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October 2007

Greetings NCRCHA members,

Wow! It's already time for our 2007 Fall Futurity/Derby/Club Show. We've been very busy planning and preparing for the upcoming big show weekend, October 26-29. It's very important to call Donna (641-390-1090) to reserve cattle, stalls and shavings by October 12. Also, don't forget the steak dinner Saturday night. Reservations are required! The cost of the dinner is \$12. **Even if you have registered on-line you must call Donna.**

See the NCRCHA website for the Futurity/Derby show bill. Note the special AQHA classes Friday and Sunday and the Ranchers classes Saturday. The Ranchers classes are open to all riders and will follow the club show format but will have an "open" ranchers and a "non pro" ranchers. These 2 classes are jackpot. There will also be trophy belt buckles for 1st place and trophy saddle blankets for reserve!

On Sunday, at the club show, there will be trophy saddle blankets awarded to 1st place in each class! This is the final show of 2007 for year-end points for year-end awards. Check the website to see where you are at in the running! Remember, you need to compete in at least 50% of club shows to be eligible for year-end awards. We will be awarding year-end prizes through three placings for each class!

Enclosed you will find a Nomination Form and Letter for nominations for 2008 board members. We are seeking 4 or 5 new members to serve on the 2008 Board of Directors. This is a 2 year term. Please consider serving on the NCRCHA board. We need members to take an active role in our association. The regular board meetings are held once a month in Faribault, MN. We encourage you to nominate yourself by completing the form. It is vitally important this form is mailed back by November 1, 2007. These nomination forms are an important step of the election process. Our by-laws have specific timelines to follow in the election process that we are carefully adhering to.

Election Ballots will be mailed out to all members December 1, 2007. The elections results will be announced at the Annual Meeting and Awards banquet which will be held at the

Eagles Club in Faribault, MN (same place as last year). The tentative date for the banquet is Saturday, January 19, 2008. This date will be confirmed soon.

Please remember the drawing for the NCRCHA Raffle is Saturday evening, October 27, at Red Horse Ranch Arena, following the steak dinner. We will be accepting raffle tickets right up to the drawing. Please, please, please... if you have tickets to sell, the sooner the ticket stubs and money are turned in the better. So, if you have ticket stubs and money, please send to:

Steve Mattson 24155 Wood Lane
Rogers, MN 55374

or

Mark Lecy 21329 Summit Ranch Drive
Rushford, MN 55971

Enclosed in this mailing you will find a page announcing a logo contest. I know we have many very talented members who can, or know someone who can, come up with a NCRCHA logo. This will be used for all official publications, stitched on jackets, hats, sweatshirts and tee shirts. So you creative types get busy and see what you can come up with. Remember, not only will your work be greatly appreciated by all, but there is a prize for the winning design.

As the 2007 show season comes to an end at the Futurity/Derby/Club Show, it's not the end of the year at all. We have board nominations, the logo contest, the election of new board members, the year end awards banquet and the elections of officers for next year. By the time we get to the banquet, we should have the 2008 show schedule pretty much set. If you have an arena in mind please contact someone on the show committee to receive an arena worksheet, complete and get it back a.s.a.p. The show committee is Donna Schiell, Chris Olmanson, Tammy Anderson, Julie Mattson, and Steve Mattson.

2007 has been a great year for the NCRCHA! We have had good turn outs at our club shows and we have raised enough money to survive. But more importantly, we have enjoyed a common bond that has produced some fantastic competition and a wonderful camaraderie. It's been great to see everyone support each other at the shows and clinics. It's fun and rewarding to ride with a great group of friends, let's keep it that way!

We need a huge turn out at the Futurity/Derby/Club Show so be sure you make the trip to Red Horse. If you haven't been there, it's worth the trip to see this beautiful facility.

See you there!

Thank you for your support of the NCRCHA

Steve Mattson
President - NCRCHA