



UPDATES FROM THE SHOW PEN

NRC&CHA started the year with another great banquet held in conjunction with Western Nevada Cutting Horse Association. There were a near record number of attendees with many beautiful awards presented.

The 2017 show season got off to an unfortunate start due to a statewide outbreak of strangles with several show barns facing quarantines. The annual Masini Ranch cutting had to be canceled. Even though it was a disappointment, many possible contestants thanked the club for thinking of the safety of their horses.

With the strangles behind us, our first produced show was the Cow Horse Classic held at a new venue this year, the Heritage Arena in Fallon. The turnout was somewhat light, but the show went well, especially with able assistance from Dave Grashuis, show manager. Positive feedback was received from many participants about the venue and show production. July 8 and 9 saw a cow horse practice on Saturday and an NRCHA approved show on Sunday. The practice was very well attended and the show did very well. Flint and Bea Lee, Gail Kolbe, Cindy Cullen, and Julie Lingenfelter, among others, along with board members, worked hard to make this show fun and successful. Approved shows included the Winnemucca Stock Horse Challenge in March, the Winnemucca Stock Horse Classic and Derby in June, the Elko Stallion Stakes in August, and the horse show events at the inaugural Reno Snaffle Bit Futurity. NRC&CHA was well represented with many members showing at the different shows.

The first cutting was our Winnemucca Summer Cutting in July and was quite successful with a good turnout and very competitive contestants. The board approved the first Thorpe Creek cutting which was enjoyed by many club members. Our final cutting was the Spectacular held at the Stix feedlot. This year saw a great turnout of cutters with the Saturday show continuing until 10:00 PM under lights. As ever, the

cattle were great and the facility well managed. Deena Edmonston is living proof that someone can be in two places at one time as she managed cattle, equipment, and the arena with her usual efficiency, good nature, and patience. Once again, the 3-class saddle championship was not decided until the final class at this show. As well, the show played host to several contestants who were hauling for world titles.

Although the 2017 show year had a somewhat slow start, it ended very successfully with excellent shows for both cutters and cow horse contestants. 2018 is shaping up to be another good year with plans already being laid for more and bigger shows!

As always, NRC&CHA would like to extend many thanks to all our contestants, show management, livestock suppliers, and all the other people who have contributed to our show successes in 2017. And once again, none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the board of NRC&CHA!

MEMBERS' CORRAL



September, 2017, brought much sadness to the members of NRC&CHA with the untimely passing of Craig Dotson, a long time member and director of NRC&CHA. Craig had been a board member for many years and brought hard work, dedication, and a keen sense of humor to the board. He was the “go-to guy” for anything in the equipment realm and could always be counted on to set up panels, lights, generators, run tractors, and do anything else that was needed to keep a show running smoothly. He was more than generous with his time and donations to the club.

Additionally, Craig showed cutting horses and won his fair share of awards and money. Whenever Craig was in a class, his fellow competitors knew they had better come riding.

The Board misses him greatly and extends their deepest sympathy to Carol and Ashley, Craig’s wife and daughter, also members and competitors in NRC&CHA.

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

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