

News from the Reining/Cow Horse Industries

Brainard, Johnson lead New Jersey clinic

Reiners have an opportunity to spend two to four educational and fun-filled days with legendary horsemen and NRHA Million Dollar Rider Craig Johnson and NRHA Western Dressage and Stock Horse clinic will take place May 28-29 and May 30-31 at Fox Creek Farm in Hillsboro, N.J. Johnson, a multiple NRHA Futurity winner, is the head trainer at the facility.

Brainard is the master of the flying lead change and has taken a strong interest in promoting the new sport of Western Dressage. During the first two-day clinic, Brainard will teach the elements of stock horse competition. The following two-day clinic will be focused on the basics of Cowboy Western Dressage. These are two separate clinics and participants may attend either one or both.

The clinic is for those who are currently active in either of the sports, or those who want to become involved. There is a maximum of 15 riders in each of the two clinics so everyone will receive lots of individual attention.

The cost is \$450 for either of the clinics or \$850 for both. The clinics are expected to fill quickly, so it's advisable to reserve a slot early. Each rider will receive one free auditor spot. Additional auditors are available for \$30 per day or \$100 for the four days. Stalls are \$25 per night and include shavings.

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Downunder Horsemanship featured at WEG

As the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games approach, guests should not only be looking forward to the competition, but also to the multitude of equine entertainers and demonstrators that will be a part of the Equine Village next September at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky.

Among the demonstrators in the Equine Village is Clinton Anderson, a clinician known around the world for his training method known as Downunder Horsemanship.

Being a part of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games is just another step in Anderson's plan to share his training methods on an international level. Anderson will be giving demonstrations at the Equine Village throughout the duration of the Games.

Access to the Equine Village will be available with a Grounds Pass or a competition ticket. Grounds Pass ticket sales begin at 10 a.m. April 16 at www.alltechfeigames.com, www.ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, and at 1-800-745-3000.

Tickets will be on sale at a promotional rate of

\$20 until May 31. Grounds Pass tickets will be priced at \$25 after that time. All children 12 years of age and under will be granted free entry with a paying adult. For more information, visit www.alltechfeigames.com.

Ohio RCHA introduces 'Moo-ving On Up' buckles

The National Reined Cow Horse Association's 2009 Affiliate of the Year, the Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association, has started the "Moo-ving On Up" buckle program to encourage members to move from affiliate classes to NRCHA-sanctioned classes. As a suggested by ORCHA member Dale DePriest, any rider that is a member of the ORCHA who has not earned any NRCHA money prior to Nov. 16, 2009, is eligible for this year-end high-point award.

ORCHA will track points within specific NRCHA classes. Riders are currently awarded points based on their placing in a class. These points will also be tracked within the "Moo-ving On Up" program and a high-point will be awarded at the end of the year. Classes include: \$5,000 Non-Pro Limited, Novice Non-Pro Bridle and Limited Open Bridle.

ORCHA is scheduled to have six shows for 2010 and will include a Bridle Spectacular for its May 21-23 show, which has \$1,500 added. Also added to the schedule for 2010 will be American Quarter Horse Association cutting and cow horse classes at the June and July shows. Each weekend's activities will include Friday night herd work with NRCHA-sanctioned shows on Saturday and Sunday.

The 2010 show season will once again culminate with the Heartbreak Ridge Performance Horses Derby, newly added ORCHA Futurity and Stallion Stakes, and a clinic by renowned trainer and the only woman to win the Snaffle Bit Futurity, Sandy Collier, Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

Also new for 2010 is the ORCHA Stallion Auction. People can purchase a breeding at reduced cost and the resulting foal will be eligible for the ORCHA Stakes program. All of the auction proceeds will go to the Stakes fund. Bids start at 50 percent of the stallions advertised fee.

For more information on the ORCHA, check out the Web site www.ohiorcha.com.

Sweden hosts CRI competition

On April 15, the Sweden National Championship Concours de Reining International (CRI) came to completion. Due to the volcanic activity in Iceland, riders were forced to drive into the Bökeberg facility in hopes of gaining the compulsory scores necessary for the increasingly intense effort to make their respective national reining teams for the much-anticipated Alltech World Equestrian Games to be held at the Kentucky

Horse Park in Lexington, Ky., in September.

Taking top honors in the first competition was Mona Göransson, representing Sweden aboard Mega Jac Dance (Marthas Mega Jac x BH Song And Dance x Be Aech Enterprise), owned by Anna Pettersson. The large crowd on hand was excited to cheer on their native champion and proudly hear the Swedish anthem at the close of the competition.

The Reserve Champion was Helene Hokkanen aboard Whizards Enchantress (Whizard Jac x Elderberry Holly x Elderberry Ace), owned by Helene and Henri Hokkanen. Third place went to Peter Ljungberg riding Blue Dry Peppy (PT) (Lil Dry Peppy x Buddy's Blue Eyes [PT] x Buddy's Best Boy [PT]), owned by Lane Bach. It was a clean sweep for Sweden.

Fourth-place honors went to three-time Olympic gold-medal dressage legend Anky van Grunsvan, who made her initial FEI voyage in the sport of reining showing Whizashiningwalla BB (Topsail Whiz x Walla Walla Sunshine x Shinning Spark), owned by Eiffel Gold Ranch, on behalf of The Netherlands. Completing the top-five standings in the competition was seasoned FEI competitor Sanne Skovrider of Denmark riding Lil Spin (Jaspin x Dox Curds N Whey x Doc Freckle), owned by Kristian Langer Fris.

The second day of FEI reining action brought a tie for first place between Göransson riding Mega Jac Dance and Van Grunsvan aboard Whizashiningwalla BB. A runoff determined Göransson as the ultimate winner.

Third-place honors went back to Sweden with Ruf Deal (Lil Ruf Peppy x Colonels Lil Red Hot x Fourth Colonel), owned by Angela Winberg and piloted by Johan Swensson. Fourth was Tove Schmidt showing Chic Diesel Olena (Mr Turbodiesel x Frostys Okie Olena x Frostys Chic Olena), owned by Pernilla Wirtborn; and fifth was Helene Hokkanen and Sheza Flybaby (Hold That Cow x Boss Super Fly x Boss' Nowata Star), owned by the Hokkanens.

When speaking of her horse, Whizashiningwalla BB, owned by the current NRHA Non-Pro-European Champion Cira Bäck's Eiffel Gold Ranch in Belgium, Van Grunsvan spoke warmly about him, saying, "He is a great horse and we are having a lot of fun together," she said. "He is really helping me to get the feel for reining."

AQHA, on behalf of its international affiliate, the Swedish Quarter Horse Association, supplied major funding of the Bökeberg event to increase exposure and awareness of the American Quarter Horse around the world.

For more information on the Swedish National Championship Concours de Reining International, contact HorsePower Inc., www.hpowerinc.com, Brad@hpowerinc.com or 720-982-3574. ■