

## **NCRCHA NEWS**

### **February 10, 2010**

The club is happy to have two time World's Greatest Horseman, Russell Dilday join us March 6 & 7 for what is to be a great cow work clinic. The NCRCHA had Russell do a clinic about 3 years ago, and you definitely get your money's worth, it is an all day teaching session. Great at relating to all the different levels a rider and horse can be at on the skill curve, Russell is down to earth in teaching his method of training and working with cow horses. The clinic will cover boxing and fence work. Go to the [clinic page](#) to get a full schedule, directions and get registered. Only 15 rider slots available, so register early, guaranteed they will go fast. Auditors are unlimited, youth free and can register that day.

Along clinic lines, the January Judges and Contestant Seminar was a great education to the members and NRCHA judges alike. Bill Enk, NRCHA Director of Judges, packed great information into two days in the way of videos and lecture on evaluating herd work, fence work & reined work runs, scoring & what is the difference in the judge's eye when it comes to a great run versus an average run. NRCHA President & judge, Lyn Anderson attended along with judges Sandy Collier, Russell Dilday, Alex Long, Ramona Koch & John Pasco, to name a few. This is a great free seminar the club brings to the membership, plan on attending next year and you won't regret it.

The General Membership & first board meeting of the year commenced February 8<sup>th</sup> with the new [2010 Board of Directors](#) taking over the reins. Joe Stone presided the meeting and is looking forward to providing another great year of events & leadership for the club. Rulebooks will be out in print shortly. Show dates & judges are secured, so get them down on your calendars. Entries will be available on line in early March.

Don't forget about the Ride For Life for Cancer Research our young youth member Jessica Macdonald is once again organizing. Registration forms and info are available for the April 3 event. Don't ride, come out and enjoy the cooking contest and other events happening as well.

### **January 1 2010**

Happy New Year! 2010 is upon us whether we are ready or not. Hope it provides all of you with a joyous and blessed and prosperous year in all of your endeavors.

Kick off your education this year by attending the judges & show seminar this month. Attendance is free with your paid membership and you can come the

day of (both or just one if that's all you can make it) and pay and sign in. Please come support this seminar. National judges are in attendance and you would normally have to pay over a couple hundred dollars to attend this type of seminar if even allowed to without possession of a judge's card.

The NCRCHA is once again proud to help sponsor the Ride For Life event which will be held Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Entries and info are available on the [Events](#) page, get registered early, it would be great to have 8 club members have a team. Last year NCRCHA Youth Member, Jessica Macdonald who initiated the event, raised \$28k donated to cancer research. Let's help her surpass that amount this year. There will be additional activities taking place that day as well during the event, cookoffs, etc. You won't want to miss it.

The 2010 Board of Directors fill their positions this month. Joe Stone will be heading the board as president. He is stepping up and was approved by the 2009 board at the last board meeting as elected nominee, Christie Capik, will be unable to fill the role due to unexpected time constraints. Christie will continue to support the board in her behind the scenes work and continue with the maintenance of the website. Our hats off to those 2009 board members retiring from the board. Thanks for your dedication and service to keeping the club running.

The club is working on securing a clinician for a riding clinic tentatively for March. We will post information once it is in place.

Till next month, stay out of the mud and keep riding!

## **Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

The holiday season is finally upon us, Thanksgiving past & Christmas approaching quickly. In just 25 days, we will be rolling into 2010! Don't forget to renew your [club membership](#) by January 1 to receive free attendance at the upcoming [show seminar](#) Jan 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Send it in with your registration form, it is a great learning experience to attend. Be sure to check out the events & show page to see the 2010 scheduled show dates, all will be NSHA approved. Along the membership line, **new for 2010, any member getting 3 NEW members to join the club, will receive a free one year membership.** Make sure your new member writes your name at the bottom of their membership form letting us know you got them to join. It's that simple.

The club is looking at tentatively holding a 2 day cowhorse clinic in March. Dates and clinicians are being contacted, so watch for upcoming announcements.

