



# VCHA NEWSLETTER

Vintage Cutting Horse Association

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## President's Message

I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and successful New Year - especially on the cutting circuit.

The newly elected Board of Directors is kicking off the 2010 show season by making some changes to Vintage shows and fees to assist you all in these economic challenging times. Read about the changes in this newsletter. We hope you find them helpful.

We are including the Club Rules in this newsletter so that all members will be riding from the same reference point. The Rules are also posted on the web site. The 2010 membership renewal form and liability release (on the opposite side) is also included in this Newsletter. It needs to be mailed to the club by March 1.

The Board would like to encourage each member to bring a new member to the club. In 1998, Vintage had 150 members, about double our current membership. We would especially like to encourage youth to join the club and participate in shows and have thus lowered the Youth entry show fee.

As a new Board, **we will need a lot of your help** to make the club successful this year. We have several committees - all of which could benefit from your assistance. If you are interested in participating in any of the 2010 committees, please contact the committee Chairperson.

Lastly, I would like to solicit your suggestions on activities Vintage could offer that would make it a more useful club for you. Please let me know if you think we should have more practices, clinics, change the Newsletter or the web site.

Best regards,

*Wanda Smith*  
President

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## Membership

2010 Membership dues are due by **March 1**. Two forms need to be signed and returned with 2010 dues:

1. Membership Application
2. Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

The two forms are included one one sheet of paper in this Newsletter.

## Show Dates

The show dates for this season have been set to avoid conflicts with other shows to avoid VCHA show date changes. Six VCHA show dates have been scheduled. The VCHA shows will be the third Saturday from March to August. If one of these dates is rained out, the sixth show will be in September. If not, September may be a practice.

**March 20**  
**April 17**  
**May 15**  
**June 19**  
**July 1**  
**August 21**  
**September 18**

See calendar of 2010 cutting shows see:

<http://www.sonomahorsesource.info/Cutting.htm>

If there is no rain cancellation, the September date will be a Practice.

All vintage shows will be held at the Cresta Ranch.

The ENTRY DEADLINE will remain at **9 pm Wednesday** preceding the show date. Entries can be placed by phone at 707 **547-9796** or by email to **Spauldng@sonic.net**

Entries to be paid by credit card can be made at **www.fastenter.com**; scroll to the VCHA show date to enter.

## Class Order & Fees:

1. Fresh cattle practice - \$90
2. \$35,000 Non Pro - \$110
3. \$3,000 Novice Horse - \$110
4. Non Pro - \$110
5. Open - \$110
6. \$15,000 Novice Non Pro - \$110
7. Specialty Class (dates TBD)
8. \$15,000 Amateur - \$110
9. Youth - \$60
10. \$2,000 Limit - \$55
11. \$500 Non Pro - \$110
12. Ranch - \$80 (\$55 Entry Fee + \$25 Jackpot)

Rerun cattle practice (all day, as herds allow) - \$45 for 4 minutes

## Show News

The show classes, entry fees, and their order have been adjusted to better match the interest and entry levels of last year. Some class names have been updated to reflect the changes made by the NCHA. Some of the entry fees have been reduced to encourage greater participation. The Open and Non Pro classes will not be Jackpots; the Jackpot will remain for the Ranch class.

Any class with fewer than 3 entries will be canceled (see VCHA Rules below). Riders entered in that class will be phoned on Thursday morning so they can move their entry to a different class.

In the event 2 or more classes have to be combined, all entries will be drawn together (Shuffle Draw) and riders will go in the order drawn for the single, larger herd. The judge will be notified which class each rider is in, and results will be kept separate for each class. Any class that is canceled for the first 2 shows may be removed from the class schedule for the remainder of the year. Updates on class order and entries will be available on the phone line and web site by Friday morning before the show.

Lunch breaks and BBQ will be continued, thanks to some great volunteers! We hope that these changes will make for a fun day of competitive cutting!

