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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 +

February 27, 28 & March 1, 2007 -ANNUAL SHOT Stock Horse Versatility TWO-DAY CLINIC and Competition - Abilene, TX -Sponsored by the Stock Horse of Texas Association Clinic will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb 27 & 28 and Competition will be on March 1. Contact – Vickie Hoggett -254.823.6860 (**Flyer Enclosed and Flyer and Entry Form on Website**)

March 23, 24 &25, 2007 -SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Will Rogers Coliseum, Ft Worth, TX Sponsored by the Tarrant County Equine Livestock Education Committee and held in cooperation with Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama. The Clinic will be on Friday, March 23, Limited NonPro, Novice & Youth Competition on Saturday, March 24th and NonPro and Open Competition on Sunday, March 25th. Contact Ken Johnson – 817.884.1946 (**Flyer Enclosed and Flyer and Entry Form on Website**)

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. (**Make motel reservations several months before show.**) Contact– Kim Guay – 806-792-4682.

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

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. 14 and the Competition on Sat the 15th. 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 and Novice 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 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.

If you want information on hosting a SHOT event in 2007 or 2008, Contact. B.F. Yeates, 979-846-4538 or www.stockhorse.org.

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

SHOT ANNUAL CONVENTION

January 12 & 13, 2007 was a milestone for the Stock Horse of Texas Association. The officers and directors of the association made a major commitment in 2006 to move the annual meeting and awards program to January of 2007 and to add an educational program – a judging seminar. This commitment involved time, money, and forward thinking visions. The bottom line is that it worked.

The weather in Fort Worth was really bad on this weekend and everyone wondered about attendance, but continued to work on faith that all would work out. IT DID. There were 170 enthusiastic participants in the seminar and 100 members braved the weather for a very nice evening meal and the year end awards program,

To say thanks to all that helped make this program a success would be a monumental task and would certainly leave someone out. However, in a general way, thanks to all that worked on registration and welcoming committees, annual meeting and awards committees especially those that brought horses for the judging seminar, and those that planned for all the arena props (cattle and trail),. Thanks to the judge's panel who were very candid in their evaluations and scoring. Thanks to all of these people, the program was a success and a benefit to the SHOT membership. We are tentatively planning to do it again next year.

2007 SHOT Officers & Directors Elected

The nominating committee presented their recommendations for 2007 officers and directors at the annual meeting and awards banquet on January 13, 2007

in Fort Worth. These nominees were approved and accepted by the general membership as follows.

President - Kim Lindsey
Vice-President – Doug Householder
Secretary – Glenn Hodges
Treasurer – Janet Yeates
Past President – Vicki Hoggett
Director-At-Large - Dennis Sigler
Three Year Term Directors – Jimbo Humphreys
Joan Martin

Continuing directors on the SHOT Board of Directors are Greg Ordeneaux, Rodney Rosenauer, Kris Wilson, and Jim Campbell with Roger Blackmon and Jack Brainard as Directors-At-Large

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.

Clinic & Competition at Tarleton State University

The weather in and around Stephenville in the week prior to the events was discouraging, but really took a turn for the better for the week-end. The clinic had 35 registered participants who were enthusiastic and worked to improve. The two day horse show attracted 137 entries; the novice division remains the largest group with approximately 40 horses showing. The new patterns and judging procedures were well received in this division. There were only 5 youth, but hopefully this number will grow during the year. The new limited non-pro class was well received and attracted 24 entries. The show was managed and judged very well and was a positive experience for the participants. Congratulations to the high point winners for many of them it was a first.

TSU, who sponsored the show, is having their 6th annual select horse sale at the same facility on May 26th. These horses are all performance prospects. More information is available on their website www.tarleton.edu/mspringsale or henneke@tarleton.edu.

VOLUNTEER Help Needed at SHOT SHOWS

All shows and clinics require volunteers to serve as scribes for judges, gate people, runners to get working orders and results of classes posted, registration help to check memberships and receive new memberships, check Coggins papers, and receive show entries to be given to our official show secretaries.

These volunteer services are good experience for all members. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for specific shows. We especially need help at Abilene, Lufkin and Decatur shows. Call us at 979.846.4538 if you can help.

