

Stock Horse of Texas Newsletter

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Stock Horse of Texas History and Vision

The Stock Horse of Texas (SHOT) is an association which was started by a state-wide planning group in the mid 1990s and incorporated in 1998. **Its purpose is education** for western horse enthusiasts to ride and train an all-around western stock horse that can be ridden on the ranch, in the ring or down the road. SHOT's goal is to teach rider knowledge and skills to maximize horse trainability, performance and safety by offering affordable, fun and standardized western stock horse riding clinics and competitions.

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+ UPCOMING SHOT EVENTS +

If you want information on hosting a SHOT event in 2008, Contact. B.F. Yeates, 979-846-4538 or

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All final show and event approvals and dates are coordinated by the office of the Stock Horse of Texas Association Executive Secretary.

April 27 & 28, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Lubbock, TX Sponsored by the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team and Texas Tech University, the Clinic will be on the 27th and Competition on the 28th. Location - Texas Tech University Equestrian Center. Contact– Kim Guay – 806-792-4682. *(Flyer Enclosed and Flyer and Entry Form on Website)*

May 18 & 19, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Glen Rose, TX Sponsored by Three Rivers Ranch, the clinic will be held on Friday the 18th and the Competition on Saturday the 19th. The ranch has multiple arenas – one covered and stalls and pens. Contact Ranch –254.823.6643 *(Flyer Enclosed and Flyer and Entry Form on Website)*

June 15 & 16, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Lufkin, TX Sponsored by the Stock Horse of Texas Association, the Clinic will be held on Friday, June 15 and the Competition on Saturday the 16th. Contact B F Yeates – 979.846.4538 or Cary Sims – 936.632.8239

July 6, 7 & 8, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Seguin, TX Sponsored by the Guadalupe County and Comal County Horse Task Forces, the Clinic will be held on Friday, July 6 and the Competition on Sat. the 7th and Sun the 8th. Location: Diamond F Arena, 5835 Old Seguin-Luling Rd Contact Travis Franke – 830.379.1972 or Glenn Avriett – 830.620.3440

August 9, 10 & 11, 2007- SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Belton, TX Sponsored by the Bell County 4-H Horse Club, the clinic will be Thurs evening, August 9 and all day Fri., August 10. The Competition will be Sat. August 11th. Location – Bell County Exposition Center with two covered arenas, stalls, RV Hookups... **(Make motel reservations several months before show)**Contact – Dirk Aaron – 254.933.5405

August 24 & 25, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Conroe, TX Sponsored by the Montgomery County Extension Horse Committee, the clinic will be on Friday the 24th and the competition will be Saturday, the 25th. Location–Conroe Expo Center. Two Covered Arenas with stalls Contact –Mike Heimer 936-539-7822

NOTE NEW DATE*September 21 & 22, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Bryan/College Station, TX Sponsored by Brazos County Extension Horse Committee, the Clinic will be on Friday, Sept. 21st and the Competition on Sat the 22nd. Location: New Brazos County EXPO Center Contact: Phyllis Young – 979.589.3091

October 5&6, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – NRS Training Center – Decatur, TX Location-Located 4 mi S on HWY 287 with Arena, stalls, RV Hookups

Oct 5 -SHOT CLINIC – Sponsored by Wise County Extension Horse Committee Contact Gary Clayton – 940.627.3341

Oct 6 -SHOT COMPETITION – Sponsored by Stock Horse of Texas Association Contact B.F. Yeates – 979-846-4538

NOTE NEW EVENT* October 7, 2007 – SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Classic Championships – NRS Training Center – Decatur, TX. Sponsored by Stock Horse of Texas Association... The top fifteen in the Open, Non Pro, Ltd. NonPro, Novice & Youth Division All-around point standings as of Sept. 1 will be invited to participate in our first SHOT CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS. This will be a high entry fee with added recognition and awards Championship Show to showcase our versatile stock horses and good riders in each division. Contact Kris Wilson – 806.317.0066, Glenn Hodges – 254.386.8708 or B F Yeates – 979.846.4538

November 1, 2, & 3, 2007 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Rosenberg, TX Sponsored by Fort Bend County Extension Horse Task Force, the Clinic will be Thurs. evening, Nov 1 and all day Fri., Nov 2. The Competition will be Sat. Nov 3rd. Location – Fort Bend Co. Fairgrounds. Contact - Don Brehm - 281-341-9005.

