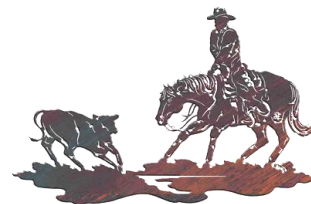




VCHA NEWSLETTER

Vintage Cutting Horse Association

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President's Message



Howdy & Happy Holidays to All!

The 2011 year is coming to an end. I am sure all of us are looking forward to a more prosperous 2012.

I hope everyone who attended the 2011 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet enjoyed themselves. It appeared fun was had by all.

The results of the membership survey are included in this newsletter. Thank you to those members who provided responses by completing the survey before or during the Annual Meeting. This type of feedback will greatly assist the 2012 Board in decision making for the forthcoming year.

The biggest message from the survey discussion at the Annual Meeting was the desire for Newsletters to be postal mailed rather than emailed. We thus need to stress the importance of providing a correct and updated address when returning your 2012 Membership Application. The sooner you mail back the 2012 Application, the sooner you will receive a newsletter in print. A 2012 Application and Hold Harmless Agreement is included in the back of this Newsletter.

For those who DO NOT wish to receive a paper newsletter, please indicate this on your Membership Application.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2011 VCHA show season. The balance of the awards will arrive the week before Christmas. The Awards Committee worked diligently to provide high quality items which can be used for years to come. We hope the winners enjoy their awards.

Again, I wish to personally thank the 2011 Board members for all their dedication and work this year. Thank you to the club members, their families, sponsors, and the judges. Without you all, there would be no club.

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Respectfully,

Stacey Powers
2011 President

Banquet Auction Donors

The Silent Action was amazing with tickets to Infineon Raceway, a hand crafted bronze barn star, fabulous art work, great wine, cakes and cookies, etc.

We wish to thank everyone who donated items and made this year's Silent Auction a big success! Donors included:

- Art Grunig
- California Horse Supply
- Cecily Broughton
- Dick Perce
- Empire Equine
- Figones Olive Oil
- Friendly Feeds
- Infineon Raceway
- Joann Slissman
- Johns Dairy
- Karen Antoni
- Kit Simmie
- Larsens Feed & Pet Supply
- Menini Heating and Cooling
- Myla Holmes
- Napa Auto Parts Petaluma
- Raiya Samii
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- Star Roberts
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- Tina Wilson
- Vanoni Ranch
- Virginia and Harold Sorenson
- Wanda Smith
- Washoe Creek Golf Course
- Washoe House
- Wine Country Ranch Equipment

General Meeting Minutes

The General Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club in Santa Rosa, CA.

The meeting was called to order by President Stacey Powers at 6:19 pm.

Board members present were Stacey Powers, Brandis Langston, Steve Litsky, Patrice Menini, Wanda Smith, Kit Simmie, Nina Van Sweden, and Sam Brown.

Treasurer's Report: Stelve Litsky reported on the income and expenses for the 2011 show season. Show income was \$17,368; expenses were \$17,085. VCHA's 2011 beginning balance was \$15,650.43; as of October 2011, the balance was \$10,725.74, with a net loss (though October) of \$4,924.69. This does not reflect the cost of awards or income from the Silent Auction.

Stacey announced the importance of the four minute re-run practices and that in previous years the practices have been a big contribution to VCHA's revenue.

Administrative items: Surveys were mailed out prior to the Awards Banquet and also distributed to member present at the General Meeting. Wanda collected the surveys before the start of the General Meeting. Stacey announced that survey results will be posted on the VCHA web site. Stacey also mentioned the importance of feedback from members for VCHA's future.

The floor was opened up for discussion. Myla Holmes mentioned that the VCHA Board meeting should explore more avenues to get the word out about the important of the 4 minute practices. Dawn Betts mentioned VCHA linking to other club's web sites in order to better communicate VCHA information. Dawn also mentioned the importance of VCHA being a club that is friendly, and helpful to all, especially newcomers.

Results of the 2012 Board Election were announced which include:

Sam Brown
Cecily Broughton
Bob Cook
Brandis Langston
Steve Litsky
Patrice Menini
Stacey Powers
Kit Simmie
Wanda Smith

Being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Menini
2011 VCHA Secretary

Show Survey Results

A show survey was distributed to members. It included the questions about 2012 club shows. The following are some of the survey results:

Do you plan on showing in 2012?

Yes - 23
No - 4
Not sure - 4

Do you wish the club to continue "show-series" with awards?

Yes - 16
No - 5
Not sure - 8

Would you rather have "jack-pots" with limited classes?

Yes - 10
No - 11
Not sure - 6

Would you be open to having other cattle associated club (ranch sorting, team penning, etc.) compete behind our shows?

Yes - 22
No - 4
Not sure - 5

Would you travel outside of the county for a VCHA show(s)?

Yes - 22
No - 4
Not sure - 3

Would you be opposed to starting our show-series later in the year (after rainy season)?

