

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 planning group in the early 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 on the trail.

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www.stockhorse.org - Please check the website frequently for information updates.

+ UPCOMING SHOT EVENTS +

August 26 & 27 – SHOT Clinic and Competition –

Conroe. Sponsored by Montgomery County Extension Horse Committee. Clinic will be on Friday the 26th and competition on Saturday, the 27th. Location – Conroe Expo Center. Contact – Mike Heimer - 936.539.7822 (Flyer enclosed)

September 9 & 10 – SHOT Awareness Clinic –

Bulverde. Weather permitting. – Outdoor Arena. Sponsored by Comal County Extension Horse Committee. Location: Cibolo Livery Stables, 401 Obst Rd. Clinic 1 1/2 days Friday all day, Saturday 1/2 day followed by SHOT Schooling Show (No SHOT points). Limited to first 35 paid participants. Contact: Glenn Avriett, Comal Co Extension Agent – 830.620.3440

September 22, 23 & 24 – SHOT Clinic and

Competition – Burleson. Sponsored by Rosenauer Quarter Horses. Location: Rosenauer Quarter Horses Ranch. Contact: Rodney Rosenauer – 817.929.0148 (Flyer enclosed)

October 4, 5 & 6 - Working Cow Horse Clinic –

Abilene Contact Vickie Hoggett – 254.823.6860

October 28, 29 & 30 – SHOT Clinic, Competition & CLASSIC – National Roping Supply Training

Center -Decatur. Sponsored by Stock Horse of Texas Association. Location – Located 4 mi S on HWY 287 with Arena, stalls, RV Hookups

Oct 28 - SHOT CLINIC

Oct 29 - SHOT COMPETITION

Oct 30 - SHOT ANNUAL CLASSIC for 4, 5, 6 year old horses – Pre-Entries Due Sept. 15.

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November 17, 18 & 19 – SHOT Clinic and

Competition – Rosenberg Sponsored by Fort Bend County Extension Horse Task Force. Clinic will be Thurs. evening, Nov 17 and all day Fri., Nov 18. The Competition will be Sat. Nov 19th. Location – Fort Bend Co. Fairgrounds. Contact - Don Brehm - 281-341-9005.

If you want information on hosting a SHOT event in 2006, 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.

2005 SHOT CLASSIC – Oct 30

The enclosed Flyers on the 2005 SHOT CLASSIC are self-explanatory except that new members may not understand why we do this. The CLASSIC is a high entry fee, added money, promotion to feature the kind of versatility that we find in SHOT horses. We feel that SHOT has the best plan and scoring system in the horse industry today to measure the true all-around western stock horse. The Classic is a promotion to attract the best horses in the world and the added money is for this purpose.

All entries will do exactly what SHOT members do at every SHOT competition under the same rules and judging system. Members are encouraged to show any horse they want to, that fits the age requirements, but we especially need your help in generating entries and sponsors.

Please make copies of the enclosed Flyers and distribute them to your friends and post them in horse-related businesses. Also, please look over the sponsorship agreement attached and help contact sponsor prospects in your area or that you know. Also consider becoming a sponsor yourself or joining with a friend or group for \$10 to \$25 to become one sponsor. If you will notify the SHOT office of potential entries or sponsors, we will be glad to make contacts.

We hope you make plans to attend the 2005 CLASSIC and volunteer to help us with the events or to be spectators.

2005 SHOT Events Held in May and June

Since the last newsletter, SHOT has conducted two Clinic-Show combinations. This brings the years total to seven events with four more to come. July is a vacation month with activity beginning again in August with the Conroe show followed by Burleson in September, Decatur in October and Rosenberg in November to finish out the year with ten shows and clinic combinations and one show only – Fort Worth – Total 11 shows.

Graham – Graham was the host city for the month of May. The clinic was attended by 45 horsemen who really got into the total program. Some real enthusiasts were still going over an hour after the scheduled finish time. Nobody cared and saluted this enthusiasm. Thanks to Vickie Hoggett and Judy Fortenberry for helping with the trail clinic, B.F. Yeates

for working on the Pleasure and Reining combination and especially Mark Anderson for staying hooked all day in the cow clinic. Special thanks to Rick Thompson for serving as our cattle superintendent for both the clinic and show. The cattle were excellent and Rick had them ready and prepared to be worked.

