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EDUCATIONAL CLINICS

Craig Johnson has developed a unique style of teaching horsemanship and reining techniques, including the application of reining skills to other disciplines. Craig conveys how the basic foundation of reining finesse is much like dressage; it teaches the horse collection, smooth transitions, head carriage, lead changes, balance, speed and gait variations, and stopping techniques. These aspects of superb horsemanship can help the horse mentally and physically, often helping the horse maintain its soundness. Craig also teaches the critically important concepts of partnership and communication between horse and rider that result in trust and respect. These elements of trust and respect are exemplified in less stress, more willingness, attentiveness, and better performance—whether in the competition arena or on the trail.

In addition to traveling around the world (Austria, Canada, Germany, Australia, Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Mexico) to present his clinics and demonstrations (including Equitana Asia Pacific and Equitana Germany), Craig has established a renowned center at the Johnson ranch in Texas where people can attend clinics that range from three-day to intensive long-term apprentice programs. The Johnson Family also breeds, raises and trains horses on their Three Circles Ranch.

Craig has produced two instructional DVDs that exemplify his teaching skills and extensive knowledge, and is producing five more instructional DVDs. Craig is currently putting the finishing touches on his first book, "Let It Rein."

ASSOCIATION AFFILIATIONS

Craig has been a USET/USEF Director since 2003 and has served on the organization's High Performance Reining Riders Committee since 2003. He is an active member of the National Reining Horse Association Professionals Program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Craig Johnson is a unique teacher; he combines his special brand of reining excellence from the competitive world with a clear understanding of what it takes to teach individuals of varying skill levels to accelerate their horsemanship and reining

abilities. His compassion, understanding, and superb language skills allow him to relate to the beginner as well as the advanced student, elevating them to a higher level of horsemanship and competition. He is able to tailor his vast knowledge to the needs of individual riders and their performance goals.

Craig has performed in front of thousands of people, capturing their applause with his unique style of total precision with lightning maneuvers. And when he addresses these same audiences, he captures their hearts and minds with his humor, clarity and ability to get them to understand his amazing partnership with the horse, and how they can achieve this same level of competency and performance.

NRHA LIFETIME EARNINGS

In 2007, Craig Johnson reached the pinnacle of earning more than \$1,000,000 in combined lifetime earnings in reining competition.

INTERNATIONAL REINING COMPETITION

- 1999 USET Reining Competition, USET Headquarters: Team Gold, Individual Silver
- 2000 Nation's Cup, USET Headquarters: Team Gold, Individual Silver
- 2001 Nation's Cup, Germany: Team Silver
- 2002 Nation's Cup, USET Headquarters: Team Gold
- 2002 World Equestrian Games, Jerez, Spain

First WEG with Reining; United States captured the Team Gold Medal.

In addition to competition, Craig presented a bridless reining demonstration on Smokin Chic Olena and received a standing ovation from the audience. Craig is the only competitor to be included on every World Equestrian Games

U.S. Reining team

- USET Festival of Champions: Three-time medalist

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- National Reining Horse Association Futurity Championships
 - 1983 on Lucky Bay
 - 1985 on Sparkles Rosezanna
- National Reining Horse Association Derby Championship
 - 1989 on Sparkles Suzanna

- National Reining Horse Association Super Stakes Championships
 - 1986 on Mainly Martha
 - 1993 on "Doc"
- AQHA World Championships
 - 1982 on Blue Continental
 - 1985 on Checkmate King Glo
 - 1986 on Sparkles Rosezanna
 - 1987 on Zans Diamond Sun
 - 1988 on The Hot Express
 - 1990 on Genuine Straw Flower
 - 1993 on Smart Chic Olena
 - 1997 on Sailing Smart
 - 2000 on A Chic In Time
- American Paint Horse Association World Championships
 - Futurity World Championships in 1988, 1989, 1992, 1997 and 2007
- National Reined Cow Horse Association Futurity Finalist on Smokin Chic Olena
- American Paint Horse Association Working Cow Horse World Championship
- American Paint Horse Association World Championships
 - 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994
 - 1998: APHA Reining and World Championship on Smokin Chic Olena
- National Reining Horse Association
 - 34 NRHA Futurity Finalists
- Southwest Reining Horse Association: Five-time Reining Futurity Championship