



NRCHA E-Newsletter

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NRCHA E-Cow Work

Letter from the President

The November NRCHA Board meeting was held in San Angelo, TX at the 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena. This is the new home of the NRCHA Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions and having the meeting there gave us a chance to get to know the San Angelo Stock Show Committee and make plans for the Celebration. They couldn't have been more gracious or accommodating - arranging the meeting place, having a homemade lunch for us, giving a tour of the facility, and hosting a fabulous dinner at a historic downtown restaurant. The facility will meet our needs with an enclosed show arena, 3 indoor warm-up arenas, a huge outside arena and all the stalls will be indoors as well. They have plans to use a shuttle to ferry exhibitors and spectators to the downtown area and back to the show. It is an easy flight into San Angelo from the DFW airport. The Stock Show Committee is excited to have our event coming to San Angelo and I can't thank them enough for their hospitality.

We had a productive Board meeting and we discussed the Snaffle Bit Futurity and ways we can improve for next year. We've created two new sub-committees of the Show Committee: one will be the Ground Committee which will oversee the dirt which is brought into Reno and how it should be worked for our three different phases of competition. The second is a Cattle Committee to look at various options for improving the cattle from using lighter weights, setting up more cattle pens so they have more room, changing the schedule so the cattle do not have to sit for seven days before they are used in the cow work prelims and exploring all options on acquiring the number of cattle we need in a year.

It takes an incredible amount of work to put on these shows. We take recommendations from our staff and exhibitors at each show so we know what went right and what could be improved on and we work to find the right solutions. If you have any suggestions or questions, never hesitate to contact the NRCHA Office or a Board member.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

Lyn Anderson

NRCHA Welcomes Newest Corporate Partner – John Deere Company

Spectators at the 2008 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Opening Ceremonies in early October were privy to a surprise announcement – the welcoming of a new Corporate Partner, John Deere Company.

The new partnership was being discussed and planned during the Snaffle Bit Futurity, and NRCHA Sponsor Committee Chairman, Carol Rose, along with NRCHA President Lyn Anderson, was able to present John Deere Sales Promotion Coordinator Sarah Ruth with an Official NRCHA Trophy to commemorate the partnership.

Ruth noted, "John Deere is proud to be a sponsor of the NRCHA. We provide equipment, products and services for those dedicated to the equine industry and help NRCHA members in their farm, ranch or work operations. We look forward to growing the relationships we build at NRCHA events and working together to promote the Equine industry."

Along with being the Official Tractor of the NRCHA, the John Deere Company is the presenting sponsor of the NRCHA Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions, held January 31-February 8 at the 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena in San Angelo, Texas. John Deere will also become the naming partner of the newly renamed John Deere NRCHA Standings. John Deere will also provide all the tractors and gators used at NRCHA produced events.

The NRCHA Corporate Partner Family is the heart of the Association's success, and allows exhibitors at NRCHA Premiere Events to enjoy the exemplary added money and prizes that are so unique and plentiful.

The John Deere Company is the world's leading provider of advanced products and services for agricultural and forestry and a major provider of advanced products and services for construction, lawn and turf care, landscaping and irrigation. John Deere also provides financial services worldwide and manufactures and markets engines used in heavy equipment. Since it was founded in 1837, the company has extended its heritage of integrity, quality, commitment and innovation around the globe.

NRCHA Stallion Service Silent Auction is On-Line Until December 15!

The National Reined Cow Horse Association Stallion Service Silent Auction has long been a great way for NRCHA supporters to purchase a breeding to great cow horse stallions – often for much less than the advertised fee. The auction features donated breedings to top sires of the reined cow horse industry, and benefits the association each year by providing funds that are used for added money at premier events.

For 2009, the auction format has been changed and for the first time, ever, the Auction is an Online Auction. The Stallion Service Auction began on Monday, November 17, and will end at 8 pm (CST) on Monday, December 15. To bid, visit the NRCHA website at www.nrcha.com, and click on the "Stallion Auction" button on the left side of the page to navigate to the Auction page.

While the successful bidders benefit by getting a breeding to an outstanding stallion, the owners of the stallions enjoy benefits of the program, as well. Each year, the owner of the sire of the Open and Non Pro Snaffle Bit Futurity Champions receive a monetary cash award as a thank you for the donation.

So if you haven't gotten a chance to check out the stallions and place your bid, don't miss out on this excellent opportunity!

NRCHA Youth Elections to be Held at Celebration of Champions

NRCHA Youth Committee Chairman Paul Bailey announced that there has already been a great response to the Youth Election nominations that were sent out, and that there has been enough response to fill the whole Youth Board.

The candidate's letters to the membership will be featured in the December/January issue of *Stock Horse News*, and also in subsequent issues of the E-Cow Work. If there are any youth members who are still considering running for an office, they have until Sunday, November 23 to e-mail in their nomination form and photo. Any questions or nomination forms can be sent to nrcha@nrcha.com.

