

Spring 2015

North Dakota Cutting Horse News



NDCHA President Robby Hansen

Welcome to the 2015 Cutting Season!

It's time to prepare for a great year with the North Dakota Cutting Horse Association. As the saying goes "time is flying by" and our first NDCHA hosted event is coming up in May at Prairie Skies Arena.

We had nice traveling weather for those attending the NDCHA annual meeting and banquet. Thanks to everyone for attending. Congratulations to our NDCHA members on their annual awards – it was a very successful year with many of our members listed in the *Chatter* magazine under area leaders, a great accomplishment for our riders!

New for 2015 – NDCHA Saddle Shootout. The NDCHA will be awarding a Jeff Smith base model saddle to the contestant with the most points in NCHA approved classes (excluding Open and Novice Horse) at the end of the year. Points will be earned based on the number of riders in the class and can be accumulated at all ND approved shows. Contestant must show at 50% of in-state shows.

If you are thinking about trying out cutting or just beginning to cut, we welcome you to our events. There is always plenty of "old timers" around to ask questions and plenty of turn back help to assist in the arena. In addition, several of our events should work well for those high school rodeo contestants to get some extra practice in. We hope you can join us!

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

There will be a NDCHA general membership meeting on Saturday, May 16th at Prairie Skies immediately following the last cutting class of the day. The order of business will be to amend the bylaws of The North Dakota Cutting Horse Association by adding the following to Article IV, section I:

"Any person entering a NDCHA event as an owner and/or rider must be an NDCHA member and said membership may be automatically charged at a show."

Members Cutting Pen:

The NDCHA will be hosting the following cutting events for 2014:

- Prairie Skies Cutting on May 16 and 17, Prairie Skies Arena north of Mandan, Darrell Parsons coordinator. This is an indoor events so we don't have to worry about what the weather! Stalls available on-site. We are still working on a chuckwagon for lunch.

We will be holding a Limited Age Event (LAE) in conjunction with this show. The Derby (4 year old) Open and Derby Non-Pro classes will be held prior to the start of our normal weekend show. This will be a great time to watch what some of the young horses in our area can do.

- New to our events - Chruszch Cutting in Dickinson on June 27 and 28. This date is still tentative and final details are being worked out. Thank you to Melissa and Broden for stepping up and putting on this event (also congratulations on the engagement!)
- The State Fair Cutting will be July 25-26 at the Fair Grounds in Minot. The stalls and camping for this show are handled through the state fair office. Val Bahm is coordinating.
- John Hovde and Ginny Eck are coordinating The ND State Finals, scheduled for Medora on September 19 and 20. This place has such great scenery, everyone should try it out.

The coordinators of the events can always use help getting things set up. Please try to lend a hand in setting up for at least one of our events - the coordinators of the event are listed above, get in touch with them. In addition, we can use everyone's hand at all events in teardown. There is always tarps to be taken down and folded and corral panels to be put away.

In addition to the events we are hosting, there are some other ones to be aware of.

- NCHA days: To be held June 5-7 to be held in Windom, Minnesota.
- NDCHA will be co-sanctioning two SDCHA shows to be held in Faith (August 1-2) and Pierre (August 29-30). Dates are tentative.

W9 FORMS NOW REQUIRED: A completed W9 form is now required for NDCHA events, this includes anyone a check is going to be written to (rider, owner, cattle supplier, arena owner). There is a link on our website, please complete and send to Natalie. The form must be on file prior to any winnings or other payments for a show being given out.

NCHA UPDATE CORNER:

Family Owned Horse: The 29 year old age limit has been removed from horse ownership and a **Family Owned Horse form is now required to be filed at NCHA.** All members should check how horse ownership is listed on their AQHA/APHA certificates. If an immediate family member is not listed as the owner and they will be riding the horse, the family owned horse form must be completed prior to the family member showing the horse. This form gets sent to the NCHA.

