



## April 2009 Newsletter

Welcome to the NCRCHA 2009 season!

Your 2009 board of directors has been busy planning for the 2009 season. We have had four productive meetings so far. We have another great board in place and I would like to thank all the board members for donating their time and talents to our association. I'm sorry to report that Kay Dahle had to resign from the board. She just found it too difficult to make it to the meetings. She has assured me that she will still be involved in the association.

Here are some new things for 2009.

### 2009 NCRCHA Show Schedule

Included with this newsletter is a copy for your convenience. You will notice next to each show there is a show coordinator. These coordinators are responsible for making all the necessary arrangements for each show, including contacting volunteers to help. Be sure to get involved in these shows by volunteering to help and also lining up local sponsors for the show closest to you.

### Raffle Ticket Fund Raiser

We have been working on a bigger and better raffle for 2009. This year instead of mailing raffle tickets to all club members, raffle tickets will be available through board members and at all club shows. We need everyone's help for this year's raffle to be a huge success. You may purchase raffle tickets for yourself as well as sell tickets to family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Our goal this year is to sell all 500 tickets and we need everyone's help to accomplish that. Thanks ahead of time for your help.

The prizes for the 2009 raffle are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grand Prize – New 2008 Polaris Sportsman 400 Four-wheeler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$600 cash
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$300 cash

Our hope is that with these prizes, it will be easier to sell more tickets to a variety of people. The drawing will be held as in past years, the Saturday of the Fall Futurity/Derby, which is October 24, 2009, at Red Horse Ranch Arena, Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Sponsors – The board is hard at work to find sponsors for the 2009 season. We need everyone's help to secure sponsors for our club. Please call or see a board member if you have any sponsorship ideas. Sponsor packets also available on the website.

Class Definitions for NCRCHA Club Shows There have been a few changes to the class definitions for 2009. A complete set of class definitions is included. Here are the highlights:

Open Class - The points will now be tracked by the horse, not horse/rider combination, for year end awards. This expands opportunities for an open rider to get their customers horses shown at all our club show events and be eligible for year end awards. This means that no substitutions will be allowed. This is only for the Open class.

Boxing Only Classes – The cow work portion has been changed from 90 seconds to 50 seconds. This allows you ample opportunity to show position and control before the cow starts to show signs of exhaustion and disrespect. This follows the national rule book. Another change for boxing only classes is in the case of "Loss of control & cow leaves end of arena" there will be a 3 point penalty and after a "Second loss of control & cow leaves end of arena" there would be a second 3 point penalty and cow work

would be terminated. In the past that would have been a score of 0 in the cow work. This also now follows the national rules.

Advanced Boxing Class – We have had a task force working on the rules for the cow work portion of the Advanced Boxing class. Please refer to the enclosed class definitions for the revision.

These changes have all been approved by the board and are highlighted in yellow throughout the enclosed class definitions for your review.

### Club Show Entry Forms

Something new for this year! We will have available on the website, an entry form for club show classes for you to print off, fill out and bring with you to the show. This will save time when registering at the show office. You will need to fill out one entry card per class for each horse/rider being entered. We will not carry over from show to show so you will need to bring them with for each show. You may still register at the show, as usual.

### Spring Derby

The Spring Derby is fast approaching. Included with this newsletter is a Spring Derby Show Bill. There are plenty of classes for riders of all skill levels. Take a moment to look over the NRCHA Class Definitions, also included with this newsletter. You will find that there are national classes for just about everyone. The sanctioned spring derby will be held at Simons Arena in Cannon Falls, MN. They have a great indoor arena with plenty of stalls. Kyle and Amanda Noyce are coordinating this show. They will need plenty of volunteers and entries to make this, our first ever NRCHA sanctioned spring show, a success. Please show your support by volunteering to help. Contact Kyle or Amanda, volunteer to help out and sign up to show.

Friday, May 8, 2009, from noon – 3:00 p.m. Vaughn Knudsen will conduct a clinic on Reining and Horsemanship. It will be held at Simons Arena, just prior to the Spring Derby. The cost is \$50, limited to 15 riders. Contact Travis Lemke at 952-994-3659 or e-mail [travis@farmersmill.com](mailto:travis@farmersmill.com) to reserve your spot. This is a fundraiser for the club.

### Stallion Stakes

Donna Schiell and Lance Scheffel are hard at work on the 2009 NCRCHA Stallion Stakes program. This program is a great way to promote your stallion and his offspring. If you have a stallion to sign up, or know of someone that may, contact Donna or Lance. See the NCRCHA website for more information.

### Web Site

As most of you know, last October our website was compromised by hackers. This problem was created by a security lapse on the part of our previous service provider. We now have a new service provider and we have had to build a complete new website. Thanks to Chris Olmanson for the great job on the old website and being able to “patch it together” enough to get us past the fall show. Thanks to Amanda Noyce for all her hard work on creating the new website.

### Nutrena \$10,000 Shoot-out

We just got back from the Nutrena Reined Cow Horse \$10,000 Shoot-out at the Midwest Horse Fair. Wow! What a horse fair they have over in Madison, WI. The competition was fierce. Riding for serious money in front of over 10,000 spectators really brought out the competitor in these open riders. Jamie Peters from Edmond, OK won first place. Monty Bruce and Cathy Coleman tied for second. Frank Kenzy was fourth, Luke Jones was fifth and Justin Lawrence was sixth. For complete results see the website.

The 2009 show season promises to be a good one. The reined cow horse sport is still going strong even in this tough economy. Let's all work together to keep this sport and our association growing.

So please:

Come to the Shows \* Volunteer to Help \* Buy Raffle Tickets \* Sell Raffle Tickets  
Find sponsors \* Sign up Stallions in Stallion Stakes \* Check out the Website \* Ride Safe

Thank you,  
Steve Mattson