The show had 87 horse/rider combinations and ran so smoothly that it was over by 4:00 p.m. Thanks to the secretaries who got it started near the scheduled time and with a realistic order of events. Thanks also to arena superintendents that managed the events in three arenas. Nora Thompson had the indoor area and Betty Hodges served as scribe. Phyllis Young managed the outdoor area with Brenda Carlson as scribe. Steve Carlson made their work agreeable by furnishing a pop-up awning for shade. Yes, it was very hot in May. Special thanks to SOMEBODY. We have forgotten his name, but not his work for helping with the trail area. LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE. He volunteered to help us get started and I'm afraid we never offered him any relief. Thanks, again, we heard you were in a little trouble because of neglecting your baby sitter duties. I guess it was a family contribution.

SHOT is still learning how to regulate these shows with increased numbers and three judges. Actually the Graham show ended too early because members were planning all day where they would meet and have dinner together after the show. The early finish provided an opportunity to get home early and I'm afraid many dinner dates were cancelled.

Awards for the Graham were unique in that 1st thru 5th in classes received SHOT caps with appropriate color for the placing. Division Champion received Handmade Saddle Racks and Reserve Champions received personal carrying bags. Congratulations to the Division Champions, class winners. Results are attached.

Three Rivers Ranch, Glen Rose

John and Lynda Burnside hosted a great June clinic and show at their Three Rivers Ranch in Glen Rose. The clinic was well attended by 50 members. Many compliments were heard on the quality of instruction given by Mark Anderson, Earnest Wilson, Vickie Hoggett and Kris Wilson. Many new terms were acquired and understood by participants such as, eye to ear, cow side leg, and seat cue. Each of you who were there knows what these mean, others will just have to wonder.

This show utilized three judges and had 104 horse/rider combination entries. The show was well managed by Mark Anderson and was completed by 6:00 p.m. This is a time frame schedule we have been shooting for.

We will continue to schedule three rings to start simultaneously for our one day shows. Each ring will be scheduled for events Ring 1 - Reining-Cowhorse or vice versa; Ring 2 - Pleasure and Novice Reining Ring 3 - Trail.

Each division will be starting in one of these areas at the show start time and divisions will rotate to the other areas during the day. The most common order being used is Ring 1: Open Reining or Cowhorse first, Ring 2: Novice Pleasure first and Ring 3: Non-Pro Trail first.

This ensures that all divisions get an early start and will not unnecessarily delay the show.

In addition to all of this, we are putting special emphasis on having competitions scored and judged as objectively and consistently as possible by orienting judges and making the management of the show be efficient and helpful for judges.

Please study the agenda for the Burleson Show in Sept. This is our first effort at a two day show. Please support the show in its entirety so that there can be an effective evaluation of a two day show.

Late Registration by Exhibitors: One problem in Glen Rose- late registration caused a delay in starting the show. This will have to be improved. Shows will continue to open registration the evening and night before the show **Exhibitors, we need your cooperation. Please fax or mail entries in early or plan to enter on Friday night. If you are arriving the day of the show, please register by 7:30 a.m. – the secretaries usually start registration at 6:30 a.m.**

Everyone attending the Clinic at Glen Rose could have registered on Friday before the show. We will encourage shows to provide a manned registration table on Friday afternoons following the clinics from about 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and ask you to register as early as possible. Glen Rose had 19 horses registered Friday night, that means we had to register over 80 entries Saturday morning to get the show started. Secretaries need to get all entries before they make class sheets for the first classes for judges, gatemens, and exhibitors.

SHOT INFORMATION and PROCEDURES

End of Year Point Standings and Individual Scores from Competitions on Website

The End-Of-Year Point Standings and detailed individual scores for the seven SHOT competitions completed can be found on our website. Keep in mind that at the end of the year, points will be totaled for one less show than was held during the year. If you participate in all shows, one show will be dropped – the lowest score.

Please continue to thank Pat O'Connor for his many hours of work on designing, updating and maintaining our SHOT website.