A couple of examples: According to the AQHA Certificate of Registration, the horse is owned by the mother and father. The son/daughter is going to ride the horse. The family owned horse paperwork needs to be completed and sent to the NCHA office.

According to the AQHA Certificate of Registration, the husband owns the horse. The wife is going to ride the horse. The family owned horse paperwork needs to be completed and sent to the NCHA office.

The new Standing Rule 51.a.4 reads as follows: "If a member who holds an NCHA non-professional and/or amateur card publicly exhibits in any contest, whether approved or unapproved, a cutting horse not owned by the member or by the member's immediate family, as defined herein, said card can be automatically revoked. Additional penalties for ownership rule violations may include loss of Non-Professional/Amateur status for up to life of the member, up to three (3) years suspension from the NCHA, up to a maximum of \$10,000 fine. Any other member who aids and abets the rule violator will be subject to the same penalties depending on the severity of the incident.

Senior World Tour: NDCHA will be holding this class within a class for the 10 normal NCHA classes. The NCHA will award points based on system that mirrors mandatory payout schedule. A world champion will be crowned. Age for entry is 60.

Youth Members on the cutting edge:

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As many of you know, I graduated last spring so my participation in The North Dakota High School Rodeo Association has ended. I enjoyed several great years participating with the NDHSRA. Many of our NDCHA members spend time not only working with the High School Rodeo kids, but at the events setting up and serving as turn-back help. One thing that never gets said often enough, is a thank you to all the turn-back help as we really couldn't do it without them, and they spend many hours during our cuttings on horseback. Thank you for the role you play!

If there is anyone out there that knows of a youth interested in cutting with us, please pass along the information for our shows. We can certainly use some more youth members. We have a couple of wonderful little boys that wear huge smiles every time they exit the cutting pen, they need another rider when I age out of the youth division next year.

The North Dakota High School Rodeo spring session starts in April with the West Fargo boys and girls cow cutting event. I understand there are some new cutting competitors in the high school rodeo for the spring season - welcome and good luck!

501c3 Status

The NDCHA received their determination letter in August 2014 that they were awarded the 501c3 status. There is a certificate that should be given to all sponsors for their use, as all donations are now tax deductible. Holly Gaugler has the certificate if you need a copy.

In addition, the 501c3 status will require W9 forms and 990 tax return. The board approved the show secretary to withhold any show related payments until a W9 is received.

2015 MEMBERSHIPS

NORTH DAKOTA: A ND family membership covers the holder, his or her spouse, and children age 18 or younger. ND membership forms are available on our website at www.ndcutting.com. Money or points won prior to payment of annual dues does not count for the final year-end standings.

Don't forget to renew your NCHA membership. Forms are available on their website at <http://www.nchacutting.com/>. It is easiest if you do this through the NCHA office prior to a show.

If you plan on riding in either Amateur or Non-Pro classes you do need membership for those also. Forms are available on the NCHA website. While you can complete these forms at a show, they do require a National Director be present to sign the forms. With only 1 National Director, we can not guarantee his presence so to be sure it is best to do through the NCHA office prior to any shows.

2015 YEAR-END AWARD CLASSES:

As required by the bylaws, the Board Of Directors has determined year-end awards will be offered in the following classes for 2015:

- Open
- Non-Pro
- Select Non-Pro/Amateur 50 yrs or older rider
- \$50,000 Amateur
- Youth - Senior and Junior
- \$15,000 Novice Horse
- \$15,000 Novice Horse/Non-Pro
- \$5,000 Novice Horse
- \$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro
- \$35,000 Non-Pro
- \$15,000 Amateur
- \$2,000 Limit Rider
- \$1,000 Amateur
- \$500 Novice Rider (ND class)
- \$1,000 Novice Horse (ND class)

The Never Won A Buckle Class will continue to offer a buckle to those participants accumulating 12 points.

As per the bylaws: "A member of the NDCHA must participate in 50% of the classes offered (and held at 50% of NDCHA shows) to be eligible for year-end awards during the calendar year".

Exceptions to this rule are the youth and \$500 rider classes.