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WORLD SHOW TIME!

Preparation: doing work to get ready for an event.

I'm sure plenty of you are doing exactly that -- preparing for the Stock Horse World Show. Fortunately the weather has been agreeable in most places, so I hope you are able to practice and prepare as much as you would like.

In the office, we have been preparing for the World Show for some time now. We ordered the buckles -- all 65 of them! -- in July. SHTX Board Member Theresa Woodard has purchased some really nice prizes for the go-rounds and overall awards. We've worked with NRS on the design of the overall Top 10 vests for some time, and it's quickly all coming together. This year we will have our championship awards ceremony 30 minutes following the end of the show. So put that in your schedule as you make your social plans!

We are still tying up a few loose ends, like workers in each arena, etc. It takes a small army to pull this event together, running 4 pens simultaneously. As you saddle up each morning for our show, please pay close attention to our estimated schedule. Being at the gate, ready for your run helps things stay on track. We will do our best to reduce the number of conflicts so that every event can run in the draw order. Thanks for your help and being at the gate on time! If there are adjustments to the schedule as the day goes on, we will make announcements in all arenas.

If you're planning on paid practices, be sure to add those to your entry forms. We aren't using tickets this year. Instead your name will be printed on a list at each location. **Be sure to register for any cow practices with your entry form so that we have enough cattle reserved.

Here's to all the preparation -- both yours and ours -- that will contribute to a great Stock Horse World Show. We'll see you in a few weeks!

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Trainer's Tip with Bozo Rogers and Flo Delesque Ride Smart!

Courtesy of Kate Byars

As horse and rider teams prepare for the Stock Horse of Texas World Championship Show, two respected horsemen have advice on how to keep penalties to a minimum. Rider mistakes in reining or cow horse are often the reason for a low score. And they are preventable.

At the Bryan SHTX show, reining horse trainer Florent Delesque saw several riders incur 2-point penalties that were avoidable.

"People were not riding past the end markers," he said. "In a reining pattern, you are supposed to go past the outside markers [before asking for a sliding stop]. It is a 2-point penalty for not going past the end markers before you stop.

"My tip for that situation is to go all the way to the end. Especially in a smaller pen, go farther than you think you need to go [before stopping]. This is a rookie mistake and will cost you a lot of points."

Delesque says that while riders may look over to the marker to judge when to stop, that may not be the best practice. Instead, always use the entire arena for a run, and don't focus on the markers.

"A good habit to have all the time is to not think about just passing them to stop, but to use the entire length of the arena," he advises. "One, this will give you more speed to stop, and two, you will not have those 2-point penalties. If you think you're going past the marker to stop, and not thinking about going to the end, you will stop very close to the marker. Don't fence your horse but use the whole arena."



According to Delesque, not riding past the markers is a rookie mistake that can be easily changed. Show your savvy to the judge by making use of the entire arena.

In the cow horse boxing arena, show savvy comes across to the judge through displays of courage. Judge, competitor and trainer Bozo Rogers says that when you show the judge you have courage enough to step to a cow and force it to move, it starts the run off on a positive note.

A boxing score card has five boxes for the judges to fill: position and control, eye appeal, degree of difficulty, time worked and courage. A rider can directly influence eye appeal and courage.

"If you take a few chances, step up there and force the cow to move

2 pt penalty!



Do you know where the markers are?

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Trainer's Tip, continued...

left and right across the arena, instead of standing out there a long way to be safe, it can reward you," Rogers said. "Your time worked and courage go hand in hand. If you step up and make some things happen it looks a little better. If you're not showing confidence in yourself and your horse, it is not going to work well. You can get on the positive side [of the score] if you show courage."

A rider can influence eye appeal by not pulling too hard on the horse to cause its mouth to gap open. Also, prepare the horse for hard stops and turns before going in to the class. Rogers says that a horse needs to look good doing its job.

Riders showing at the world show should focus on a clean run. Rogers agrees with Delesque in that most penalties are rider errors.

"A penalty is usually a rider mistake, and that keeps you out of the winner circle," said Rogers. "Mentally, you have to be prepared and ask your horse for what it can give you. For me, on a NP run, if the NP will try to be a 70 score, which is a zero on every maneuver and is correct, it will get you a good placing. Be correct and don't over show your horse. The mistakes will come in when you ask for too much or over show your horse. The dumb rider mistakes will beat you more than a horse that isn't doing its job. A 70 wins a lot of the time; just be correct."

