



PASS IN REVIEW

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Spring has sprung once again, and we here in Colorado keep hoping that these spring snowstorms will increase the snowpack and water table levels. This drought that has plagued the region has continued to push the price of hay to record highs.

Nevertheless, Westernaires continues to offer its fantastic rental string horses to its members for affordable prices, aiming to simply operate on a break-even basis with the program.

The Westernaires Alumni Association endeavors to support the Westernaires as much as possible, and last year that included mobilizing hay vendors, purchasing feed and equipment, and making other charitable donations to them whenever possible.

With a busy summer show season approaching for the Westernaires, it's easy to be reminded of all of the

volunteerism, capital, and sheer effort it takes to keep the Westernaires

functioning and in a position to provide quality entertainment throughout North America. This coming show season, if you can support the Westernaires, please help us in doing so. Also, your support of the Westernaires Alumni Association continues to support the Westernaires — our mission is to connect kids with horses, and what better way to do so than to ensure that Westernaires is around for years to come for kids to enjoy.

If you live in the area, one way that you can support our mission is by attending our fundraising event on June 8th. We're hosting a Tack Swap, replete with raffle prizes, seminars, and more. Admission is free! If you have items to sell, contact us to rent a booth.

Thank you for your continued support!

TACK AND EQUINE EQUIPMENT SWAP MEET

**The White Arena
Jeffco Fairgrounds
June 8th, 2013 10am—3pm**



Come one, come all to the Alumni Association's third annual Tack and Equine Equipment Swap Meet fundraising event. Looking for saddles, grooming tools, and other horse "stuff" at affordable prices? Or maybe you need to clean out that tack room or horse trailer? Whether you're looking to sell some items, or to shop for bargains, the Tack Swap is the place to be.

For those who wish to sell tack, booth rental space is \$30 for one and \$20 for each additional. Booths are rented on a "first come, first serve" basis. Contact us before the event to reserve your space. Sellers keep all profits made from sales, and may sell as much as they wish.

Admission is free to all shoppers and browsers.

All disciplines, types, and sizes of tack will be here, new and used. Saddles, bridles, bits, halters, grooming supplies, blankets, books, videos, training equipment, art, riding apparel, clothing, books, and knick-knacks.

Last year's Tack Swap was a smash success! Over \$3,500 of goods and merchandise was sold by the vendors. Door prizes, raffle prizes, free entertainment, and educational seminars (including a fantastic presentation by alumna Jill Wolf) kept the crowd involved. This year's event is looking to be even bigger than the last.

For more information, or to reserve your booth, please contact Karen at 720-530-0603 or via email at info@westernairesalumni.org.

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This newsletter is one of the primary ways that alumni can keep in touch with each other. Please also look for us on Linked In and Facebook, and check out our website: www.westernairesalumni.org.

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Multi-Generational Alumni at NWSS



Westernaire parent and volunteer *Debbie Koop* authored a thoughtful and well-written article about the numerous graduating seniors who performed at the 2013 National Western Stock Show this past January who also happen to be second-generation Westernaires.

Westernaires has become synonymous with the National Western Stock Show since their first rodeo appearance in the 1950s. Having the chance to perform at the NWSS is something you never forget. The memories made stay with you for a lifetime. Even better is when this wonderful tradition is handed down from mother to daughter.

Heidi (Ehlers) Galasso rode with the Westernaires from 1973 to 1979; she performed with Varsity Big Red at Stock Show for two years (78 and 79). *"I remember the audiences always being so appreciative of what we did. It was so exciting!"* Her most memorable moment was during her last rodeo performance with Red Team at Stock Show when her beloved horse Breeze became so excited that while running out of the arena he reared up and fell over onto her. No worries though, both horse and rider came out okay with her only having a few bruises. Heidi graduated from Red Team later that year at a rodeo in Trinidad, CO. Her **daughter Alissa**, 19 years old, graduated from Red Team during this year's Stock Show after riding with Westernaires for more than 9 years. Alissa rode her horse Ikabod with Varsity Big Red and also performed in a dressage number during An Evening of Dancing Horses. Heidi is so proud of what her daughter has accomplished, that she made it all the way to Varsity Big Red and she loves being at every practice and performance as a supportive parent most of all. Heidi currently works for United Airlines as a Materials Specialist and she said, *"I keep coming back to Westernaires and I would like to instruct again sometime soon."*



