

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 www.stockhorse.org.

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

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. Location: Geo. Henderson EXPO Center, North Loop 287. Contact B F Yeates – 979.846.4538 (Flyer Enclosed and Entry Form on Website)

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 - (Youth, Novice, Ltd Non-Pro) and Sun the 8th. – (Non-Pro & Open) Location: Diamond F Arena, 5835 Old Seguin-Luling Rd Contact Travis Franke – 830.379.1972 or Glenn Avriett – 830.620.3440 (Flyer Enclosed and Entry Form on Website)

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 – 254.933.5305

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- 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

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.

January 12, 2008 – Annual SHOT Conference and Awards Banquet for 2007 End of Year Champions – Fort Worth. The conference will be held at the Historic Stockyards in Ft Worth. Registration will be at the Headquarters Hotel—AmeriSuites at Historic Stockyards. Rooms include microwave, refrigerator, full hot breakfast and parking. The awards reception and banquet will be held Saturday evening in the Historic Stockyards District. (See Handbook on how end of year awards are compiled – all shows minus 2 shows with lowest points)

January 12, 2008 - Stock/Ranch Horse Versatility Judging Seminar – Cowtown Coliseum, Historic Stockyards District – Ft Worth The judging seminar will feature live classes—stock horse pleasure, trail, reining, working cow; a panel of judges, participants marking their own score sheets and questions and discussion. The seminar is for current and potential stock horse versatility judges, exhibitors, spectators and interested persons.

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 Lubbock

On April 27th & 28th, Texas Tech sponsored a two-day event at their equestrian center. Thanks to Kris Wilson who elected to not show his horse and be available to manage the entire program. His leadership helped make the entire activity very successful.

There were 140 horses exhibited and approximately 50 enrolled in the clinic. The facilities, weather and excellent clinicians made the clinic day most enjoyable and productive. SHOT clinics continue to be made up of primarily new members and every effort is made to present very practical and helpful information.

Three Rivers Ranch Hosts SHOT at Glen Rose

Another successful week-end was held at Glen Rose on John & Lynda Burnside's Three Rivers Ranch. The event remains one of SHOT's oldest continuously run events in one location. Thanks to the Burnsides for having us again and also a special thanks to Mark Anderson for foregoing any competition on his own to manage and coordinate a very large and well-run activity.

There were 53 enrolled in the one day clinic. The weather cooperated again and 155 horses scattered over the entire ranch headquarters in four different areas for competition. Youth entries continue to build with 20 at this show. An editorial team from the Western Horseman publication were present - observing, interviewing and photographing participants and events for a future article.

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Congratulations to all of the show winners – the results can be seen on the website. These shows was the 4th and 5th of 9 shows to be used to qualify the top 15 in all divisions for the CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP in October.

These shows are the 4th & 5th of 12 shows to be used to qualify horse/rider combinations in all divisions for End – of-Year Awards to be presented at our annual conference and awards banquet to be held in Historic Ft Worth Stockyards on January 12.

Next Two SHOT EVENTS are New Locations for SHOT

Lufkin – The Lufkin event marks the first time that a SHOT activity has been held this far east in our state. We have several members from the area and surely they will appreciate the shorter drive. For other members, the trip to East Texas should be an enjoyable experience. The Lufkin facility is fully stabled and has two complete covered arenas. They have more stalls and RV Hookups than we can use so it won't be necessary to reserve them in advance, although you may wish to do so.

For those unfamiliar with the area, please note that the facility is on North Loop 287. This loop is continuous around the city of Lufkin and well marked. The Host Motel is very close by and there is a family restaurant within walking distance of the motel. Appreciation is expressed in advance to Cary Sims, Angelina County Extension Agent for his assistance in publicizing the event. We will also receive assistance from the local 4-H horse club and the Stephen F Austin University horse program under the leadership of Dr. Joe Gotti.

Seguin – The Seguin event in July is also a first for the San Antonio area. Please note that this is a clinic with a two-day show. The facilities are best suited for a two-day show with the Limited Non Pro, Novice & Youth on Saturday, the 7th and the Open and Non-Pro on Sunday the 8th. This show is cooperatively sponsored by the Horse Task Forces and County Extension Offices in both Guadalupe and Comal counties and is being held in a private facility very near Seguin. The Diamond F arena has very nice facilities with stalls and a covered arena.

Both of these events will need extra help from our membership since our show procedures will be new to most of the management and facility coordinators.

If you or a family member is not showing or if you can find some extra time, please come to the office and volunteer your help. Since our association is sponsoring the Lufkin event, we especially need more assistance in registering, arena management, and posting working orders and results.

SHOT CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS Sponsorships Needed

Enclosed with this newsletter is a one page CLASSIC Sponsorship Agreement with listing of sponsorships available for the CLASSIC Championships. The general membership is asked to assist in contacting potential sponsors for this event. Please make copies of this CLASSIC Sponsorship Agreement and contact any individuals, businesses or organizations that you think might be willing to sponsor our **association events that focus on education of horsemen and women and their accomplishments and promotion of the versatile stock horse**. The SHOT Board of Directors desire for this event to be first class and need your help. They plan for all participants to receive a Classic Finalist Jacket.

Sponsorships are needed to make this an outstanding event for our association. Please contact Kris Wilson for more information and send all sponsorship agreements to Kris. You may contact Kris at Phone: 806.317.0066 or 806.742.2804. Ext. 236; Fax: 806.742.4003 and E-Mail: k.wilson@ttu.edu

Further information on SHOT Sponsorships can be found on our web site – www.stockhorse.org.

Collegiate Invitational SHOT SHOW

History was made on April 29th as the first ever collegiate stock horse show was held at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center in Lubbock. The turnout for the show was wonderful as Texas A&M, Tarleton, Stephen F. Austin, Clemson, Texas Tech University and North-eastern Junior College competed for prizes. The collegiate show was held after the regularly scheduled Lubbock SHOT show on Saturday April 28th. Alicia Daugherty (Texas Tech) won the Non-Pro Division and Kalyn Sanders (Texas Tech) won the Limited Non-Pro division.

One of the best stories of the collegiate stock horse show was the showmanship of Clemson Ranch Horse Team member Alec Davern. The three member team and coach, Laura Morgan, M.S. from Clemson, South Carolina flew to Lubbock and borrowed horses from the Tech Ranch Horse Team. At the end of the day the lone male member of the Clemson team took home the novice buckle. Alec borrowed Kalyn Sanders' mount Sir, and therefore the talented sorrel owned by Fred Underwood won two division buckles on Sunday.