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2021 AERC Virtual Convention

March 6 & 7, 2021



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We are excited to welcome you to AERC's virtual convention! While we'll miss getting together in person, going virtual means that you can participate from anywhere, and will be able to attend eight seminars (most with Q&A time), visit with vendors and find great products (and sales!), participate in AERC raffles*, and attend regional and national award ceremonies.

You don't have to be a computer expert to participate! All you need is a smartphone, tablet, or computer with internet access. You can download the convention app or participate via the convention website.

The following pages include information about this year's outstanding speakers and topics, plus a link to the easy online convention registration form. We're looking forward to seeing you virtually in March!

Registration

(Fee includes access to all seminars and awards presentations live and through the rest of March 2021):

\$65

**\$15 for additional household members
(shared log-in)**

* Attendees in the U.S. and Canada only

Seminar Presenters



Langdon Fielding

DVM, MBA, DACVECC, DACVSMR

Well-known to endurance riders for his research into electrolyte and fluid therapy and the author of more than 30 research publications, Dr. Fielding is a graduate of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, and board certified both Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. A rider who first completed the Tevis Cup 100-mile ride at age 17, Dr. Fielding is currently a partner at Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center in Northern California.



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Dean Hendrickson

DVM, MS, DACVS

Dr. Hendrickson earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Colorado State University in 1988, and a Masters from Cornell in 1992. He is a professor of equine surgery at the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Dr. Hendrickson is board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, and has invented an artificial skin product for students to practice on called SurgiReal. His research interests include laparoscopic surgical approaches, wound healing and pain relief.



Heather Knych

DVM, MS, PhD, DACVCP

A Professor of Molecular Biosciences at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab, Dr. Knych is Equine Pharmacology Section Head at the K.L. Maddy Equine Analytical Pharmacology Laboratory, where AERC's drug tests are run. Both her PhD and DVM degrees were awarded from U.C. Davis, and she is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology. Her current research focuses on pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics, drug metabolism and biomarkers.



Melissa Ribley, DVM

With 22,790 endurance miles, including 12 Tevis Cup completions, Dr. Ribley is a highly experienced rider. Now that she and husband Robert have relocated from California to Florida, she has also gained a hands-on understanding of riding in conditions ranging from cold and snow to hot and dry – and hot and humid – and everything in between. Dr. Ribley has served as a control judge at hundreds of rides, is past Chair and longtime member of the AERC Veterinary Committee, and co-managed the 2019 AERC National Championships.



Stephanie Seheult, DPT

Dr. Seheult graduated with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy and Bachelors of Health Science from Loma Linda University in 2008. Because she is also an equestrian, she has been able to combine her passion for fitness, health and alignment with her passion for horses. She is the owner of Ride Advanced Physio, based in Southern California, and works with equestrian athletes at clinics and shows around the U.S. "My hope is to be able to help riders improve their body awareness, balance and strength," she says.



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Nick Warhol

In his 29 seasons of endurance riding, Nick has completed more than 13,000 miles—5,840 of them with Forever Dawn GA (Donnie). Together Nick and Donnie earned both Decade Team and the 2018 Parn'ers Award. Nick also rode 2,700 miles with AERC Hall of Fame Equine Zayante. There have also been 19 other horses he has ridden in competition, some fantastic, some OK, and some just not suited to the sport. A tireless ride volunteer, Nick has also run successful endurance clinics near his ranch in Northern California.

Seminar Presentations

One benefit of AERC's virtual convention is that you can participate in the live broadcasts, or watch at a later time, if that is more convenient. We've built in plenty of time for you to shop and interact with convention exhibitors (and maybe get a bite to eat in between all the convention activities)!

Seminars are scheduled for 45 minutes, with time afterward for follow-up questions.

Saturday, March 6

How Your Body Works With Your Horse

with Stephanie Seheult, DPT

8:00AM EST • 5:00AM PST

Repeated at 11:00AM EST • 8:00AM PST

Start your day with rider body awareness. This session is an introduction to how to synchronize yourself and your horse, from a physical therapy perspective. Dr. Seheult will also lead you in some active stretches designed specifically for riders.

