



**Keystone International
Livestock Exposition
2024
Ranch Horse Show Judges**

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Daren Wright

Hometown:

Chillicothe, OH

Shows:

Ranch Riding

I have been judging for 35 years. I started out as a 4H member and collegiate judging team member and progressing on to judging both open and 4-H shows and gradually working my way up through the ranks earning my breed cards. Currently I am carded with AQHA, APHA, NSBA, PHBA, ApHC, PTHA, ABRA, IBHA and NASMA.

I have been fortunate to judge multiple World Shows for each of the organizations in which I hold judging cards. I have also had the honor of judging the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and many major events overseas in Australia, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Amsterdam, South Africa, France, and Sweden.

I'm also the Director of the Equine Program at Wilmington College in Wilmington, OH. Our program boasts a very large and successful IHSA Collegiate Riding Team that has had much success at the regional and national IHSA shows.



Steve Shank

Hometown:

Wellsville, NY

Shows:

Ranch Riding

Stephen Shank is the newly appointed CEO of the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. The VHC is a world-class facility hosting regional, national, and international equestrian events. Prior to taking on this exciting position in March of 2024, Stephen had been the Director of Equestrian Studies at New York's Alfred University since 2015 and coached one of the top ISHA equestrian teams in the country. He is a nationally sanctioned horse show judge and holds cards with the National Reining Horse Association, The American Paint Horse Association, The Palomino Horse Breeders Association, Appaloosa Horse Club, The Pinto Horse Association, and the National Snaffle Bit Association.

Steve has more than 45 years experience in the Equine Industry with an emphasis on coaching, training, showing, equine facilities management, equine business management, and horse show management. He has been a clinician for various local and national organizations and was a presenter for Realistic Careers in the Horse Industry, WNY Equifest, and "From the Judges Point of View" at WNY EquiFest Hamburg, New York.