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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-October 22-24, 2010**

Mark your calendars now for the Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch Fall Futurity and Fall Classic Horse show. The show runs from October 22 through October 24, 2010 and will take place at Horseshoe Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, Arizona. The action begins on Friday with the Futurity herd work as well as AQHA cutting classes.

The horse show classes begin on Saturday, following the futurity classes. Look forward to a full slate of NRCHA and AQHA cow horse classes on Saturday and Sunday. To top it all off, added money has been doubled on all of the NRCHA classes. The board of directors voted to double the added money to increase payouts and to make AZRCHA classes even more exhibitor friendly.

The AZRCHA yearly Silent Auction will be conducted throughout the duration of the show. The Silent Auction is the club's way of earning money to be used for awards throughout the following year. Look forward to a variety of items from artwork, to tack, to jewelry, to services and more.

The second annual Dog Show is also scheduled. This fun event is a friendly competition for our canine friends. There will be a costume class as well as other challenges for the dogs in our lives.

Entries are due October 1, 2010 for Futurity entries, and October 15, 2010 for horse show entries.

**Check out [azrcha.com](http://azrcha.com) for entry forms and schedules.**





## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By Debbie Kolacy, September, 2010

Can you all believe another summer is nearly over and Futurity Season is now in full swing? Not to mention our own Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch Futurity and Horse Show just a few short weeks after Reno. Saddles and buckles have been ordered and plans are underway for this Fall Show to be the best ever. This year we feature not only the Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch Futurity but AQHA Cutting on Friday along with Futurity Herd Work, 2 full NRCHA Horse shows on Saturday and Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pedigree Dog Show and the Annual AZRCHA Silent Auction to benefit our Year End Awards. All Futurity info will be available on line we hope by September 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.azrcha.com](http://www.azrcha.com).

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our members safe travel and good luck in Reno and at the AQHA Select World Show, we are all proud of you. Let's not forget our youth members; you did us proud at the AQHA Youth World Show. Congratulations to all of you, Chantz Stewart, Allie-Jane Boaz, Wyatt Hershberger and Claire Edwards.

For all of our members the end of year has officially begun. We at AZRCHA are working hard to provide our members with the information they need and great events. 2011 show plans are well underway. We do need your help with sponsors for the fall event, silent auction items and volunteers so please if you can call today or email one of the board members, and let us know if you can help. Keep your eyes open for 2011 news.

As I have said good luck and safe travel to all your events and we will see you in Queen Creek, Arizona in October.

Ride Like Sherri

Debbie Kolacy

## **ROGERS HEAVEN SENT RANCH FUTURITY AND FALL CLASSIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The following sponsorship opportunities are available for the fall show. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please fill out the sponsorship form that can be found on the AZRCHA website and mail it with a check to Dema Paul, P.O. Box 7829, Cave Creek, AZ 85327.

### **AWARDS FOR THE OPEN FUTURITY:**

Saddle	\$2,000
Reserve prize	\$200
Intermediate open added money	\$1,000
Intermediate open reserve prize	\$200

### **AWARDS FOR THE NON PRO FUTURITY:**

Saddle	\$2,000
Reserve prize	\$200

The horse show classes are available for sponsorships ranging from \$100 to \$500 per class. If you would like to sponsor a horse show class, please fill out the form that can be found on the AZRCHA website and mail it with a check to Dema Paul, Box 7829, Cave Creek, AZ, 85327. Our shows are fuelled mostly by contributions made by sponsors. In return for a sponsor's support, our club endeavors to recognize each sponsor at every opportunity. Without sponsors, the show would not go on!