Thumps and Other Electrolyte Problems

with Langdon Fielding, DVM, MBA, DACVECC, DACVSMR

12:30PM EST • 9:30AM PST

Electrolyte imbalance can cause many issues, including thumps, aka synchronous diaphragmatic flutter. Dr. Fielding will share the latest research into electrolyte problems, factors that can contribute to thumps, and how to prevent imbalances.

Riding for Your Climate Conditions

with Melissa Ribley, DVM

2:30PM EST • 11:30AM PST

With extensive experience as a rider and vet, Dr. Ribley will share best practices for making each ride successful for your horse (and you), no matter the weather. Dr. Ribley will teach you to better care for your horse in all kinds of conditions.

Find and Make a Good Endurance Horse

with Nick Warhol

4:30PM EST • 1:30PM PST

Learn what to look for when horse shopping, and why building and developing your horse is often better than just going out and buying one. Nick will share how to spot greatness in an endurance horse (it may be the horse you already own).

AERC Regional Awards

with AERC Directors

7:00PM EST • 4:00PM PST

With a breakout Zoom room for each of AERC's nine regions, members and friends are invited to participate in this year's regional award winners. You'll be able to chat live as AERC directors honor the 2020 winning equines and riders.

Sunday, March 7

An Exercise Routine Geared for Riders

with Stephanie Seheult, DPT

8:00AM EST • 5:00AM PST

Repeated at 11:00AM EST • 8:00AM PST

Here is a workout routine designed just for endurance riders. Troubled by knee and back pain? Dr. Seheult will help you discover ways to strengthen surrounding muscle groups so you stay in the saddle, happily, for many years to come.

Wound Care on the Trail

with Dean Hendrickson, DVM, MS, DACVS

12:30PM EST • 9:30AM PST

What's the best way to treat an equine injury? Dr. Hendrickson will let you know the latest in wound care research, and will also cover how to talk to your veterinarian so you understand both initial and follow-up treatment recommendations.

The State of Equine Drug Testing

with Heather Knych, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVCP

2:30PM EST • 11:30AM PST

As the equine pharmacologist at UC Davis's K.L. Maddy Equine Analytical Pharmacology Lab, Dr. Knych is one of the country's foremost experts in equine drug testing. This seminar is highly recommended for all competing distance riders.

What to Watch for – Before Your Ride

with Langdon Fielding, DVM, MBA, DACVECC, DACVSMR

4:30PM EST • 1:30PM PST

Research studies show that some problems that occur during the ride may be problems before the ride begins. Low-level diseases (e.g. respiratory infections) or dehydration during transport can be significant problems. Here's how to arrive at a ride with the healthiest horse possible.

AERC National Awards, with AERC Directors

7:00PM EST • 4:00PM PST

Find out who will be named as AERC's coveted Hall of Fame person and equine. Also announced: Pard'ners Award and other annual prizes, including breed awards. We'll also draw the lucky winner of the Freeform Saddle drawing at this time.

Ready to Register?

Yes! Sign me up! Click for easy online registration:

[AERC.org/2021 Convention](https://www.aerc.org/2021Convention)

Exhibitors and Extras

Many of your favorite suppliers of equestrian gear, tack and saddles will be available throughout Saturday and Sunday with virtual booths. Check them all out – some will be offering convention specials and their own drawings. While you can't browse in real life, online shopping is the next best thing!

Want information about exhibitor booths?

Visit: [AERC.org/2021AERCVendor](https://www.aerc.org/2021AERCVendor)

Accessing the AERC convention is easy!

We're partnering with Whova, a top online virtual event company, for the 2021 convention. For the best experience, download the Whova app (available for Android and iOS).

You can also view and participate via the convention website, available via:
[AERC.org/Convention](https://www.aerc.org/Convention)

We're looking forward to celebrating AERC's 50th anniversary at our 2022 convention in Reno, Nevada!



But for 2021, we're excited to bring you this virtual convention.

Some highlights:

- Robust yet easy-to-use online platform you can watch on your own schedule
 - Live and on-demand educational seminars, most with Q&A sessions
 - Shop with AERC convention exhibitors
 - Celebration of awards, both regional and national
 - Multiple raffles – everything from ride entries to a Treeless Saddle!