



NCRCHA

August 2009

Newsletter

Here it is August already. The show season is more than half over and I was reminded it was time for the summer newsletter. I'm thrilled to see the high level of competition and the quality of horses again this year at the club shows. I believe the future of Reined Cow Horse is looking bright! A number of the judges have commented to me on the quality of riders and horses. They have also been very positive on how well run the shows are. This is a testament to everyone who helps out at our shows. I don't know if you have noticed, this year each show has been managed by a different board member. I believe this system has improved the quality of the club shows. Please be supportive if asked to help out at a show. Each board member has made every effort to make their show a success. Thank you to all who have volunteered and/or sponsored.

Sponsors - This year, many local sponsors have given awards at the club shows. Please take note of these local sponsors at the shows and try to do business with them when you're in the area. We have a new major sponsor this year with Assurance Feeds. Another new sponsor this year is Airgas. Also, K Bar J Leather Company, Jack & Kelly Gully, have donated a \$400 gift certificate, again this year. Hopefully, we will have many more sponsors coming on board before the Fall Futurity/Derby. We need everyone's help in lining up sponsors. Please remember, individuals can easily become a buckle sponsor with a \$100 sponsorship for an award buckle for the Fall Futurity/Derby or Club Show year end awards. Be sure to check the website. Also, look for a complete listing of all NCRCHA sponsors in the Fall Futurity/Derby program and please, support these sponsors.

Raffle Tickets – This year the raffle tickets are being sold through the board members. This is a major fundraiser for the association. The prizes are: First – New 2008 Polaris ATV, Second - \$600, Third - \$300. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each. All 500 tickets must be sold for this raffle to be a success. If club members don't get their tickets bought soon, board members will be forced to sell their tickets outside the club. I would love to see club members win these great prizes. So, please, see a board member and get your tickets purchased.

Fall Futurity/Derby - The 2009 Fall Futurity/Derby will be October 23–25, at Red Horse Ranch Arena in Fergus Falls, MN. If you have never been to Red Horse Ranch Arena, it is a beautiful facility and well worth the time and effort to get there. This is the NCRCHA's premier event of the season. We will need not only for club members to participate by riding, but there are also many volunteer opportunities available. The show bill will soon be available on the website. Like the Spring Derby, the Fall Futurity/Derby weekend offers many opportunities for everyone to participate. Last year we had riders from 9 states across the country. This is our chance to show the Reined Cow Horse world the kind of quality show that we can put on.

Stallion Stakes – We have 14 high quality stallions nominated in the Stallion Stakes program this year. Please take a moment to review the list of stallions and their owners. Watch for these great stallions and/or their offspring as they compete for awards at the 2009 Fall Futurity/Derby. The stallions are also listed on the website with additional information.

| <u>Stallion</u> | <u>Owner</u> |
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| Annies Little Pepper | Kenzy Ranch - Frank Kenzy |
| Cat Duel | Miles DeJong |
| CNN Crystal Boon | Birch Lane Stables - Patrick Morrison |
| Dualin Olena | Diamond M Farms - David Means |
| ER Hot Chex | Overlook Farm – Linda Wright & Jennifer Wenslay |
| Hickorys Ace Vantage | Lazy L Quarter Horses, Inc – Tess & Chris Hogan |
| Little Disco Tucker | James Kropf |
| Meradas Money Talks | James C. Brown |
| Nu Felony Chex | Jones Performance Horses/Overlook Farm – Luke Jones/Linda Wright |
| Outlaw Dun It | Lester Farms – Brent Lester |
| Roosters Wrangler | Nominated by Connie Henrichs |
| Si Hollywood Star | Mike Sigman |
| Smart Chicaway | Bob Janssen/Mark Blackwell |
| Zan N Me | Joan Schafer & Steve Butler |

Scoring – I was asked two shows ago by some people how the scoring and points for club shows are done. I would like to take this opportunity to give a brief explanation on the scoring and points system. First, when the announcer reads the scores, those scores are unofficial. The announcer is verbally getting the scores from the scribe and is announcing them for your convenience. Keep in mind there is some margin for error. These scores are typically verbally communicated while the announcer is keeping the show moving at the same time. At the end of each class, the judge's cards are returned to the show office table, where they are double checked for mathematical errors or omissions. If there is a question on a score card it is returned to the judge for clarification or correction. The judge makes any necessary changes or corrections, initials the change, and then returns the card to the show office. All judge's cards for the day are available at the show office in a 3-ring binder, for your review.