## **Hungry Horseman Cuisine**

### **LQ GREEN CHILI**

- 1 pork loin**
- 1 large can Las Palmas green enchilada sauce**
- 1 small can diced green chiles**

***Place the pork loin in a crock pot with one cup of water and cook on low for eight hours. After six hours, remove the pork from the crock pot. Discard the juice and shred the pork. Return the shredded pork to the crock pot with the enchilada sauce and green chiles. Cook on low for the remaining two hours. Add your favorite spices. Serve in bowls or with tortillas and cheese. Tip: to reduce clean up time, use a crock pot liner, found in the cooking aisle of most grocery stores.***

***Submitted by Dema Paul and Kerridee Nobbyley.***

## **A Pretty Good Joke.....**

**Lefty was driving around New River when he saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale' He rang the bell and Pancho appeared and told him the dog was in the backyard.**

**Lefty went into the backyard and saw a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.**

**'You talk?' he asked.**

**'Yep,' the Lab replied.**

**After Lefty recovered from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he said,**

**'So, what's your story?' The Lab looked up and said,**

**'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I got a job with the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down... I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'**

**Lefty was amazed. He went back in and asked Pancho how much he wanted for the dog.**

**'Ten dollars,' Pancho said.**

**'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'**

**"I'm selling him cheap because that dog is a liar. He never did any of that stuff!"**

### **FIVE FAVORITE CLINT EASTWOOD MOVIE QUOTES:**

1. "Go ahead, make my day." Sudden Impact;
2. "Take these three items, some WD-40, a vise grip, and a roll of duct tape. Any man worth his salt can fix almost any problem with this stuff alone." Gran Torino;
3. "Get off my lawn" Gran Torino;
4. "God is not on our side because he hates idiots also." The Good, the Bad and the Ugly;
5. "If you want a guarantee, buy a toaster." The Rookie.

## EMBRACING TRADITION:

### THE SPANISH VAQUERO AND THE HAWAIIAN PANIOLO

By Luanna Goltry



When you think of Hawaii you think of beautiful sunsets, swaying palm trees, white sand beaches, crystal clear turquoise water and gorgeous hula girls. And horses, cows and cowboys, or course. What? You didn't know about the Hawaiian cowboy, the paniolo? Well, hold on, and let me tell you all about them and how they came to be in Hawaii.

Did you know that the paniolo culture arose in the Hawaiian Islands more than a generation before the iconic American cowboy roamed the Wild West? It all began in 1793 when British Captain George Vancouver gave Hawaii's first king, King Kamehameha I, a very special gift. The "gift" was five sickly black longhorn cattle. The King took pity upon the poor beasts and turned them loose upon the island of Hawaii. He proclaimed the cattle kapu, or forbidden, and therefore untouchable.

Thirty-seven years later, when the kapu was finally lifted, 25,000 wild cattle roamed the island, destroying crops, eating thatched houses, and sometimes injuring or even killing people! The island's open grazing land was in danger of being destroyed. Something had to be done! At first, muskets were used to shoot wild cattle to reduce their numbers. Later, someone came up with the brilliant idea of digging huge pits, driving the cattle into the pits and shooting the ones who survived the horrible fall! Neither method proved to be very effective. The men who ran the island's fledgling beef industry finally realized that they had to come up with another plan to control the marauding hordes of wild cattle roaming the island.

By 1832, the cattlemen were desperate. King Kamehameha III and some businessmen went to California to hire Spanish horsemen to help control the cattle. Three Spanish vaqueros named Kossuth, Louzeida and Ramon agreed to come to Hawaii. They would teach the Hawaiians how to rope and ride horses (which had only just arrived in the islands in 1803) and to bring the wild cattle under control. The Hawaiians called the vaqueros *paniolo*, a corruption of the word "espanol", or Spanish, which was the language spoken by the vaqueros. These skilled horsemen brought the vaquero tradition to Hawaii more than 10 years before it was even heard of in California or Texas. The Hawaiians quickly embraced the vaquero lifestyle, and were quick studies when it came to learning the vaquero tradition. Once the cattle were under control, large cattle ranches sprang up everywhere, many of which still exist today. The first cattle ranch, the legendary Parker Ranch on the Big Island of Hawaii, holds the distinction of being the largest privately owned cattle ranch in the United States. And in later years, three Hawaiian paniolo surprised many on the Mainland with their expertise on horseback.