World Show Invitations Being Mailed as Regions Close

Because the 2008 NRCHA World Championship Show is an invitation-only event, the Entry Form is not available on the NRCHA Website or in *Stock Horse News*. To lessen the confusion, the entry forms are being sent out with the World Show invitations as each of the major regions close.

NRCHA Records Coordinator Carri Warren noted, "If you feel that you are eligible for World Show qualification, but do not receive your invitation by December 10, please contact the NRCHA Office at 580-759-4949, or e-mail nrcha@nrcha.com. I'll be more than happy to verify the standings, and if you are eligible, re-mail the appropriate materials and entry forms."

Regional Champion and Reserve Champion Bio Forms to be Mailed

Along with the World Show invitation, the Regional Champion and Reserve Champions will receive bio forms to fill out about themselves and their horses. These forms are especially important to *Stock Horse News*, because every Regional Champion and Reserve Champion is featured in the February/March issue of *Stock Horse News*, which is also the Celebration of Champions souvenir program.

Those completed forms are necessary to make a complete and interesting story about each champion. Please make sure to fill out the forms, and return them with a photo to the NRCHA Office. E-mailed forms and photos work best, but if a picture is actually mailed to the office, it will be scanned and returned to the owner.

World Show Qualifier Questionnaires will also be sent to qualifiers, and they aid the media staff at the World Show by providing back ground information on exhibitors. Local media and equine media personnel use these forms to find potential stories and interviews.

All forms and photos can be e-mailed to NRCHA Media Coordinator Savannah Howell at savannah@nrcha.com.

NRCHA World Show and World's Greatest Horseman Finals Admission Prices Announced

Although admission into the Celebration of Champions is free most of the week, during the World Show and World's Greatest Horseman Finals days, February 6-8, admission will be charged.

The cost for entry on Friday and Saturday will be \$5, and \$10 will be charged per person on Sunday for the World's Greatest Horseman. Or a weekend pass will be available for \$15.

Exhibitors and sponsors will be given passes. Exhibitors will receive 2 passes per horse.

Help Fill In The Yearbook!

You may have noticed in the 2009 Yearbook that there were many blank spaces in past years for the Stakes, Hackamore Classic, and Derby. The NRCHA Office is still working to recreate those old records – but needs your help!

If you have any knowledge of these past champions, please contact the NRCHA Office at 580-759-4949, or nrcha@nrcha.com, and help re-build the Association's history.

NRCHA Board of Directors Nominations Due December 1

Election nomination forms for the 2009 NRCHA Board of Directors elections have been mailed to the membership and must be received by December 1.

Positions for nomination are currently held by Rick Drayer, Howard Erenberg, Jon Roeser, Dan Roeser and Dave Archer.

NRCHA Rule Changes

Along with the 2009 NRCHA Bylaw revisions, which all passed, and rule changes announced previously, the following rule clarifications and changes will go into effect for the 2009 season.

4.8 To be eligible to enter the ~~finals~~ NRCHA World Show Championship a horse or horse and rider combination must have competed at least three times in a given class in at least three NRCHA approved shows or Category 3 Events in the same region, and must have an accumulated point value of at least 1/2 point and be in the top twenty of his or her region including ties.

5.1 Horses shall be shown astride with a western saddle. Riders must wear a western hat or helmet approved for riding by an equine organization, long sleeve shirt and chaps or chinks.

10.3.1 NRCHA Hackamore Classic

All Classes All divisions

Per Rule 7.2 ~~Does not count toward year-end.~~ Must also enter Horse Show class in order to count points and earnings toward year-end.

14.1.6 While the show is in progress a rider must wear a western hat or helmet and long sleeve shirt in the show arena. A rider shall not enter the show arena of any NRCHA approved show with any equipment other than legal NRCHA and/or NCHA equipment while the show is in progress. The show management, representative or judge ~~must~~ may disqualify a contestant if he/she enters the arena with any illegal equipment and all entry fees and/or premiums pertaining to said contestant shall be forfeited

16.2.8.1 "AAA" Judge: An AAA judge may judge any NRCHA event. AAA rating is the highest rating and may be achieved by judging any major aged event where the Director of Judges is the show monitor and the Director of Judges recommends to the Judges Committee the judge is qualified to become an AAA Judge. Also, at the Judges Committee's discretion, a Judge can be elevated to AAA designation thru a series of tests to be administered by the Director of Judges. Knowledge and judging experience are required to obtain AAA designation. The Judges Committee shall then recommend to the Board the judge's designation.

