

Fall 2013

North Dakota Cutting Horse News

The NDCHA hosted 8 cutting events in 2013:

- NCHA AQHA Weekend, Area 6 on June 1-2 at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in West Fargo.
- Knudsen Farms Cutting on June 29-30 at Marion, ND.
- State Fair Cutting July 27-28 at the Fair Grounds in Minot.
- State Finals in Medora on September 20-21.

We enjoyed a nice crowd at the NCHA AQHA weekend with 115 entrants and 103 entrants respectively. This event did include some limited age events which we normally do not hold. At the Knudsen farms we had 47 cutters on the 29th and 46 cutters on the 30th. Day 1 of the State Fair had 57 entrants followed by 61 on day 2. At the State Finals in Medora on September 20 and 21 there were 63 and 65 entrants.

We enjoyed several new members joining us for our events this year - Welcome to the NDCHA! It is always good to see new faces enjoying the sport of cutting.

All 8 of these events will count towards year-end standings. A member of the NDCHA must participate in 50% of the classes offered, and held at 50% of NDCHA shows, to be eligible for year-end awards (i.e. if the 5000NH class is offered at 8 shows, you must have participated in the 5000NH class a minimum of 4 times). The exception to this rule is the youth and \$500 rider class. You must also be a member of the NDCHA to be eligible for year end awards.

Awards for classes are based on monies won. However, for the \$500 rider, youth class and Never Won A Buckle classes, points are awarded for placing and these points are used to determine year-end awards. As per the bylaws, the \$250 snaffle bit class does not have year-end awards.

Cowboy Hall of Fame Prize Winners, Medora

The ND State Finals cutting was fortunate to have sponsors for added prizes in certain designated classes, based on points for the weekend. The youth prize was spurs and straps donated by Country Soule of Bismarck. The 15000NHNP, 10000NH, Non-Pro and Open Class sponsor was the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. Winners in those classes received ND Cowboy Hall of Fame jackets. A huge Thank You to our sponsors!



Left to right: Mikaela Miller - youth, Rebecca Chase - 15,000NHNP, Bob Haider - 10,000 NH, Jann Parker - Non Pro and Robby Hansen - Open. Congratulations Cutters!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Meeting to be held on January 25th, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck.

As a fundraiser for the NDCHA, we will again be hosting a silent auction. Please bring an item to place on the auction table. Bidding will be open during the awards banquet.

The following times are tentative, please watch your email for any updates.

General membership meeting will start at **2 pm**. Agenda includes:

- Election

Directors whose terms expire: Val Bahm, Jim Neshem and Zac Crane. Anyone who would like to be considered for a 3 year term as director should contact Darrell Parsons, nominating committee chairperson, @ 701-204-8386 to be placed on the ballot.

- Show Schedule for 2014
- Membership Dues

This years awards banquet will again be held with the NDAQHA. There will be a **social hour from 5:30-6:30pm** sponsored by Eide Ford, followed by the **Awards Banquet at 6:30 PM**. There will be a reservation form sent out in the future, which will need to be returned by January 10th Pre-registration for the awards banquet is necessary so we can get an exact count of attendees, as we are required to pay for each plate once we confirm numbers. From **9pm to midnight** will be a dance to Midnight Express. There will be no additional cost for the dance.

Silent Auction in conjunction with the awards banquet. Proceeds go to the NDCHA. *Please bring an item for auction and remember - never let your friend outbid you!*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be a **board of directors** meeting at **12:30pm** prior to the general membership meeting.

NDCHA Board of Directors:

- Robby Hansen, President, term expires 2015
- Darrell Parsons, Vice President, term expires 2015
- Jim Neshem, term expires 2014
- Valerie Bahm, term expires 2014
- Zac Crane, term expires 2014
- Virginia "Ginny" Eck, term expires 2015
- Fonda Galbreath, term expires 2016
- Holly Gaugler, term expires 2016
- John Hovde, term expires 2016

Immediately following the general membership meeting, there will be another board of directors meeting. This meeting will involve all newly elected board members.

Youth Members on the cutting edge:

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The 2012-2013 season for high school rodeo ended in June with the ND state finals. The top 4 girls and top 4 boys from each state have the opportunity to participate at the National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR). The host for the 2013 NHSFR was Rock Springs Wyoming and it was held July 14-20. There are approximately 1500 contestants at the NHSFR. At the NHSFR each participant is allowed two performances with the top 20 average, plus any ties, then going to the short-go.

Riley Rustad, Lane Rossow, Colton Roshau, Samantha Jorgenson, Saide Kieson, Mikaela Miller and Saige Feilmeier represented the ND cow cutters at the NHSFR. Team ND did an amazing job with Riley, Saige and Mikaela making it to the short-go. Riley finished in 14th place overall in the boys cow cutting, Mikaela 17th overall and Saige 22nd overall in the girls. Great job!

The 2013-2014 season was off to a start in August with our first rodeo hosted by Mandan. Then it was off to Watford City, Velva and Valley City to round out the first half of the year. We have several new cow cutters in both the girls and boys event. It is nice to see the new faces and have those numbers keeping steady.

2014 MEMBERSHIPS

Don't forget to renew your NCHA membership. Forms are available on their website at <http://www.nchacutting.com/>. If you are a current member, you should be receiving a renewal form in the mail.

If you plan on riding in either Amateur or Non-Pro classes you do need membership for those also. Forms are available on the NCHA website. While you can complete these forms at a show, they do require a National Director be present to sign the forms.

2014 Eastern/Western National Championships

The Eastern/Western National Championships will be the same format as last year "Any current NCHA member who paid an entry fee and rode to the herd during the 2013 point year in an NCHA approved weekend class entered is eligible".

Sponsors:

Please be sure to extend your thanks to these 2013 individuals/business sponsors of the NDCHA.

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