



## **A Letter from the AzCHA from the Board of Directors to all Members and Friends – December 2015**

It's been an exciting and successful 2015 for AzCHA and its members and we are looking forward to more of the same in 2016. Here's a wrap up on 2015 and a look ahead.

### **2015 Wrap Up**

Once again, we were blessed with great weather, good cattle and fun cutting all year. Perhaps the October show was a little warm (well maybe it was hot?), but the fans, coolers and everyone's positive attitude helped get us all through it. The revised format for the Arizona Futurity was well received by the contestants and resulted in a much larger field in spite of the heat. For the year we had gross revenues of about \$1.8 million and paid out over \$640,000 in prize money. We had approximately 4700 cuts this year. AzCHA again finished the year on very strong financial footing in spite of increased cattle costs.

The final year end standings have been posted on the website. As you know, to win an AzCHA yearend award you must show at AzCHA produced shows at least 30% of the times each class makes. So that everyone is aware of who qualified for and will be presented year end awards, we have posted that list on the home page of the website. Please take a look at this list and let us know if you have any questions.

It was great to see so many AzCHA members in Fort Worth for the 2015 NCHA World Finals and the 2015 NCHA World Championship Futurity. We were very well represented both in the cutting pen and in the stands during the World Finals. We had a very large number of AzCHA members who finished in the Top 15, and a number of World Champions, Reserve World Champions and Show Champions. In the Futurity we were again well represented with semi-finalists and finalists in several classes. The word is out that there is some serious cutting going on in Arizona! Great job and congratulations to all who showed in the World Finals and the Futurity!!!

### **Election of Officers and Directors**

The elections were wrapped up in November with the following people elected to the open positions: President Terry Randall, Vice President Dawn Chapman, Beth Sullivan Secretary/Treasurer, and Katie

Costello Peterson and Mike Stephens to 3 year board terms. Thanks to all that voted and for those who are willing to serve in these positions.

### **Looking Ahead to 2016**

Our first show of 2016 will be January 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 in Queen Creek. The show schedule and other the information is posted on our website. RV spaces are now being reserved thru HPEC, please contact Jennifer Broadhead at 480-358-3793 for information. The RV spaces are sold out for the January show, but Jennifer is taking names for a wait list should spaces open up. Kathy Unfried is now handling horse stall reservations, her contact phone number is 928-277-2103. This will be Cheryl Challis' first show as AzCHA show secretary, although Lindsey will be there to assist. We look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks!

The Open, Non Pro and the \$50000 Amateur will show all 5 days with all other weekend classes showing 4 times over the 5 days. On Friday, January 8, we will hold our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on site at HPEC. AzCHA will again be fully sponsoring the Awards Banquet, therefore there will be no cost for those attending. Please plan on joining us to help celebrate the accomplishments of our members and the conclusion of a successful year!

### **ReRun Riot Returns for its Fifth Consecutive year**

Thanks to the great generosity of Jerry and Parri Longworth, Scottsdale Equine Reproduction Center, and Roohide, we will again be offering the ReRun Riot in 2016. The ReRun Riot provides buckles to the top five finishers and a saddle to the winner in each of the \$2000 Limited Rider, \$15,000 Amateur and the \$35,000 Non Pro classes. This has become a highlight of our association as riders compete on rerun cattle for great prizes. We are very grateful to SERC, Jerry and Parri and John for their ongoing and very substantial commitment to promoting AzCHA and these three classes.

### **The Fifty Foto Finish is Back**

Our first Fifty Foto Finish was a big hit with the \$50,000 Amateur competitors and we are pleased that it will be back for 2016. Thanks to Jan Mapes for creating a custom commissioned one of a kind painting to the winner of this class. This will be a very distinct keepsake for the 2016 class winner. Places 1 through 10 will also receive a special apparel award in addition to buckles and other great prizes which go to top 10 finishers. We hope to be able to present the finished painting for the 2015 winner at our banquet. Thanks again to Jan for helping AzCHA create this special award.

Sincere thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers and participants. It takes all of us working together to make the shows successful and enjoyable! We have heard many positive comments from all over the country about cutting with Arizona Cutting Horse Association at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center in Queen Creek, AZ. We are grateful for the support.

Please check out our revised website for schedules and other useful information. We look forward to seeing you all at our shows starting in January. Enjoy the Holidays and we'll see you soon!!

Happy Holiday and Happy Cutting

AzCHA Board of Directors