Mark your calendar for the annual General Membership meeting to be held February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at the Maxwell Inn in Maxwell, California. Come meet

the 2010 Board of Directors. This is the opportunity for the membership to come & express their ideas & thoughts of the direction the club should take for the membership. We need membership involvement to keep the club prosperous so carpool with your friends and attend.

The 2009 Year End Banquet was a fun time. The club appreciated all of those who attended, the sponsors that helped contribute to such a great slew of awards, and the hard work to all those who contributed their time in making it successful. Extra kudos to board member Jeanie Bunt for all the hardwork in securing & for coordinating the awards for 2009. The Rolling Hills Casino is hard to beat for having great food & atmosphere, and it didn't disappoint this year.



The All Around Open Saddle was graciously donated by Rich Montarbo & won by Diana Ceresola on MCPepolena Play. Reserve Open went to Skeet Gould riding Camiseta Fandango.



Open NonPro Saddle was won this year by Nicki Duarte & Smokes In Town. Sangelina Rose was ridden by Dave Ferguson for the Reserve Nonpro.



Tamara Yates was Reserve in the Show Incentive Program, Terry Birt was awarded a Lifetime Membership for his outstanding service to the club, and Sunny Gorba received a wild pink hay bag for her performance in the youth classes. Check out the Awards Program page for a complete listing of winners.

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009**

The club will be holding a fall jackpot & NSHA approved show on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Red Bluff, California at the Skeet Gould Ranch. Skeet & Diane have a nice

facility and we look forward to having a fun play day show there. Entries are on the show page. **We are able to offer reduced entry fees along with paying out \$200 to the high scoring open rider as well as nonpro rider for combined score in the herd work and fence class.** Just need to let show management you are competing. Every class is jackpotted. You aren't required to enter the jackpot, it is by choice & it will pay out to those who do. If you've been busy with other activities & haven't had much time to ride, don't worry, just come out and have a fun day with the other club members.

**On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Gould Ranch is hosting a Versatility Show at the ranch.** Versatility is a great event showing same horse and rider in a multitude of classes. Usually a herd work, fence work, rein work, trail & pleasure class. With a large interest in the north state for this new event, Gould's are piloting a first time show to get everyone's feet wet. You are not required to show in all events at this show, and it is not sanctioned. Come and check it out, it should be a fun and relaxed atmosphere! **Call Skeet at 530-528-1831 for more details.**

Hope to see everyone at the year end banquet on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a great evening with an abundance of raffle prizes and awesome awards. Have a unique item for the auction? Be sure to bring it with you, and remember, kids 15 and under are free.

**January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010** seems like a long ways off, but it's not. Plan on attending the annual Judges & Competitors Seminar in Corning, Ca at the Rolling Hills Casino for two days of education on showing and judging the reined cow horse events. Beginners & pros alike, everyone learns something new each year at this seminar. Reviewing video runs with carded NRCHA judges as well as Director of Judges, Bill Enk providing instruction on why you receive the scores you do is an eye opener on how to improve your showmanship. Even if you don't ride, this is a wonderful seminar to attend to learn what is required of a cow horse in the show ring. 2010 new rules, patterns, changes are also covered, giving you an edge to start the year. **Members attend FREE**, that's right, FREE, when your 2010 membership is paid by January 1.

Check out the Show Page to see other 2010 NCRCHA show dates and events that have been set for next show season.

## **September 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**

It is starting to feel like fall in the early mornings and as the daylight shortens. With the our year end qualifying shows over, many members participated Masten Ramsey in Alturas, Cedarville Ranchers Day, the NSHA show & many are looking forward to participating either in the horse show portion or

the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity itself starting September 20<sup>th</sup> and running through October 4<sup>th</sup> in Reno, Nevada. If you've never been to the Snaffle Bit Futurity, it is a great show to go to as a spectator. Great booths, exhibits, people & cowhorses are exciting to experience, even on the weekday portions of the event.

Our club year end banquet will be held October 17<sup>th</sup>. Reminder board ballots will be mailed out with the dinner reservations, please make sure to get them all back in by October 5<sup>th</sup>. The club has to pay for all dinners it reserves so an accurate number attending is needed. For those attending for the first time, Rolling Hills Casino in Corning is an easy facility to access, has great food and entertainment and on site motels if you are traveling afar and want to stay overnight. The club gives away \$500 in door raffles along with doing a great (short) live auction of donated items. Start thinking about what great item you want to donate.

