

NCRHA eNews

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Thank you to all who attended the NCRHA Awards Banquet at Wiederholts Supper Club January 29th - it was a treat to see friends and remember 2010 together! Its hard not to focus on some of the harder moments, like the loss of our board member, Ken Swanson or to realize that still another board member, Heidi Picotta continues her long recovery from an accident at Spookfest. But I think its safe to say that we are all grateful for the family we share through the NCRHA and that our association is a unique reflection of the time, talents, and vision of its members who invest so much. It is a rare and special thing and something we should take moments to cherish.

Ken Swanson was one of many people doing things behind the scenes, where it's easy to forget their contribution. One of the people who gives a lot of his time at our shows is Dave Olmanson. He announces and entertains us with his wit and endless library of iTunes, helping make NCRHA events special. Dave was presented with a donation made in his name to his local fire department where he volunteers, in memory of Ken. This will hopefully become an annual award that benefits a charity chosen by the recipient in honor of work done for the sake of the NCRHA.

Be on the look out for those you think might qualify! Another special award that is given out annually is the Craig Howard Memorial Trophy. Steve Harris was the winner for the second consecutive year making his name the most honored on the spinning bronze. Steve was the highest money earning Non Pro over the 2010 season - exhibiting 4 four horses!

Thank you, Charlie and Cheryl Wiederholt for providing us with the fine food - it was a real treat! Congratulations to all, on successes great and small, and here's to another year of good times shared! ~ Diane Clark

Some saddle and other award winners are picture below with a few other happy faces thrown in....

Two saddles for Alexis Daggett; SteveHarriss and the Craig Howard Award; Ali and Paige Vernon; Mackenzie Raether holds Green Buckle; Dave Olmanson gets service award; Melissa Henning; Ann Record and Louise Vernon; Adian Welman and Jennifer Easton; Alie Leonhart with Lisa Reiter; Andy Chwala with new saddle; Steve DeFrang; Brian Welman and Larry Kasten; Meg MacNamera and Brandon Freiheit look over the goods; Int. NP's Jan, Mike, and Fern; Mike Hahn poses with his saddle while Stacy and Nettie hold the buckles!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2011 Youth Saddle Sponsors: NCRHA is seeking 2011 Year End Saddle Circuit Sponsors for our Youth 13 & under and Youth 14-18 classes. We must have sponsors for these two saddles in order to continue this wonderful, long running program. If you are interested in becoming a youth saddle sponsor, please contact Al Gadola at (612) 840-8359 or Steve DeFrang at (507) 358-1080.

Special Thanks: NCRHA would like to thank Brian Welman, Steve DeFrang and an anonymous donor for sponsoring the 2010 Youth saddles that were presented at our annual awards banquet held on Jan. 29 at Wiederholts Supper Club.

NCRHA Sire and Dam Auction has closed however we still have 11 unsold stallions to sell on a first come first served basis. Contact Susan Jones at 651-433-5051 or sageej@att.net

- Chocolate Chic Olena \$500
- Inwhizable \$350
- Jac Daniels Neat \$350
- Mark This spot \$500
- Mathas Mega Jac \$500
- Neat Little Cat \$750
- Smartest Chic Olena \$1,000
- Smokin Dually \$1,000
- Sweet Like Pepto \$500
- Tidal Wave Jack \$500
- Whiz Van Winkle \$500

ON WITH THE SHOW!

Get the full printable NCRHA WIN-A-SADDLE CIRCUIT schedule at www.ncrha.com

You may notice the website has a brand new look! Thank you Heidi Picotta for organizing this new project! We hope you all enjoy the easy access to information and some of the upcoming new features! (tease!)

Ready; Get set; Load - March 5-6, 2011 NCRHA Spring Break reining in Cedar Rapids, IA at the Kirkwood Community College. If you have never made the trip its time to experience the under-one-roof facility that kicks off the NCRHA Saddle Circuit each year. Get a head start on the points total, find your groove with a new pony, or shake the cob-webs off the old one!

Click here for show bill:

<http://www.ncrha.com/PDFfiles/showbills/Kirkwood%20Spring%20Break%202011%20Schedule.pdf>

Why not Winona? - April 2-3, 2011

The Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, MN is another great arena to make your debut or set up a streak! This is the same pen we'll end the year in so come get the kinks out early.

Click here for show bill:

<http://www.ncrha.com/PDFfiles/showbills/Winona%20Horse%20Show%20Schedule%202011.pdf>

Everybody's Alma Matter - May 5th

The University of Wisconsin at River Falls may not be your alma matter but its is for many who will make tracks to the recently refurbished rodeo arena for this spring classic. It will be the first outdoor show (weather permitting) of the season and this giant sized arena fits every pattern just right!

[this is a no dogs facility]

Way up Nort - June 3 -5th

NCRHA EXTRAVAGANZA at RED HORSE RANCH ARENA is a special show with something for everyone.

Along with the normal circuit show offerings, don't miss the extra opportunity to earn NRHA Cat.2 money on your 4, 5, or 6 year old in the annual Extravaganza Derby OR your 2011 3 yr old in our first of three special futurity events. Make this trip to Fergus Falls, MN and you won't be disappointed in the facility or the fun! Heck bring a grill - it wouldn't dare snow again!

Good Times at Goodwin - July 9th

The Goodwin Stables Reining is a fantastic one day show in Hastings, MN at hosted by Brian Welman Training Center. This pen is arguably one of the best outdoor arenas you can show in. Bring the horses, your SPF 50, a cooler full of beverages and plan to stay the day (and maybe into the night)!

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The Great Northern Get-Together! - August 4th - 7th

THE NCRHA FUTURITY & DERBY SHOW will be the highlight of summer as it offers up the big show experience at the MN State Fair Grounds in St. Paul, MN. Features include the \$12,000 added Assurance Feeds Derby and the famous \$45,500 added NCRHA Futurity. You don't want to miss a minute of this show and it just wouldn't be the same with out you!

Back to School - September 10th

The kids are headed back to school and so are we! You already know the way to the UWRF Horse Arena so... get in the truck!

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Don't Be Spooked! - September 23- 25th (NEW DATE!!) *Maybe a New Name?*

The North Central Region Affiliate Finals and Spookfest Futurity Show at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, MN may be a mouthful to say but its just a show within a show. Just: Affiliate Finals classes, Youth Scholarship Team Tournament, a Freestyle class, costume contest, and a 3 year old Futurity! Don't miss the last stop, spin and rollback on the 2011 NCRHA Win-A-Saddle Circuit!