

September 2023

I want to thank all who attended the August show. Entries were up and there was a positive vibe and energy in the air. BMC especially wants to thank Double M Ranch for the circuit awards. Who doesn't love a new halter, right? Again, thank you.

The September show is nearly here with entries closing Wednesday, September 13th. While construction continues, the new cutting pen has come a long way but not quite ready for a show. And due to the construction the logistics are ever-changing. The inconveniences are temporary so just kind of roll with it. It will all be worth it in the end. To those who stayed after the show to help us take down the temporary pen, thank you so much. Everyone is dog-tired after the show and many hands make it go quicker.

We once again are planning to hold the "bridleless" class on Saturday, October 14. More details will be in the next newsletter but once again a buckle will be awarded to the winner. It's always exciting to watch and maybe bid on your favorite.

We have 3 shows remaining in the season; 1 in September and 2 in October. Some of the class winners will come right down to the very last show so plan to attend all. Reminder; this year you must show in your class 3 times to qualify for year-end awards.

So.....there have been millions of tributes to Jimmy Buffett this week marking his passing away. Now why would I feel compelled to mention it in the BMC newsletter? Many reasons. He was more than the greatest entertainer on the planet. He was a philosopher, poet, storyteller and a total optimist and cutters can only survive by being optimists. He also, for a time, was in the cutting world and had a horse in training with a then young trainer, Jerry McGuire, who ended up showing that horse at the big futurity in Fort Worth. That is a story for Jerry to tell and life is a series of stories. So when you come to BMC to show your horse, win, lose or draw you are living your own stories on your own terms. Do what makes you happy. Practice random acts of kindness. Keep smiling. Remember, *24 hours maybe 60 good years it's really not that long a stay (Cowboy in the Jungle by Jimmy Buffett)* Make it count. See you on Saturday, September 16th.