



March 4 & 5, 2011
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino • Reno, Nevada

Trade Show • Seminars • Hot Topics Workshops
 National Awards Banquet • Regional Awards • Lunch with the Stars
 Friday Night Dance • Raffle • Tack Swap • General Session
 International Meetings • Committee Meetings

Thursday, March 3, 2011

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. *Jim Steere Horse Health Symposium & Vet CE**
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Early Registration
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. *Veterinary CE**
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. AERC Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 4, 2011

7:00 a.m. AERC Registration Desk Open
 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Hot Topics Workshop I, led by John Parke
 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Trade Show Open
 8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. *Jim Steere Horse Health Symposium & Vet CE**
 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Angie and Josie McGhee**
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Gary Magdesian, DVM**
 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Langdon Fielding, DVM**
 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Jan Worthington**
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Regional Awards Ceremony and Reception
 8:00 p.m. - Midnight Friday Night Dance (\$10)

Saturday, March 5, 2011

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Hot Topics Workshop II, led by John Parke
 7:30 a.m. AERC Registration Desk Open
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Trade Show Open
 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Thomas R. Timmons, DVM**
 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Session
 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. **Julie Suhr and Barbara White**
 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. **Stephen Duren, MS, PhD**
 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. AERC National Awards Banquet

Sunday, March 6, 2011

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. AERC Board of Directors Meeting

* Additional fee required; see Symposium info for more about this seminar.

AERC Seminar Speakers

Friday, March 4, 2011

Angie and Josie McGhee: "Adventures in Family Riding"

Angie McGhee, author of the popular book of endurance riding essays titled "The Lighter Side of Endurance Riding," will team up with her 20-year-old daughter Josie for this presentation. Always heartfelt and hilarious, Angie is sure to both teach you something new and make you laugh so hard that you cry. Angie, a self-proclaimed cheapskate, and Josie have competed at all levels of endurance riding. Since 1988, Angie has amassed 5,700+ endurance miles. Her essays have graced the pages of *Endurance News* for many years, and she is a member of the Education Committee. Josie has competed since she was 10 years old, and now has 2,800+ endurance miles. The McGhees hail from Wildwood, Georgia.

K. Gary Magdesian, DVM: "After the Pull: Treatment Options for the Best Outcome"

Dr. Magdesian's talk will include results of research done on horses eliminated from competition at the Tevis Cup 100-mile ride. Compared to healthy horses, lower plasma chloride and potassium and higher total plasma protein concentrations were found in horses pulled from the ride, and Dr. Magdesian will speak about the implications of the findings and protocols for treatment. Other recent research will also be covered. K. Gary Magdesian, DVM, is an associate professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. He is board certified in three specialties: internal medicine, emergency and critical care, and pharmacology. Dr. Magdesian teaches veterinary students and provides advanced training of veterinary specialists.

Langdon Fielding, DVM: "Risk Factors for Endurance Pulls"

Dr. Fielding will be presenting the results of the 2007 rider card study entitled "Risk factors for the elimination of endurance horses from competition (3,493 starts)." The study evaluated which criteria from the veterinary exams (pre-ride and during the ride) and from the horse's history (previous miles, eliminations, etc.) predicted elimination on ride day. Dr. Fielding graduated from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and then completed an internship at Texas A&M University. He returned to California to complete a residency in equine emergency/critical care and now operates the intensive care unit at Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center in Loomis, California. His current research interests focus on equine fluid therapy and metabolic issues.

Jan Worthington: "Never Give Up"

As a 70-year-old endurance rider, Jan Worthington is just coming into the peak of her powers. She was the oldest of the 632 competitors at the recent World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, and also competed at the World Endurance Championships in 2008 in Malaysia (where her horse was nearly struck by lightning). She has won her division numerous times at AERC National Championship rides. Her secret? The older you are, the more time you have for riding, says Jan. Surrounded by an active endurance riding family, Jan mentors new riders, raises and campaigns many horses, and serves as an inspiration for riders everywhere. Come hear Jan talk about riding competitively at any age, and prepare to be inspired by her can-do, never-give-up attitude.

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Thomas R. Timmons, DVM: "Lame or Not Lame? You Be the Judge"

Dr. Timmons' seminar/video presentation will look at the historical and current AERC judging guidelines with regard to lameness. The highlight of the seminar will be a series of videos of trot-outs, with audience members asked to decide: "lame" or "not lame"? Your awareness of subtle lameness will definitely be increased after attending this informative and thought-provoking seminar. Dr. Timmons earned his DVM from Oregon State University and he serves as a control judge at AERC rides as well as FEI rides in the U.S. and overseas. His specific areas of interest include lameness, reproduction, surgery and medicine. Dr. Timmons is on staff at the Rogue Valley Equine Hospital in Eagle Point, Oregon.

