

June 2023

Here we are having arrived at the precipice of the June show after a bumpy May. We said our goodbyes to our Vice President and longtime friend, Ben Sartin, who died suddenly on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the age of 65 years young. There was a well-attended memorial service in Grandview. It was a testament to a life well lived and we will miss him.

With the upcoming June show on June 24<sup>th</sup> comes the annual Jim Cox Memorial Buckle award. Sponsored by Gail Cox, BMC awards this buckle every June recognizing Jim's dedication to the grassroots level of cutters and his longtime support of BMC. We will be awarding it this year to the winner of the \$550 NNP class. Past winners of the buckle while still eligible to ride in the class are not eligible to for the buckle. Over the years this has become a much coveted buckle even for those who didn't have the opportunity to know Jim and I have seen a lot of tears as they received their buckle in the arena. If you and your horse are \$550 NNP eligible, plan to ride in this class because this year's winner could be YOU.

The Monson feedlot remains a construction site for the new indoor arena. Sad as we were to see our old cutting pen torn down, we look forward to the new one. In the meantime, we have a new to us temporary pen set up in the far end of the roping arena and it has been working great. Loping will be in the front end of the roping arena which give us an very much needed larger area. There have been several McGuire practices there and this temporary pen has worked out very well. Because this is a construction site, the logistics are a little different and we're still working on the parking options. We will be posting on the website right before show day and will get a notice out to all via email of all updates. We also plan to get some signs up in an attempt to keep everyone lined out. Please be patient as we work thru this. As always, particularly during the show, if you bring your dog please keep them secured at your trailer and because it is June and potentially hot, remember that there isn't any shade available so plan accordingly. Dogs will not be permitted on the spectator flatbed trailer.

There will be a Friday practice before the show. If you plan to attend, contact Jerry McGuire 509-952-2591 for details and so that he knows you're coming.

As usual, there won't be any concessions at the show so plan accordingly.

Remember, entries are due Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, by 9 pm. Entries can be made online or by contacting show secretary, Kim Young. Details can be found on the website. Please plan to check the website often for any updates prior to the show.

Hope to see you all on June 24th and look forward to awarding the Jim Cox Memorial buckle.