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Region 2 Director's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026! We hope that you plan to spend time with us in beautiful Santa Barbara in June. This year's show will be one for the history books! There is a more detailed update about the show later in the newsletter.

We also have more Nationals winners to feature. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos! If you have a fun memory with your horse that you want featured, email it over!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in February.

Let's make this Year of the Horse the best one yet!

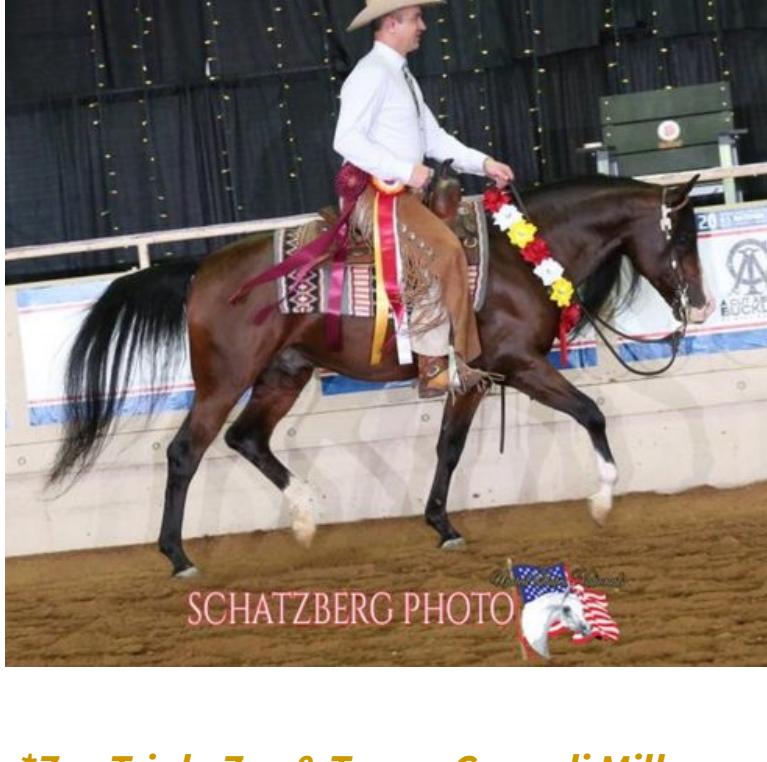
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Nationals Winners from Region 2

Round 2! We are so proud of how well Region 2 was represented at the recent Nationals Competitions. Check out some more of our many winners!



***Zees Golden West & Trevor Gerardi Miller**
National Champions x 2 and Top Ten x2



***Zee Triple Zee & Trevor Gerardi Miller Res.** National Champion x 4



***Zee Electric Kai & Trevor Gerardi Miller**
Top Ten x 2



Trevor Gerardi Miller High Scoring Non Pro Exhibitor



Treu Grit & Susie Drake
Top Ten



Totally Hot CF & Jim Lowe
Canada's National Championship
Top Ten



Electric Heir AHW & Melanie Ronen
Canada's National Championship
National Champion

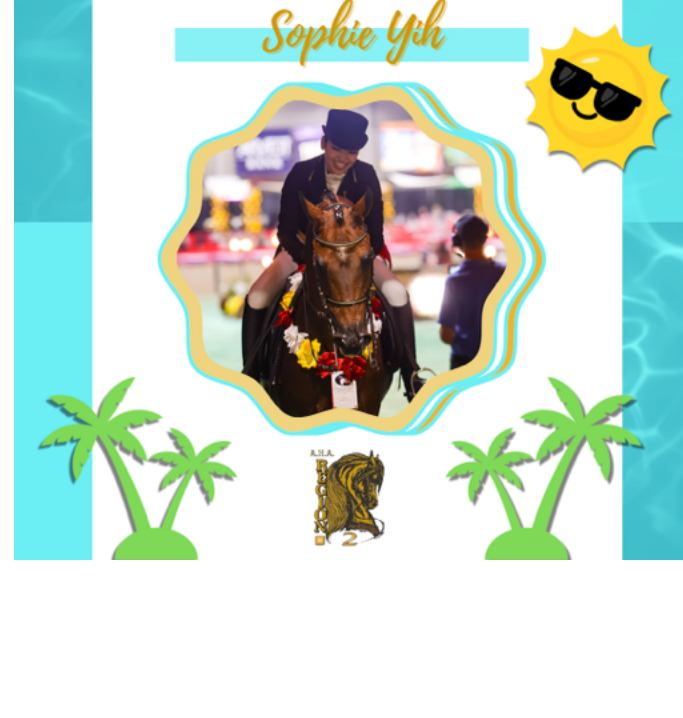


Totally Hot CF & Laurie West
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AHT Readers' Choice Nominees

Congratulations to our Region 2 members who received nominations for the Arabian Horse Times Readers' Choice Awards!

[Vote here](#)



2026 Region 2 Championships + Earl Warren Updates

This could be the LAST time in Santa Barbara!

Come join us in beautiful Santa Barbara from June 17-20, 2026 for the Region 2 Championship Show at the iconic Earl Warren Showgrounds!! We want to provide our exhibitors reassurance and peace of mind regarding the future of Earl Warren Showgrounds. R2 Show Commission member, Kelly Elm, has been working closely with the CEO of EWS (Ben Sprague) to secure another epic R2 event. The contract for the 2026 show is signed. So be sure to mark June 17-20 on your calendars to experience the incredible Earl Warren Showgrounds for what could possibly be the last time! Santa Barbara is truly one of the most stunning beach towns in the country. And, we don't know how long we will be at Earl Warren.

Your R2 leadership team is thrilled to once again host the R2 Championships at EWS. We have a superb panel of judges:
Laura Doran
Joel Gangi
Lindsay Rinehart
Scott Scheyli

We can't wait to see you all in JUNE !!
Sincerely,
Region 2 Show Commission



Region 2 Sport Horse Championships



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the R2 Championship Show June 17-20 in Santa Barbara.
Needs include: awards, gates, center ring, etc. Half day or full day shifts available.
WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS ❤️

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Local Clubs

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Arabians of the Desert Horse Association

Upcoming Events

Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show
February 12 – 22, 2026 | West World, Scottsdale, AZ
RCAHA Spring Sport Horse & Dressage Show and Region 2 Sport Horse Championships
April 23 – 26 | Paso Robles Horse Park, Paso Robles, CA
Region 2 Championships
June 17 – 20, 2026 | Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA

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