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## **NRCHA E-Cow Work**

**April 16, 2010**

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Get Ready for the Hackamore Classic!

The 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic is only a week away. The entry numbers are comparable to 2010 except the Amateur division, which increased 133%!

Don't forget to enter the NRCHA Hackamore Classic horse-show Hackamore classes. Those classes run concurrent within the Hackamore Classic and you can earn points for regional awards and it does count as a qualifying event for the NRCHA World Show.

Church Services to be Held at Hackamore Classic

Church services at the Hackamore Classic will be held by David and Kathleen Simmons in the Paso Robles Events Center Grandstands at 7am on April 25th. For information, please visit www.cowboychurchministries.org or call David's cell at 817-825-1164.

Moment of Silence at Hackamore Classic

The reined cow horse community lost two very special people last week - Dr. Van Snow of Santa Ynez, California, and Cynthia Granade of Shingle Springs, California. In honor of Cynthia and Van, there will be a moment of silence prior to the Cow Work of the Hackamore Classic on Sunday, April 25.

Cynthia's services were held today at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Paso, Texas.

Dorado Hills, California.

A Celebration of Life gathering in honor of Van is planned for April 18 at 2 pm at The Santa Lucia Clinic 1924 West Hy 154, Santa Ynez, Ca 93460. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Van's honor to the Snow Family Foundation at the Santa Lucia Clinic address.

Even Better News for 2010 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity

When NRCHA Corporate Partner Cinch stepped up to add \$50,000 to the Intermediate Open at the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, the check for the Intermediate Open Champion was guaranteed at \$25,000. But the NRCHA Board of Directors has announced that that amount is even higher - it's now a guaranteed **\$30,000 to the Intermediate Open Champion!**

Don't Forget These Deadlines!

2010 NRCHA Derby - June 15-20 - Entry due date is a postmark by 5/10/10 (late fee is 25% of entry fee). Holy Cow Performance Horses Open Bridle Spectacular and Horse Show entries are due by a postmark of 6/1/10 (\$50 late fee for both).

2010 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity - Sept. 20-Oct. 3, 2010 - 2nd Slot payment of \$1,200 is due by a postmark of May 1st (late fee is \$600). The 4th Progressive payment of \$450 is due by a postmark of May 1st (late fee is \$225).

Just a reminder: August 1st is the postmark due date for third slot payments of \$200, payments for Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Intermediate Non Pro, and Ladies divisions (\$450 each). It is also the due date for designating either Open or Non Pro for your slot and naming your horse and rider. Please order your stalls by August 25th at \$200 per stall. After the 25th, stalls are \$250 each. No refunds on stalls cancelled after 9/10/10. All cancellations must be confirmed by that date.

Join us on Facebook!

The NRCHA's Facebook fan-base is growing. The NRCHA currently has over 3000 fans. Please get the word out to all of your friends. We'd love to eventually reach 5,000 fans!

Let Your Friends Know about the E-Cow Work

The E-Cow Work informs NRCHA members and fans about the latest news and includes reminders about upcoming shows. If you know someone not on the E-Cow Work e-mail list, direct them to the NRCHA website at www.nrcha.com and they can sign-up there. Thank you!

The ORCHA - 2009 NRCHA Affiliate of the Year - Kicks Off 2010 Events Season

The National Reined Cow Horse Association's 2009 Affiliate of the Year, Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association began a new year at Henderson Arena in Jackson, Ohio,

March 26-28.

The weekend's show kicked off with Friday herd work and an NRCHA sanctioned show on Saturday and Sunday which boasted \$1,000 added each day. The payout for the weekend was \$5830 with 309 class entries and the payouts for the year-long events are on pace to surpass payouts for the 2009 season. Membership is also growing, from 120 members at the end of last year to 150 following the first show of 2010.

In its inaugural year, the ORCHA paid out \$38,195 for the six weekend events of 2009, which concluded with the Heartbreak Ridge Performance Horses Derby. The 2009 Derby weekend winners earned more than \$9,500 in cash and prizes, which included CR Morrison Bronze and Plaques as well as Tom Balding snaffles. The Heartbreak Ridge Derby was listed as #51 on the list of top NRCHA shows for 2010.

The ORCHA is scheduled to have six shows for 2010 and will include a Bridle Spectacular for the May 21-23 show, which has \$1,500 added. 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 Sandy Collier, October 29- November 1.

Not only will the ORCHA produce an exciting 2010 show season, it also remains dedicated to being a place where everyone can experience the thrill of cow horse competition. The 2010 schedule will also include clinics that offer something for everyone.

Also new for 2010 is the ORCHA Stallion Auction, where bidders can purchase a breeding at reduced cost and the resulting foal will be eligible for the ORCHA Stakes program. 100% of auction proceeds will go to the Stakes fund. Bids start at 50% of the stallion's advertised fee.

From the greenest of green to National Champions, ORCHA will have something for everyone in 2010.

"I see the future of the ORCHA as being very bright - our membership is expanding at a tremendous pace and we strive to better the organization every day," said ORCHA founder and director, Carrie McBride. "The show facilities (Henderson Arena) are amazing - from the arenas to the footing to the food!"

McBride continued, "We really strive to have a place for everyone to experience cow horse at a level, which they are comfortable and we try to come up with innovative ways to reward riders to keep moving forward."

Without its generous sponsors, none of this would be possible. The ORCHA would like to thank Just like Starlight, Roseberry Cattle Company, DAC, Rosell Trailer Sales, Heartbreak Ridge Performance Horses, Taylor Performance Horses, McBride Cow Horses, Triple F Ranch, Veal Performance Horses, Rods, and Yellow Creek Ranch.

Founded in 2008, the Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association is a non-profit affiliate of the National Reined Cow Horse Association. For more information on the ORCHA, check out the Web site www.ohiorcha.com.