A Look Back at the 2006 SHOT year

B.F. Yeates

2006 was a year of growth and changes for the Stock Horse of Texas Association. The board of directors was busy. Two day long work sessions were held that were followed by a more formal decision making session. Additionally, the executive committee held two official meetings. The divisions for competition were expanded from three to five. New patterns were developed for Youth, Novice, and Limited Non Pro Classes. A new reining pattern was added to the rule book for open and non-pro classes. Clarification was put in the rule book for other classes.

The SHOT CLASSIC which has been a high entry fee promotion of the development of young versatile stock horses and been a media showcase for our organization was smaller than usual in 2006 and the board voted to replace the old format with a CLASSIC Championship format. This new format will invite SHOT members who qualify by placing or earning points in a number of specific SHOT shows to participate in this Championship Invitational Event in either the Open, Non-Pro, Limited Non-Pro, Novice or Youth Division.

Due to good financial management from its inception, SHOT is fiscally sound. We still need more money to do many of the things that will help our organization, but the board of directors strives to prioritize expenditures and does an enormous amount of volunteer work and travel.

SHOT membership was 600+ on December 31, 2006. Clinics continue to be our best out reach for new members. The November 2006 Newsletter was mailed to 1191 people and we are now issuing membership numbers in the 1800's.

Even though it was held January 13, 2007, I am including the first stand alone SHOT conference which included a judging seminar and our End – Of –Year Awards banquet in this look back because all of the planning and risk taking was done in 2006. This was a very successful event. The judging seminar was video taped and will be made into an official educational judging tape. The Conference was a bold move for SHOT and in spite of weather problems the entire program paid its own way. 160 paid participants attended the clinic plus many of our Board of Directors, and Volunteers who helped put on this event.

CLINICS AND SHOWS

Shot Clinics and Shows encompass all of what the SHOT organization is about – educating horsemen and women on how to train and develop their own horse and then provide a forum to test their horse in a show.

Annual Two Day Clinic & Competition at Abilene

Many of you responded to our call to take advantage of this unique opportunity of a two-day clinic with expert help. Tom Neel and Craig Johnson were excellent as lead clinicians and our own SHOT Directors were superb as group leaders. We continue to hold this activity on a mid-week basis because of

facilities. Fifty eight of you registered for the entire clinic and a few others for one day only. As we anticipated, many of you made real progress with your horses and as horsemen. This clinic featured the reining and cow horse classes, partially because of good facilities and the two day format. After observing our horses at the last show, we are convinced that it is time to concentrate more on the pleasure and trail class plus some good fundamental training. That characterizes a good broke horse. Taking care of these basic details will allow a horse to step up to additional classes. Without this basic training, a horse will not progress as you would like. Look for more of this type instruction in future clinics.

There were 113 horses shown in the Abilene show following the clinic. This was a tremendous number to be showing on a Thursday. Thanks to many volunteers who helped make this show happen. Mary Anne Anderson scribed all day for one judge. Nonie Casselman-Reed scribed all day for the trail judge and helped manage the pleasure arena. Thomas Hicks made all of the arrangements for the cattle. Many others helped and we thank you.

The results of the show are posted on the website. There are many victories if you study the results. Some exhibitors who have moved up a division from 2006 are doing very well. We encourage everyone to set your own goals and recognize when you are moving in the right direction.

Tarrant Co Equine Education Committee Hosts SHOT at Will Rogers Complex

Under the leadership of County Extension Agent, Ken Johnson, the Tarrant County Equine Education Committee hosted a full three days of horse activity.

The SHOT clinic received a very high rating from the participants. Forty five members received good help from Jack Brainard, Mark Anderson, Kim Lindsey and Doug Householder. Thanks to these people for doing such a good job with a positive attitude toward all. It was good to get Jack Brainard involved again since he is one of our founders. Another founder, Ron Gill judged in the indoor arena for two days which was a full two days of tough judging.

167 horse/rider entries participated in the two day show which is the largest number ever shown at one SHOT Competition. Remember this number represents over 650 individual runs. It was good to see youth entries increasing.

Collegiate Invitational SHOT SHOWS

On Sunday, April 29th in Lubbock, Texas Tech is hosting the first Collegiate Invitational SHOT Stock Horse Show. Several colleges and universities are planning to send individuals to this first show. Any student enrolled in a college or university is invited to participate. Contact: Kris Wilson – 806.317.0066