*

- *Spring ahead time change;*
- *2 snow blizzards in one week;*
- *with 60 to 70 degree days in between;*
- *schools on spring break;*
- *Easter (along with the egg hunts);*
- *Income tax day;*
- *Rockies spring training and opening day;*
- *Horses shedding and foals being born*
  
- *EPRHA SPRING REIN ON APRIL 10!*

*With all of this going on in our lives I hope that April 10 on your calendar is marked – 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 EPRHA Jackpot show at Latigo. Danie Hewlett is doing the judging honors. Be prepared – check out [eprha.org](http://eprha.org) for:*

- *Show bill/entry form;*
- *EPRHA class rules/guidelines (check out the Green Youth A & B and the Green Reiner);*
- *EPRHA rider qualification for year-end awards, Youth award series and Affiliate shows/qualifications.*

*I know that many of you have been gearing up for the 2010 reining season. I have heard reports of our members attending clinics and shows in between the “thunder snow” storms. Eleven of our EPRHA members enjoyed a “chilly” day at the Colorado Horse Park under the guidance of Dave Dillman and Guy Vernon. Both of these fine trainers explained many basics of the all important “guide”. Each rider rode a pattern for critique and then another for scoring (including explanation). Don't back*

*up more than 2 steps; straight run downs to stops – OFF the wall; and don't touch your horse until the pattern is over are a few of the tips to improve your score! THANKS to Dave and Guy for spending the day with our members. Thanks to the auditors for their help – you know who you are!*

*Best wishes to Manie and his family. They have moved to New Mexico and started a new chapter of their lives. “Manie’s orphans” are looking forward to a great 2010 EPRHA reining season. We will all miss Manie’s smile, humor and wit but we also know that his thoughts are with us too.*

### **IMPORTANT ADDITIONS FOR 2010**

*Given the importance of the youth in EPRHA, the Rookie Youth class has been divided into an A & B division. The A division is the Rookie Youth introduced last year – modified pattern at a walk or trot but must stay at the starting gait throughout the pattern. The B division is the move-up class for the Youth before entry into the Youth aged classes. B division will follow the NRHA short-stirrup pattern (#11). Questions – check out [eprha.org](http://eprha.org) or ask Rocky Gee (show manager).*

*Don't forget the 1 hour volunteer requirement to be eligible for year-end awards. Check with Rocky or Bev if you have questions.*

*Enough of my musings. See all of you on April 10 at Latigo.*

*Scott Guyn  
EPRHA President*