



April 2010 Newsletter

Welcome to the NCRCHA 2010 show season!

Spring is finally here! It's time to hit the show road. The show season is around the corner and the board of directors has worked hard putting together the show schedule for 2010. It has been great working with the new board of directors, as I settle in as your new president. Our former president, Steve Mattson has left big shoes to fill, but this board is active and full of new ideas. With their help, I will continue to support our mission and broaden our organization.

Show Schedule

The show schedule is out and our first show is in Henderson, Minnesota on April 25. It will be just in time to brush up before the Spring Derby in May. A complete show schedule is enclosed for your convenience. Check the website for updates, in case of changes.

Class Definitions

The board has made a few changes to class definitions this year. As our organization continues its growth toward national standards, (NRCHA), we are changing some of our rules to reflect their standards. If you have any questions regarding these changes, feel free to contact a board member. A complete class definition list is enclosed, with the changes highlighted.

Sire and Dam Program

The board has spent time modifying the Stallion Stakes program from last year into the Sire and Dam Program. This program makes nominated stallions, mares and their offspring eligible for fall Futurity and Derby Sire and Dam classes. Our goal is to promote area breeders, whether they have great stallions or great dams. Check our website for more information. The deadline to enroll is June 1st. Sign up today!

Spring Derby

The Spring Derby is fast approaching. Included with this newsletter is the Spring Derby Show Bill. This year, along with the derby classes, there is an opportunity to show older horses in the Bridle Spectacular classes. For those of you not familiar with a Bridle Spectacular – these classes are for bridle horses, age 6 and up. The classes are structured like the derby, with 3 separate classes; herd work, rein work, and fence work. Combined scores for the 3 separate elements produce the overall winner in each of the Bridle Spectacular classes. These are national approved classes and results will qualify for NRCHA year end standings. Please review the show bill carefully. There are national classes for everyone, as well as AQHA Reining and AQHA Working Cow. We're running some club show classes concurrent with the NRCHA classes on Sunday, (also new!) The sanctioned Spring Derby will be held at Simons Arena in Cannon Falls, MN. This is an amazing place to showcase your horse. We also need volunteers for the Spring Derby. Volunteering for this show will be a way to further our success as an organization. Contact Travis Lemke at 952-994-3659 or e-mail travis@farmersmill.com to reserve stalls or contact any board member to volunteer.

Fundraiser Clinics

This year we have arranged two clinics for "Cowhorse Fanatics". The first clinic is June 12 in Henderson, Minnesota and hosted by Kyle Noyce and Lance Scheffel. Our second clinic will be August 14 and hosted by Monty Bruce at his facility in Northwood, Iowa. Thank you Monty and Kyle for volunteering your time. A special thanks to Monty for volunteering his facility. These clinics will help riders sharpen their skills for the shows scheduled the following days. They will be fun so SIGN UP TODAY!! Check out the webpage for details or contact Lisa Reiter @ elknhorses@bloomer.net for more information.

Thank you to all volunteers for your time and effort. The NCRCHA would not be successful without our great members.

See you at the hose shows,
Lance Scheffel