## VCHA Rules

The following are the Rules and Regulations under which the VCHA Miniseries Shows are run:

1. There must be at least 3 entries in each class for the class to be held. In the event that there are less than 3 entries, the class will be canceled, in which case the rider(s) will be given the opportunity to enter in another class.
2. Class Awards: There will be Year End Awards given from 1st through 5th places in each class.
3. Non Pro High Point Year End Award: There will be an award given to the Non Pro who accumulates the most points in the qualifying classes during the show series.
4. Non Pro High Point Award Qualifying Classes: The following classes will count toward the Non Pro High Point award:
  - \$35,000 Non Pro
  - Non Pro
  - \$15,000 Amateur
  - \$500 Non Pro
  - \$15,000 Novice Non Pro \*

\* Note: The \$15,000 Novice Non Pro Class will be judged on the horse for purposes of the Class Year End Awards but the points will accrue to the rider only for the purposes of the Non Pro High Point award.

5. A rider may ride an unlimited number of horses in each class for which the horse or the rider is qualified BUT in a class where the points accrue to the rider for the purpose of the Year End Awards, the rider must declare, to the show secretary, prior to the start of the class, which run will be used to accumulate points toward the year end awards.
6. In the case of classes where the points accrue to the rider, in order for the rider to qualify for the standings for the year end awards, the rider must be show in each class, in at least half of the shows in the miniseries.
7. In the case of classes where the points accrue to the horse, in order for the horse to qualify for the standings for the year end awards, the horse must be shown in each class, in at least half of the shows in the miniseries.
8. \$500 Non Pro Class: When a rider has won the Year End Award in this class, the rider may not show in this class again.
9. Equipment: With the exception of the Ranch Class, basic NCHA rules for allowable equipment (bits, draw reins, etc.) will be followed in all classes. This rule will not apply to practices, turn back horses, etc.

## VCHA Board Meetings

The Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

VCHA members are welcome to attend to hear about plans for the club and to give the Board comments and suggestions.

Location: Marie Calendar's  
Mendicino Ave., Santa Rosa

Time: 6:30 pm

2010 Meeting dates:

- Jan 6
- Feb 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1

## Newsletter Advertising

Rates:

FULL PAGE: \$25 for one time; \$120 for 6 times; \$240 annual fee.

HALF PAGE: \$15 for one time; \$70 for 6 times; and \$140 annual fee.

QUARTER PAGE: \$10 for one time; \$48 for 6 times; and \$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 wizzper@pacific.net or mail card to Star Roberts, 5255 Burke Hill Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Make payments to VCHA, 4397 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, CA 94515 .

## Condolences

*We would like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Rich Schanizi.*

*Rich's friendly attitude and helpful nature was an inspiration to us all. We will miss him especially at cutting events .*

*Donations can be sent to:*

*PCCCHA Youth Fund,  
C/O Debbie McGregor,  
P.O. Box 108,  
Lockford, CA 92537.*

## Best Wishes

*Good luck to Larry Trocha in his new location. We would like to thank Larry for the many years of service he gave to the Miniseries Shows and hope he continues his membership in the VCHA and showing at the Miniseries shows.*

## Resources

### Books

- *Training and Showing the Cutting Horse*  
by Lynn Champion
- *Cutting: A Guide for the Non-Pro Competitor*  
by Sally Harrison
- *Cutting Horse Classics*  
by Sally Harrison
- *Cutting, Training the Horse and Rider*  
by Bill Freeman
- *Cutting*  
by Leon Harrell
- *Cutting One Run at a Time*  
By Barbra Schulte
- *Pride in the Dust*  
By Alan Gold and Sally Harrison
- *The Cutting Horse*  
by Patrick W. Steenberge
- *Horses of the Wine Country*  
By Wanda Smith

### DVDs & CDs

- The Thrill of Cutting by NCHA
- Just the Basics by Bill Riddle
- How to Start Your Horse on Cattle by Larry Trocha
- Cutting Horse Training using the Mechanical Cow by Larry Trocha
- Serious Horseplay for Amateur Cutters by Leon Harrel
- CompuCutting by Wanda Smith

### Videos

- Showing with Austin Shepard
- In Your Face
- Hip To Be Square with Roger Wagner
- Hookin' Up with Lloyd Cox
- Making Futurity Champions the "Rice Way"
- Matt & Paul Teaching the Basics - Part I
- Matt & Paul Teaching the Basics - Part II
- Kobie On Cutting
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