



MISSOURI REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first edition of the MRHA Newsletter. Since I suppose I will be the one (as least for now) attempting to keep you posted on the activities of MRHA and maybe provide a little entertainment as well, I suppose I should introduce myself. Hopefully one of you kind soles will offer to take this job over, but until then, you are stuck with me.

My name is Janet Pittman and I am currently (until y'all fire me) the MRHA Secretary/Treasurer. I've been attempting to learn the sport of reining since 1997. I haven't quite figured it out yet, but I'm sure having a lot of fun. Of course, a couple of trainers will probably tell you that I've either caused them to go bald, have their hair turn gray or wonder what in the world they have gotten themselves in to. In spite of my lack of coordination and mental skills, I did somehow manage to get through the Green Rider ranks, graduate out of Rookie and become a Non Pro, albeit not a very talented one.

Enough said about me. I'm sure you're terribly bored by now, so let's proceed to the nuts and bolts part of this newsletter.

2013 OFFICERS

Elections were held in December and you now have a new set of officers and board members. Your new President is Heather Slemp (please hold your applause until the end of this list). Vice President is Bruce Pittman (if his last name seems familiar, yes, he belongs to me). Both the President and Vice President will sit in their chairs for two years. The jobs of Secretary and Treasurer were combined and

you already know that the position belongs to yours truly. New board members elected for one year terms are Kathy Cebuhar, Sterling Slemp, Denise Holiman and Larry Inchiostro. As past president, Jim Dudley will also hold a board position. You may now applaud.

SOMETHING NEW

1. For those of you who want to compete for MRHA year-end awards, please note that to be eligible we have a couple of requirements.

- First - you must be a member of MRHA
- Second – you must contribute a minimum of four hours volunteer time at our shows or give a \$250 sponsorship.

2. NRHA added a new class this year for us oldie but goodies. We now have a Maturity class for those of us 60 and over. Yippee!

NEW COMMITTEE

Our new president got right with conducting new business and appointed a Sponsorship Committee. Those responsible for coming up with ideas to gather funds are Kathy Cebuhar, Wendy Crader and Teresa McCarthy. They will need your help. If you have any ideas for coming up with funds, please let them know.

CLINICS

There are no definite dates yet for our novice clinics. We'll keep you posted on that. All ideas are appreciated.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Because of arena schedules and the dates of out of state shows, it looks like we will only have one show this year. It will be at Boone County in Columbia on the weekend of June 22 – 23. We discussed changing the format of this show from a two day event to a three day show. Let us know what you think.

2011 HIGH-POINT WINNERS

Better late than never! We finally are announcing the 2011 high-point winners. Congrats go to Will Letner in all three Non Pro divisions, Lisa Davis in Rookie I and Frankie Forgey for both Rookie II and Prime Time Rookie. I'm told they received some very nice spurs.

THE END

I'm sure you've got better things to do than spend you day reading this, so I'll end with one more thought. While we have several MRHA members, we have only a handful who work to keep the club going. We desperately need our members to become active members. We are in need of monetary sponsorships in order to have the shows which you all enjoy. Please contact your feed stores, tack shops, local businesses, etc. and see what they can do to help. \$25.00 here, \$50.00 there – before long it begins to add up. Anything you can do is greatly appreciated.

LAST THOUGHT

No matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE