



NRCHA E-Newsletter
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NRCHA E-Cow Work

Hackamore Classic/Derby Judges Announced

Judges have been announced by NRCHA Director of Judges Bill Enk for the Hackamore Classic and NRCHA Derby.

Assessing the performances at this year's Paso Robles events will be Tom Buckingham and Tom Neel

The judges for the NRCHA Derby are Doug Ingersoll, All Dunning, and Sam Rose.

Visit the Video Vault at www.GallopingVideo.com

Reined Cow Horse fans can access a variety of on-line video free at www.gallopingvideo.com, the website of NRCHA's official videographer. The home page features action from the 2009 Snaffle Bit Futurity, the Stock Horse Education page offers short video presentations on training of the horse and rider, and the live webcast page streams premier horse show events in real time. The next live webcast will be NRCHA Stakes in Nampa Idaho, beginning March 24, at 8 am.

In addition to all of these pages, the Video Vault stores informational interviews and stories about NRCHA members, competitors, and enthusiasts. Currently available on the video vault are Rick Ricotti giving tips on selecting a saddle for cow horses; Worlds Greatest Horseman Randy Paul talks about what it takes to make a bridle horse; Jay Mc Laughlin recalls his SWRCHA Derby win on CD Dee Vee Dee; NRCHA Board member Marilyn Peters encourages local involvement with affiliates; there is an introduction of new NRCHA President, Kathy Gould; top competitor Bozo Rogers explains how cow horses are used on cattle ranches; and Lyn Anderson discusses what it takes to train a Supreme Reined Cow Horse. The Video Vault is sponsored by long time cow horse supporters, Nancy and Phil Hall of Holy Cow Performance Horses, and there is also a brief presentation on their breeding operation at the San Lucas Ranch.

Meeting Held Regarding Snaffle Bit Futurity Cattle

During the NRCHA Approved Tulare Classic, a meeting was held with John Lacey and Dave Woods, cattle suppliers for the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity.

In attendance were Dave Woods and John Lacey of Centennial Cattle Company, along with their crew who gather, sort, ship and receive cattle going to events - Marcus Bunn, Bill Perez and Ken Wynn. Although several members from the NRCHA Professionals Committee were invited, Doug Williamson was the only representative to attend. Also in attendance were NRCHA President Kathy Gould, NRCHA Show/Cattle Committee Chairman Jon Roeser, Show/Cattle Committee member Barney Skelton and NRCHA Director of Judges, Bill Enk.

Mr. Lacey gave a presentation of their operation as it pertains to recreational cattle. He explained that these cattle are rated as #1 and #1 ½ Mexican Steers and are bought in late spring at an average weight of 350lbs.

When you are buying 8,000 head of cattle, they will weigh from 300-400lbs. The company's main business is developing feeder cattle for sale. Supplying event cattle is one part of their business. Some things that are important to both them and the NRCHA are:

- ❖ Experienced cattle crews that know what it takes to deliver the most reliable and workable steers to NRCHA. Their crew has integrity and experience ranges from 15 to 50 years. They know what all goes into gathering, sorting, shipping, delivering and caring for steers as easily as possible. The NRCHA Cattlemen - Pat Russell, Bill Mello, and Frankie Mello - have that same integrity and experience in receiving and caring for cattle at the event
- ❖ The NRCHA Cattle Committee is encouraged to come and visit and inspect the steers on the ranch.
- ❖ Sorting is a very critical aspect of the process. Pat, Bill and Frankie are encouraged to sort any bad steers at the event that may have been missed.
- ❖ All cattle are weighed before leaving for the event.
- ❖ Lacey and Wood's staff are very diligent about **never** sending any used cattle to an event.
- ❖ They give no preference to any Association on cattle.
- ❖ They monitor the quality of the cattle performance by staying in contact with the cattle committee and judges committee after each event.
- ❖ They encourage NRCHA to have this type of informal meeting each year. They also explained that it's important to note that you cannot factor in the uncontrollable issues of weather, weight gain, and the availability of livestock to purchase that fit in the exact timeframe to fit events at the weight range requested. Another factor is the handling of cattle after delivery to event grounds - this includes feed, water, lot sizes and most importantly, the settling of the cattle.
- ❖ It also important to realize the importance of timing and communication in coordinating the transportation of cattle in and out of events. Because they have such great access to trucks, NRCHA has never been left waiting on trucks/cattle to arrive.