

March 2025

For those who wish to attend the Memorial for Pete Sartin:

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 21st 2025 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Valley Hills Funeral Home - Sunnyside (531 S 16th St, Sunnyside, WA 98944). A reception will be held on Friday, March 21st 2025 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the same location.

The April show is coming up fast. There will be a few changes of which members need to be aware. The class graduation requirements in the \$550 NNP & \$600 NH have been extended to the \$750 NH & the \$500 LR classes. If you finish the year-end in first or second place in any of these 4 classes, you will have graduated out of that class. There are a number of class options remaining available to you. Before making your show entries, please check the final year-end standings on the website to assure that you qualify for the classes in which you intend to enter.

We will have a new process for the working order draw. Assisted by a board member, the judge will be performing draws at the show. Be patient as we begin to work thru this process. We will be initially posting a class confirmation so that when you arrive, you can check to make sure that you're in the correct classes. We will now have a printer in the show office so that changes can be made efficiently.

The judges stand as been modified to include back & side walls in an attempt to protect the judge from distracting chatter in the stands & show office. While we are a bit limited, we plan to move the judges stand a couple of feet or so off of the fence.

We are remarking the *back fence* boundaries. We found that the suggested NCHA *back fence* didn't quite work so we're adjusting accordingly.

At the encouragement of some of our member trainers with experience in the working cow horse world, we are modifying our boxing class to be more consistent with the NRCHA. This will not only be more efficient but will workout better for those members who also show NRCHA. The working time of the Boxing class has been modified to 90 seconds and time will begin when the cow enters the working area & the gate is closed. An entrant may receive a new cow at the judges discretion if the cow won't run, the cow doesn't respect the horse or the cow leaves the arena. If this occurs, the judge will blow the whistle pausing the run for a new cow. We are also adopting the NRCHA Judges card for this class to simplify the scoring process for the judge and to be more understandable & consistent for the rider.

Membership forms & dues must be submitted either by mail to Heidi before the first show or submitted upon arrival on the show grounds at the first show you

attend. It's important for insurance purposes that the show office be in possession of these requirement before you're horseback.

We still have a couple of spots available in the **Tracy Barton Cutting Clinic** in June. A \$250 deposit is required to reserve your spot so if you haven't yet sent your deposit, you might want to do so sooner rather than later. This is a unique opportunity so I encourage all to take advantage of it.

TRACY BARTON CUTTING CLINIC

HOSTED BY BLUE MOUNTAIN CUTTERS

June 13-15 in Selah

**Tracy is coming to BMC from Hartsville, South Carolina with \$4.1M NCHA earnings, 4 NCHA World Championships, 3 NCHA Reserve Championships, 5 Augusta Futurity Reserve Championships, 39 Congress Champion & Reserve Champion titles
Clinic will include a Friday night dinner Q&A session, flag & cow work on Saturday & Sunday**

Lunch will be provided for participants

Tracy has offered to work with all levels of riders, horses & cutting horse trainers

All of this for a fee of \$500

\$250 non-refundable deposit is required plus BMC membership

Stalls will be available off site

Clinic will be limited to 12 riders

Email gkjranch@elltel.net for more information.

Show sponsors, we seeking show sponsors. BMC has a unique tradition of circuit awards at every show and our awesome members have sponsored the most innovative awards for 1st place in each class. Ginger Taylor is heading up this effort so if you are willing to sponsor a show, please let her know. Reach out to Ginger at:

509 435-1353

gwedekind01@gmail.com

BMC has held the line on fees once again. The fee schedule for 2025 remains the same. This can be a heavy lift in the world cow horse sports involving cattle and particularly fresh cattle. BMC aims to keep it affordable and offer great quality shows.

2025 Fee Schedule

**Annual Membership Fees: Single - \$40 Family - \$50 Youth Only
- \$20**

Entry Fee: \$115 per class

\$140 Open (jackpot)

\$90 Youth

\$85 Ranch Horse (used cattle)

\$85 Boxing (used cattle)

\$90 Futurity Work – fresh cattle, 2 per cutter, 4 minutes

As usual, there will be a McGuire practice Friday before the show. For information or to let Jerry McGuire know that you'd like to attend, please contact him at 509-952-2591.

The feedlot is populated and we'll be ready to rock & roll on April 12th.