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NRCHA E-Cow Work

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We're right in the middle of show season, breeding season is still going strong and we have the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity to look forward to.

I'd like everyone to notice there has been a change in the Reno NRCHA SBF schedule (below) and on the NRCHA website. The Board heard concerns last year about the amount of time the cattle were sitting in pens between the Open Herd Work and the Open Cow Work.

With the new schedule that time has been reduced considerably and that problem has been eliminated. It will also be easier for the Open owners to come watch their horses in the preliminaries while still keeping the Non Pro Horse Show classes on the weekend.

Good Luck to everyone throughout this show season!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lyn Anderson'.

Lyn Anderson, NRCHA President

I ♥ NY.

New York NRCHA Affiliate is Formed!

The excitement of reined cow horse competition has spread across the country and overseas as more and more people become involved in the traditional event that has its roots in the California vaquero tradition. The governing body of reined cow horse competition, the National Reined Cow Horse Association, announced in late April the creation of another affiliate organization, the New York Reined Cow Horse Association.

The fledgling group of cow horse enthusiasts already boasts nearly eighty members, with Harry Hurd serving as President, Michael Bednarek as Vice President, Mike Morton as Treasurer, Cindy Pfeifer serving as Point Secretary, Jenna Stewart as General Director, Martha Schipt as Green Rider Director, and Aimee Minter working as the Affiliate Secretary.

Minter noted, "We really wanted to bring reined cow horse competition to New York. We wanted to be affiliated with the NRCHA to promote the sport in the right way, and be part of the large organization."

As an NRCHA Affiliate, all points from the New York Reined Cow Horse Association shows will count both to horse and rider lifetime earnings and to qualifying for the NRCHA World Championship Show, held during the Fort Dodge Animal Health NRCHA Celebration of Champions in San Angelo, Texas.

President Harry Hurd said, "We look forward to continued growth for cow horses in New York and expect that, with guidance from the NRCHA, we will be able to accomplish our goals and be able to introduce many new people to the sport."

The NYRCHA plans to hold its first NRCHA Approved Show August 22 at the Alfred University Equestrian Center in Alfred Station, New York.

Entry Forms Available for Snaffle Bit Futurity Sales



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NRCHA Derby
June 16-21
Draw Date is June 1

Pstmk 5/11

http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Derby_Entry_Form.pdf



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2009 Raffle Colt

It's that time again. The National Reined Cow Horse Association and the Ward Ranch have announced that the 2009 Raffle Colt, generously donated by the Ward Ranch, is a 2-year-old by Reminics Pep and out of Dual Jazanic, named Fresnonic.

The raffle colt has been an institution for the NRCHA, and the winner is drawn annually during the Open finals of the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity. The colt comes with a paid entry fee for the 2010 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, for the Open, Non Pro, or Amateur.

As always, the raffle colt represents the genetic excellence of the Ward Ranch. Reminics Pep, a son of Reminic out of Peppy Remedy, has lifetime earnings over \$135,000. He was the 1998 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Champion, and then went on to be the Open Co-Reserve Champion at the River Front Farms NRCHA Derby. He was also successful in National Cutting Horse Association competition, making the semi-finals at the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association Futurity, and was a finalist at the Gold Coast winter Championship. He was also the 1999 Arizona Sun Circuit Open Derby Champion.

The donation cost for a chance is \$10, and that donation supports the annual NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity and NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Horse Sale Incentive. For more information on the raffle colt, please contact the NRCHA Office at 580-759-4949.

The Ward Ranch was founded in 1972 by NRCHA Hall of Fame member Greg Ward and his family. Ward Ranch was built physically and genetically around the much-acclaimed mare Fillinic, one of the industry's leading producers. She was the dam of 1972 Futurity Champion Sugarnic, and grandmother of 1981 Champion Sugar Remedy, and many other futurity finalists are credited to this mare.

