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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Check this out!

- Don't forget to sign up for your 2010 membership-forms are online
- Check out the pictures of some of the fall spectacular winners in the newsletter
- First show is coming up in April, see website for information

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New Year WRHA reiners! New year, new decade, and good things to come for WRHA in 2010. The show committee is already at work planning our slate of shows for 2010. Freestyle will be returning to the show schedule for the Spring Fling and Derby, and we may host a Rookie Day later in the year. Our annual election was held at the Fall Spectacular and Futurity in Wenatchee in October 2009. Your slate of officers for 2010 is: President – Jeanine Kern; Vice President – Sue Muir (who also is our Awards Chairman); Secretary/Treasurer – Suzie Knudson; Directors – Darren Stancik, Cheryl James, Dave McKim (who is also our Sponsorship Chairman),

and Caroline Schaefer (who is also our Show Committee Chairman). You will notice a new look to the newsletter, thanks and welcome to Linda Barsalou who has joined the newsletter committee. I feel fortunate to be able to serve with such a terrific team. Lots of activity since the last newsletter, so read on for Fall Spectacular and Futurity Show Results, Regional Affiliate Finals and North American Affiliate Championships Report, NRHA Board Report, and news from WRHA members. The membership application for 2010 is available on the WRHA website here:

<http://www.wrha.net/content/forms/10%20Membership.cwk%20%28WP%29.pdf>

. Send in your membership application now to get that off your to-do list before show season. Stay tuned for 2009 Year End High Point results in the next newsletter, with awards to be given at the Spring Fling and Derby in Wenatchee in April. See you there!

Jeanine Kern

WRHA President



WRHA Member News

Congratulations to Ryann McKinzie on her clean sweep of the Loot for Grassroots Level 1 through 4 with RU Missin Diamonds at the International Reining Festival in Denver in September. Ryann marked a 219 going last in a very deep finals, and took home nearly \$25,000. Reserve champion

was Shelby St. Hilaire with NQH Little Jac, 217.5. Rounding out the top three was another familiar face from the WRHA shows, Kylie Nicklous riding Gettin Magnumtized, scoring 216.5. At the same show, Gloria Woods and her nice horse Plus Half won three divisions of the Mile High

Derby. They led the Level 3, Level 2 and Level 1 Non Pro divisions with a 143 1/2, as well as being reserve champions in the Level 4. Winnings included a Morrison, a pewter and a nice chunk of cash! Way to go ladies!

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Special Thanks to our 2009 Sponsors

It is my pleasure on behalf of the WRHA to thank the many individuals that comprise our group of loyal sponsors! We were able to continue our tradition of offering Washington's premier rein-ing events because of this continued financial support. We look forward to an improving economy for 2010 and the opportunity to provide events that will attract an increasing number of riders to our club. Sponsorship opportunities for next year will be posted on the web-site after the beginning of the year.

Dave McKim

WRHA Sponsorship Chairman

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More WHRA Member News

Best wishes to Aaron Doss in his new position with Dave Belson and 5B Reiners in Cave Creek, AZ. We will miss you and hope to see you back in the Northwest some day. Good luck in Arizona.

Skykomish River Ranch in Monroe welcomes Mike Stokes. He will be giving lessons by appointment. Mike can be reached at 509-630-8436.

Congratulations to Kevin Montgomery on his purchase of Pardee Pine, a 4 year old mahogany bay stallion by Great Red Pine. "Pardee" was shown by Pete

Kyle at the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City in 2009, and will be in training with Darren Stancik at Paradise Stables. Good luck to Kevin in the non pro classes and Darren in the open classes with Pardee in 2010. We look forward to seeing you in the show pen

Fall Spectacular and Futurity Results

Washington Reining Horse Association wrapped up the 2009 show season with the annual Fall Spectacular and Futurity, held this year at the Appleatchee Riding Club in Wenatchee, WA October 9-11, 2009.