16.3.4.5 Judges must attend an NRCHA judges seminar once in a three year period. ~~beginning January 2003. Judges that have been approved after January 2003 must attend a judges seminar once in a three period beginning on January 1st of the year they were approved-~~ (Example: If a person received their judges card in 2005 they would have until March 1st 2009 ~~2006, 2007 and 2008~~ to attend another seminar ~~to remain a judge to keep their card~~)

19.2 Reined Work: 2 point penalties:

~~Freezing up in turn or rollback.~~

~~Rollbacks: A maneuver that combines a stop, turn over the hind quarters and exit in one fluid motion. The rollback must be executed with no more than slight hesitation after the stop and the horse shall not stop ahead or back-up prior to the turn. The horse shall be in position to lope off in a straight line when exiting a rollback.~~

19.3 The most controlled cow work with the highest degree of difficulty that exhibits good form throughout should be marked the highest.

Under 2 point penalties: Add B: When working an animal in the open field (at least 20' from the sides of arena) and the animal gets within 3 feet from the end fence before being turned. This applies when going from one end of the arena to the other.

Change of wording-

19.5 Steer Stopping: : In the steer stopping the horse will be judged on: manners in the box, running to and rating ~~to~~ the steer, and stopping the steer.

19.5.5 Scoring will be on the basis of 60-80 points, with 70 points being average. The maneuvers will be judged from a plus 3 to a minus 3, (excellent to extremely poor), with 0 being average. The maneuver scores will be added or subtracted from 70 to come up with the score.

NEW RULES

3.8.1 \$5,000 Non Pro Limited - open to approved Non Pro riders who have not earned more than \$5000 in lifetime earnings and/or NP limited earnings and who comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules.

3.8.2 Non Pro Limited – on a provisional basis for the 2008 and 2009 show year. This class is open to approved Non Pro riders who have not earned more than \$5,000 in classes with down the fence cow work, but may have won more than \$5,000 in Non Pro Limited earnings and who comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules. Non Pro riders in this class must meet the requirements of the 2.1.10 ownership rule. (See pages 11, 12 and 13 for Non Pro eligibility rules.) After Non Pro competitors reach the age of 50, they may fall back into the Non Pro Limited class. However, they may not go down the fence again in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales and remain in the Non Pro Limited Class.

Competitors may fall back to the Non Pro Limited Class only one time. Any rider that has not reached the age of 50 and wishes to compete in the Non Pro Limited class may petition the NRCHA Board of Directors for special consideration. This class may run concurrently with \$5,000 Non Pro Limited. This class will not count for Regional Standings, World Show Qualification, or National Standings. Earnings will count toward ~~lifetime earnings~~, Non Pro Limited eligibilities and ~~Merit Awards~~ Certificate Of Ability

7.2.2 When there are finals in Horse Show classes, the number of horses taken to the finals is determined by the number of places that will be paid according to the pay-out schedule in section 7.2 and based on the number of horses entered in the preliminaries. ALL TIES FOR THE LAST POSITION WILL GO TO THE FINALS. HOWEVER, MONEY WILL BE PAID ONLY TO PLACES IN THE PRINTED PAY-OUT.

In the NRCHA World Championship Show the ~~top 10 scoring entries in the first go-round will advance to the next go, or finals, regardless of the number of entries in the class.~~ number of horses taken to the finals will be determined by the number of places that will be paid according to the pay-out schedule in section 7.2 and based on the number of horses entered in the preliminaries, with a minimum of 10 advancing to the finals. ALL TIES FOR THE LAST POSITION WILL GO TO THE FINALS. HOWEVER, MONEY WILL BE PAID ONLY TO PLACES IN THE PRINTED PAY-OUT AND AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO TOP 10 ONLY. -The finals will be clean slate; therefore the world championship and placings will be determined by the score in the finals.

7.3.1 In addition, for every \$100 won by the horse, the horse will receive an additional point, up to ~~450~~ 75 additional points (~~\$15,000~~)-(\$7500).

8.1.2.1 Money earned in any Non Pro Limited and Youth Limited classes will not count towards the Superior Reined Cow Horse Award.

11.3 Category 3 Event - Any organization may put on a Category 3 NRCHA approved show without adding the required \$1000 added money. These shows will count toward the show number requirement for the World Show. Money ~~and points~~ earned at them will not count for qualifying for regional awards or merit awards but any money won will count toward lifetime earnings. No points will be awarded. In order for a horse or horse and rider combination to be eligible for the World Show they must have at least 1/2 point earned in a non Category 3 show and be in the top 20 of their Region.

Stock Horse News Rates Increase in 2009

Changes in the economy have led to increased expenses for almost every aspect of publication production, from paper costs to printing and mailing. Those increases have necessitated an increase in ad rates for the NRCHA's Official Publication, *Stock Horse News*. The new rates will be effective January 1, and can be found on the NRCHA website, www.nrcha.com, by request from the NRCHA Office.