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Down the Fence

Newsletter of the Arizona Reined Cow Horse Association

Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch Fall Futurity and Fall Classic Horse Show-fast and furious action!



Open Futurity winner Barney Skelton on Nics Red Lena owned by Claire Hanssen.



Non Pro Futurity winner Cheryl Smith on LB Rule the Roost.

HORSE SHOW RUNDOWN

Cowhorsers from the all over the southwest tested their skills at the Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch Futurity and Fall Classic in Queen Creek, Arizona on October 22-24. Seventeen open exhibitors and two non pro exhibitors challenged their three year olds to ride in the herd, show their finesse in the dry work and be brave down the fence. Barney Skelton, on Nics Red Lena owned by Claire Hanssen, came out on top in the Open. Cheryl Smith with LB Rule the Roost won the Non Pro. Both earned Bob's Custom Saddles for their efforts as well as healthy paychecks.

On Friday the cutters turned out to crack the herd and hold the cow. The amateur AQHA class sported 18 entries! Afterward everyone was entertained with the dog show antics that included costume classes for the cutest dogs and races for the fastest dogs.

Gertie won the "Cutest Dog". Janet Bache is her owner. The "Ugliest Dog" was High Speed Chase owned by Richard Gregory and Monica Pratt. The "Best Costume" was won by Okie, owned by Skylar Smith. The Big Dog Race was won by Lily, owned by Luanna Goltry. The Small Dog Race was won by Gertie, owned by Janet Bache.

Saturday the regular horse show classes provided exhibitors and their horses with every opportunity to show their stuff. The weather cooperated and gave everyone a taste of fall weather to come. The Silent Auction took place all weekend long, offering items like a signed Jim Paul drawing, an original Jim Paul silver cuff bracelet, a breeding to NMSU Truckin' Chex, photography by Barry Denton, among other fabulous items.

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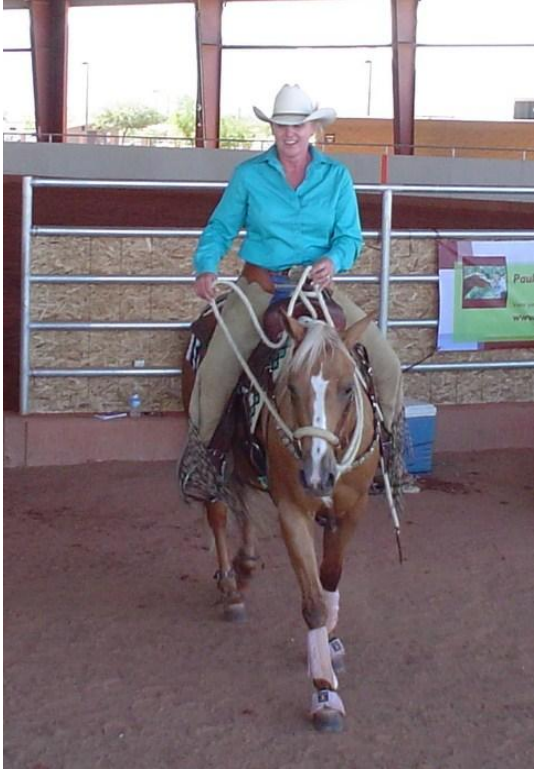
Give a shout out and a special thanks to our cattle help-Jim Paul Sr. and Darryl Nobbly for their long days in the back pens "releasing the beast" for our competitors. Thanks also to Kerridee Nobbly for her work behind the video camera during the futurity. Cudos to Corey Cushing for donating ice cold bottled water for the exhibitors. These people make the show run smoothly!

As promised, the weekend show gave everyone the opportunity to challenge themselves, to show off the result of hard work, and visit with old friends. Now that is *fun!*



AS SEEN AT THE FALL CLASSIC.....





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</i>	<i>April TBD</i>
<i>Sherri Gilkerson Memorial</i>	<i>May TBD</i>

A PRETTY GOOD JOKE.....

A little boy dressed up as a pirate for Halloween. He recently lost his two front teeth and was having trouble speaking. He went to the first house and said, "Twick or tweet". The kindly elderly woman looked at him and said, "My, my aren't you cute? But where are your buccaneers?" Perplexed, the boy looked at her and said, "Where they're 'sposed to be lady, under my buckin' hat."

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THREE BOOKS FOR YOUR MUST-READ LIST

By Peg Green

If you enjoy a good western, horses, heroes and action, these books are for you. These three books tell stories that everyone will enjoy.

Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry. This is the 25th anniversary of the saga about washed up Texas Rangers moving cattle from the Texas border to Montana. The first sentence of the book sets the tone: "When Augustus came out on the porch the blue pigs were eating a rattlesnake-not a very big one." I mean, come on, how can you *not* want to read more?

The last sentence of the book? "The woman, Dillard whispered. The woman. They say he missed that whore." Don't let yourself off the hook because you saw the mini-series. It ain't the same. Read the book, it's worth knowing.

Seabiscuit, by Laura Hillenbrand. Reading this book is like sitting back and listening to a storyteller tell one of the best tales you've ever heard. The book brings horse racing during the Depression years to life. It makes you want to go out and be someone. First sentence of the book, "Charlie Howard had the feel of a gigantic onrushing machine: You had to either climb on or leap out of the way." Say what? Ok, Howard eventually owned this grandson of Man O'War. The horse ran with crooked legs and knock knees but it didn't keep him from winning a lot of races and beating War Admiral in the famous match race. The last sentence of the book? "Somewhere in the high country that once was Ridgewood, the tree lives on, watching over the bones of Howard's beloved Seabiscuit." Again, the book is better than the movie...it is worth the read.

Some Horses, by Thomas McGuane. Finally, a book of short stories that never reached the silver screen. The great thing about this book is that as you read through the stories you will be reminded of horses and people you've known in your own life. The first sentence: "Those who love horses are impelled by an ever-receding vision, some enchanted transformation through which the horse and rider become a third, much greater thing." The names of the essays range from "Roping from A to B" to "Another Horse", to "Roanie". He describes roping, cutting and hunting. He hunts in Montana, goes cutting in Temecula, California and in Texas with Buster Welch. The last sentence: "A new horse."

The best thing about this book is it will make you laugh. The stories will remind you of times you've been there and done it. Or you know someone who has been there and done it.

There you have it, three books. After you read them, you'll tell your friends about the book, but you will tell them to go buy it themselves because you just might go ahead and read it again!

HUNGRY HORSEMAN CUISINE

North Woods Spare Ribs

2 pounds Spare Ribs

2 cans of ranch style or chili beans

One package of French onion soup mix

Brown the ribs. Place the spare ribs in a 13 x 9 inch cake pan. Pour the 2 cans of beans over the ribs. Sprinkle the ribs with French onion soup mix. Cover. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until done.

Compliments of Anne Green

Corey Cushing Cow Horse Clinic Scheduled for January 7, 2011 at Westworld

Corey Cushing will conduct a cow horse clinic during the Arizona National Livestock Show. The one day clinic will feature four two- hour segments where two riders will receive individual instruction from Corey.

Corey welcomes beginning to advanced cow horsers. You may audit the clinic at no cost.

The first two- hour segment begins at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$400. A \$200 deposit will hold your spot, with the balance due on December 15, 2010. To make your reservation, contact Corey Cushing at 602-363-3621 or Kristin Cushing at 916-316-5346

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