Good luck in Abilene, and ride smart!

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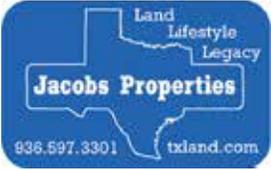
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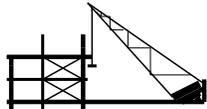
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Get ready for the World Show!

PAID PRACTICE INFO -- Will begin at 5pm on Thursday, and at the conclusion of the show (Fri/Sat) and will run until no one else is waiting to ride. When no one else is waiting, the Paid Practices will close. So don't go eat supper and plan on getting your paid practice at 8:45pm....if no one is waiting, the paid practice will close.

No tickets this year. Instead, your name will be on a list at the gate. If you didn't preregister for a paid practice, you can pay cash at the gate (trail and reining only.)

TRAIL: The trail course WILL BE LOCKED overnight and will not be available for free practice in the afternoons or the morning of the show. Someone will stay to conduct the paid practice as long as there are riders.

-- Paid practice is for 5 minutes/rider. You can combine your session with friends for a maximum of 15 minutes per group.

REINING: Paid practice gives you 5 minutes in the Reining arena (Horse Barn) by yourself. Once all paid practice reining runs are complete, or if no one else is waiting, the arena will be open all night until show preparation starts the following morning.

CATTLE: You must sign up on the entry form to insure there are enough cattle. The Coliseum will be closed after the paid practices and will open early the following morning for general riding.

**World Championship
Awards Ceremony
Saturday Evening
30 minutes after the show concludes**

What's Your Size?

If you think you might be in the Top 10 for 2017 and you showed in the All Around in at least 6 Texas shows, please go by the show office to get sized for a Year End jacket.



2017 SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

WORLD SHOW, FUTURITY & DERBY JUDGES

Steve Brown, Milsap, Texas
Frank Craighead, Weatherford, Texas
Chris Jeter, Weatherford, Texas
Morgan Lybbert, Valley View, Texas



SHOW SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

Paid Warm-Ups — 5pm until all paid runs are complete

Cow — Coliseum

Trail — Covered Outdoor Pen

Reining — Horse Barn

Open Riding in Horse Barn after all paid warm ups are complete. Other arenas will be locked.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Stock Horse World Show #1 — 8:00am

Cow — Coliseum

Trail & Pleasure — Covered Outdoor Arena

Reining — Horse Barn

Paid Warm-Ups following the end of the show.

Open Riding in Horse Barn after all paid warm ups are complete. Other arenas will be locked.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Stock Horse World Show #2 — 8:00am

Cow — Coliseum

Trail & Pleasure — Covered Outdoor Arena

Reining — Horse Barn

Stock Horse World Show Awards Presentation 30 minutes after the completion of the show

Cow Paid Warm-Ups at conclusion of the show (in Coliseum only)

Open riding in Horse Barn and on Trail obstacles in Covered Outdoor Pen

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Cowboy Church Service — 8 am

Led by Amy and Allora Leonard

Open riding in Horse Barn until 7 a.m. Horse Barn will close at 7am for Trail set up

SHTX Futurity & Derby — 9am

SHTX Futurity/Derby Reining, followed by Cow Work — Coliseum

SHTX Futurity/Derby Trail & Pleasure — Horse Barn

SHTX Futurity & Derby Awards Presentation — Coliseum

“NO CARVE”

