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NRCHA E-Newsletter

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## NRCHA E-Cow Work

### **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*I know everyone is busy with all the various holidays to prepare for but we want to remind everyone of the important due dates coming up. If you were the Top 20 in your Region and have received an invitation to the Celebration Of Champions, don't forget your entry must be postmarked December 26th to avoid late fees. It will be exciting to show in a new arena and explore the town of San Angelo.*

*Everyone will receive their 2009 rulebook when they renew their memberships and I encourage you to read up on any rule changes and notice there are 3 new patterns for this year.*

*You will soon receive the ballot for the 2009 NRCHA Board of Directors. Vote for the candidates that you feel will best serve this association and get the ballot mailed back in so your vote to count.*

*We wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday season and we look forward to an exciting 2009!*

*Lyn Anderson, NRCHA President  
NRCHA Board of Directors*

The NRCHA Celebrates 60 Years of Tradition in 2009!



The NRCHA celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2009! The California Reined Cow Horse Association was founded in 1949 in an effort to protect the old vaquero traditions. The name of the organization

was changed in 1987 to the National Reined Cow Horse Association to “fully utilize the stature of the association on a national level.”

Here’s an interesting point of news about the name change, when it happened in 1987. The Board at that time mailed a questionnaire to all the members, asking them to give their opinion on the proposed name change. Over 780 questionnaires were mailed and the board received 39 responses – 22 in favor, 12 against and three agreeing in concept but having some reservations and two offering suggestions with no indication of approval or disapproval. Later, the change was voted on by the membership and with more than a two-thirds majority in favor of the change, the Board went forward to change the name to the National Reined Cow Horse Association.

Now, sixty years after its inception, the NRCHA has nearly 3,000 members in eleven countries.

## Remember Those Entry Deadlines!

Event/ Date/Draw	Entry Deadline	Link to Entry Forms
Circle Y Ranch Derby January 31-February 2 Draw Date is Jan. 20	Pstmk 12/26	<a href="http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_circle_y_ranch_derby_entry_form.pdf">http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_circle_y_ranch_derby_entry_form.pdf</a>
World’s Greatest Hrsman January 31-February 2 Draw Date is Jan. 19	Pstmk 12/26	<a href="http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_worlds_greatest_entry_form.pdf">http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_worlds_greatest_entry_form.pdf</a>
NRCHA Stakes March 25-29 Draw Date is March 16	Pstmk 1/16	<a href="http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Stakes_Entry_form.pdf">http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Stakes_Entry_form.pdf</a>
NRCHA Hackamore Cl. April 24-26 Draw Date is April 6	Pstmk 3/30	<a href="http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Hackamore_Classic_Entry_Form.pdf">http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Hackamore_Classic_Entry_Form.pdf</a>
NRCHA Derby June 16-21 Draw Date is June 1	Pstmk 5/11	<a href="http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Derby_Entry_Form.pdf">http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_Derby_Entry_Form.pdf</a>
Snaffle Bit Futurity September 20-October 4 FIRST PROGRESSIVE PAYMENT IS DUE FEB 1 FIRST SLOT PAYMENT IS DUE MAR 1 FIRST AMATEUR PAYMENT IS DUE MAR 1		<a href="http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_SBF_Entry_Form.pdf">http://www.nrcha.com/pdf/news/2009/2009_SBF_Entry_Form.pdf</a>

## Working Cow Horses on NBC!

Gather around the television on Sunday, January 4 at 1:30 pm Eastern/10:30 am Pacific for "AQHA America's Horse Championships" on NBC Sports.

This year's show features highlights from the working cow horse, cutting and reining classes at the 2008 AQHA World Show along with other special features. Mark your calendar, set your DVR don't miss it! Find out more at [www.aqha.com](http://www.aqha.com).



## **Subscribed Stallion Deadline December 31**

A reminder to the NRCHA Stallion - the NRCHA Stakes Subscribed Stallion deadline which will be coming right up on December 31. This is the last chance for stallion owners to enroll the 2008 breeding season for \$1,000, and to take advantage of the substantial discount for the 2009 breeding – which is only \$750 prior to the deadline.

Offspring of subscribed stallions are eligible to compete in the NRCHA Stallion Stakes both as 4- and 5-year-olds. Offspring of subscribed stallions are also eligible for consideration for the NRCHA Select Yearling and/or 2-Year-Old Sales.

## **Membership Card Expiration Date Error**

Due to a programming glitch, a batch of NRCHA Membership Cards was printed and mailed with an incorrect expiration date. If your card has an expiration date of 2008 instead of 2009, please throw that card away. You will be receiving a replacement card in the mail right away.

## **Youth Members – Last chance to Nominate for NRCHYA Officers**

NRCHYA Members are getting ready for a new year, and looking forward to kicking off the NRCHYA at the Celebration of Champions in San Angelo. Paul Bailey, NRCHYA Committee Chairman, has a lot of ideas planned to help grow and develop this budding organization.

We've also had some very qualified nominees for the Youth Officer positions – but wanted to let people know that we extended the deadline and will accept officer nominations until December 31. So if you know any youth member who would like to run, please have them contact the NRCHA Office at 580-759-4949, or e-mail [nrcha@nrcha.com](mailto:nrcha@nrcha.com).

## **World's Greatest Horseman Reception Expanded for 2009**

***Everyone is invited for Fun and Entertainment/Dancing with Clearwater Band!***

The annual World's Greatest Horseman Owner-Rider Reception, sponsored by Classic Equine and *Performance Horse*, has been a favorite event for years, but in the past size limitations at the host facility made it an invitation-only event.

In the new host city of San Angelo, things are different, so everyone will have the opportunity to be there for the official presentation of the World's Greatest Back Numbers to the riders and owners.

The Reception will be held this year on the evening of February 2, at historic Fort Concho, in the party room that was once the stable area for the Fort. Everyone is invited and the very popular band, Clearwater, will provide live music for entertainment and dancing.

## **Valet Laundry Available at 2009 Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions**

### ***List of Local Sponsors Continues to Grow***

Packing for a stay in San Angelo, Texas, for the Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions may have gotten easier, thanks to local sponsor, Holiday Laundry.

San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo President John West noted, "Holiday Laundry has agreed to provide valet, same-day service at the Spur Arena for the duration of the event. This is sure to be a great convenience for all the participants."

Holiday Laundry is just one of the many local sponsors who have already committed to the upcoming event, set for January 31-February 8 at the First Community Credit Union Spur Arena.

While visiting San Angelo, NRCHA members are encouraged to visit the following businesses.

Miss Hattie's Restaurant & Saloon  
River Terrace Restaurant  
Holiday Laundry  
Pinkies Liquor  
The Black Swan Fine Art & Glass Gallery  
Brest Boots/Saddles  
Mr. Boots Western Wear  
Eggemeyer's General Store  
Carriage  
J. Wildes

## **News from the United Horseman's Front**

At its annual Fall Forum in Atlanta, Georgia, December 11-13, the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL) voted overwhelmingly to pass an important resolution supporting the horse industry. The resolution urges Congress to oppose any legislation that would restrict the market, transport, processing, or export of horses; to recognize the need for humane horse processing facilities in the United States; and not to interfere with State efforts to establish facilities in the United States. To see the NCSL news release, please visit [www.unitedhorsemansfront.org](http://www.unitedhorsemansfront.org).

