

A Letter from the AzCHA Board of Directors to all Members and Friends – August 2016

Well it's still hot and steamy in Arizona but it's time to start thinking about the cooler weather ahead and cutting in Queen Creek. Our show season will resume with the show September 28 to October 2 at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center in Queen Creek, Arizona. We know that many of our members are high up in the NCHA World Standings and also in the PCCHA standings and that you have been hauling to maintain your positions or move up even higher. Good luck the rest of the summer!!

Arizona Futurity and Oktoberfest, September 28 – October 2

This show will host our annual Arizona Futurity as well as a full weekend schedule. The Futurity will be the same format as last year which was very well received.

- OPEN FUTURITY – \$2500 ADDED PER DAY – 3 DAYS – AWARDS TO CIRCUIT FINALS – BUCKLES TO CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- NON PRO FUTURITY - \$1000 ADDED PER DAY – 3 DAYS – AWARDS TO CIRCUIT FINALS – BUCKLES TO CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- FUTURITY AWARDS TO TOP FIVE IN EACH DIVISION
- ARIZONA OWNED - \$1000 ADDED – SPONSORED BY COWAN RANCH LLC
- COCKTAIL PARTY – FRIDAY – IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE THIRD GO OF THE FUTURITY OPEN
- DERBY OPEN AND 5-6 OPEN – 2 DAYS - \$750 ADDED
- DERBY NON PRO AND 5-6 NON PRO – 2 DAYS \$500 ADDED
- NCHA WEEKEND OPEN, NON PRO AND \$50,000 AM – ALL 5 DAYS – OTHER CLASSES GO 4 TIMES

The schedule will be posted on our website shortly. Please plan on meeting up with your friends and showing with AzCHA in Queen Creek.

NCHA Days Report

We hosted NCHA Days at the wonderful West World facility in Scottsdale in June and it turned out to be a great show. While it was hot outside, most of us needed a vest inside the air conditioned arena, barn lope area and practice pen. The show went very smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy the open bar and stacks provided by AzCHA on Friday night. Some may have enjoyed them a little too much!! It was a great chance to catch up and just enjoy each other's company. Thanks to the West World crew and to our staff for putting on show which gained many complements from the attendees.

As you may know, NCHA is no longer going to hold the NCHA Days shows. They are working on a new format which they hope will draw more participation on a wider scale. We were fortunate to host the last NCHA Days for Area 2. Please keep in mind that NCHA will be hosting the Western Nationals at West World, Scottsdale, AZ, in early May 2017. We hope to see all of you there!!

Officers and Board Elections

It's the time of year again to start thinking about AzCHA officer and board member elections. We will be losing several officers and board members this year. We have been planning for these organizational changes for more than a year and are confident that AzCHA will continue its positive direction. As with all such organizations, AzCHA is in need of caring and thoughtful people who are willing to dedicate their efforts to keeping this great organization great for years to come. Fresh ideas and different perspectives will be needed as we face the challenges ahead. It is important that new faces start to participate in the guidance of our association if our success is to be perpetuated. Please consider offering your services. If you have questions or would like to discuss the positions which are open, please call Terry Randall at 602-421-3250 or email at terryrandall@gmail.com.

NCHA Convention

There is a very informative article in the August 1 issue of "The Quarter Horse News", entitled "Changing Times" that we recommend you read. This article summarizes some of the happenings at the NCHA Convention, June 24-26. NCHA and cutting in general faces many challenges regarding cattle, the economy, shrinking membership, loss of affiliates, governance structure and any many more. These and other new challenges will affect all cutters nationwide more each year. NCHA is trying to address the many important challenges in a more direct, efficient and productive manner. The article provides a brief summary of some of the steps being taken, others that are necessary and a challenge to all from Jim Bret Campbell, Executive Director. Most people don't like change, but change will be necessary if we are to ensure the success of the cutting horse industry for the future.

Our tentative schedule for 2017 has been posted on the website so that you can start to plan your year ahead. The January show will host our annual Year End Awards Banquet, there will be more detail ahead on that as we are contemplating some changes to the banquet. We will keep you posted.

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors who make our awards, banquets, parties, added money and our overall success possible!! See you on September 28.

Good luck and safe travels 'til then!!

The AzCHA Board of Directors