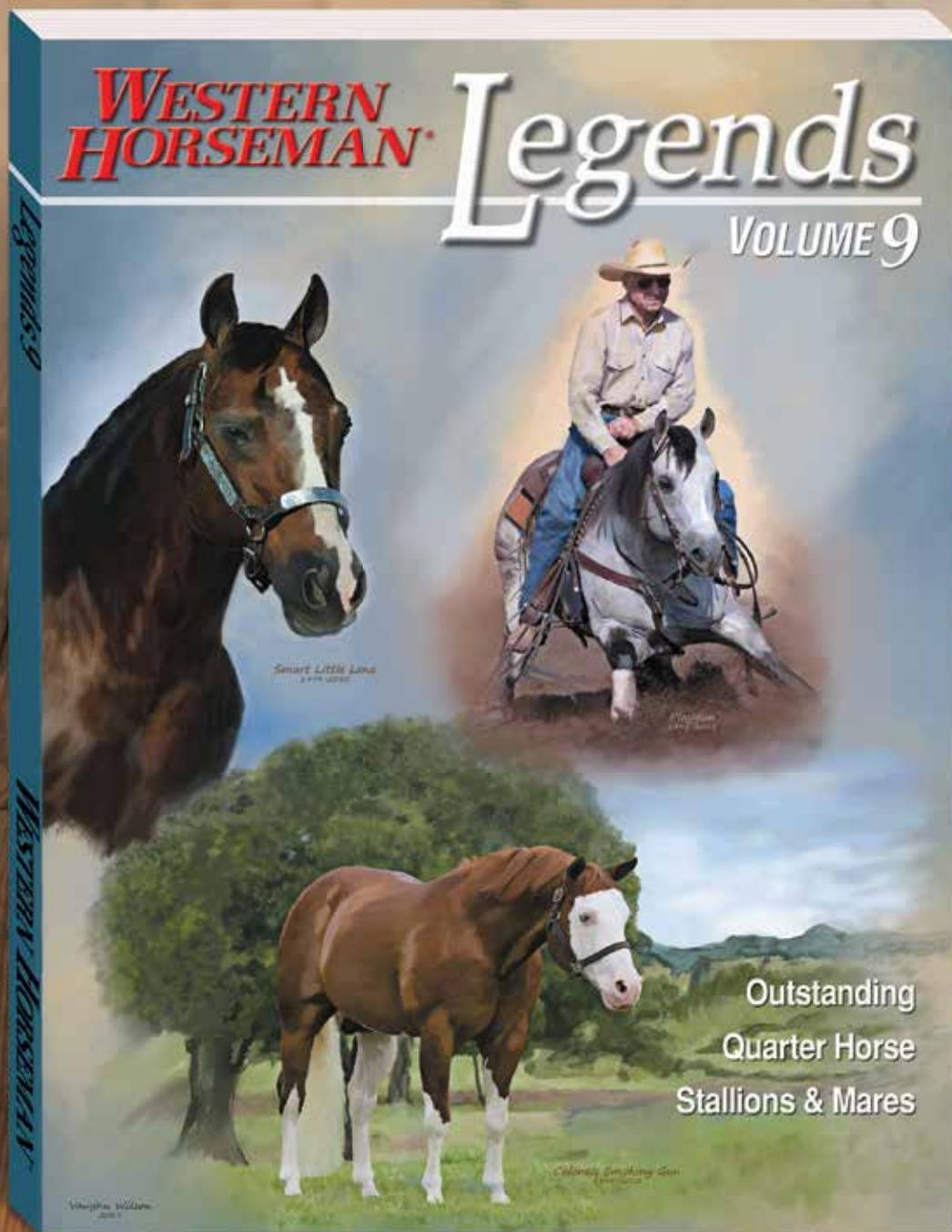


PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

1. Bring your cutest, scariest, or wildest creation to the World Show at check-in. We will have tables set-up to display the pumpkins in the Coliseum foyer near the vendor booths. Make sure your name is located on the bottom of your pumpkin.
2. Use either a fake pumpkin or real pumpkin of any size. Get wild, get crazy, get creative! Just no carving.
3. SHTX members will get to vote on their Top 4 favorite pumpkins. Members can begin voting on Friday morning at 8:00 am and voting will end on Saturday at 3:00 pm.
4. Pumpkins will need to be picked up by 6:00 pm Saturday night.



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2018 Texas Schedule

March 2-4, 2018 Bryan, Texas *One Day Clinic & Two Day Show	June 29-30 Dripping Springs, Texas
March 3, 2018 Year End Banquet Thomas G. Hildebrand Equine Complex at Texas A&M University	July 20-21, 2018 Athens, Texas
April 6-7, 2018 Lubbock, Texas	August 3-4, 2018 Sweetwater, Texas
May 4-5, 2018 San Antonio, Texas	September 7-8, 2018 Hamilton, Texas
	September 21-22, 2018 Bryan, Texas

Stock Horse World Show - Abilene, Texas Oct 26-28, 2018

*All members are welcome! You do not need to qualify to attend.
Over \$50,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded!
There will not be any AQHA classes at this show.*

Stand alone clinics (both 1 and 2-day clinics) will be added to this schedule
**Visit our website for show bills and entry forms for any Texas event!

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or other prizes?**

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STOCK HORSE PRIDE IN IRAQ

In June, our membership offered their support for a care package drive for Maj. Carisa Kimbro and her Army National Guard Unit, Task Force Rough Riders. Almost 200 pounds of food, magazines and other goodies made their way to Carisa and her team stationed in Iraq.

