

## **A LETTER FROM THE AZCHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS – DECEMBER 2016**

2016 HAS BEEN A REALLY GOOD YEAR FOR AzCHA AND FOR ITS MEMBERS. THE SUCCESS OF AzCHA MEMBERS IN FORT WORTH AT THE NCHA WORLD FINALS AND THE NCHA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FUTURITY WAS NOTHING SHORT OF ASTOUNDING. HERE IS A BRIEF WRAP UP ON THE YEAR AND A LOOK AHEAD.

### **2016 SUMMARY**

After a very wet start to 2016 at our first show, we were blessed with great weather and large turn outs for the rest of the year. For the year, we had gross revenues of over \$2.1 million with approximately \$750,000 PAID OUT IN WINNINGS, 5400 entries, nearly 12,000 head of cattle used and again we end the year in very good financial shape. Better than all that, it was a fun and productive year all around for AzCHA and our members. It's great to hear such positive feedback from those who come to show with us. The friendship and camaraderie at our shows is outstanding and very much appreciated given the tough competition and the money involved. Thanks for your great attitude!

The participation and success at the NCHA World Finals by AzCHA was amazing. Of the 150 total entries, 50 were AzCHA members. Six World Champions and six Reserve World Champions were AzCHA members! Congratulations to all of you who hauled hard and were rewarded for your efforts in Fort Worth.

Not to let the weekenders dominate the news, AzCHA participation and success at the NCHA World Championships Futurity was very strong. Overall, 12 AzCHA members made it to the Finals in various classes. Special congratulations to Todd Adolf, Limited Open Champion and Carol Ward, whose horse finished third in the Open Futurity! It's tough going at the Futurity but AzCHA members really made their mark!

The AzCHA 2016 Final year-end standings and award winners have been posted on our website. Please review the award winner lists and if you have questions, please contact us ASAP. **OUR BANQUET WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, AT HORSESHOE PARK AND EQUESTRIAN CENTER. THE EVENT IS HOSTED BY AZCHA WITH NO COST TO THE ATTENDEES, EVERYONE IS WELCOME. PLEASE RSVP TO KATHY UNFRIED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 26. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN WITH COCKTAILS AT 6:00 P.M., A BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:45 P.M. AND PRIME RIB DINNER AT 7:00. PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW CUTTERS AND PICK UP YOUR HARD EARNED AWARDS.**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The elections have been completed with the following people elected to the open positions: President, Dawn Chapman; Vice President Katie Costello; 3 Year Directors Scott Raftery and Todd Adolf and 2 Year Director Penny Bailey. Thanks to all those who voted and to those who are willing to serve in these positions. A special thanks to CH DeHaan for his service as a board member for 6 years!

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017**

Our first show of 2017 will be January 4-8 at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center, Queen Creek, AZ. The show schedule and other information are posted on our website: [www.azcha.com](http://www.azcha.com). All show dates for 2017 are posted on the website. Please plan on attending all of our shows and start getting your costumes ready for the brideless cutting in April! We are currently coordinating dates with PCCHA and there may be some adjustments to our October and November shows. We will post that information as it becomes available.

NCHA will be hosting the Western Nationals at West World in Scottsdale. The tentative dates are May 4-12, 2017. Stay tuned for more information as NCHA announces more details.

### **RERUN RIOT RETURNS FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Jerry and Parri Longworth, Scottsdale Equine Reproduction Center and John Bergun at Roo-Hide, the Rerun Riot will be back for 2017. The ReRun Riot provides buckles to the top 5 finishers and a saddle to the year-end winner to the \$2,000 Limit Rider, \$15,000 Amateur and the \$35,000 Non Pro classes. Thank you Jerry, Parri and John for your ongoing and very substantial commitment to helping promote these classes for 6 STRAIGHT YEARS!

We want to sincerely thank all of our sponsors, volunteers and participants for your help and support. It takes all of us working together with positive attitudes to make our shows successful and fun. We are looking forward to seeing both our long time participants and a bunch of new faces in Queen Creek in 2017. We are grateful for your participation and support!!

Please visit our website for schedules and other useful information. We look forward to seeing you soon. Enjoy your Holidays!

See you soon!

AzCHA Board of Directors