

September 2024

The end of the season is coming at us fast. The August show was yet another success with a healthy number of entries, good cattle & good weather. Our arena survived and substantial rain the week before the show and we owe a huge thank you to Jerry McGuire for working the ground between classes to assure that all had the best footing possible. The good news is that we will be bring in sand yet again to guarantee good footing to the end of the season in October. BMC also owes a huge thank you to Cecil Stuurmans for his generous donation which will go a long way toward our purchase of more sand. BMC would also like to thank Steve & Nicallee Smith and Paul & Heidi Wittig for the circuit awards. You could pick out the class winners because they were the folks walking around with a brand new manure forks thanks to the generosity of these sponsors. It's the BMC membership who makes our shows so great and we appreciate it.

I need to remind entrants about the show rules regarding the judge as stated in rules A3 & A4:

A-3 NCHA rules dictate that the judges not have contact with contestants, trainers, owners or agents before or during the show. Immediately prior to and during the show judges, other than ordinary greetings, are not to speak with anyone other than show management with the following exception; as a grassroots organization, BMC is an educational as well as competitive environment. Therefore, at the discretion of the judge, an educational discussion with the contestant is allowable only after the contestant is finished showing for the day. These allowable judge/contestant conversations are to be conducted between classes or after the show. At no time will a contestant attempt to enter into such a conversation before, during or immediately after a run.

A-4 Show management, without exception, has the right to disqualify or refuse entry to any contestant for any actions of misconduct towards the judge, the management or show personnel or any other member.

To further expand on this, if you feel that a judging error has been

made please take your concerns to the Show Manager. At the conclusion of the class, the Show Manager will meet with the judge to resolve any disputes and that resolution will be final. Under no circumstances is it allowable for the rider to directly confront the judge either during or after the class. While it is understandable that a rider might react emotionally if they feel a mistake was made, we require that protocol be followed.

Entries for the September 21st show are due by 9pm on Wednesday, September 18th. Let's fill those classes again and help them grow. We had great numbers at the August show and some of the classes are showing real growth.

Per usual, there will not be concessions but water will be available near the show office.

The usual McGuire practice will be the Friday before the show. If you have questions or plan to attend, contact Jerry McGuire 509-952-2591.

I'd like to take this final paragraph to give a shout out to the character of the BMC members. We all know that there is no one on the face of the earth more opinionated than horse people but when you need them, they can also be the most caring & generous. Thank you to those who helped me out at the last show or who simply asked if all was OK and could they help. As I look back over the decades, I have received help, concern & kindness from more horse people than I can count. Thank you to all BMC members.

Just a reminder that our annual bridleless class will be held on Saturday, October 12th at approximately mid day You need not own the horse you show in that class, so beg, borrow & steal a horse if you must to ride for the buckle. You can be guaranteed an exciting 2 ½ minutes.

See you all on the 21st.