

Down the Fence



The newsletter of the Arizona Reined Cow Horse Association

AZRCHA 2010 Year-end Awards Announced

After a full year of preparation, practice and competition the points have been tallied and year-end awards have been determined. Based on points earned over the course of the show year, first place winners will receive custom buckles and second place winners will receive commemorative horse sheets. The breakdown for points earned toward the year-end standings can be found on the club web site. Awards will be distributed in mid-January. The 2010 winners are:

Open Bridle: Champion: Shining Lil Nic owned by Bill and Janiejill Tointon, shown by Kevin Stallings. Reserve: Lil Time to Smoke, owned and shown by Lyn Anderson.

Limited Open Bridle: Lil Black Shiner owned by Bar U Bar Ranch and shown by Laurel Denton. Reserve: Just One Cat, owned by Janet Bache and shown by Brad Barkemeyer.

Non Pro Bridle: Champion: Irish a Shine owned and shown by Marilyn Harris. Reserve: He's a Smokin Indian, owned and shown by Tish Wilhite.

Intermediate Non Pro Bridle: Champion: Pepinic Chex owned and shown by Scott Trueblood. Reserve: Brother White, owned and shown by Dana Avila.

Novice Non Pro Bridle: Champion: CP Remedy, owned by TJ Mendoza and shown by Cindy Mendoza. Reserve: Skeets Majic Peppy, owned by Bill Wood, shown by Darleen Wood.

Open Hackamore: Champion: Chics Master Pleaser, owned by Carrie Cash and shown by Tony Mendoza. Reserve: Truckin Like Chic, owned by Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch and shown by Kevin Stallings.

Limited Open Hackamore: Champion: Rios Fancy Figure, owned by Linda Mars and shown by Tucker Clark. Reserve: Lil Chicaroo, owned by Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch and shown by Tucker Clark.

Non Pro Hackamore: Champion: Star Time Truckin, owned by Kevin and Karen Stallings, shown by Karen Stallings. Reserve: Lil Sweet Shiner, owned and shown by Jana Jones.

Open Two Rein: Champion: Starbuck Git YaDun, owned by Marilyn Harris and shown by Jimmie Paul. Reserve: Leos Frosty Barbie, owned by Monica Pratt and shown by Tony Mendoza.

Youth Bridle: Lone Star Chicolena, owned by Stewart Ranch and shown by Chantz Stewart. Reserve: Dun Leanin, owned by Laura Edwards and shown by Claire Edwards.

5K Non Pro Limited: Champion: Teninolena Chex, owned and shown by Deah Hessian. Reserve: Cat Buc Ballou, owned and shown by Monica Pratt.

Non Pro Limited: Champion: Will You Miss Me, owned by Phillip/Tori Ralls, shown by Tori Ralls. Reserve: Whoturnedondelight, owned by Jim/Debbie Lohrman and shown by Debbie Lohrman.

MEET AZRCHA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BRYAN LUARK

Bryan is a senior at Colorado State University which is in Fort Collins, Co. He is working on his bachelor's degree in animal science. He applied to vet school this fall and will find out if he was accepted in Dec. or Jan. He grew up on a cattle ranch in Burns, CO and has always been riding horses. Bryan started showing reining horses when he was 12 and started riding with Sherri Gilkerson when she worked in Carbondale. Bryan continued riding with Sherri when she moved to Cave Creek. He works at CSU veterinary teaching hospital as a night technician and also works part time in a research lab on campus. Last semester he studied abroad in New Zealand which was "an awesome and educational experience"



Did you see.....





SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING COW HORSE EVENTS:

<i>Arizona National Livestock Show</i>	<i>Jan. 6-9</i>
<i>Sun Circuit (AQHA only)</i>	<i>Jan. 29-Feb.6</i>
<i>NRCHA Celebration of Champions</i>	<i>Jan. 29-Feb.6</i>
<i>Shamrock Show</i>	<i>March 24-27</i>
<i>AZRCHA Spring Show (tentative)</i>	<i>April 8, 9, 10</i>
<i>Sherri Gilkerson Memorial</i>	<i>May TBD</i>

A PRETTY GOOD JOKE.....