Ann Kurtz, also a proud alumnus, rode as a Westernaire from 1979 through 1989. She performed with Red Team at the NWSS for three years--from 1986 to 1989. She loved performing at Stock Show on her horse Raz who she adored. Ann said her grandparents were an important part of any success she had. She has wonderful memories of her grandpa working as a Westernaire posse man; having him in the paddock area made her time there so much more fun. Ann also said, *"Watching my daughter costume for Red Team the very first time brought*

me to tears. I cannot express how proud I am of her -- I love experiencing this from the parent's point of view now." Ann has volunteered as a team monitor for several years and her husband Andy is an instructor for the organization. They consider Westernaires part of their family and love that it gives them quality time together. Their **daughter Abby** performed with Red Team and Red Liberty this year on her horse Junebug at the Stock Show. Performing with the

Varsity Big Red Team has been Abby's dream and goal ever since she first saw pictures of her mom riding in the costumes and now her dream has now come true!

This year, there were three other members of Red Team who have a parent who also had the honor of performing at Stock Show. **Haylie Montoya's** mom **Lori** is a Red Team alumnus and sisters **Kaley and Kerigan Pontious's** dad **John** graduated from Cavalry.

Congratulations to all of the recent Westernaires graduates, and let's hope that the proud tradition of Westernaire membership continues to be handed down from generation to generation!



- (Top) Red Team performing the Corkscrew maneuver at the 2012 National Western Stock Show.
- (Middle) Red Team performing a Circle maneuver at the 1956 National Western Stock Show
- (Left) Heidi Ehlers Galasso and her daughter Alissa Galasso are beautiful mirror images of each other.
- (Right) Ann Kurtz and her daughter Abby Kurtz show a strong family resemblance (aside from the great horsemanship skills that they have in common).





Golden Landmarks



What is the Westernaires Alumni Association?

In an effort to reconnect, to celebrate our common heritage, and to support the organization that was so influential on our early lives, a group of Westernaires Alumni was asked to band together and commence the formation of an Alumni Association. Structured similar to other fraternal alumni groups, the Westernaires Alumni Association exists solely for the benefit of the Westernaires organization and acts as a "pass-through" entity for Westernaires fundraising.

The Alumni Association neither condones nor sanctions any type of activity that does not compliment those of the Westernaires organization.

The mission of the Westernaires Alumni Association is to promote involvement in and advancement of the Westernaires organization. Alumni Association programs support and strengthen partnerships among the Westernaires organization, Westernaires alumni, and future Westernaires.

12th Annual Living Landmarks Dinner Honoring Outstanding Golden Icons Friday, May 17, 6 pm

Golden Landmarks Association, Colorado's second oldest non-profit Historic preservation organization, is proud to highlight its year with the Living Landmarks Dinner. GLA specifically recognizes individuals whose past and current contributions have a positive daily impact on Golden and its surroundings.

On May 17th, 2013, Westernaires Director Glen E. Keller, Jr. will be accepting the 2013 Golden Landmarks Association Living Landmarks Award on behalf of the Westernaires and presenting the Award to the Club.

Golden Landmarks Association selected the Westernaires because of its long standing mission to encourage leadership, self-respect and responsibility in the youth of Colorado.

GLA's 2013 Living Landmarks Dinner features a new setting in the Canyon Room of The Mt. Vernon Country Club with a spectacular view of the Golden valley. If you're in the area, please attend and support the Westernaires' proud 64 years of successes. Tickets are \$75 (\$650 for a table of 10), and may be purchased by calling **Golden Landmarks Association** at 303-279-1236 or by emailing gold@goldenlandmarks.com.

