

June 2024

OK, here we go onto the 2 day June shows on June 22 & 23 holding 2 shows over 2 days. As is tradition at our June show, we will be awarding the **JIM COX MEMORIAL BUCKLE** sponsored & awarded by Gail Cox. This is a tradition we began in 2016 and the list of past winners is:

2016 Evan McGuire
2017 Michelle Beaunoux
2018 Clint Carl
2019 Kit Cartmell
2020 COVID
2021 Sandra Bell
2022 Alice Huss
2023 Ginger Wedekind Taylor



Due to our ever evolving schedule of classes, this buckle has been awarded in several different classes while always being in recognition of the efforts of the beginning cutter as was the intent from the beginning. This year it will be awarded in the \$500 Limited Rider. This class serves as an entry point for most weekend cutters. To add another element of interest, we've changed from a 1 go to a 2 go event. In other words, the rider with the highest 2 go composite score on Sunday will be awarded the buckle. Requirements to compete for the buckle are:

\$500 Limited Rider Eligible which means that the rider cannot have exceeded \$500 in NCHA earnings

As with all Limited Rider classes, the rider need not own the horse and there is no earnings limit on the horse

The rider cannot be a past Jim Cox Memorial Buckle winner. Past JCM buckle winners can, of course, still show in the \$500 LR class

There will be a Calcutta on Saturday before the 1st \$500 LR go. The bidder who wins the Calcutta buying the buckle winner on Sunday will receive 60% of the jackpot with the remaining 40% going to the club. Please bring cash for the Calcutta, but we will also take checks if your enthusiasm exceeds your cash reserves. Bidding can be competitive and we plan to empty your pockets. Some bidders like to partner up to give them a competitive advantage. How the jackpot is split it is up to the winning bidders but we don't want any fights out in the back lot.

In addition to the buckle, we have also received a generous contribution from Panattoni Leather in Ellensburg in the form of a trophy halter recognizing the achievement of being a **JIM COX MEMORIAL** winner. This gracious contribution creates an additional memory for the winner.



As many already know, BMC test drove a string cow/flag owned by former member, Marcia Matson & arranged by Jason Schaper. It was put up in the indoor and members were allowed to work it at no charge. It proved to be highly popular and a quick decision was made by the board to purchase it from Marcia. Rather than using it as a revenue producing enhancement, we have decided to offer it for the membership to use free of charge. Thank you Jason for making this happen. It's a great addition to the club.

You asked & we listened. BMC has purchased a second cart so that you can clean up hay & manure around your trailers at the end of the show. Both carts & forks will be parked at the indoor for your convenience and full carts can be dumped in the cow pen.

Those of you needing a place to board for the 2 day events, check with Jerry McGuire 509-952-2591 for stall availability. You can also contact Hart Ranch in East Selah 509-952-8792. For those needing a motel, word is that the Quality Inn in Selah is fully booked however, check with them directly at 509-300-1260 for cancellations. You can also check with the Best Western Yakima Plus on N 1st 509-453-8898. It's just a short jump over the river to Selah.

We'd like to thank Tanglewood Ranch, Tim & Rita Jensen for the circuit awards at the May show. The awards were artistically handcrafted one of a kind hoof picks which were just pretty darn cool. We so appreciate your generosity.

Just a shortlist of the usual announcements particularly for new members:

Thank you to everyone for securing their dogs at their rigs, keeping the chaos in check near or at the show office and parking in the general member parking area. Parking right at the front of arena is reserved for show management only. If that's NOT you, please park in the general member lot.

For the June 22 & 23 shows, remember that entries close Wednesday, June 19 at 9 pm. Late entries will go to bottom of the draw.

Show starts at 9 am in the class order on the website Home Page. If you have not yet joined BMC, please print the Membership Form found on a link of the left side of the Home Page and give to Heidi along with dues upon arrival.

Jerry McGuire will hold his usual before the show Friday practice. If you're interested, please contact him 509-952-2591 to let him know you're coming and for details.

Remember, there are no concessions so please bring your lunch and drinks. Water is available at show office.

We'd like to thank Eric Monson for adding a roof to the show office

and the spectator platform. This makes things just a little nicer for our secretaries & spectators and we're grateful. It appears it will throw some shade on the judge as well so it's a win, win, win.

Although we've experienced unusual spring weather, it has really been in our favor so far but as we move into summer, it's going to heat up. The welfare of our members, horses & cattle are very important to us so hydrate yourself, hydrate your horses and we'll see that the cattle don't get overly stressed. We've not planned a show in July in an attempt to avoid the hottest part of summer and our August show is scheduled late in the month giving us the best chance at cooler weather. Our complete show schedule can be found on the website.

Now for a moment of reflection. As I now sit on the sidelines and watch the national organization down to the affiliates struggle in these pervasive economic times, BMC too has had its struggles as all horse sports have been crippled by inflation, high fuel costs, high hay & feed prices, high cattle prices etc. And everything from rodeo down to local 4H clubs are dogged by crushing regulations but we're still here. While on a national level, they congratulate themselves on doing big things, expensive things for membership it means little to nothing to smaller organizations. BMC has been able to survive & begin to again flourish by doing little things which members can see & feel. The changes over the past 10 years are pretty significant but because we're not beholden to any one element of the membership, we can quickly pivot to make sure we're serving the entire membership and benefiting all. That continues to be our mission. We think grassroots because we are grassroots and you won't need a pair of VR goggles for your experience.

Hope to see everyone and then some on June 22-23.