

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.

SHOT Phone and Address

B.F. Yeates handles the administrative duties for SHOT through the following address:

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

+ UPCOMING SHOT EVENTS +

October 7, 8, & 9 – SHOT Clinic and

Competition – Burleson. Sponsored by Rosenauer

Quarter Horses. Location: Rosenauer Quarter Horses Ranch.

.Contact: Rodney Rosenauer – 817.929.0148 (Flyer enclosed)

(NOTE RESCHEDULING from Sept. because of HURRICANE

RITA and **switching of days for Division shows**

Saturday – Novice and Youth

Sunday – Open and Non-Pro)

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

Abilene Contact Vickie Hoggett – 254.823.6860

October 28, 29 - SHOT Clinic and Competition – National Roping Supply Training Center -

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

Oct 28 -SHOT CLINIC – Sponsored by Wise County Extension Horse Committee – Contact Gary Clayton – 940.627.3341

Oct 29 -SHOT COMPETITION – Sponsored by SHOT – Contact B.F. Yeates – 979-846-4538 (Flyer enclosed)

October 30 - SHOT ANNUAL CLASSIC for 4, 5, 6 year old horses –Entries Due NOW

Contact: B.F. Yeates–979.846.4538; Dennis Sigler–940.665.5355; Rodney Rosenauer– 817.929.0148; Vickie Hoggett – 254.823.6860; www.stockhorse.org-(Information on website)

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 Com-petition will be Sat. Nov 19th. Location – Fort Bend Co. Fairgrounds. Contact - Don Brehm - 281-341-9005. (Flyer enclosed)

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.

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Some 2006 SHOT Events have already been approved or tentatively approved. These include:

SHOT Annual Clinic, Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet and Show- Abilene - February 28, March 1 & 2, 2006

SHOT Clinic and Show – Ft. Worth – March 25 & 26
SHOT Clinic and Show – Lubbock – April
SHOT Clinic and Show – Glen Rose – May
SHOT Clinic and Show – Bryan/College Station - June
SHOT Clinic and Show – Belton – July 27, 28 & 29
SHOT Clinic and Show – Conroe - August
SHOT Clinic and Show – Rosenberg – Nov. 2, 3 & 4

2005 SHOT CLASSIC To Be HELD **Oct 30, 2005**

The Stock Horse of Texas Association 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, or as some people like to say ranch 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.

We hope you make plans to attend the 2005 CLASSIC and volunteer to help us with the events or to be spectators. (All SHOT CLASSIC information including entry forms and sponsorship information is available at www.stockhorse.org)

Also Help needed for the SHOT SHOW on Saturday prior to the CLASSIC. If you can help, please contact Joan Martin 940-626-4440; E-mail: joanie1507@hotmail.com
She especially needs scribes for the judges, gatemens or women, cattle handlers, extra secretaries to register and handle awards and someone to re-set trail obstacles.

Conroe SHOT Events Held in August

A successful SHOT Clinic and Show was held August 26 and 27 in Conroe. The entire agenda was sponsored by the

Montgomery County Adult Horse Committee under the direction of CEA Mike Heimer. The clinic, held on Friday

was well attended with 30 + participants. The cowhorse part of the clinic was taught by Kris Wilson and Mark Stowe. Brian Sumrall led the reining clinic and B.F. Yeates taught the ranch pleasure portion. Four rings were operated simultaneously with riders shifting to the group of their interest.

The show was well planned and ran very smoothly with three rings operating simultaneously. Each of the three judges was provided with good scribes and arena managers. The show started at 8:30 A.M. and was completed by 5:00 p.m. Arenas were in good shape and maintained throughout the show. The top ten placings for this show are included in this newsletter.

BULVERDE SHOT AWARENESS CLINIC

A SHOT Awareness Clinic and Practice Show was held Sept. 9 & 10 in Bulverde. The event was sponsored by the Comal County Extension Horse Committee under the direction of CEA Glenn Avriett. B.F. Yeates conducted 1 ½ days of clinic which included all the SHOT events. The show also included all events and was fun for many first time participants. Judy Fortenberry assisted with the total program and judged the trail class. A total of 32 people attended the clinic and 27 became new members of SHOT and are receiving their first newsletter. Many thanks to the hosts and local committee in Comal County. The kind of an activity may be appropriate for some other locations, rather than an approved show. This activity was fun and most people left with more information that they could use immediately, but had a program to follow in advancing both themselves and their horses.

Please Continue to Check Our Website for Updated Information– www.stockhorse.org

The End-Of-Year Point Standings and detailed individual scores for the eight SHOT competitions completed can be found on our website. Also check for updates – we post items like the change in the Burleson Show.

TRAINING TIPS

By B.F. Yeates

A clarification of equipment rules seems to be needed. Recently, we have had disqualification at shows for illegal equipment.

Running martingales are good for training purposes, but are not legal equipment for the show ring and competition.

Gag-bits are also illegal. Some people may want to classify them as snaffles, but they are not true snaffle bits.

Gag-bits are where the headstall and reins are joined in such a fashion as to cause the bit to be raised in the mouth as the reins are pulled.

A true snaffle bit causes a direct pressure on the horse's mouth only and anything different is illegal.

Only a true snaffle bit can be legally ridden with two hands in the show ring.

Differentiating a curb from a snaffle bit is also a problem at times. A curb bit has leverage action through the use of a curb. A snaffle bit is a direct pull only. Please do not mistake a short-shanked, broken mouthpiece, swivel cheeked bit as a snaffle, regardless of the shortness of the shanks. This bit is a legal curb bit, but cannot be ridden with two-hands in the show ring without penalty.

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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