We are tentatively looking at October 24<sup>th</sup> for a one day, jackpot & NSHA approved show for just a fun day for our members in Red Bluff. Watch for upcoming particulars as it approaches.

### **August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**

Thanks to all the members who traveled and participated in the McArthur show. The cattle were great, check out the winners & what they were paid in the Bridle Horse and Snafflebit Hackamore Contests. The club reformatted the awards & monies paid this year so it was great to see everyone get a nice chunk of change for their efforts. A big thank you also for your board members for working their tails off to make sure everything ran smooth. Don't forget to tell them you appreciate their hard work. They dedicate a lot of extra hours each month and at each show just so you have a nice place to show your horse locally.

Interested in becoming a board member? The club needs people to be actively involved. It includes attending one monthly meeting, actively helping out on show day, in addition to the normal functions of the board decisions with the club. Please let an existing board member know if you, or someone else you think would be a great board member, would like to be nominated for 2010 ballot. Nominations close September 1. Ballots will be mailed to the general membership with the banquet information the first week in September. The banquet is October 17<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to mark your calendars to attend.

Year end points are up to date and posted. If you have questions, please contact Duff for verification. He is happy to do so. The board is still looking at a fall "playday jackpot " show to have at the end of October. We will keep you

posted.

[Gary Baumer May Clinic follow up](#) (thank you Mike Boardman)

## **June 11<sup>th</sup> 2009**

McArthur lies ahead in just 30 days! Look forward to two great days of cool weather, fresh mountain air & good people. We have awesome cattle lined up along with some our Bridle Horse Spectacular & Snafflebit/ Hackamore Jubilee contests that will run concurrent with our regular class schedule on Saturday this year, judged by Gary Baumer. Sunday runs another one day show, judged by Andy Adams. Both days are NSHA Approved shows.

Spectacular & Jubilee Contest entry fees are just a \$100 fee in addition to your regular classes, all the money is jackpotted & there is \$500 in added money per division & contest (\$2000 added total). Herdwork class is a required class, then just show in your usual fence class & that's all there is to it. There is an Open & Nonpro Division in the Bridle Horse & the Snafflebit/ Hackamore each. Highest cumulative score for the herdwork, reined work & fence score determines the winners. Payout will be based off of NRCHA rules. There will be awards for high score for herd, fence & reined works. Make sure and submit the separate entry form along with your regular show entry to be eligible. For a complete set of rules & entries, go to the [Show](#) page. Be sure to sign up if you are eligible for the "Never Won a Buckle" for the fencework.

The fairgrounds has dry camping & RV hookups. They charge for both, so please make sure to fill out this on your entry form, otherwise the club gets stuck with the bill.

Other updates: Points page is now updated with May herd scores. Final tally from Jessica Macdonald (NCRCHA youth member) for the Ride For Life Cancer fund raiser was \$27,000! Great job girls! Gary Baumer reined work clinic was a big hit, look for a follow up on the events page shortly.

## **May 20<sup>th</sup> 2009**

### **Show Update**

Much work & effort has gone into the rescheduling of the May show that was rained out. Due to logistic factors involving the lack of availability of cattle in the valley during the summer months & early fall, along with multiple conflicting show dates, both local and with the NSHA & NRCHA, it has been decided that the show will not be rescheduled this summer. Being a local & grass roots club, the NCRCHA strives to provide the membership with 4 to 6 shows a year. It was a tough decision for the board to make.

With cattle unavailable until late October or early November, the time frame of ordering custom awards does not allow sufficient time to gamble on a fall/winter show. The club has already committed to the banquet date and facility (casino) with nonrefundable deposits. The casino was willing to move to a different date, but the only one available was at the end of November, which would not allow sufficient time for the awards to arrive along with the fact of falling in the midst of the holiday seasons. The option of a third day at McArthur was discussed, but the board felt it was very taxing personally time wise and financially for those who come and provide the manpower for the show & would require almost 4 days out of the crew. The crews that help at the show aren't reimbursed for their travel or time & the board felt it was unfair to ask this additional expense of them. Hopefully, this information gives the membership insight into why the decision was made.