As Lefty was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Lefty, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 17. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Lefty, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

2011 AZRCHA MEMBERSHIPS

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE YOU SHOW IN JANUARY! IN ORDER FOR EVERY POINT TO COUNT, YOU MUST BE A CURRENT AZRCHA MEMBER! FIND A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM AT AZRCHA.COM!

MEET AZRCHA SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT KELSEY KENSON

Kelsey Kenson is 20 years old and currently a sophomore at West Texas A&M University studying Agriculture Communications in Canyon, Texas. She was born and raised in Prescott, Arizona. She is a varsity member on WTAMU's Equestrian Team, and competes in the Open Reining division. She recently competed in a scrimmage, scored a 73 and was named MVP for that show. Kelsey feels that being able to go to a great University and continue showing has been an amazing privilege. Kelsey says, "I'm surrounded with amazing teammates and coaches that love the horse world as much as I do."

She is the Media Representative for the Equestrian team. Kelsey also is involved in a service project, Stockings For Our Soldiers.

Along with the Equestrian team (when they compete at shows they draw the horse to ride and have no riding time with that horse-their first contact with the horse is when they are in the show arena), Kelsey is involved with WTAMU's Stock Horse Team, where she rides her own horse, Home Run Chic. They compete in various shows throughout Texas along with out of state shows. They compete in reining, working cow horse, trail, and pleasure. For the 2010 Finals Kelsey placed 5th overall. Her goal is to be in the overall top three for the 2011 Finals.



Karen and Elvis Three-peat as AQHA Amateur World Champions!



2008, 2009 and 2010. They were very good years for Karen Stallings and stallion NMSU Truckin Chex, aka Elvis. The pair has garnered the AQHA Amateur Cow Horse World Championship three years in a row. In 2008 they were also Amateur Working Cow Horse year end high point winners. This hard riding, cow dominating team has proven themselves time and time again.

This year the amateur class at the world show was particularly wolfy, but Karen and Elvis stepped up and won it anyway. After her win, Karen graciously credited her husband Kevin for all that he did to keep the hard working horse going, and noted that she had an incredible team of people who helped make it possible. "Everything felt really good...He was really fun to show... He is Mister Cool... He was so mentally clear." Karen told the Quarter Horse Journal.

It's hard to imagine what goals this pair might have for 2011. In addition to cow horsing, Elvis is no stranger to the cutting pen. What's next?

HUNGRY HORSEMAN CUISINE

No Fail Scalloped Potatoes

3/4 Cup instant coffee creamer (not flavored)
3 Tsp. flour
1 Tsp. salt
1/4 Tsp. Paprika

Slice:

6 Medium potatoes
1 Medium onion

1 1/2 Cups boiling chicken broth
3 Tbls. Butter
Sliced ham (optional)

Layer 1/3 of potatoes, onion and ham in a 2-quart casserole.
Sprinkle with 1/3 creamer mix after each layer. Dot each layer with 1 tbls. butter. Pour boiling broth over all.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours or until tender.

Thanks to Laurel Denton for this recipe!

Marilyn Harris and Irish a Shine capture National AQHA year end award

Marilyn and her good mare won the prestigious AQHA High Point Amateur Working Cow Horse year end award for 2010. Congratulations to a team which displayed excellence and consistency all year long! Once again, Arizona cow horsers lead the country.

NATIONAL HONORS WON BY AZRCHA MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following club members who won Championships or Reserve Championship year end awards at the NRCHA National Level:

Limited Open Bridle reserve champion Laurel Walker Denton riding Bar U Bar's **Lil Black Shiner**; Novice Non Pro Bridle Champion Cindy Mendoza riding **CP Remedy** owned by TJ Mendoza; Open Hackamore reserve champion Lyn Anderson riding **Meet Rippen Diamonds** owned by Dick Hershman; Non Pro Hackamore reserve champion Karen Stallings riding **Star Time Truckin** owned by Kevin and Karen Stallings; 5K Non Pro Limited champion **Teninolena Chex** owned and ridden by Deah Hessian-Ruple.

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