Eligibility for SHOT DIVISIONS

Eligibility for SHOT DIVISIONS will be posted at each show. We realize that some new members have been competing without the benefit of reading the rules for themselves. We request that everyone review the rules and compete accordingly. This will prevent the executive committee from having to make rulings pertaining to eligibility. If you are not sure what division you should be in and need help with clarification, please call this office or any of the executive committee for help.

The rules for eligibility from the SHOT 2005 Handbook are as follows:

SHOT COMPETITION DIVISIONS A SHOT approved show must offer three class divisions: Open, Non-Pro and Novice. A youth class (12 and under) is optional.

TRAINING TIPS

By B.F. Yeates

SHOT competitions are open to any rider with any horse who is a current member, in good standing, of the Stock Horse of Texas organization. Competitions shall be divided into Open, Non-Pro and Novice divisions **based entirely on the rider**, regardless of the horse they are riding. A rider may show more than one horse in a division, but HIGH POINT AWARDS shall be based on a one horse/one rider team showing in all four classes.

OPEN: The Open Division is open to any professional or non-professional member, in good standing, with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this class will have a minimum of \$10 jackpot fees which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule in the SHOT Handbook.

NON-PRO: The Non-Pro Division is open to members, in good standing, **who are not riding, training or showing horses professionally.** Non-Pro division exhibitors may show any time in the Open class without losing their eligibility in the Non-Pro class as long as other stipulations of being classified as a non-pro are still maintained. There will be no jackpot in this division.

NOVICE: The Novice Division is open to members, in good standing, **who are non-professional riders and who have never won a SHOT High-Point or Reserve High-Point Championship at any SHOT show in the Open or Non Pro Divisions or a SHOT Novice END-OF-YEAR All-Around High-Point Champion or Reserve All-Around High-Point Champion.**

If a member loses their novice eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a novice. In the future, the contestant is eligible only for the Open or Non-Pro Divisions. Riders in this division will work a shortened version of the cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See Modified SHOT Working Cowhorse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

A horse may be shown in any division by eligible riders. A horse may not be shown in any class more than once...

Any reported violation of division eligibility will be reviewed by the executive committee of SHOT. If horse and/or rider are found to be in violation, they may be barred from further SHOT competitions and any year-end awards will be forfeited.

Daily Riding Regimen - "Massing of Trials" is a procedure described in behavioral literature and has been proven to NOT enhance learning in the most efficient way.

Laboratory animals trained daily are superior to those trained on an irregular schedule even though the amount of time spent training may be the same.

The "Massing of Trials" principle explains why students who wait and cram for final exams are not as efficient as those who study regularly through out the course.

This means that you are most efficient with your horses' training when you ride them daily. Thirty minutes a day can not only keep your horse tuned, but can also allow for some progress. Some of you may not be able to get to your horse daily even though you would like to. When missing one or more days, please allow for the first ride back to refresh the horse and look for the next successive ride to make progress. Many a good horseman has put a horse up without any tangible positive results, only to find them the next day. Horses sometimes need to "sleep on it" as much as humans.

Be patient, but be persistent. If you could improve a horse 1% a day, they would be perfect in 100 days. We all know this does not happen, so what does happen?

Change comes in such small increments that they are hard to see daily. Think weekly and you are more likely to see a change in behavior and hopefully it is positive.

New arenas (Inside or Outside) – Remember, when you take a horse to a new place, give them time to get adjusted to their new surroundings. Simply walk the arena or area several times in both directions. Some horses still think there are "boogers" behind fences or even trees.

This is not just for rail classes, it is for ALL classes. Reining horses have been known to flatten one of their circles because they were afraid of one side of the arena.

Don't try to get your horse ready to show until they are happy with the surroundings and maybe they won't forget what your have taught them at home.

TO JOIN SHOT or to renew SHOT Memberships

Complete this form and return with 2005 membership fee to the Stock Horse of Texas Association. Be a member of a **fast-growing**, fun organization of western stock horse enthusiasts.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Ranch, Business, Organization, etc. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current Member (Renewal) (#, if known) _____ New Member _____

Amount Enclosed: \$25 Single Annual Membership _____ \$40 Family Annual Membership _____

Return to: Stock Horse of Texas Association
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