



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and Sponsors,

I typically reflect on what I can or could do better in every aspect of my life; but today, I'm reflecting on our successes, and the memorable highlights of this past month of July:

- The passion & commitment of a small team, striving to sustain the sport of cutting, here in our own backyard
- Being blessed with NCHA Hall of Famer, Sandy Bocelli's generosity
- Awesome Cattle, good ground and perfect weather
- Observing each clinic participant improve and take-away some valuable techniques & tactics
- The joy and achievements felt & expressed by each clinic participant
- Member volunteers: Kit Simmie, Sarah Miller, Dana Adams, Paul Giles and Dana Azevedo. Not to mention Stan Fonsen and family, joining us at July's show
- John O'Hara, coming to shoot both days of the Clinic
- Providing our members an opportunity to practice
- Pushing Lori Lindsay over with the Judge's chair (JK- personal joke)
- Lyndabell Jacobsen and Debbie Pardini FINALLY on horseback to enjoy & take part in the Clinic/playday festivities

Last month, we held the third of our five show-series. We had 45 works, plus a few re-run practices.

We would like to thank our judge Randy Brooks, our show help, Art Grunig, Chris Brown, Gary Long, Cassie Comella, Steve Litzky, Judy Caddell; our show announcer, Debbie Pardini; two of our youths', Kaylee Thompson and Cassie Alianza for presenting the Flags; Bob Giannecchini of Wine Country Ranch Equipment for all his support with the prep'n of the arena; thank you to PRDC for the use of the Kitchen for the Clinic food. The partnership is much appreciated; thanks to our diligent show secretary LyndaBell Jacobsen; as well as to my son Anthony, for cooking the cowboy breakfast at the clinic, and to April Alianza and Carla Hagge for providing us all a great lunch.

The quote of the month *"Your actions define your character, your words define your wisdom, but your treatment of others defines the REAL you."*









Respectfully,





Stacey Powers

Your "PAC" President = passionate accountable, committed ;o)

CUTTING SHOW TIPS

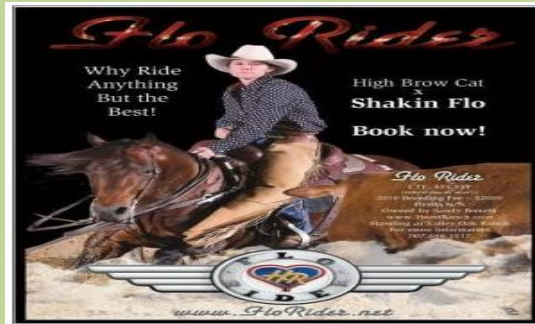
When you arrive to a cutting show or practice, here are some best practices.

-  Be aware of the event's start time; if draws or class confirmations are posted or emailed prior to the show; calculate the number of riders/works (approximately 10 works per hour) prior to your class; "assume you draw first in your class" It's important to determine to arrive in sufficient time necessary, to prepare yourself and your horse(s).
-  Show management can make changes, or combine classes/herds, which could decrease "settling of herd(s)". Thus, your class may begin sooner.
-  Upon arrival, go to the show office to provide payment & complete any applicable forms
Bring your necessary show tack to the warm-up area (include fly spray)
-  Please don't converse with the Judge; it's permissible to say hello, but please don't engage in a conversation, **prior** to your classes. **See NCHA rule book.**
-  Arrange/Line-up your show/corner help before your class(es); please don't assume the people in the show pen are going to be available to help you.
-  Keep watch on class draws being posted; once you know where you drew; update your show help so they are prepared to help at the right time.
-  Don't be shy to direct your help to be in any specific spot/corner, if you wish them to assist.
-  When entering the show arena, you may take a moment or two to prep your horse, and un-tie tail, if applicable.

** Note, if the herd is not centered on the back fence, and **if** you'd like the herd position as such; ask your corner help to move cattle to the center of back fence, as you are prep'n your horse. Again, this is your 2.5 minutes, but don't keep the judge waiting, too long.
-  Ensure your show helpers are in the spots you wish them positioned; and the judge is ready; as you start towards the herd, signal to the announcer, that you are heading to the herd (typically raising your hand when walking down to the herd); thus, announcer should announce name, horse, etc. as you get closer to the time line.
-  When walking into the herd, it's ok to talk quietly with your show help; ask what's fresh, or if any bad eyes. It's totally ok...
-  Remember to **thank your show help**
-  Review each club's show rules **and** the NCHA rule book.

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VCHA sincerely thanks our platinum sponsors for 2018 – we could do what we do without you!



2018 SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED!


As we gear up for our show season, we are in need of sponsors to help with the ever-increasing costs of awards. VCHA offers an attractive benefit package for our sponsors, and your donation may be tax deductible as VCHA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.


It takes \$140 per class per show (\$700 per class for the season) to fund our awards.


If you'd like to sponsor a class in any amount, please contact us at vchacutting@gmail.com or any of our board members. We thank you for your consideration!



