

April 2012

North Dakota Cutting Horse News

Practice Pen

NDCHA President John Hovde



Howdy Cutters,

It has been a while since we have had a newsletter and things are starting to heat up. It's time to get ready for a busy summer. I hope you are planning on scheduling time for our cuttings in your summer activities. Our web page has the planned events listed so please refer to the NDCHA web page for information.

Natalie and Jeanne have developed an "Entry Form" that is on the web page. Please use this entry form. It is easy and fast. It would be so helpful if everyone could enter as early as possible for all cuttings. This gives Natalie more time and also lets us know how to plan the details such as cattle numbers, food, stalls and other preparations.

We do not have a large cutter population in this state so we really need to work together to make these cuttings fun and financially viable. We need everybody to participate in all the cuttings if you can possibly make it to them. It takes a certain number of open and non-pro entries to pay the rising costs of having a cutting. A lot of you, youth included, are ready to step up and enter

these higher classes. You will only become as good as your competition so accept a little challenge and move up.

High school cutting is thriving. We need to support these young cutters as much as we can. If anyone has ideas on how we can better serve them please let me know. It is important that we finance and support our present organization as well as our future organization, the young people.

I want to thank the NDCHA board of directors for work they have been doing to make 2012 a successful year for the NDCHA. They have been working hard to get some cuttings organized for you. Please feel free to contact any board member about concerns, questions or ideas you may have. All the directors are listed along with their contact numbers on our web site.

Natalie has proven to be a very organized and conscientious asset to our organization. Please give her all the cooperation that you can. Enter early and have your papers in order.

Jeanne Murie has done a wonderful job on the web site. Please take advantage and use it. It is a quick and easy way to get information. If you have something to post contact myself or Natalie.

Bobbi is taking time away from showing this year to video our cuttings so make sure you show her our appreciation.

Bob Bahm is now "Officially" our national director. Contact Bob if you have concerns that are governed by the national association.

I'm looking forward to the cuttings and seeing everybody at them. Let's make 2012 a good year.

See ya in the cutting pen,

John

Youth Members on the Cutting Edge:

by Mikaela Miller

High School Rodeo kicked off on April 27th at 5:30pm with cutting at the West Fargo fairgrounds. It was awesome to get things rolling again! There is some stiff competitions going on! Safe travels to everyone as they make the rounds for the High School Rodeo spring circuit.

I encourage everyone in High School Rodeo cow cutting to become active in the NDCHA. Not only is it a great opportunity to get some practice time in with advice from a variety of people, it is also a good time to receive input from a certified NCHA cutting judge. There is a wide variety of levels which you can participate in, one that fits everyone. The next show is scheduled at Prairie Skies in Mandan on Memorial Day weekend and then June 9-10 at Marion, ND – this would be a great practice for the High School Rodeo State Finals! NDCHA runs shows on both Saturday and Sunday with each day being a separate cutting so even if only one fits into your schedule, you can still attend.

There will be a youth scholarship cutting in South Dakota July 27-29. It is a three day event with scholarship money to be awarded. I will be relaying more information as it is available.

Web Page

Check it out! Our new web site is up and running.

Web address is: www.ndcutting.com

A form for show registration has been added - members are encouraged to complete this form as a means of registering for our shows. The form will be sent via email to Natalie. If necessary, you can still call Natalie at 701-223-3523 to register.

Show Schedule for 2012

The following show dates were approved by the NDCHA Board of Directors. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending!!!!

May 26-27, Prairie Skies Arena, Mandan ND

June 2-3, NCHA Days, Huron SD

June 9-10, location changed from Vangness Arena in Walcott ND to Marion, ND

July 28-29, State Fair, Minot ND

Cutting Practice May 5th

Bring a cooler with lunch and drinks and join us on May 5th at Almont, ND for a practice cutting!

Practice is set to start at noon. Take exit 123 and go 9 miles South, turn West on County Road 138 and go approximately 1.5 miles to the second farmstead on the North side, take the second approach. Cost will be \$50/horse.

Please utilize the website to pre-register, email Natalie at nbmiller@bektel.com or call 701-223-3523 so we can have the appropriate number of cattle available.

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