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# ***Down the Fence***

*The newsletter of the Arizona Reined Cow Horse Association*

## **Club Members Rise to the Challenge in San Angelo**

By Peg Green

Cold, snow, rain and ice did not stop Arizona cow horsers from excelling at the Celebration of Champions in San Angelo this year. **Deah Hessian-Ruple** and **Karen Stallings** returned to Arizona as World Champions. **Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch** established itself as a continuing force in the cow horse world with three horses earning accolades at the championships. **Tucker Clark** had a break out year as well, with two of Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch's horses.

Hard work and perseverance paid off in the 5K Non Pro Limited and Non Pro Limited classes as **Deah Hessian-Ruple** and her good gelding Teninolena Chex dominated both classes in Texas. Winning World Championships in both divisions topped off Ruple's already impressive cow horse resume.

**Karen Stallings** and NMSU Truckin' Chex added the Non Pro Bridle World Championship to their extensive list of awards. After winning the AQHA Amateur Working Cow Horse championship in November, the pair turned around and won the NRCHA world championship two months later. This team is awesome, consistent and has staying power!

Karen also earned a fifth place finish in the Non Pro Hackamore class on her mare by NMSU Truckin' Chex, Chexy Little Sister! It's all in the family with Kevin, Karen, and the Elvis progeny! **Kevin Stallings** placed fifth with a Roger's Heaven Sent Ranch horse, Shiners Madam, in the Open Two Rein division. Kevin also brought home a fifth place in the Open Bridle division with the ever popular and handsome stallion Shining Lil Nic, owned by **Bill and Janiejill Tointon**.

**Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch** and **Tucker Clark** took home a reserve in the Limited Open Bridle class with Peppy's Prize Freckle. The RHS Ranch/Clark team also garnered a third place in the Limited Open Hackamore class with Lil Chicaroo. **Tucker, Don** and **Suzanne Rogers** teamed up for an outstanding showing in San Angelo.

All of the riders from Arizona, win or lose, demonstrated the high level of competition in this state and within our club. When one of us succeeds, we all succeed. The Celebration of Champions signals the end to 2010 and the beginning of a new show season!



## Letter from the President

First I want to thank all the AZRCHA Board members for taking such good care of our club in my absence. Now that I have returned to the board and to Arizona it is time to hit the ground running with our plans for another great year. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Peg Green, Steve Taylor and Cristina Denton for their service to our Club, we will miss you all. I want to welcome new board members Jason Hershberger, Jana Jones and Jeffery McDowell to our board.

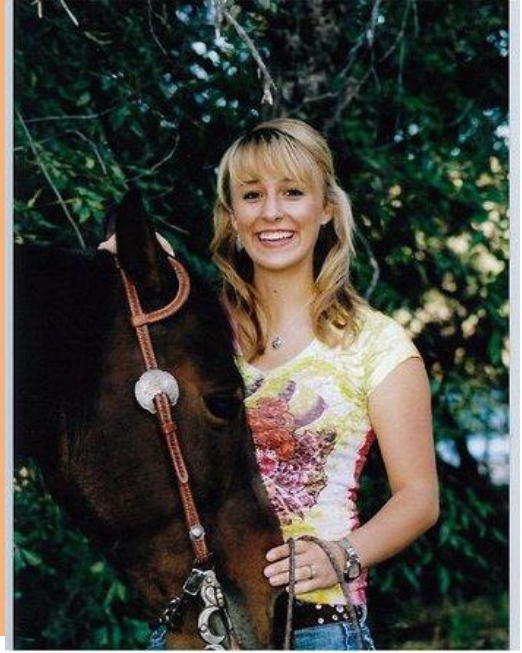
I also want to congratulate all members for their successful shows in San Angelo, Texas and Tulare, CA. We do have some of the best riders in the World right here in Arizona.

We have great plans for the 2011 with the addition of a Derby to our Fall Futurity and Horse Show. This will require some work and new sponsors but we are certainly up to it. We will again also include the Pedigree Adoption Fund Dog Show to this event. We will be holding our 2011 events in Arizona in Queen Creek at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre.

