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Clinician Profile: Dennis Reis

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Clinician profiles

Editor's note With spring at our doorstep, clinic season is about to swing to high gear. The Trail Less Traveled caught up with a dozen clinicians from a wide variety of backgrounds, concentrations and specialties—all with a gentle and natural approach at their core. We asked all 12 the same set of questions. Some responded with chapters of information, some with

sentences, so we tried to give each roughly equal space. All of the clinicians who you find here have clinic dates listed in the On the horizon section on page 38 of this issue. We encourage you to figure out who fits the needs of you and your horse best and pay them a visit. These men and women will be appearing across the country throughout the year.

Dennis Reis
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Special interests: rodeo, ranch roping, California vaquero traditions

Major influences: Cotton Rosser, Bob Cook, Ray Hunt, Vincent Spaggiola, Dr. Kip Smiley, Mike Thomas.

Specialty: horsemanship from the round pen to the performance horse—nonbreed or discipline specific.

Background: Reis was born and raised in Marin County, Calif. and now resides at Reis Ranch in Penngrove, Calif. The clinician fell in love with horses at an early age and first started colts as a junior in high school. He worked for a veterinarian while competing in local 4-H shows and high school rodeos.

His love for rodeo blossomed and in 1974 he got his PRCA permit and gained professional status in 1979.

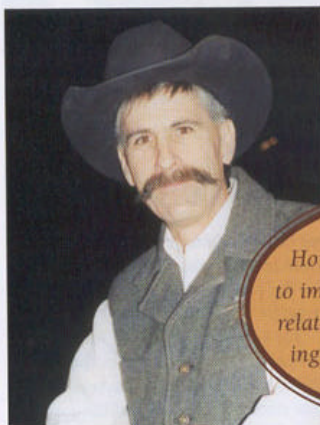
Reis rode bucking horses and steer wrestled on a professional level while establishing a horse-shoeing business.

In 1985 he developed Reis Ranch and has been teaching seminars and

clinics since 1988.

What to expect at a clinic:

"I offer four structured courses from one to 90 days that involve roundpen, groundschool, mounted and refined-mounted work. My clinics are open to the forward-thinking professional and the amateur horse enthusiast. They are an opportunity to develop skills that will last a lifetime, long after the clinic is over."



*"Universal
Horsemanship is dedicated
to improving the horse/human
relationship through the shar-
ing of age-old methods and
knowledge."*