Julie Suhr and Barbara White: "The FUNctional Endurance Family"

Keeping the "fun" in riding will be the topic of two of the best-known endurance riders around. Julie Suhr, Hall of Fame member and namesake with her late husband, Bob, of AERC's Husband and Wife Award, has ridden endurance in five different decades on four different continents, starting even before AERC was founded. Her favorite rides are those she has ridden with Bob and her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Doug White. She has run the gamut of the sport from first place to "failed to complete" so can identify with all AERC members. Barbara is the first person to complete the Tevis Cup 100-mile ride 30 times—that's 3,000 of the most arduous endurance miles around. Barbara has been riding since the beginnings of AERC, and has ridden with her father, mother and husband on many 50- and 100-milers, and her children have frequently been part of her Tevis crew, making endurance riding a family affair.

Stephen Duren, MS, PhD: "Nutrition for Endurance Equines"

Sharing the latest and most innovative equine nutrition knowledge with seminar-goers will be Stephen Duren, MS, PhD, of Performance Horse Nutrition. He is recognized as a preeminent expert on equine health and nutrition, and was instrumental in the formulation of Green Feed, the first environmentally-friendly equine feed in North America. Dr. Duren earned a MS and PhD in Equine Nutrition and Exercise Physiology from the University of Kentucky and is the author of "The Concise Guide to Nutrition in the Horse" and "The 101 Most Frequently Asked Horse Nutrition Questions." He was named as Alltech's official nutritionist this summer and currently consults with feed manufacturers and horse owners throughout the world.

Hot Topics – Facilitated by John Parke

At every AERC convention, the Hot Topics seminars invite discussion of current subjects of concern to endurance riders. Often, new ideas and timely compromises have come out of these sessions. Be prepared to brainstorm and share your thoughts on "LD and Endurance" and "Trails: Lobbying for Change." John Parke welcomes lively (but, of course, civil) debate at both the Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. sessions.

All AERC Members Welcome!

Jim Steere Horse Health Symposium

Topic: Acid-Base and Body Fluid Management in the Endurance Horse

Sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research • Abaxis • American Competitive Horse Consortium

Thursday, March 3, and Friday, March 4, 2011

Presented in conjunction with the Veterinary Continuing Education Program

This symposium was inspired by the late Jim Steere, DVM, who called for a dialogue between riders, veterinarians and teachers "so we can gain the practical, scientific knowledge of how to best deal with electrolytes during competition."

Thursday, March 3

- 8:00-8:50 a.m. "Jim Steere's Concern – Our Challenge"Jerry Gillespie, DVM
- 8:50-9:50 a.m. "The Physiological Framework for Acid-Base and Fluid/
Electrolyte Management in the Endurance Horse"Mike Lindinger, DVM
- 10:00-10:50 a.m. "Oral Electrolyte Absorption and Distribution in the Body"Joe Pagan, PhD
- 11:00 a.m.-Noon "Review of Recent Research on Acid-Base and Fluid
Balance in Endurance Horses"Gary Magdesian, DVM
- Noon-1:15 p.m. Luncheon (provided). A representative from Abaxis will speak on portable electrolyte, chemistry and blood gas analyzers used at endurance rides. In addition, a demonstration of Equistat will be conducted by Dr. Mike Lindinger
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. "Risk factors for the Elimination of Endurance Horses from
Competition (3,493 starts)"Langdon Fielding, DVM
- 2:30-3:50 p.m. "Discussion of Clinical Path Tests: How Tests Should Be Conducted
and Interpreted (Body-Acid Base Status, Body-Fluid Volume and
Distribution)"Gary Magdesian, DVM, Langdon Fielding, DVM, and Trisha Dowling, DVM
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Open Discussion/Questions Roundup with panel members Jim Bryant, Jr., DVM;
Olin Balch, DVM, PhD; Trisha Dowling, DVM; Langdon Fielding, DVM; Jerry Gillespie, DVM;
Mike Lindinger, DVM; Ken Marcella, DVM; Gary Magdesian, DVM, & Joe Pagan, PhD

Friday, March 4

- 8:00-10:00 a.m. "Practical Management of Acid-Base and Body Fluid Balance in the
Endurance Horse During Competition"with panel members Jim Bryant, Jr., DVM;
John Crandell III; Jeanette Mero, DVM; Valerie Kanavy; Grace Ramsey & Jeremy Reynolds
- 10:15-10:45 a.m. Wrap-Up SummaryJerry Gillespie, DVM

\$75 – Thursday Lunch Included

Reservations must be received by February 18, 2011

NO LATE REGISTRATION ALLOWED

*Veterinarians will attend an additional session on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(dinner included). Attendance mandatory at all sessions to receive CE credits.*