FRCHA to Host Judges and Stewards Seminar

The All Florida Reined Cow Horse Association will host a Judges and Stewards Seminar instructed by NRCHA Director of Judges Bill Enk August 15-16. The seminar will be held at the Comfort Suites in Sarasota, Florida. The cost of the Seminar will be \$75 to audit, and \$125 to test, and will include breakfast and lunch both days.

The room rates will be \$89 per night, and the Comfort Inn phone number is 941-360-2626. For more information, please contact Kellie Caves at 352-267-5756 or at kelli@frcha.com. Information will also be posted on the FRCHA website, www.frcha.com.

2009 NRCHA Derby Returns to Paso Robles

The National Reined Cow Horse Association returns to California's Paso Robles Event Center June 16-21 with another premier event – the NRCHA Derby. Tagged as “Where the best go next,” the Derby Championship is one of the most sought-after laurels in the Reined Cow Horse world. And with over \$220,000 added to the event, it's a lucrative one. That added money will result in a payout in the half million dollar range and bring an estimated \$2 Million plus into the Paso Robles community.

The Derby has also proven to be a must-attend event for cow horse enthusiasts as they see the stars that emerged during the Snaffle Bit Futurity compete in their 4- and 5-year-old years. Seasoning, maturity and innate cow sense coupled with dedicated training result in memorable performances, year after year.

The NRCHA Derby features horses shown in a snaffle bit or a hackamore, whether or not they have been shown in a bridle elsewhere in their career, which is an exception to the normally strict bridle rule of the NRCHA. Last year, California trainer Tucker Robinson won the event on Days Zanolena, earning over \$42,000 for Matt and Lesley Day.

In the Non Pro division, Mike Miller took top honors, riding Bucks Genuine Fever.

And in the Jack and Phoebe Cooke \$50,000 Added Open Bridle Spectacular, Corey Cushing of Scottsdale, Arizona, rode Reminic Moon Shine to a 656.6 composite score to take home the top prize – a check worth \$30,800 for owners Kevin and Sydney Knight of Peoria, Arizona.

But the arena action is not all the fun at the Derby. There's more, in the way of receptions, barbecues and breakfast and plenty of time to visit with friends and a fabulous group of vendors to provide shopping opportunities. Beyond that, the area is full of wineries and vineyards to visit.

NRCHA Sponsor Recognition Reception

Each year at the NRCHA Derby, the NRCHA Partners and Sponsors are recognized at the Sponsor Recognition Reception on Thursday evening. Exhibitors and owners join NRCHA Corporate Partners and Sponsors for a "Fiesta" feast and drinks. This year the fun begins at 6 pm in "The Barn" on the grounds of the Paso Robles Events Center.

Paso Robles Events Center Barbecue

Another much-enjoyed highlight of the NRCHA Derby is the Friday night Barbecue hosted by the Paso Robles Events Center. Owners, exhibitors and sponsors all enjoy the great food and another chance for camaraderie. Since "The Barn" is located right next to the arena, it's easy to get there for the delicious meal and the Barbecue begins serving at 6 pm.

San Juan Ranch Exhibitor-Owner Breakfast

It's a great reason to get up early on Sunday morning, when John and Brenda Stephenson's San Juan Ranch sponsors the annual Exhibitor-Owner Finals Day Breakfast on Sunday morning at 6:30 am!

For the finalists, Sunday morning can be a rush, getting prepared to show, and they appreciate the opportunity to get a great meal on-site.

And for those that aren't so rushed, it is still a great way to begin on Finals Day, thanks to the generosity of the Stephensons!

Cowboy Church at the NRCHA Derby

Cowboy Church will be held at the NRCHA Derby in Paso Robles, California, at 7 am on Sunday, June 21. Service will be held in the Grandstands and will be led by David and Kathleen Simmons of Cowboy Church Ministries. For information, call 817-825-1164 or visit www.cowboychurchministries.org.

Judges Announced for 2009 NRCHA Derby

The NRCHA announced the judges for the 2009 NRCHA Derby. Officiating the event, held June 16-21 at the Paso Robles Event Center in Paso Robles, California will be Tom Buckingham, Tom Neel, Rod Kelley, Marilyn Peters, and Carl Gould.

