

The 2010 Stock Horse of Texas Association Annual Conference, Judging Seminar and Awards Banquet will be held January 15, 16, and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in conjunction with the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The weekend kicks off with the second annual SHOT vs. APHA Working Ranch Horse Smackdown on Friday, January 15, at 2:00pm in the John Justin Arena. SHOT and APHA riders will compete head-to-head in working cow horse, pleasure, stock horse reining, and ranch trail. The competition will be tough and exciting as each association's top riders vie for the Smackdown title.

A big draw every year for stock horse enthusiasts is the Annual Judging Seminar, scheduled for Saturday, January 16, from 9:00am until 4:00pm in the Cactus Room (Amon G. Carter Exhibits Building). This seminar is a must for current and future SHOT judges, exhibitors, spectators and those who want to learn more about SHOT versatility classes and events. A panel of judges and the attendees will score each run and individual maneuvers using SHOT score sheets. Video footage from previous SHOT competitions will be evaluated. Judges will share their scores and reasons with the audience. This will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn the SHOT scoring system, and how to evaluate their own horses.

This year, the seminar will include a biting lecture from renowned bit and spur maker Joe Spiller. He will discuss the process of creating quality bits, along with the form, function, and selection of bits for different horses. The cost of the seminar is \$25 for SHOT members and \$50 for non-members (\$25 will be applied toward SHOT membership).

On Saturday at 7pm, the annual evening awards banquet for Stock Horse of Texas will be held in the Cactus Room. The 2009 top exhibitors from Open, Non-pro, Limited Non-Pro, Novice, Youth and Green Horse will be recognized. Year-end awards will include custom-made saddles, buckles, spurs, headstalls, bits, stirrups, hoof picks, bronzes, and trophy jackets. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 per person.

The weekend will conclude with the annual SHOT Membership and Board of Director Meeting at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 17 in the MacFarland Room of the Watt Arena. SHOT will induct its new board members Noni Casselman-Reed, Mary Dodson, Matt McMillan and Jimbo Humphreys.