Paniolo Ikua Purdy, a descendant of one of Hawaii's original cattle barons, was invited to compete in the Frontier Days World Championship in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1908. He and fellow paniolo Archie Kaaua and Eben Low shocked the rodeo crowd and took top honors *using borrowed horses*. They became instant cowboy celebrities and came to be known as the "Hawaiian Roughriders."

The Hawaiian people made some of the vaquero tradition uniquely their own. For instance, the vaquero brought their favorite musical instrument, the Spanish guitar, which fascinated the native Hawaiians. However, the vaqueros did not like the native men to touch their precious

instruments and would purposefully leave their untuned guitars around to discourage the locals from using them! Not to be deterred, the Hawaiians picked up the guitars anyway and created their own uniquely Hawaiian style of guitar playing called Hawaiian slack key guitar.



Hawaii's tropical climate, and the fact that they would – on horseback -- have to swim the cattle out to the ships for delivery to the other islands or the Mainland, required a major overhaul of the traditional Western saddle. The Hawaiian Tree Saddle has a minimal amount of leather, and has a reinforced tree made of rawhide to allow for saltwater drainage, with skirts made of leather and rawhide instead of fleece, nails, and screws. The hats used by the paniolo looked just like classical vaquero hats and had shallow crowns and wide, flat brims, and were made of plaited lauhala leaves. The hallmark clothing item of the

paniolo, however, was the **palaka** shirt. It's a short-sleeved, blue-and-white or red-and-white checkered denim shirt which was commonly used by field laborers in Hawaii's sugarcane and pineapple fields.

When you're in Hawaii, try to look past the beaches and hotels, and find a part of the real Hawaii, the one that is inhabited by the paniolo. Cattle ranching and the paniolo have been part of Hawaii for over 175 years and they, like us, continue to keep the vaquero tradition alive in today's fast-paced, modern world.





## **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

One of the ways our club raises money for yearend awards is the annual Silent Auction. Donated items are now being accepted for the auction to be held during our Fall Show. Items such as tack, art work, jewelry, services (hair cut or massage anyone?) or a bottle of your favorite elixir are great ideas for donations. If you have something you would like to donate, either bring it to the show or contact a board member to ensure your item appears on the auction table. This is a fun way for everyone to support our club!

### ***NSHA PRE-FUTURITY PREPARES YOUNGSTERS FOR RENO***

Arizona trainers prepared their prospects for the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity at the NSHA pre-futurity. The pre-futurity took place in Paso Robles, California on August 17-22, 2010.

The horse show had its share of excitement with Kevin Stallings winning the Open Bridle and Senior AQHA class with Shining Lil Nic. Kevin placed second with Shiny Miss Lena.

In the Limited Open, Tucker Clark placed fourth with Chic San Olena.

Brad Barkemeyer placed fourth in the Open Hackamore and won the Limited Open Hackamore with Dulce Smart Boomer.

Karen Stallings and Star Time Truckin' won the Non Pro Hackamore, while Cheryl Smith won the Novice Non Pro Bridle class on I'll Be Tuckered. Deah Hessian-Ruple rounded out the group by winning the 5K Non Pro Limited class, and second place in the Non Pro Limited class.

Once again, our cow horsers represented Arizona well!

## MARILYN HARRIS WINS AQHA SELECT WORLD SHOW AMATEUR COWHORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

It will come as no surprise to most that Marilyn Harris and Irish a Shine laid down two awesome cow horse runs to capture the 2010 AQHA Select World Show Amateur Cow horse Championship in Amarillo. With endless sliding stops, sizzling circles and authoritative cow work, Marilyn won the championship by beating Gary Lynn Olson by a half point!

First timer Janet Bache and Just One Cat placed fourth with clean and classy runs in both the prelims and the finals. Steve Taylor and his young mare Hey Scarlette placed sixth, while Jon Hershberger and Barnie's Bro placed thirteenth.

The cattle were tough but the Arizona cowhorsers were tougher! Congratulations, everyone.

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**Don't forget-everything you need to know about the Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch Futurity and Fall Classic can be found on line at [azrcha.com](http://azrcha.com)!**