2009 NRCHA Derby Tentative Schedule

Tuesday, June 16

8am Non Pro/Int Non Pro/Amateur Derby Herd Work
Open/Int. Open/Ltd Open Derby Herd Work

Wednesday, June 17

8am Non Pro Bridle Spectacular Herd Work
Jack & Phoebe Cooke Open Bridle Spectacular Herd Work
Non Pro/Int Non Pro/Amateur Derby Rein Work

Thursday, June 18

8am Open/Int. Open/Ltd Open Derby Rein Work
Non Pro Bridle Spectacular Rein & Cow Work/
Intermediate Non Pro Bridle (Provisional) (run concurrent)
Novice Non Pro Bridle (run concurrent)

Friday, June 19

8am Non Pro/Int Non Pro/Amateur Derby Cow Work
Open/Int. Open/Ltd Open Derby Cow Work
\$5K Non Pro Limited/Non Pro Limited (Provisional)
Open Two Rein

6pm Paso Robles Event Center BBQ

Saturday, June 20

8am Non Pro Two Rein
Open Hackamore run concurrent with
Limited Open Hackamore
Non Pro Hackamore
Youth Limited
Youth Bridle
Jack & Phoebe Cooke Open Bridle Spectacular Rein & Cow Work/
Limited Open Bridle (run concurrent)

Sunday, June 21

6:30am San Juan Ranch Exhibitor/Owner Breakfast
8am Non Pro/Int Non Pro Derby Finals Herd Work
Open/Int. Open/Ltd Open Derby Finals Herd Work
Non Pro/Int Non Pro Derby Finals Rein Work
Open/Int. Open/Ltd Open Derby Finals Rein Work
Non Pro/Int Non Pro Derby Finals Cow Work
Open/Int. Open/Ltd Open Derby Finals Cow Work

2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Tentative Schedule

Sunday, September 20

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Herd Work Preliminaries

Monday, September 21

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Herd Work Preliminaries

Tuesday, September 22

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Herd Work Preliminaries

Wednesday, September 23

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Rein Work Preliminaries

Thursday, September 24

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Rein Work Preliminaries

Friday, September 25

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Cow Work Preliminaries

Saturday, September 26

8 am Open, Int Open, Ltd Open Cow Work Preliminaries
Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro & Novice Non Pro Bridle

Sunday, September 27

8 am Non Pro Hackamore

Youth Limited
Youth Bridle
\$5,000 Non Pro Limited/Non Pro Limited (Provisional)
Open Two Rein
Non Pro Two Rein

Monday, September 28

8 am Non Pro, Int Non Pro, Amateur Herd Work Preliminaries

Tuesday, September 29

8 am Non Pro, Int Non Pro, Amateur Rein Work Preliminaries

Open Bridle Preliminaries/Ltd Open Bridle

Wednesday, September 30

8 am Non Pro, Int Non Pro, Amateur Cow Work Preliminaries

Open Hackamore Preliminaries/Ltd Open Hackamore

Thursday, October 1

7 am Non Pro & Int Non Pro Finals Herd Work

Int & Ltd Open Finals Herd Work

1:00 pm Classic Yearling & Broodmare Sale (Pavilion)

7 pm Annual NRCHA Hall of Fame Banquet - at the Silver Legacy Resort

Friday, October 2

7 am Non Pro & Int Non Pro Rein Work Finals

Int & Ltd Open Rein Work Finals

12 noon Select Yearling/Broodmare Horse Sale

6:30 pm Non Pro & Int Non Pro CowWork Finals

Int & Ltd Open Cow Work Finals

Saturday, October 3

7:00 am Select 2-yr-old Sale Preview

9:00 am Bridle Horse Preview

10 am Select 2-yr-old & Performance Sale

7:00 pm Open Hackamore Finals

Open Bridle Finals

Sunday, October 4 - Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Finals Day

9 am Open Finals Herd Work

12 pm Opening Ceremonies

Open Finals Rein Work

Open Finals Cow Work