HISTORIC PICTURES



(Left) Westernaires were presented with silver engraved belt buckles by Governor Steve McNichols at Annual Show 1958. The belt buckles were a gift from Roy Rogers and Arthur Rush for appearing on the "Fort Worth TV Show" on Feb 2nd, 1958.



(Center) The Varsity Red Team presents a trophy to E. E. Wyland at the Brown Palace. Circa 1957.



(Right) The Varsity Red Team is awarded a Canadian flag from a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Circa 1970.

Are you in these pictures? Write us and tell us about your memories.

Would you like to share your story with us? Is there an alumnus who you'd like us to interview? Contact us at:

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2013 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	For more information
MAY			
May 10 th - 12 th	Pioneer Days (Precisionettes, Cavalry, Indian Warriors)	Main Street New Castle, CO 81647	www.newcastlecolorado.org
JUNE			
June 8 th	Tack and Equine Equipment Swap Meet hosted by the Alumni Association	Jefferson County Fairgrounds—White Arena 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	http://westernairesalumni.org/upcoming_events.html or phone 720.530.0603
June 15 th & 16 th	White Division Show (White Division teams and specialties)	Fort Westenaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
June 22 nd	Rodeo at the Ranch (Red Team)	American Safari Ranch 1484 Park County Road #7 Fairplay, CO 80440	www.americansafairanch.com
June 28 th & 29 th	Estes Park Show (Red Division and specialties)	Fairgrounds at Stanley Park 1209 Manford Avenue Estes Park, CO 80517	www.estesnet.com/Events/
JULY			
July 2 nd	Easter Seals Show (Precisionettes)	Easter Seals Camp 2644 County Road 306 Empire, CO 80438	http://co.easterseals.com
July 4 th	Flying Heels Rodeo (Red Team)	Flying Heels Arena Grand County Fairgrounds Grand County, CO 80446	www.granbyrodeo.com
July 24 th	Western Heritage Show (Red Division and specialties)	Fort Westenaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
July 26 th - 28 th	National Day of the Cowboy (Red Team)	Clarence Allison Memorial Rodeo Arena Dubois, WY 82513	www.duboiscowboyday.com
AUGUST			
August 2 nd - 3 rd	Cheyenne Wells, CO (Precisionettes)	Cheyenne County Fairgrounds 25 South 7th West Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810	www.townofcheyennewells.com/upcomingevents.htm
August 2 nd - 4 th	Cuba, NM (Red Team)		
August 10 th	Breckenridge PRCA Rodeo (Red Team)	730 Airport Road Breckenridge, CO 80424	www.breckenridgeprcaprorodeo.com
August 9 th - 11 th	Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.jeffcofairinc.org
August 12 th - 17 th	Alumni Week	Fort Westenaire	www.westernairesalumni.org
August 17 th - 18 th	White Olympics (White Division teams and specialties)	Fort Westenaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
August 23 rd	Tenderfoot Induction	Fort Westenaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
August 24 th	Breckenridge PRCA Rodeo (Precisionettes)	730 Airport Road Breckenridge, CO 80424	www.breckenridgeprcaprorodeo.com
SEPTEMBER			
August 31 st - September 2 nd	Trinidad Roundup Rodeo — not confirmed (Red Team)	Las Animas County Fairgrounds Trinidad, CO 81082	www.historictrinidad.com & www.trinidadroundup.homestead.com
OCTOBER			
Oct 26 th & 27 th	Annual Show and Alumni Homecoming	National Western Stock Show Events Center 1515 East 47th Avenue Denver, CO 80216	www.westernaires.org
DECEMBER			
Dec 6 th & 7 th	Parade of Lights (Red Team)	Denver City and County Building Civic Center Park Denver, CO	http://denverparadeoflights.com
JANUARY 2014			
Jan 11 th - 26 th , 2014	National Western Stock Show & Rodeo	National Western Stock Show Complex 4655 Humboldt Denver, CO 80216	www.nationalwestern.com