The points are awarded in this manner: First Place is 10 points, second place is 8 points, and third place is 6 points, fourth place is 4 points, fifth place is 2 points, and sixth place is 1 point. Ties are handled in the following way: First place ties are decided by the high cow work score. All other ties remain tied; the points are added together for the tied places and split equally. For example: Tie for second - 8 points for 2nd plus 6 points for 3rd = 14 divided by 2 = 7 points each. This applies to the awarding of club show points. You can also find an explanation of the tie rule in the National Rule Book on page 24, section 7.2.1. Ties for year end awards are decided by a coin flip. Points are tracked by horse and rider combination in all classes except the Open. In the Open class, points are tracked on the horse only.

The other question that came up at the last show was: Is it legal in some club show classes to use a curb chain? The answer is no. A curb chain is not legal in any of our club show classes. Our rules are written as exceptions to the national rule book. On page 21, section 5.3 and page 22, section 5.6 you can read that curb chains are not allowed in NRCHA shows. Where the confusion comes from is that AQHA allows curb chains and we do allow AQHA legal bits in some club show classes, but not the curb chains.

The August club show and clinic is coming up fast. The clinic is Saturday, August 15th and features two clinicians: Monty Bruce and Lyle Frederickson. See the clinic/show flyer available on the website, www.ncrcha.com, for more information. Call Michelle Michaud to reserve your spot, 952-412-7442. The club show will be Sunday, August 16th, starting at 9:00 a.m. with the Open Class and will follow the usual schedule. The show will be judged by Lyle Frederickson, an NRCHA carded judge. The show and clinic will be held at the Monty Bruce Training Center in Northwood, Iowa. Thanks to Monty and Amanda Bruce and their entire staff for all their work to host this event again this year!

The September show will be Saturday, the 19th in Morton, MN, at the Birch Coulee Arena. The show flyer will be available soon. Check the website for more details. Then, the big season finale: the last club show of the season, Sunday, October 25, at Red Horse Ranch Arena, in Fergus Falls, MN.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at these events.

Sincerely,
Steve Mattson

Enclosure: NCRCHA Fall Futurity/Derby Show Flyer
Volunteer Letter for Fall Futurity/Derby



NCRCHA Volunteers

To All Members:

In order for the October 23-25, 2009 Fall Futurity/Derby at the Red Horse Ranch Arena in Fergus Falls to run smoothly, we need help from our club members. We need volunteers to help out Thursday night (herd practice) and Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the show. If you are able to volunteer, please call Steve or Julie Mattson (home 763-428-2822 or Steve cell 612-685-5190) or e-mail mattson713@yahoo.com. Below is a list of duties that we need help with. We truly appreciate any amount of help and time you can donate. We understand that most of you will be showing as well – so we want to give you the opportunity to choose what days/times you want to help. You can also pick which duty you'd like to help with. Please respond by October 12, so that we are able to put together a schedule. We will have a schedule made up prior to the show so that everyone will know where they are supposed to be and when. We will make sure that everyone that volunteers has a copy of that ahead of time, so you can plan accordingly.

Herd Practice Helpers (Cattle Helpers, Timers, Signup list and Draw order)

Cattle Helpers (during show) & Timers for herd work (during show)

Tractor Drag Operator

Gate Helpers, Bit Checkers

Check In (Greeter) - Thursday afternoon/evening

Scribes (you cannot scribe if you are riding in or own a horse in the futurity/derby)

Sell Raffle Tickets and Logo Items

Club Show Office - Sunday