

Sue Watkins

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Sue has been training and competing for over 50 years. Starting in the AHSA (now USEF) Hunter/Jumper, Hunt Seat world thru her Intercollegiate team showing days with summers as a wrangler and mule packer in the Sierra Nevada and Rocky Mountains. while obtaining a bachelor's degree in Equine Science from Cal Poly State University. Widening after college into Dressage, Western Dressage, Halter, Ranch Roping, Working Cow Horse, ExCA, Ranch Riding, Trial Trials, Mustang and Super Horse Competitions.



Since 2010, she has focused solely on bringing the sport of Working Equitation to the USA where she holds a 'R' judging card, A Technical Delegate license, is a USAWE Recognized WE Coach. She also participates on numerous Boards and Committees.

She is a recognized Trainer with the ETHA- Extreme Trail Horse Association. She has also judged ExCA, CA Trial Trials, Mustang Competitions, 4H Shows, worked as the Technical Delegate for the Bishop Mule Days Intercollegiate Packing Competition, given Seminars at numerous Horse Expos, taught clinics for BCH-Back Country Horsemen groups, was the Mounted Instructor for the Sacramento Sheriffs SAR Unit and also holds an ETS – Extreme Trail Sports Judges card.

She has earned over 30 WE championships, top five and top ten finishes at the national and regional levels. She has trained and shown Gypsy Vanners, Kiger Mustangs, Quarter Horses, BLM Mustangs, PRE's and Lusitanos for Working Equitation. She has also had Top 10 finishes in Extreme Mustang Makeovers, ExCA, Trial Trials and Open Shows as well as competing and coaching students in rail performance disciplines. Sue has attended numerous Judges Training Seminars many presented by International European Judge's Instructors for Dressage, Working Equitation, ETS, and Gypsy judging.

Besides training and showing all breeds and disciplines, her experience includes standing her 2 Kiger stallions for breeding (for which she was the first breeder to import Kiger semen to Europe), Handling/presenting Thoroughbreds for racehorse sales, driving harness horses, driving teams in parades, as well as training horses for movies and circus liberty. With years of knowledge from training these many breeds in these numerous disciplines, upon training a Gypsy to a Working Equitation Regional Reserve Champion award in only 6 months under saddle, Sue immediately saw how amazing the Gypsy Vanner was and wanted to get involved with the breed the best way she knows how, which is thru providing judging and training. She offers lessons, training and clinics in Basic Horsemanship, Classical CA Bridle Horse, Working Equitation, Western Dressage, and Obstacle trials, at her facility "the Equine Obstacle Training Center" in Riverside, CA.

She also travels throughout the country and Canada judging shows and providing clinics for riders of all disciplines and levels. As a 'UCD/USEF certified Show Manager' she knows the effort it takes to put on a show, so she is very easy to work with, helpful during show time and prides herself in her reputation for knowledge, fairness, and professionalism. Sue is also an experienced Show Manager, Show Secretary, Course Designer, and Scribe, Please contact Sue at any time for more information and availability.

