



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

We hope that all of you have enjoyed your summer and have found great places to cut during these warm months. There are a lot of AzCHA members who have been hauling hard and are at or near the top of the standings for the World Championships in many classes. Congratulations on your success thus far and we wish you the best of luck the rest of the way. It's time to start thinking about cutting in Arizona as the weather will begin cooling soon and we gear up for our October and November shows.

### **NCHA Affiliate of the Year for 2014**

We are very proud to announce that AzCHA was named the NCHA Affiliate of the Year for 2014. We are very pleased to receive this recognition because it further validates that our efforts are recognized on the national level. We have a great staff and receive great support from the Town of Queen Creek, but it is your continued support that helps make our shows successful. The award swag consisted of a check for \$2500, an NCHA trophy, a \$1000 Gist gift certificate and a nice HP printer. Thanks to everyone for making our association special!!

### **Transitions**

Many of you already know that Lindsey Mills has decided to retire this coming January. It's a sad day and she will be sorely missed but we are pleased that Lindsey and Lannis will be able to enjoy their children and grandchildren on a schedule that does not have to work around cutting horse shows. Lindsey has dedicated immense amounts of time and energy to AzCHA for nearly 16 years both at the shows and behind the scenes between shows. We certainly could not have been as successful as we have been without her. THANK YOU LINDSEY, WE LOVE YOU AND WE WILL MISS YOU!!

We have been planning for Lindsey's departure for a few a few months now. Kathy Unfried who has supported Lindsey for several years will take over as Association Secretary and handle many of Lindsey's duties in the show office and between shows. Cheryl Callis will handle the Show Secretary duties. Many of you know Cheryl from her work on shows in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. She is very experienced and energetic and we believe that she will be a great fit for our association. Cheryl will work with Lindsey at our November show and will take charge of the January show with Lindsey there for support.

Please take the time to thank Lindsey for all she has done and please welcome Kathy and Cheryl to their new duties when you see them.

### **October Show**

Our first show this fall will be the Arizona Futurity and Weekend Show, September 30 thru October 4. We have tweaked the aged event format a little again this year. Both the Futurity Open and Non Pro classes will show three times with \$2500 added each day for the Open and \$1000 added each day for the Non Pro. Details for all the aged events and weekend classes, including a tentative schedule are posted on the website. Thanks to Jack and Sherry Cowan who will be our sponsors this year for the Arizona Owned awards in the futurity classes. AzCHA will be hosting a party on Friday to celebrate the futurity as we have in the past. We look forward to getting started again and hope to see you all there.

### **Future Shows**

The November show will be one of your last chances to earn money toward the NCHA World Finals standings. The show will be November 4, 5, 6 and 7 and will include weekend and LAE classes. The first AzCHA show of 2016 will be January 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. The awards banquet and annual meeting will be Friday, January 8.

The competition is close for yearend awards for 2015 in all of the classes. The special awards for the Fifty Foto Finish and the Rerun Riot are still up for grabs so come out and keep the fight going until the end.

The dates for our other 2016 shows through April are all on the website. Please plan to attend our winter shows and enjoy our great Arizona weather at that time of year.

### **RV Spaces at Horseshow Park and Equestrian Center**

We have been working with HPEC to address some challenges which arose last winter with the RV spaces at HPEC. Here is what is coming:

1. Beginning with the coming October show, all RV spaces must be reserved and paid in advance directly with HPEC. We will be sharing the details of this in the coming weeks.
2. During the summer of 2016, HPEC will be adding new hookups for approximately 15 more RV spaces.

We are hopeful that by HPEC instigating a system to manage the RV spaces immediately and by adding more spaces next summer we will avoid some of the issues we have experienced. Please keep these changes in mind and work with us as we move to make these improvements.

### **Officer and Board Elections**

It's that time of year to start thinking about elections for the officers and board members of the Association for 2016. If you are interested in putting your name in the running for any of these offices or want additional information, please contact Sherry Cowan at 928-978-3466 or [slcowan2008@gmail.com](mailto:slcowan2008@gmail.com). The election will be held in November and those elected will assume their duties on January 8, 2016.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer. We look forward to seeing all of you in Queen Creek in October.

Thanks to all our great sponsors and members!!

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