



NRCHA E-Newsletter

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NRCHA E-Cow Work

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There has been a lot of discussion about the 2009 Hackamore Classic having a Bridle Sweepstakes instead of a Bridle Spectacular. The decision to delete the herd work from the bridle classes at the Hackamore Classic had been discussed since last year's Classic. We ran late all three nights of that show and it was a problem for our judges and our event staff.

Having fresh judges is very important for a good show and we received many complaints from our exhibitors as well, because of the long hours. I have judged for 15 hours straight and I can't say I was as alert at hour fourteen as I was in the first eight hours of judging. The option of lengthening the show was discussed, but adding another day was cost prohibitive for the Association and exhibitors. Deleting the herd work made more sense than any other option.

The board voted on this change at the August, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

The bridle classes at the Hackamore Classic were listed in the December-January issue of Stock Horse News as a Bridle Sweepstakes but unfortunately there was a mistake made in the next two issues that used the Bridle Spectacular wording. It was always correct on the NRCHA Web Site, but as each entry is received the exhibitor will be notified that it is a bridle sweepstakes with rein and cow work only.

Refunds will be given if the exhibitor did not get the updated information and they choose not to enter.

As many of you know, it has been tradition for the bridle horses to just run a rein and cow work and only in the last few years have we included herd work for the Bridle Spectaculars. The increase in added money in both the Spectaculars and the Snaffle Bit Futurity Bridle classes has helped immensely in the earnings potential and worth of our bridle horses. No one is disputing that or wanting to change what has been a success for our bridle horses.

We've also had some questions about the amount of the entry fees for these events. The facts are that the 2009 entry fees are \$30 more than the 2006, 2007 and 2008 entry fees for both the \$7,000 added Open Bridle Spectaculars, \$3,000 added Non Pro Bridle Spectaculars and Snaffle Bit Futurity Bridle Classes (both Non Pro and Open). The past 4 years (or more) the entry fees for all the Bridle Spectaculars and for the Bridle Classes at Reno (where you only get one cow) have been the same. The largest bridle classes have been at the Snaffle Bit Futurity show where we do not offer herd work.

The entry fees have been based on added money along with our costs, and not how many cattle you will be working. Major event entry fees are based on added money which has not changed for the Hackamore Classic bridle classes.

There has been some question as to whether the sponsor of the event might want the class to have herd work or not. The sponsor of the Hackamore Classic Bridle Sweepstakes is the NRCHA. The Jack and Phoebe Cooke NRCHA Derby \$50,000 and \$5,000 added Bridle Spectaculars are sponsored events and will include herd work as did the NRCHA Stakes Coyote Rock Ranch/Penny Knight Bridle Spectaculars, held last weekend.

I have had a positive response from members when they understand the reasoning behind the change and realize the added money hasn't changed.

I hope this information helps the membership to understand the issues.

Sincerely,

It's Fresnonic!

NRCHA 2009 Raffle Colt Announced

The 2009 NRCHA Raffle Colt has been announced and Fresnonic, a chestnut gelding by Reminics Pep and out of Dual Jazanic, (Dual Jazz X Plain Fillinic) is the newest in a long line of great cow horse colts donated by the Ward Ranch. Check the NRCHA web site for information and watch to receive a mailing on the Raffle Colt, complete with raffle tickets.

Remember Those Dates & Deadlines!

Event/	Date/Draw	Entry Deadline	Link to Entry Forms
NRCHA Derby	June 16-21	Pstmk 5/11	http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Derby_Entry_Form.pdf
Draw Date is	June 1		
Derby Horse Show Classes		Pstmk 6/1	
Snaffle Bit Futurity			
September 20-October 4			
SECOND SLOT PAYMENT IS DUE MAY 1			
FOURTH PROGRESSIVE PAYMENT IS DUE MAY 1			
THIRD AMATEUR PAYMENT IS DUE JUNE 1			
			http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_SBF_Entry_Form.pdf

HACKAMORE CLASSIC Draw Date is April 6

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Applications for the 2009 Affiliate of the Year will be available soon!

The Affiliate of the Year for 2008 was the European Reined Cow Horse Association; the Northwest Reined Cow Horse Association earned Reserve Affiliate of the Year honors. The winning Affiliates receive cash prizes of \$2,500, with \$1,500 to first and \$1,000 to the runner-up.

Be Thinking about 2009 NRCHA Merit Award Applications

Deadline for the 2009 Merit Award applications is Oct. 30 for awards that will be presented at the Annual Year End banquet held during the Celebration Of Champions. If you have already entered your horse, there is no need to re-apply. To get your Merit Award application click here:

http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Merit_Award_Application.pdf

Snaffle Bit Futurity Dry Camping

Dry Camping will be available at the 2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity for \$225 for the duration of the show. There is no need to call to make reservations. You can take care of this upon arrival at the event.

Still Shopping for a Breeding Bargain?

There are still some breedings available to great cow horse stallions through the NRCHA Stallion Auction – on line at www.nrcha.com. The Auction will be discontinued on May 1.