



### ***Meet Our Trainers.***

The Inland Empire Hunter Jumper Association is supported by a number of professional trainers, barns and riding academies located throughout Southern California. Their programs range from beginners on lesson horses to riders new to the hunter/jumper show scene to dedicated show competitors chasing points at the county and higher circuit level to older adult riders enjoying the schooling process. No matter your riding level, horse owner or not, competitor or casual rider, IEHJA has a trainer for you. Whether you live in the San Bernardino Mountains, the deserts of Riverside, San Diego or Riverside counties or you call urban Orange and Los Angeles counties home, there is a IEHJA trainer near you.



**Markley Chaffin-Owner/Instructor  
Fox Haven Farms, Wrightwood**

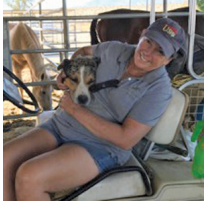
Markley began riding at the age of 4 and has been an avid horsewoman her entire life. After graduating from college with a B.A. in English, she attended the Pacific Horse Center where she completed the Horse Masters program with emphasis on the Hunter/Jumper discipline. She traveled to England where she worked with the British Horse Society and taught Pony Club camps in different parts of England. Upon returning to the U.S., she opened her own Hunter/Jumper business in Malibu where she trained and showed on the "A" Circuit in Southern

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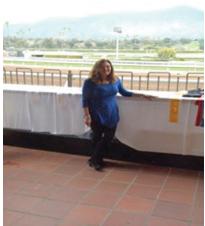
California for 15 years. During that time, she traveled to Europe to ride with renowned Grand Prix rider Nelson Pessoa. Markley also judges and teaches clinics. In 2007, she opened Fox Haven Farm in Wrightwood where she trains and teaches. Markley can be contacted at 760-868-4440, @foxhavenfarmriding or [foxhaven11@msn.com](mailto:foxhaven11@msn.com) .



**Gretchen Clark-Owner/Trainer**  
**Showcase Training Stables, Redlands**

Gretchen Clark has been training professionally for 40 years. Her specialty is hunters and jumpers. Gretchen grew up in Fresno and in her years as a junior rider won the Barbara Worth Medal and the California State Horseman's Association English title. After moving to Southern California, Gretchen became head instructor at Eaton Canyon in Pasadena. Shortly thereafter she began training horses and grew her business by winning many LA County and PCHA championships. She got a taste of the grand prix ring in the 1980s and that soon became her love. In 1985 she moved to Sunset Hills in Redlands as a trainer and manager of the 120-horse facility. In 1991, she and her husband Dennis purchased 17 acres off Live Oak Canyon Road in Redlands and built what is now Showcase Training Stables. Showcase riders compete at all levels in the Hunter/Jumper arena and have won many championships, medals and medal finals.

Gretchen also serves as the president of IEHJA and part of her responsibilities include co-managing the Fall Festival End of Year Horse Show held every November and organizing the annual Red Carpet awards Banquet in February. Gretchen can be contacted at 909-798-9479 or at [glchuntertrainer@aol.com](mailto:glchuntertrainer@aol.com) .



**LoriLea Franklin-Owner/Trainer**

## **Willowbrook Riding Club and Equestrian Center, Desert Hot Springs**

LoriLea and Don Franklin own and operate Willowbrook Riding Club and Equestrian Center. For the past 25 years, LoriLea has designed and run her “saddle series” horse shows at the Willowbrook facility. She has taught hundreds of young and adult students how to ride and compete in hunter/jumper and western competitions. LoriLea began her riding career at age 2 and competed successful as a junior rider. She began instructing as a teenager and has had her own barn since she and husband Don built Willowbrook.

LoriLea has spent her career molding young riders and horses. The four Franklin children are very successful competitors; they too started showing at a young age at the Willowbrook home shows. They have also competed in scores of outside shows including HITS Thermal. LoriLea has hosted 270 home hunter/jumper and western shows and has trained her students to ride in every show division from leadline to adult hunter/jumpers. She designs the course and classes and manages the shows in accordance with all sanctioning bodies including USHJA, IEHJA, GSDHJA, and OCHSA. Managing a training stable and being its chief instructor has been a rich and rewarding experience for LoriLea: she is gratified when her students compete and win but is just as proud of her riders who don't compete and ride for pleasure. Lorilea is focused on tailoring her training methods to individual horses and riders. You can contact LoriLea at (760) 329-7676, 2055 Mountain View Road, Desert Hort Springs.

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