Carisa wanted to do something special for Stock Horse of Texas, so she donated an American Flag that included the following Certificate of Authenticity:

Let it be known this American Flag was flown on a five hour night combat mission over Baghdad, Iraq, by Bravo Company 2-149th Aviation Hookmasters, CH-47F Chinook Helicopter Aircraft, especially for Stock Horse of Texas in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, 18th of August, 2017.

We are so honored to receive this flag, and we will use it at future shows to fly proudly during the National Anthem.

Thanks Carisa! Safe travels and we can't wait until you are back in the saddle again!



WARM UP

CIRCLES — Go with the Flow. If the warm up arena is large enough to allow for two sets of circles, one end should be loping to the left and the other, loping to the right. You should be facing the same direction as you cross the middle to avoid any head-on collisions.

Stay to the inside of the circle if you want to go slow, and to the outside of the circle if you want to go fast.

STOPS — Practice rundowns and stops during designated times, not while others are circling. If you want to work on stops, gather with a group along the wall at the end of the arena, patiently waiting for those circling to finish. Soon, others will catch on and everyone will line up at the end. After 10-15 minutes, it is polite to offer the arena back to those who need to lope circles.

DO NOT STOP your horse in traffic. **LOOK** behind you before you put on the brakes!

SPINS -- move to the middle of a circle so that you're not in the flow of traffic. Do Not practice spins in the center of the arena.

Always look where you are going!

HISTORICAL CORNER

with Jim Truemper

Evolution of the Cow Class, Part 2

Part I of this article appeared in the October 2016 Stock Horse Round Up. If there is anyone who did not see that newsletter and wants a copy of that article, let me know and I will email it to you.

When Ross Hecox was preparing his article Versatility Rebirth (Western Horseman Volume 81, Number 11, November 2016), he told me about a cow class format which preceded the one I outlined in Part I. At one of the first clinics in 1996, a herd of numbered cows were settled in the arena. A number was called out to the rider who then cut the cow from the herd, turned the cow on the fence in each direction, penned the cow, and roped the cow. The leadership team determined this format, while challenging and fun, was too time-consuming in a show setting.

The Novice division was added in 2001. The difference between the Novice and Open divisions was simply that a Novice rider could not have placed higher than third in any Open class (2003 Stock Horse of Texas Handbook). This Novice division later became the Non-Pro division.

By 2005 there were three divisions: Open, Non-Pro and Novice. The Open division was open to any member in good standing. The Non-Pro division excluded any rider who earned money training or showing horses. The Novice division was restricted to riders who had never won an All Around or Reserve All Around award at a Stock Horse of Texas competition. The Open and Non-Pro cow work requirements were the same; the rider had the option of roping or circling the cow. The Novice riders competed in a box-drive-box format with a two-minute time limit (2005 Stock Horse of Texas Handbook).

2007 was a year of major changes in the divisions and in the working cow horse classes. The Limited Non-Pro division was added. The cow class in this division was a box-drive-box class with a two-minute time limit. After boxing the cow at one end of the arena, the rider would drive the cow between two cones placed twenty feet off the fence at the mid-point of the arena and continue boxing at that end of the arena.

The Novice division cow work was modified from previous years. The Youth division which had previously been a non-pointed optional division was now required at all Stock Horse of Texas events. The cow class for these two divisions consisted of a five-manuever dry work, like 4H stock horse. Upon completion of the dry work, the rider would call for a cow and box the cow at one end of the arena with a one minute time limit (2007 Stock Horse of Texas Handbook). Later the dry work was deleted and the time limit was reduced to fifty seconds.

When the Green Horse division, now Junior Horse, was added in 2008, the cow class was the same as the Limited Non-Pro division. By 2012 the cow class for these divisions did away with the cones in favor of driving down the fence in order to prepare the horse and rider to turn a cow on the fence. The time limit was changed to one minute and forty-five seconds. This became the cow class format for the Intermediate division which was added in 2015.

Any successful enterprise must continually change to grow and thrive. 2018 will see additional changes in the cow classes which will add to this history.





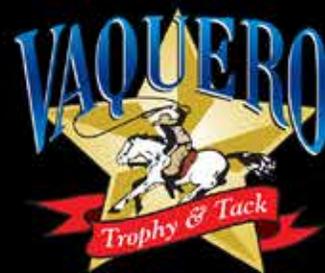
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