2018 SHOW SERIES

 **Cutting Horse trainers:** will receive two free re-run practices at each show, and trainer's 2018 membership waived; by bringing two new "showing clients", and provide show-help throughout the day

 **Our returning 2017 Members:** for each referred new "showing" member, you will receive one free re-run practice

 **Trainers will receive a 10% discount (excluding jackpot) for the following classes: OPEN, \$25,000 Novice Horse and \$2,000 Limited.**

CLASSES OFFERED – SHOW BEGINS AT 8:30AM

Shows held at Petaluma Riding & Driving Club, 1820 Skillman Lane, Petaluma, CA

CLASS	JACKPOT	CATTLE	FRESH CATTLE	ENTRY/OFFICE	TOTAL
Open	\$25	\$100	2	\$35	\$160
FCP		\$100	2	\$5	\$105
Non-Pro	\$25	\$100	2	\$35	\$160
15K AM		\$100	2	\$35	\$135
35K NP		\$100	2	\$35	\$135
\$25K NH	\$25	\$100	2	\$35	\$160
\$500 NP		\$50	Re-run	\$30	\$80
Youth		\$50	1	\$15	\$65
\$2000 Limit		\$50	Re-run	\$30	\$80
Ranch		\$50	Re-run	\$10	\$60
Re-Run Practice			Re-run	\$45	\$45

We offer year end awards, 1st through 3rd place in all classes
Plus
High Point Non-Pro Award and Youth Scholarship Award.

See website for awards eligibility

Show Dates:

May 19th
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
September 15th

Tie Breaker or just for fun event:
October 20th

Enter by 9pm Wednesday prior to each show by email:
vintagecuttingshow@gmail.com

Or calling: 707-547-9796

VCHA Board Meeting Minutes
Minutes of the July 2018 Board Meeting

The July board meeting was held Monday July 2, 2018 at Lori Lindsey's residence in Petaluma, Ca. President, Stacey Powers called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

Board members in attendance were: Stacey Powers, April Alianza, Gary Long, Lori Lindsey, LyndaBell Jacobsen, Heidi Thompson, Steve Litzky, Cheryl Jensen, and Carla Hagge.
Guests in attendance were: Kit Simmie, Bob Giannecchini and Debbie Pardini.

Consent Calendar: Stacey inquired if everyone had reviewed the June's Meeting Minutes. One minor change to the minutes (July's meeting date needs to be changed from July 1st to July 2nd) Carla motioned to accept the minutes with the change, April seconded.

Treasurer's Report: LyndaBell reported

Show Income for June: \$4106.00 (Membership Dues & Show Entries)

Sponsorships: \$500.00 (Lyle Smith – Martin Ranch Supply)

Total Income for June: \$4816.00

Expenses for June: \$3668.00

Net Show Income: \$1123.00

Net Income for June: \$1148.00

Bills submitted were the show line phone bill for \$14.00, \$25 per show for the FB Boost for advertising shows, and \$194.24 for RECHA Spring show food. Cheryl motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills, Heidi seconded.

Unfinished Business: April reported the Annual Meeting Minutes are complete. The board decided to review the minutes, and return next board meeting to make any amendments; Gary reported on his follow up with trainers regarding VCHA's new membership/discount offer. The feedback was it was simply too far to drive or out of their loop.

Insurance: Steve reported, we are covered for the Sandy Bonelli Clinic. Stacey wanted Steve to provide confirmation, that Sandy and the heart Ranch, were name additional insured, with a proof of coverage binder to provide Sandy.

Board discussion regarding changing insurance agents, to a firm with local presence. Gary motioned to reassign our insurance with Ron Zanetti of George Petersen Insurance; Cheryl seconded.

Sponsorships & Fundraisings : April is still working on putting together a "Paint Night" sometime after the show in September.

Media & Newsletter : April reported the July Newsletter is 100% ready to go. will be sending out tonight, after May's meeting minutes were approved.

She reported we received 1300 hits on the Sandy Bonelli Clinic, on our FB page. "Likes" are up, lots of interest as to Club's activities. We received a nice compliment from Deb McGregor on how nice it is to come to "our" shows.

April reported we receive much more response to the newsletter if it includes pictures with captions rather than just text alone.

Stacey reminded April, we have two longtime members that prefer and would appreciate receiving our monthly newsletter in print, verses email format. April will be mailing those two members' paper newsletters.

Membership : April emailed all board members an excel spreadsheet listing all members. There are some missing phone numbers she is trying to track down. Stacey recommend she add a column for "type of membership" and to also change Art Grunig and Chris Brown as "Founding Members" rather than "Lifetime".

Show Committee: Lyndabell reported everything went smoothly with the relocation of the Show Trailer. There was much less dust, no glare and no wind. The only issue was having to move the railroad ties to move the trailer in. That will be brought up at the next PRDC meeting. (Do the railroad ties need to remain there?) Lyndabell, stated June is typically a smaller show due to graduations, vacations, etc.

