

January/February 2024

The BMC board has been busy planning for the 2024 season and we have put together the following show schedule:

April 27
May 18
June 22 & 23
August 24
September 21
October 12 & 13

All shows will be held at the Monson Feedlot facility. As the cattle are already on site and available, it will ease up the pressure of trying to procure cattle and dealing with the ebb & flow of cattle onto & off of pasture as well as in & out of other feedlots. With no transportation costs, it has allowed us to maintain our current fee schedule and venue fees.

As we settle into the new facility, we will keep membership informed of any expectations of the facility to keep all of us happy. We have been asked to leave the facility clean after a show which including not only picking up all trash but cleaning around trailers as well. The club will be purchasing at least one cart & fork in an effort to make this a little easier. Further, it has been asked that members secure their dogs at their trailers. We are also looking for suitable ways to corral kids which work for everyone. This is a working facility with big trucks coming in out and we want a safe environment for all. Parents need to assure that their kids don't engage in disruptive play near the show pen, near the cattle, in and round horses and in or around the show office.

Details will be forthcoming as we work to update the website. It's a *process* so please be patient.

With an ear to the ground, we have retooled the schedule of classes to meet the needs of the membership adding the one new class and modifying an existing class. These enhancements are as follows:

\$750 NH – one handed but no penalties for reining
\$500 LR – one handed as before but no penalties for reining

We have also removed the \$5,000 NH from the schedule due to lack of participation over the past 2 seasons.

Janie Larson will once again be handling the show sponsorship program. Our membership was incredibly generous last season and we had some terrific circuit awards for class winners. She has issued the following announcement:

Yes.....we WILL have circuit awards for the upcoming season. If you would like to sponsor these important (and FUN) awards, please look at the show schedule and call or text me to get on the calendar. The rules for circuit awards are: if you bring them, we'll award them. We offer one award for each class.....given as the winner for that class is announced after the class finishes.

We have a table at each show for these prizes.

There's plenty of room for new sponsors. Don't be bashful---step up and call me to join in the fun: Janie Larson, 509 899-5123.

As always, a big THANK YOU to past sponsors. Your creativity has MADE our shows more fun AND has encouraged winning! Your efforts are appreciated!

In addition to the sponsorship's, we had some incredibly generous cash donations. We are very grateful for this kind of support.

BMC had an incredible 2023 season ending with our final 2 day show in the new arena with just the best ground ever. The club and the Monson Feedlot worked hard to make this happen. If you have any comments, input or questions regarding the 2024 season, please contact a board member or officer. This is your club so please make yourself heard.