

March 2010 AZRCHA Down The Fence News
RANDI PAUL WINS WORLD GREATEST HORSEMAN
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We are all happy to report the 2010 show year is officially underway but let us celebrate all that just took place at the NRCHA World Show, Derby and Worlds Greatest Horseman event in San Angelo, Texas. Again Arizona showed that we have the greatest riders. We want to send congratulations to all our Arizona riders who made it to the World Championships as well as those who entered the Derby and World's Greatest events. We are so proud of the winner of the Worlds Greatest Horseman, Randi Paul riding Smokeelan owned by Jill Smiekel-George, Randi and Smokeelan have certainly made a name for themselves these past few months. In the World Championships Kevin Stallings won the Open Two Rein riding Shining Lil Nic owned by the Bill and Janejill Tointon and the Reserve Champion title on Voodoo Chic owned by Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch. Kevin also had a 4th place in the same event on Shining Miss Lena also owned by Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch. Karen Stallings was a top 5 finisher in the Non Pro Two Rein on HR Rum N Dr Pepper. In the Limited Open Bridle Ty Rohrbaugh riding Shiners Spumanti owned by Tointon's became World Champion and Brad Barkemeyer riding Hickorys Pepibella owned by Barbara Truex was 4th. In the Novice Non Pro Bridle Mandy Somerville was crowned Reserve Champion riding her Hickorys Lena Made. In the Non Pro Hackamore we were represented again by Karen Stallings who finished 3rd on Star Time Truckin. Open Bridle 4th place finisher was Kevin Stallings again riding Shining Lil Nic owned by Bill and Janejill Tointon. The 5000 Non Pro Limited had a 4th place finisher Cheryl Lynn Smith riding King of the Hen House owned by Casey and Cheryl Lynn Smith and an 8th place finisher Teninolena Chex ridden and owned by Deah Hessian-Ruple.

The Nationals & Sun Circuit Shows were good shows and all NRCHA/AZRCHA results will be posted on our web site as soon as they are available from NRCHA.

We are excited to announce a new web manager and in an effort to bring you news and events in a more timely manner as well as cut our expenses we are going electronic with this the March news. If for any reason you would like a hard copy please contact us. At the recent meeting held at Sun Circuit elections of officers took place. The results are as follows: Debbie Kolacy as President, Mike Doud as Vice President and Secretary Peg Green, Dema Paul has a year remaining of her four year term as treasurer. We welcomed those elected to the general board, Peg Green, Cristina Denton, Steve Taylor, Brad Barkemeyer & Corey Cushing as well as returning members Debbie Kolacy, Mike Doud, Dema Paul, Kevin Stallings, Debbie Stack, Marilyn Harris & Tom Rolston. We are so proud and lucky to have these people guiding AZRCHA. As we have mentioned before our club is growing and demand for bigger and better shows requires many hands and we have that. Look out world here we come.

Big news from Purina. We had Purina Certified Equine Nutrition Advisor, Troy Rogers sit in our recent Board Meeting so he could see our AZRCHA board's commitment to great events and serving our members interest. On that note Troy has since contacted us regarding possibly becoming involved with AZRCHA events. We are so excited to have them interested and hope you, our members, take advantage of their Equine Nutrition knowledge. Purina would like to be a major sponsor of our Spring Classic **but** in order for this to happen we need to guarantee them that our members will take advantage of a short Equine Nutrition Seminar during our show lunch break on Saturday, April 10th. We see great possibilities for you and AZRCHA through their program. Debbie Kolacy has personally attended their research seminar at the Purina Research Facility and found the knowledge gained very beneficial. We hope you too will benefit from this information. We will keep you posted on their possible commitment to AZRCHA.

2009 Year End Awards were handed out during the board meeting. We were so excited to be able to also award the reserve winners with buckles too. Thank you to all those who took part in our annual silent auction which supports these awards and Gist Buckles for their great help. Thank you to all our members and sponsors for its you who make all this possible.

The plans for the 4th Annual Sherri Gilkerson Memorial Bridle & Hackamore Spectacular and SCRCHA Wine Country Classic Horse Show are well underway. It will be held at the beautiful Casner Ranch in Temecula, CA, May 14 – 16, 2010, anyone who has attended this event either as a contestant or spectator looks forward to this every year. We do have a great time celebrating the life of Sherri. AZRCHA awards over \$28,000. in cash and prizes at this event thanks to many very generous sponsors. Visit our Sponsor Page to see who they are. The Sherri Gilkerson Scholarship is awarded each year at this event. Make this year your year to join in the fun and celebration in Temecula.

New for 2010, 3Day NRCHA Show Events. AZRCHA will host 3 NRCHA Horse Shows along with 2 AQHA/AZQHA Cow Horse Alliance Special Events. April 9, 10 & 11. **The Spring Classic**, Located at the Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, AZ. Look on our site for stall reservation info, class list & entry forms. If you are interested in being a sponsor don't hesitate to contact us. Our Second 3 Day event will be **The Fall Classic and Futurity**, October 22, 23 & 24th at the same location. That will along with the Futurity and 3 NRCHA Horse Shows will also host AQHA/AZQHA Cow Horse. This Fall show is our fun weekend that also includes our Awards Benefit Silent Auction, Pedigree Dog Show and Breast Cancer Awareness events. We are also planning to host a Corey Cushing Clinic sometime during the year so watch for that news. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us in 2010.

The Shamrock Quarter Horse Show held in Tucson in coming in late March. AZRCHA is affiliated with that event so if you want AZRCHA year end points remember to join today. Visit the Southern Arizona Quarter Horse Web Site for show and entry info.

Check out our site and come join in the fun. See you Down the Fence!