Plans are nearly complete for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sherri Gilkerson Memorial Show in Temecula. Where has the time gone that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for this great show? So, keep an eye on our new web site for all the latest news on events and other related topics.

Hope to see you all at one of our events in 2011, come join the fun.

Debbie Hotaling, AZRCHA President



## **MEET AZRCHA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ALLIE JANE BOAZ**

I am 19 years old and was born and raised in the Prescott AZ area. I attend Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ where I am studying to be a dental hygienist. I also have a high interest in photography and would like to pursue that on the side.

Being in Flagstaff makes it difficult to ride my horse, so currently I am not showing. However, I do ride all our horses when I come home, which is about two weekends a month. At NAU I participate in the Young Life activities, and an intramural softball team that starts this spring. It makes me sad that I can't show my horse currently, or play softball, because both activities were a huge part of my life. Along with horses and sports, I hunt and hike, and love to wonder around on our ranch in Skull Valley, not to mention the horses enjoy the break from the arena.

I have done a great deal of charity work throughout the years. It started when I was 9 and was involved in 4-H and continues to today simply because I love helping others. The biggest event I did was with my younger sister and some friends and we held a dog race to raise money for a leper colony in India. The money we raised went to building a clean water well for people in the colony.

My younger sister, Abby, and I have also raised money for the Prescott K-9 unit dog to have a bullet proof vest, donated money to food banks, fire departments, Prescott Animal Shelter, Prescott Prom Dress Project, we also have rang the Salvation Army Bell around Christmas every year since we were about 7 and much more.

I started riding when I was very, very, young. I don't even remember that far back! My first show was in Flagstaff and I was 9 showing in youth reining. Since then I stopped reining but absolutely love cow horse. It is such a rush and I have a horse that I get along with perfectly. Goose, my horse's name, has brought me so far in riding as far as working hard for shows, becoming a better rider, and he gave me only good experiences with showing in the cow horse classes. Currently my dad shows Goose in team roping, both heading and heeling, and my mom shows him in the cow horse classes so he is staying tuned up. I plan on showing him again after college. I can't picture my life without horses and showing. It has been in our family ever since I was born.

*SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING COW HORSE EVENTS:*

<i>Shamrock Show</i>	<i>March 24-27</i>
<i>AZRCHA Spring Show</i>	<i>April 8, 9, 10</i>
<i>Sherri Gilkerson Memorial</i>	<i>May 13-15</i>
<i>Sonoita AQHA Show</i>	<i>May 26-29</i>
<i>Fall Futurity and Horse Show</i>	<i>October 21-23</i>

**A PRETTY GOOD JOKE.....**

Did you know diarrhea is hereditary? It runs in your jeans....

# AZRCHA SPRING CLASSIC

*April* 8-10, 2011

- ★ **2 AQHA Cuttings** on Friday the 8th
- ★ **Saturday - NRCHA & AQHA**  
Cow Horse Shows
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Spring Classic to be held at:  
**Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre**  
**Riggs Rd. - Queen Creek, AZ**

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# **HUNGRY HORSEMAN CUISINE**

## **Incredibly Easy Chile Rellenos**

1 27 oz. can of green chile strips  
1 pound sharp cheddar cheese cut into strips  
12 eggs  
½ tsp. salt  
1 ½ cups milk

Wrap chile strips around cheese strips. Place side by side in a shallow, 13 by 9 inch baking dish. Beat eggs with salt, then add milk and mix well. Pour over stuffed chiles. Bake 50-60 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Serves 6-8.

From the Arizona Highways Heritage Cookbook



**CONGRATULATIONS TO 2011 SUN COUNTRY CIRCUIT  
“ULTIMATE COWBOY”, BRAD BARKEMEYER! This board member cut, roped,  
reined and dominated the cattle in order to win this coveted title. Great job, Brad!**



**Additional Spectacular Classes:**

- Non Pro Hackamore
- Ltd. Open Hackamore
- Open Two Rein
- Non Pro Limited

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