

September 2020

It's Fall and Fall is the best time of the year to cut in our little corner of the world. We are so pleased to be able to announce that the first and the final cutting of 2020 will be held Oct 10th at the Monson Fruit Feedlot in Selah. Because this is the most unusual year ever, we're deviating from our usual cutting just a bit to have a little bit more fun.

Show will begin at 9am with the Open. We will have an optional jackpot in all classes except the Open and the Open is being excluded because it is traditionally a jackpot class and the jackpot amount is built into the entry fee. All other classes will still have a \$95 entry fee, however, if you want to participate in the *Coffee Can Jackpot*, you will need to do so at the show office and deposit \$10 CASH into the appropriate jackpot can for your class. The winner of that class will take the entire jackpot including the can.

After the \$550 NNP class, Jerry McGuire is sponsoring a *Bridleless Class*. The entry fee will be \$100 and the entire amount will go into a jackpot and be paid out to 2 places.

Previously added new classes (LAE classes, Boxing) will not be held in 2020.

Please complete a membership form for 2020 and take it to the show office along with 2020 dues. Your 2020 dues will be carried over to 2021.

Most of you already know that cattle designated for the feedlot show are kept in the feedlot in a separate location from the rest of the cattle. This year is a little different because the 2020 show cattle are being shipped in before the show from their pasture on the Snake River.

Jerry McGuire will have a Friday, Oct 9th practice at the feedlot for \$50 per work. Should you want to attend, you need to let him know 509-952-2591. If time permits, there could be a practice after the show as well.

There will not be concessions available at the show so plan to bring your own.

For those of you unaware, the Jameson Lake fall practice has been canceled due to the devastating Pearl Hill/Cold Springs fires in Douglas & Okanogan Counties. If you want to know what it was like from a personal perspective, I have posted Heidi Wittig's account on the Blue Mountain Cutters web site. Donation funds have been established to help ranchers & farmers deal with the aftermath & recovery. Old Mill Country Stores has set up a recovery fund which has been posted in Facebook:

Old Mill has put in place a recovery fund for the cattle producers in Douglas and Okanogan County. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase cattle protein, mineral and electric fence materials. These items will be distributed to cattle ranchers affected by the fires. If you wish to donate, you may do so by calling or sending donations to: Old Mill Country Store in care of Cold Springs Fire Relief.

Please, if you can, donate generously. Some of your fellow cutters are cattle ranchers. Their pain is unimaginable and some of their video accounts being posted to Facebook are hard to watch. Please reach out & donate. Ranchers & farmers are very independent people and they won't ask so please step forward.

Please be aware that the feedlot at Monson Fruit has undergone a face lift this summer. The cutting pen is still in the same place but the route in has altered slightly. What feels right could get you someplace you don't want to go and the way in now may feel wrong for a short distance. We will have visual aids posted so that no one runs into a dead end.

Any questions, please reach out & ask.