

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2010

RCC EVENTS SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!! MANY ARE ENJOYING THE COMPETITION OF GYMKHANA, SKILL AND EXCITEMENT OF SORTING AND THE ADVENTURE OF LEARNING NEW HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS

Gymkhana nights started off strong in June and it's hard to believe that half of the season is already over! Attendance has been GREAT! with most of the riders signing up for our youngest and oldest age divisions. A few of the current point standings are very close races - don't forget to check the website to keep up to date! It's not too late to join us for some "speedy" fun - Tuesdays at 6:30 - or just come join the cheering section!

June 29th set a record at the Concession stand with Burgers and Dogs going fast. Also, hard to keep up with those Fry orders!!!

Kathy Lesser: Gymkhana Committee Chairman. 676-2454



Horsemanship has been a great success this summer! Beginner riders are learning how to properly handle their mounts while more experienced riders have a chance to polish up their rough edges in a relaxed atmosphere. This year's program has been a little different, with a format more like a group riding lesson where individual riders can learn new skills for their level. Most recently, horses and riders have been learning how to get their horses to work off leg aids, including turns on the forehand and getting the proper lead at canter. Patterns and obstacles are incorporated to reinforce the skills learned. Each week will bring new challenges. The numbers are growing so come down and join us for fun and learning! Nan Hassey: Horsemanship Committee Chairman. 676-2732

MEMBER RANCH SORTING

Sorting at the RCC Saddle Club grounds is off and running (ha ha)! ! In June, we had 2 weekends filled with fun and it is amazing how quickly people are getting hooked on the event. If you are a spectator, you might be thinking, well how hard is it to get cows out of a pen in order? Judging from our June scores, it is a heck of a lot harder than one might expect. So whether you are just interested in watching the event or challenging your cow skills, please come join us. We have (6) more weekends planned. The next (2) weekends will be July 10-11th and July 24-25th! Bryan Hanson: Cattle Committee Chairman 676-2232. (pg 4)

2010 Gymkhana Information

REMEMBER: Boots and “long” jeans are REQUIRED and the Club strongly recommends leather-soled riding boots, long-sleeved shirts, helmets, and breakaway stirrups. ALL CONTESTANTS (guests included) MUST BE WEARING BOOTS AND JEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENT. **RIDERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ARENA IF THEY ARE NOT WEARING BOOTS AND JEANS. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

The date of January 1st has been set for the age limit of contestants. Age divisions will be as follows: Leadline; Independent riders 8 years old and under; Ages 9 to 13; Ages 14 to 18; Seniors/Ages 19 and up.

Decisions for a rain-out will be made before or at 7:00 pm by a majority vote of the Board Members present. Rain-out nights will be made up on the next Tuesday.

Contestants must compete in **7 out of 10** gymkhana nights to be eligible for end of season awards.

Entry fees are \$5/individual or \$10/family.

Contestants may enter any event more than once but must designate which run is to be used for their official time for points when entering. Each additional or “exhibition” run will cost \$5.00.

The 2010 Gymkhana Event Schedule will consist of three(3) timed/point-earning events nightly. Barrels and pole bending will be every night with the third event being one of the following: 75 up and back; keyhole; flag race; stakes.

Shows are only possible by volunteer help – please consider helping at one or more shows by contacting the Gymkhana Committee Chair, Kathy Lesser.

2010 Gymkhana Event Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Events</u> |
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| June 1 | Barrels, Poles, 75 up |
| June 8 | Barrels, Poles, Keyhole |
| June 15 | Barrels, Poles, Stakes |
| June 22 | Barrels, Poles, Flags |
| June 29 | Barrels, Poles, 75 up |
| July 6 | Barrels, Poles, Keyhole |
| July 13 | Barrels, Poles, Stakes |
| July 20 | Barrels, Poles, Flags |
| July 27 | Barrels, Poles, 75 up |
| August 3 | Barrels, Poles, Keyhole |



**MEMBER SORTING IS A BIG HIT
MANY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS FUN
EVENT!!**

Saturday Cattle sorting sign-up will begin anytime after 11am. Sorting begins at 12 Noon.

Sunday Cattle sorting signup will begin anytime after noon, Sorting will begin at 1 pm.

Fees will be determined on number of teams that sign up. We have a “magic” amount of money required for this Summer event. So...if we have 10 or less teams it will have to be \$20.00/team....that is the worst case....20teams or more is \$10.00 per team. Sunday may be a price break of \$10.00/team and \$5.00/team respectively based on the amount of signups. We will get all the signups each day....then collect so we know the amount we are collecting. This is our first time at this.. So we are trying to make it reasonable price-wise but profitable so we can do this again in the future. This will be the case for all 8 weekends.

REMAINING SORTING DATES

July 10-11; 25-25

August 14-15; 28-29

September 11-12; 25-26

More info on Web Page.

RCC MEETING 6-14-49
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Lenny Sandoval at: 7:09pm Minutes from the May 11, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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| The club has \$1,940.36. | Concessions: 1 st \$263.50 |
| 1 st Gymkhana made \$145.00 | 2 nd \$207.00 (approx.) |
| 2 nd \$153.00 | |
| Horsemanship \$46.00 for two weeks. | 1 st Sorting \$127.00. |

Expenses: \$30.00 for Sonny Hood's Jack and Spare tire.
Sheet metal for Woodpecker damage. Truck Parts.

Old Business:

Keys: Linda Hanson will work on key list. Kathy Lesser questions who gets keys. Lenny Sandoval gets both. Linda Hanson gets Concession stand plus extra. Pat Fleming will have a set.

Signs: Sandy Dorr will work on letter and sign prices from past minutes.
Porta Potti Sandy Dorr will call Mountain Disposal.

Timing issue: Kelsy Fleming suggests fixing timing. Linda Oelke makes a motion. Lenny Sandoval seconds. The motion was made to change the Gymkhana rules to allow backup stop watch in case "eye" fails. Motion passes. Kathy Lesser will send changes to John Freeburg for changes on the web page.

Walkie Talkies. Need them for next Gymkhana. Sandy Dorr will provide set.

Sherry Fleming suggests to have the volume turned up at the speakers during Gymkhanas so times can be heard.

Kathy Lesser suggests we get new trash barrels for the bleacher areas as the old ones are rusted out.

Exhibition runs will be \$5.00 per horse for all events. Limit of 1 point run and 2 exhibitions.

SCHA Show The June 19th show was canceled.

New Business:

Sorting information needs to be improved. Linda Hanson will update the webpage with this information.

Gail Cassel: Needs to know how much to spend for Awards.

Water: Pat Fleming and Les Welch will go to CC board meeting to ask for solution to water situation.

Lenny Sandoval made motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Fleming seconded. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned at: 8:34pm.

Members Present: Sandy Dorr; Kathy Lesser; Leslie Welch; Audrey Welsh; Lenny Sandoval; Nan Hassey; Linda Hanson; Cheri Fleming; Kelsy Fleming; Pat Fleming; Linda Oelke; Gail Cassel.

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