



UPDATES FROM THE SHOW PEN

2016 started off with a party! Actually, it was our year-end awards banquet held jointly with the Western Nevada Cutting Horse Association at the Silver Legacy in Reno on February 27. We had a great turnout, one of our largest on record. The food was delicious, the awards were impressive, and the raffle prizes were fun for all.

The first show of the season was the Winnemucca Stock Horse Challenge held on March 4 in conjunction with the annual Winnemucca Ranch Hand Rodeo. Cowboys and cowgirls brushed as much winter hair off their horses as they could and showed their skills to judge Bobby Ingersoll. There were 38 entries and an enthusiastic audience cheered them on.

Bobby Ingersoll was present again to put on a youth reined cow horse clinic at Rancharra on March 19. The clinic was well attended by aspiring reined cow horse riders with able help from Ken and Tracy Arnold and Cindy Cullen. The participants reported that they had a great instructor and all came away with lots of new information.

April 1, 2, and 3 moved us to the cutting pen for the annual Masini cutting at the Masini feedlot in Yerington. The weather cooperated perfectly, considering that we have had snow, rain, wind, sand blasts, and other delights from Mother Nature at past shows. Bryson Masini and crew provided us with good ground and cattle and Scott Martin was our judge.

Corey Cushing held an overflowing reined cow horse clinic at Rancharra on April 16 and 17. The clinic was eagerly anticipated as there was a waiting list to enter. Corey didn't disappoint with 2 days of hands-on instructing, ensuring that everyone got their money's worth. The evening of April 16 was once again "Dinner and a Movie" with Corey analyzing show runs for everyone, Doug Ingersoll providing a judge's point of view, and Dr. Sadie Miller, DVM, presenting an informative discussion on performance horse pre-purchase exams.

Next on the show agenda was the Rancharrah Cow Horse Show, held on April 23. Judge for this event was Paul Barnes from Minden, NV. Mike Mieras and the crew at Rancharrah once again worked very hard to provide us with good ground and excellent help. One of our newest Board members, Leonard Routt, passed away suddenly right before the show. A moment of silence and a tribute to Lenny were held, including a horse running free in the arena.

The Rancharrah Cow Horse Classic and NCHA Days in Winnemucca are coming up soon and there will be more to report next quarter.

MEMBERS' CORRAL

The Board of Directors of NRC & CHA is deeply saddened by the untimely passing of one of its newest members, Lenny Routt. Lenny was a well known reined cow horse enthusiast in California and Nevada and had recently been appointed to the Board. We were looking forward to working with Lenny and our condolences go out to his family and friends.



NRC & CHA lost a longtime member when Sonya Schuler passed away on January 16, 2016 at her home in Washoe Valley. Sonya and her late husband, Dave, had been members of the club for many years, participating in show events as well as providing many beautiful awards for year-end and class winners. Sonya will be missed by the cutting and cow horse community. Again, our condolences are extended to Sonya's family and friends.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Members and Friends,

The NRC & CHA show season is off and running. We had a very successful cutting at Masini Ranch with 3 days of beautiful weather and good entries. We appreciate all the support from across the borders. We even had a hauler from Pennsylvania join us. I'd like to give a big thank you to Bryson Masini for all of his

hard work accommodating the cutters' needs and supplying great cattle and help and to Karen Johnson for all her hard work in setting up the show.

Our next cutting will be NCHA Days June 1-4 in Winnemucca. We are having 2 days of aged events and 2 days of weekend classes with all being held in the indoor pen. We are also hosting the Purina Series 35K Non Pro and 15 Amateur with champion and reserve buckles and awards to 5th place. In addition, there will be a PCCHA Youth Qualifier and Any Age Open, Non Pro, and Unlimited Amateur classes. We will have circuit awards, a 2K Limited Rider bronze and many other prizes to give out so please come and join us in Winnemucca. Be sure to get your stall reservations in to Patti Lund and online entries will be available. We will be hosting our Summer Cutting in Winnemucca July 8-10.

On the Cow Horse side, we have had two clinics and a show at Rancharrah, all of which were very successful. Our Cow Horse Classic along with AQHA cutting classes is coming up May 20-22 at Rancharrah. We hope to see lots of reined cow horse contestants and spectators at this event. This year, the added money is higher than it has ever been which is another good reason to get your entries and stall reservations in to Patti Lund.

On a deeply regretful note, we were all saddened by the passing of one of our newest Board members and our sympathy goes out to Lenny Routt's family and friends.

As we have done in the past, we will be awarding a saddle for the highest money earner in the 35K Non Pro, 15 Amateur, and 2K Limited Rider. We will also be awarding a saddle this year to our top money earner in the 50 Amateur as well as year-end awards in each class along with Top Ten awards.

Again, my door is always open to questions, suggestions, and input for the betterment of our Association. I will be traveling to the NCHA Convention in Texas on June 23 so please contact me via phone or email if there is anything you would like discussed at the convention. There will also be an NCHA Director vacancy for Nevada so if anyone is interested in getting involved and running for this position, please contact NCHA. I will give a full report on the convention in my next message.

I wish everyone a very prosperous, safe and successful summer and hope to see you at our shows.

Sincerely,

Kathy Breckenridge
President



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