ANNUAL SHOT TWO DAY CLINIC Please take note of the two day SHOT clinic in Abilene on Feb 27 & 28. The Clinic will start at 8:30 a.m. each morning and go until 5:00 p.m. Stalls are available Monday evening.

We know the dates are in the middle of the week, but these great facilities are very affordable at this time.

We are able to offer a lot more in-depth help at this two day clinic for a reasonable price. Try to take advantage of this opportunity.

We have hired two of the best to be lead instructors and good section leaders will be available for a lot of one-on-one type instruction.

This facility has plenty of stalls and two large covered arenas plus a covered round pen.

Plenty of cattle will also be available. This is an opportunity to really move you and your horse up a notch or two.

Rules for Shows for 2007

(Con't from last newsletter)

As we stated in the last newsletter, the SHOT Board of Directors were very busy during the 2006 year making plans to strengthen the SHOT organization for all members. A major part of the planning in five meetings resulted in Division and Class changes for SHOT Shows. Starting in January 2007, SHOT shows now offer five divisions Open, NonPro, Limited NonPro, Novice and Youth.

Another rule change was the number of different divisions a one horse/one rider combination may show in in any one show.

a) A One horse/One rider combination may show in the non-pro, ltd non-pro, or novice division in any one show. – NOT MORE THAN ONE OF THESE DIVISIONS.

b) Any horse/rider combination may show in both the **OPEN DIVISION** and another division, for which they are eligible, **AT ANY TIME**.

c) A Youth (K-12) **may not show** in both the YOUTH and NOVICE Divisions at the same show.

Time for SHOT Memberships for 2007

Continue sending in your Dues for 2007. Some of you have been concerned when you did not get a new membership card right away.

What SHOT does is furnish each SHOT event manager with an updated and current paid membership list. If you have paid your membership, your name will be on this list when you get to the event. You will also receive a membership card, usually with the newsletter after you join the Association. Membership cards for 2007 paid members are enclosed in this newsletter.

SHOT PHILOSOPHY

B.F. Yeates, Executive Secretary

The SHOT philosophy of how to measure the worth of a good stock or ranch horse is so sound that other states are requesting assistance to start their own program. The American Paint Horse Association conducts their Versatility Ranch Horse Competition under this format and their judges just received training using video tapes of SHOT events.

This type of non-traditional horse show activity has experienced unparalleled growth in the past 10 years. Unfortunately many of these stock and/or ranch horse activities or organizations are all operating under a different format. SHOT will continue to offer advice and assistance to other groups to achieve more uniformity between programs. This could lead to some regional or even national events.

We think the SHOT format is unique for the following reasons. We hope you agree and can share this with other horsemen.

1. The pleasure class as designed and run by SHOT is completely unique. This may be the most important class we offer because a good stock horse must first be functional and a pleasure to ride.

2. The cow horse class is pointed and judged in a more realistic manner than other cow horse classes. The option of either roping or circling is unique and necessary. Everyone loves a good roping horse, but everyone can't rope. The option allows for the good roping horse to be showcased, but also allows the non-roper a chance to own a good cow horse. Being able to control a cow without roping is a science as old as roping itself.

3. The reining and cow horse class are separated into two different classes. This is important in that some good ranch horses will work a cow very well, but can't make a specific reining maneuver such as flying lead changes or hard spins. By the same token, some good reining horses may not work a cow very well. A horse's past experience and training may allow them to compete well in one class while learning to also do the other class well.

4. The trail class attempts to measure the ability of a horse to handle different stock farm or ranch chores. Obstacles are common sense, everyday encounters and the class is held outside an arena where possible.

5. The scoring system is positive and straight forward rather than negative and disqualifying. There were less than 10 horses disqualified in the classes for all of last year – this is by design. We planned it that way because of our positive approach to evaluating performances.

These points may not seem significant to you until you look at the many different rules that are being offered today. We think these four classes measure a good all-around versatile stock horse.

There are many more fun and good classes in which to show a stock horse. However, in view of time required to conduct a show, we doubt they would measure any feature of a good stock horse that has not already been measured.