The show began with the first Non Pro class of the two slate show. Mary Jo House on Sir Smart Whiz won the class, kicking off an impressive weekend of accomplishments. Mary Jo came home with a reserve championship in the second Non Pro along with the Intermediate Non Pro, and also split both slates of Limited Non Pro classes, with a championship in one and reserve championship in the other. Terri Hunter and Chocolate Hustler had an equally successful weekend, with a championship and reserve championship in the two slates of Non Pro classes, the Intermediate Non Pro championship, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2 championship, and Co-championship of the Prime Time Non Pro with Alayne Blicke and Dealin Pay Chex. Alayne also brought home a win in Limited Non Pro.



Mary Jo House on Sir Smart Wiz



Terri Hunter on Chocolate Hustler

Mike Helsen had a good weekend in the Open division, winning the first slate on Lenas Smokum Oak owned by Tana Hanson, and tying for second on Power Trip Nic owned by Keith Johnson. Cory Hutchings won the Open in the second slate on Almond Bark Chic owned by George and Cindy McKinzie. Continuing on their winning ways after sweeping the Loot For the Grassroots in Las Vegas earlier this year, Ryann McKinzie took first on RU Missin Diamonds and second on Whiztacular in the first slate of Youth 14 -18. Holly Lansidel and Smart Like Steady swept both slates of the Youth 13 and Under. Mike Stokes swept Novice Horse Open Level 1 and 2 on Gunddealer for owner Dana King.

In the money consistently throughout the weekend, Kevin Montgomery and Im Sure Peppy Chic won the Rookie I. It was good to see Julie Walker and Chics Dry Eclipse back in the show pen, winning Rookie 2.

The highlight of the weekend are the futurity classes held Saturday night in conjunction with a catered BBQ dinner that has become a favorite with spectators and exhibitors alike. Taking home \$905.70 and other prizes, Roxanne Peters won the Non Pro Futurity on Shes Boomtastic. Roxanne Peters is a familiar face in our NRHA circle of friends, primarily as a market breeder and owner of a Northwest favorite stallion, Jac Daniels Neat (Hollywood Jac 86 x Lady Be Great x Great Pine). It may be surprising that she has never had opportunity to keep a prospect for herself to show until Shes Boomtastic by Boomernic out of Mity Chex (Poppa Chex x King Fritz). "I have shown each of my broodmares including Mity Chex the dam of Shes Boomtastic, so while 'Janey' was very green, I knew how to prepare her and what I had to do to get her shown and have a good experience the first time out" Roxanne stated. She is a great mover and easy to change leads on, so while she was somewhat insecure with traffic in our warm ups, she loved being in arena alone and was a "true little show horse, her circles were really fun!"



Roxanne on Shes Boomtastic

The NRHA Slide

Dan McGregor, Northwest Representative to the NRHA Board, reports the following from the November 2009 NRHA Board Meeting:

1. We discussed the finances of the NRHA. The organization is healthy and making progress increasing net assets over previous year but the economy does affect the income. The horse sale at the futurity is a big source of revenue and with the decrease in the value of horses it does affect that income.
2. Terri Griffin is heading a task force to expand the IT division to be more effective and provide more information for show etc.
3. NRHA signed a new contract with In Country Television to provide more TV coverage than RFD gave us for less money this channel is next to the RFD channel and will be easy to find. If you want to advertise your farm or horses they have great rates and provide lots of exposure.
4. Montana Silver is a new corporate sponsor they have great rates on belt buckles and trophies.
5. There were some changes to the North American Affiliate Conditions for 2010 please see the change check the website the one change most important is **“if a member is a member of multiple affiliates an any time from January 1 – July 31, 2010 exhibiter must have a primary affiliate designation registered with the NRHA “** This must be done by August 1st (please designate early---there may not be any leniency and you will not be able to compete if you do not designate)
6. **A new Region has been created “The East Central Region” it did not change the number of Directors because the same amount of members remained the same it did not affect the Northwest Region we will still have 2 directors but the following is the adjusted number of directors:**
 - Northeast 2
 - Southeast 2
 - North central 1
 - Mountain 2
 - New east central 3
7. AQHA has developed an “ALLIANCE PARTNERS STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT” regarding drug testing..the NRHA is not in full agreement of the policy and has commissioned a task force made up of a diverse spectrum of equine professionals and also a Social Ethics College Professor. To develop a policy that makes sense to the horse industry. We need to do the right thing for the performance horse industry NRHA thinks this task force will guide us onto the correct path. NRHA believes that “Appropriate use of therapeutic medicines for competitive performance horses up to the time of competition” is justified. The Board did pass a resolution the high limb blocking is not beneficial and will not be allowed in competitions. The point was made that what is better for the horse owner to use Ace rather than lope him for 6 hours before competing.
8. To qualify for the North American Affiliate Championships you now can be in the top 8 of the Regional Affiliate Finals rather than top 5. NRHA will have a non-pro top 20 program and recognize the top 20 non-pros with a jacket. The Judges Committee had us approve some new judges and announced the that a prominent Judge has had his judging privileges revoked until further notice.

More Fall Futurity



Darren Stancik on Chic Please Dunit

Shes Boomtastic is for sale, but if she doesn't sell, Roxanne would love to keep her for the Derbys in 2010 and get more experience showing the younger horses. "My friends' and trainers' biggest challenge will be keeping me from breeding her to Jac Daniels Neat...."

Winning both the Limited and Open Futurity divisions, Darren Stancik brought home \$1040.48 on Chic Please Dunit for owner Janet Hurlburt. 'Duffy' is a special horse for Janet, out of her Hollywood Dun It mare Dunitinthebuff and by Chic Please. Darren describes Duffy as a thinking-man's horse: "Very quiet and sensitive, easy to teach". Darren said he enjoyed using his brain more than brawn in training Duffy. According to Darren, "Duffy's turnarounds and circles have always been very natural". In comparing Duffy to his dam 'Buffy', whom Darren also trained, Duffy is similar to mom Buffy, "being the same horse today as he was yesterday". Duffy is transitioning to his new job as owner Janet Hurlburt's non pro horse over the winter. Look for Janet and Duffy to have a long and prosperous non pro career together.

Full show results can be found on the WRHA website here:

<http://www.wrha.net/shows/compiled%20-%20fall%202009.pdf>

Pictures from the show can be found here:

<http://www.pixeldust.smugmug.com/Equestrian-Events/WRHA>

NRHA Regional Affiliate Finals and North American Affiliate Championships

The Northwest Region put in a strong showing at the North American Affiliate Championships held in conjunction with the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City in November 2009, coming in 3rd place overall in the affiliate team competition. Congratulations to the following WRHA members for earning their right to compete in the North American Affiliate Championships by placing in the top 5 at the Regional Affiliate Finals in Nampa, ID in October 2009:

Shawn Church/Little Devil Whiz (owned by Megan Woodley): Regional Affiliate Finals Reserve Champion Open

Jennifer Slough/Talk of the Flock: Regional Affiliate Finals Reserve Champion Non Pro, Regional Affiliate Finals Reserve Champion Intermediate Non Pro

Shelie Hartman Gibbs/Bueno Sixty Six: Regional Affiliate Finals Top 5 Prime Time Non Pro

Snake River Reining Alliance will be hosting the Regional Affiliate Finals in Nampa, ID again in 2010, scheduled for October 14-17, 2010. The Top 10 from each affiliate qualify to compete in the Regional Affiliate Finals, and new for 2010, the Top 8 from each region qualify to compete in the North American Affiliate Championships. Affiliate designations must be made by August 1, 2010. All qualifying conditions and forms can be reviewed in the January 2010 issue of the Reiner, as well as on the NRHA affiliate page here: <http://www.nrha.com/affiliate.php>



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