This being said, the NCRCHA is planning to hold a one or two day show at the end of October or first of November in Red Bluff at the Live Oak Arena. Classes will be jackpotted & it will still allow members that are competing for year end NSHA points to have the opportunity to increase their points.

The NCRCHA awards year will consist of the following; April show & the two July (1 day) shows at McArthur. The three shows will be used to determine year end awards and all arounds, with the exception of the herd work classes held at the May show. If you showed in the May show in the herd work, you can use that date to count for a qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> show. If you attend all four shows for the herd work, your lowest score will be dropped & the highest three scores will be kept.

The board hopes this clarifies the direction of the rest of the year for our shows & that the membership understands the reasoning behind the decision.

### **McArthur**

McArthur show will be holding the Bridle Horse and Snafflebit/Hackamore Classics within the show schedule. Show in the Herdwork class and your usual fencework class, & those scores count. You don't have to show in additional classes, only pay an additional fee if you want to be included. There will be an Open Division and a Nonpro Division & monies jackpotted and paid to both, along with added monies. Look for the entry forms and rules by the end of May on the show info page.

### **Gary Baumer Clinic**

There are 7 spots available for the May 30 31<sup>st</sup> clinic. Cost is \$100, both days included. Contact Christie at 530-517-1000 to get registered.

### **May 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

May weather got the best of the club at the show on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The open herd and two handed herd work classes ran Saturday morning and finished up in the rain before ground conditions reached the point the show needed to be cancelled for the balance of Saturday and on Sunday alike. Stay tuned to the website, the board is in the works of rescheduling at least a one day show, probably in the latter part of the summer. We will let everyone know as soon as it is scheduled.

Don't forget to check out the Events page & the reined work clinic coming up the end of this month with Gary Baumer. At a great deal of \$100 for two days of instruction, it is filling fast so get registered now. It will be held at Brian & Lisa Christenson's on May 30, & 31<sup>st</sup> covering strictly reined work. Get signed up now, we are taking the first 15 riders. Cost is \$100 for the weekend & auditors \$15 per day. Call Christie at 530-517-1000 to sign up.

The Cascade Horseman has gone thru some changes the past few months, in ownership and content. You may have seen a change in the issues or delivery. The NCRCHA's contract is up in June and the board has made the decision to no longer carry the newsletter in the magazine. For the cost that is incurred each year, they feel the website can provide a place for the members to keep updated along with a couple of special mailings per year. With that said, please make sure your membership information, from mailing to email, is up to date if you have any changes. Kristen Gorba takes care of membership and she is the one to contact if you need anything changed ([530-878-7102](tel:530-878-7102) or email at [kgorba@wildblue.net](mailto:kgorba@wildblue.net)).

### **April 2009**

If you missed it, the April show had a great turnout. And, though it turned out to be a long day of showing, it was a fun one. Herd works were at 40 entries & fence works in the 50's. Cattle were tough out of the herd and made you be in the correct position down the fence. Live Oak Arena turned out to be a great facility with excellent ground, great warm up pen & owner Les Shank really pulled out all the stops to help keep the show running smooth and accommodate our event.

Thanks to all the wonderful help from members Brian Christenson, Terry Birt, Jeanie Bunt, Becky Thomas, Jamie Means, John Angove, Chris Bugenig,

Kathy Ferguson, Leslie Vitale, and many, many others. We can't have these shows without everyone pitching in, so thanks so much. If you want to get involved, talk to Brian or Terry on how you can help out. Even hanging our banners, scribing & providing turnback help at the shows really lends a hand.

Hats off to our own NCRCHA member, Jessica Macdonald & her partner, Bailey Brownfield. Two exciting Red Bluff 14 year old youths who took on a project for 4H to raise money for the cancer society. In the efforts of producing the only second ever Ride For Life (horseback riding event) in the United States, they raised over \$23,000 in monies for cancer research! The club was proud to be part of the event & look forward to supporting it in 2010. For the complete complete article, go to the Events page.