

The weather was kind for the Gary Baumer Reining Clinic held over the May 30/ 31 weekend, with a cool breeze from the south keeping all participants and horses comfortable. Brian and Lisa Christianson had their HUGE area groomed and ready each day making the setting ideal and for all to enjoy. Jeannie Bunt had her usual supply of cold water and treats for everyone, including her world famous chocolate chip cookies, her friend Kathy Creasey came down from Yreka with her new reiner, but the long distance award would have to go to Harry Schneider, having made the trek from Klamath Falls. New member Wendell Green, Barbara Secor, Mike Boardman (the surprise recipient of a birthday cake for being old), Tamara Yates, the Birts, both Terry and Michelle were on hand, along with Rich Montabo with not one, but two horses to work with.

Gary Baumer was both informative and encouraging with his comments and anecdotes to help describe his lesson, and as usual got what he was wanting out of every rider and horse. It was not for nothing that he used to be called the "Professor". His ability to recognize and then articulate the area of concern with each rider made for everyone, both horses and riders to all make very measurable progress, from the incredible stops Rich was getting on his Derby entrant to Terry Birt, who after Gary had talked him through an incredible run, was heard to comment about himself "Heck , who was that rider"? and to Mike Boardman trying to get along with his old broodmare who really did not want to be pulled out of retirement, to do a flying lead change!

Everyone in attendance left knowing better how to communicate with their horses, to work on correcting the sometimes little things, that Gary's keen eye had discerned as a reason for a perceived problem and to have had generally, a great time overall.

Wendell Green wants to have Gary do a clinic at his facility in Yuba City as does Cathy in Yreka, so let us know if you are interested in being in one of these possible clinics....I guarantee you will be glad you did.

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