Yes - 5
No - 24
Not sure - 1

If shows were to continue, which day works best?

Saturdays only - 11
Alternate Saturday or Sunday - 8
Sunday only - 0

2012 VCHA Board Meetings

The Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. VCHA members are welcome to attend and give the Board comments and suggestions. Agenda's are posted on the Web site one week before the meeting at:
<http://www.vchacutting.com/club.htm>

Location: Stacey Power's residence
 Or
 Kit Simmie's residence

Time: 6:30 pm

2012 Meeting dates:

- Jan 4
- Feb 1
- Mar 7
- Apr 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July TBA
- Aug 1
- Sept 5
- Oct 3
- Nov 7
- Dec (TBA)

Minutes are also posted on the web site.

Get Involved in 2012 VCHA Operations

If you'd like to be involved in VCHA operations, please contact any Board member.

2011 Board of Directors

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- FULL PAGE: \$25 for one time; \$120 for 6 times; \$240 annual fee.
- HALF PAGE: \$15 for one time; \$70 for 6 times; \$140 annual fee.
- QUARTER PAGE: \$10 for one time; \$48 for 6 times; \$96 annual fee.

CLASSIFIED AD: \$5 per single issue, ½ year prepaid \$24, 1 year prepaid \$48.

BUSINESS CARD: \$5 for one time; \$24 for 6 months; \$48 annual fee. Show class sponsors get free business card sized ads. E-mail a copy of business card in .jpg format to wanda@equisports.net or mail card to: Wanda Smith, 461 Oak Vista Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Make payments to VCHA and mail to:
 VCHA c/o Steve Litzky
 805 Wine Court
 Petaluma, CA 94954

Congratulations

Caitlyn Brendel (23 year old daughter of Jeff and Lynnette) qualified for the NonPro Semi Finals at the NCHA Futurity on her horse *Reylean (Dual Rey x Smart Little Lenas Toy)*. Caitlyn rode in the VCHA Youth Class and was awarded a VCHA Scholarship. She now lives in Poolville, TX and works for Matt Miller Cutting.



Congratulations

To Stacey Power's 4 year old gelding *Rozays Blush* and trainer Monty Buntin for their success at the Utah Cutting Horse Association Aged-Event held in November. They won the LTD Open Derby and the \$10,000 LTD Horse – Open Derby, placed 3rd in the Open Gelding, 2nd in the "First Go" of the Open Derby – Qualified for the finals, and Finished 6th in the Open Derby Finals. *Rozays Blush* is by *Soula Jule Star* (owned by Sandy Bonelli) and out of *Rozay Hoss* by *Peptoboons-mal*.

Please send announcements and news about cutters to Wanda Smith at:

wanda@equisports.net



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2012 Membership Application

2012 CLUB YEAR, Jan 1 through Dec 31
ALL Owners and Contestants MUST be Members

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Children & age(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

*All members in a family must be listed. Only one family member (authorized responsible adult) is required to sign the Membership Application and the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. Note: The Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with signature(s) must accompany the Membership Application. Family membership includes spouse and children **under the age of 18.***

Annual fees are due on/by March 1, 2012. Our insurance requires that only current members (including lopers & turnback help) may participate at VCHA events. There will be NO pro-rated dues.

Newsletters will be postal mailed. Bulletins, announcements and other VCHA news will be sent by e-mail unless otherwise requested. Please be sure to include a valid e-mail address in addition to your postal mailing address and phone number(s). Club information will also be posted on the VCHA website: www.vchacutting.com

Membership Fees: Select and complete all that apply.

Lifetime Membership \$250.00 \$ _____

Annual Individual \$40.00 \$ _____

Youth (under 18 yrs old) \$25

Annual Family \$50.00 \$ _____ (includes spouse & children under 18)

Loper* \$10.00 \$ _____ (Fee can be applied to full membership in calendar year, **Lopers must sign Hold Harmless Agreement**)

*Loper is a rider who exercises or warms up a horse for a contestant. Lopers are required to wear proper NCHA approved attire and do not show.

Voluntary Awards Donation* \$ _____ *Thank you! Donations help offset costs.* * Sponsorship: Championship - \$200, Reserve Championship - \$100, any other amount sincerely appreciated & will be applied to 3rd-5th place.

Donation for cost of mailing Newsletter / updates \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Both the Membership Application and the Hold Harmless Agreement must be completed & signed. Return both forms with check made payable to VCHA and mail to:

VCHA Membership, 805 Wine Court, Petaluma, CA 94954

I am willing to volunteer on the following committee(s):

Banquet	Newsletter	Cattle	Show
Silent Auction	Playdays /	Judges	Announcing
Awards	Special Events	BBQ Chef	

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Member or Authorized Family Member

Please read, complete, date/sign BOTH sides of this form (including the Hold Harmless form on the opposite side). Fees must be received no later than March 1, 2012.

