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Dear Professionals and Jr/Am Competitors,

It is that time of year again to renew your CPHA membership for the year 2018. CPHA is looking forward to a great new year, we have some new and exciting programs, and are working to improve and strengthen our existing ones for the benefit of all our members. Your professional membership entitles you to many benefits beyond participating in our medal classes, please spread the word and encourage other professionals in the horse business to join CPHA.

Here are some examples of our CPHA programs:

1. Our professionals receive an excess accident policy with their membership to help supplement their current insurance, or to use should they not have any insurance to draw on, in case of an accident at work.
2. Through our medal class programs, riders from every level of equitation have the opportunity to increase their skills and compete in high quality events.
3. The CPHA supports and funds programs that will bring our members educational clinics and informational seminars.
4. To highlight our year we present year-end honors at our CPHA banquet at the PCHA convention. These awards are given to preserve our history through the years by recognizing achievements that were truly outstanding.
5. With the H2B-visa program, it effectively enables grooms, as well as riders, and equestrian managers to obtain legal working visas in California and neighboring states.
6. Our Green Hunter Incentive program offers our young hunters wonderful stake classes throughout the year and an amazing Championship with lots of prize money. Please remember all the incentive money collected is going back to the owners and the riders.

I am pleased to say that last year's membership was over 900 members. It is because of the contribution of our members that we have been able to successfully fund the CPHA Foundation. In the past the Foundation has been able to reach out and give aid to trainers, and other CPHA professionals, including grooms, veterinarians, farriers, who are in need in the horse industry. In addition they award scholarships to children of professionals, young professionals furthering their education, and working students. In 2017 five scholarships were awarded, with donations and support from our equestrian community we hope to do more this year.

Please take the time to fill out the 2018 membership form and return it to our office for processing. You will find information on our programs, rules for medal classes and the link to the CPHA Foundation on our web site, [www.cpha.org](http://www.cpha.org).

Please remember both trainers and riders must be members of CPHA to participate in our medal classes. Also we encourage all professional horse people to join to be eligible for the other beneficial programs CPHA has to offer. The CPHA hopes with your participation to make 2018 an even greater year of giving.

Respectfully,

Jeni Brown, President