Stacey stated, we need to make sure we are posting show results and standings in a timely manner and in a legible format. Show results should be available and posted ASAP.

Stacey made the following requests to aide in efficiencies and organization of our shows:

1. April to provide her with the show entries by noon on Thursdays prior to show, to review and determine, if we need to combine classes or change class order; If so, this information needs to be posted on website & FB asap.
2. All of this information needs to get relayed to Debbie Pardini; to provide cattle# cards for our cattle help.
3. We need to ensure we have all of that information available for our announcer.
4. We need to make sure any last minute changes are relayed to our cattle helpers

Cattle: Stacey thanked member Kit Simmie for all her support and help with the cattle.

Ground: the prepping of the arena is taking a lot of work after the barrel races; more emphasis on arena being leveled. We need to continue to work the ground during the shows, as we see fit, even if we don't have a huge number of entries.

Judges: Gary reported:

- July - Randy Brooks
- August - Mike Bakey
- September - Ben Royal -to be confirmed

Award Committee: Carla agreed to provide & submit awards for approval at August meeting.

New Business: Sandy Bonelli Clinic: board agreed to allow one day participants, verses requiring both days to participate. We need board members to help set up after PRDC's sorting practice on Friday. Banners need to be hung. We don't need Show Trailer since we only have 16 entries max, but we may want a pop up tent for entries and lunches. Bob has offered to help with the ground work. We still need to work on:

- Available Stalls for participants
- Flag - Carla will supply (if working)
- Saturday am pastries, water and ice - Carla
- We need batteries for announcer's booth - Lyndabell will purchase
- Lori Lindsey offered to provide Saturday Lunch, but board members need to help
- We need volunteers for set up and tear down, Carla, Lori and Cheryl offered to help
- April will provide eggs for Sunday breakfast
- Stacey's son will be preparing the Sunday breakfast

There was discussion regarding the Kathy Feickert Memorial Fund. Heidi believes, she has come across a young lady who would qualify to receive benefits from the fund and presented it to the board. LyndaBell suggested we follow some sort of protocol, such as have someone write a letter of recommendation. it was suggested we involve the Feickert family for their feedback. It was recommended we recreate a committee to manage the Kathy Feickert Fund. Stacey agreed to take the lead, after the Sandy Bonelli clinic.

Aug Meeting - Lori Lindsey residence (Stacey will be providing dinner, Carla providing salad, Gary providing wine)

Sept Meeting - TBD

Meeting Recap:

- April to mail newsletters to two members
- Carla and Kit to have an awards presentation for August meeting.

Being no further business, Cheryl motioned to adjourn, LyndaBell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Hagge - 2018 Secretary

Overall Non-Pro	High-Point 2018	Non-Pro	\$15 Amateur	\$35K Non-Pro	500 Non-Pro	Total Pts.
Rider	Horse					
Wendy Chadbourne	Kitties Lil Pistol	X	24.5	17	X	41.5
April Fletcher	Talk to the Cat	X	19	18	X	37
Tina Wilson	Reyly Stylish	X	16	17	X	33
Kim Jones	Lester	4	X	21	X	25
Cheryl Jensen	Cat Dancer RD	X	4.5	20	X	24.5
Elizabeth Goodrich	Play Lady Play RG	X	10	14	X	24
Suzanne Gay	Smartees	X	10.5	12	X	22.5
Christine McBride	Powered by Cat	7	X	11.5	X	18.5
Lori Lindsay	Classy Little Penny/Playing It Kool	X	11.5	6.5	X	18
Heidi Thompson	Copper Cat	X	X	18	X	18
Chelsea Hayes	Leethal Dually	X	15	X	X	15
Carla Hagge	Stylish Soula Star	X	14.5	X	X	14.5
Roy Carnevale	Smoothly Cattin	X	9.5	2	X	11.5
Sumer Peixoto	Diamonds N Emeralds	X	1	10.5	X	11.5
Victoria Melshaw	MH Millionaire Action	5	X	6	X	11
Ross Hardester	Busy Being Catty	3.5	X	7.5	X	11
Sarah Miller	Mates Rider	X	5.5	5	X	10.5
Stacey Powers	Annies Starlight Cat	10	X	X	X	10
Paul Giles	Rio Boonsmal	X	X	8	X	8
Luisa Solomon	MH Millionaire Action	1.5	X	6	X	7.5
Stephanie Long	Royal Little Cat	X	X	7	X	7
Dana Azevedo	BBR Miller Time	6	X	X	X	6
Kaylee Thompson	End of the Rey	X	5	X	X	5
Star Roberts	Purr N Like a Kitten	X	4.5	X	X	4.5
Linda Bushey	Kitty	X	4	X	X	4
Jessie Jones	Lester	2	X	X	X	2
Sandy Green	I'll Be Freckles	X	X	1.5	X	1.5
Carol Owens	One Timing Cat	X	X	1.5	X	1.5

