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A Letter from the AzCHA Board of Directors to All Members and Friends – May 2016
BREAKING NEWS!!!!

We have recently been informed that West World in Scottsdale has been selected to host a third “National” show in May of 2017. The three shows will be in Jackson, Miss., Denver, CO., and Scottsdale, AZ. We don’t have any more details at this time, but will keep you posted as we learn more.

We have successfully completed our first four shows of 2016 and even with the nasty weather and conflict with another big show, we have had 3,338 cuts which is only 25 cuts less than 2015 for the same period. Our just completed Spring Fling/Novice Challenge show was by far the largest April show we have ever had.

Spring Fling/Novice Challenge/Bridleless Cutting

What a great show we just finished. The weather was great, cattle were good and a very good time was had by all. Congratulations to our Novice Challenge Shootout Champion, John Luckas, and Reserve Champion, Julian Mautz. A big thank you to T&K Performance Horses and Ryan Else Cutting Horses for sponsoring the Novice Challenge. Please take a look at our Facebook page and Website for pictures and full results.

The highlight of the weekend was unquestionably the Bridleless Costume Cutting on Saturday night. This turned out to be a huge success for everyone who participated in the cutting pen and for those who watched, cheered, laughed and jeered in the stands. The costumes were crazy good and the riders not only did a fantastic job showing their horses, but also entertaining everyone with their antics. It was clear that everyone was having a great time, including some incredible work by some very talented horses. “We don’t need no stinking bridles!!” We raised \$8400 to be donated to the Sunshine Acres Children’s Home and to the Friends of Horseshoe Park. Thanks to Tim Smith for a great job of announcing, to Tom Diaz for doing a questionable job of judging, to Barry and Michelle Barnes for sponsoring the class, to Mike Wood Performance Horses for hosting a very well stocked bar, and to Dawn Chapman for organizing a great evening. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH! You can see pictures from the event on our Facebook page and the website. Start planning your costumes and tuning your horses for next year!

Area 2 NCHA Days Show at West World in Scottsdale, June 2-5

We are very pleased to be hosting NCHA again this year. For those of you who came to Scottsdale for the show in 2014, you know it’s a great venue with lots of restaurants and hotels in the vicinity. West World has over 300,000 square feet of fully climate controlled facilities. We will have two show pens, a warm up area, cattle practice pen, two flags and 400 stalls, all indoors and all air conditioned. We will be posting information on the website and will add to it as things develop. Here is some info:

- This will be full four day show, the schedule is posted on the website.
- PCCCA will sponsor a Youth Scholarship Cutting to be held on Sunday, June 5.

- AzCHA will host lunch for everyone on Saturday.
- AzCHA will host an open bar for 1 ½ hours on Friday.
- We have two host hotels both offering special rates for us. Both are quite nice and are very close to the show.
 - Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale North – 8550 Princess Drive, Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Call the hotel for reservations, [480-515-4944](tel:480-515-4944), Group is “NCHA Days”, \$99 per night. Make reservations by 5-19-16.
 - Holiday Inn & Suites Scottsdale Airpark – North, 14255 North 87th Street, Scottsdale, AZ, 85260. For reservations call the hotel at [480-922-6500](tel:480-922-6500), reference “Arizona Cutting Horse Association”, rate is \$94. Or go to www.holidayinn.com/scottsdaleaz, group code is NCH. Make reservations by 5-19-16.
- You will reserve your horse stalls as usual through Kathy Unfried at [928-277-6103](tel:928-277-6103). Remember that you may want to reserve tack stalls also. Stalls will be \$150 for the show. Stalls are on asphalt and stall pads are not available for rental.
- You must reserve and prepay your RV spaces thru West World at [480-312-6802](tel:480-312-6802). The price is about \$30 per night. Upon arriving at the facility you will need to check-in at the RV office to get your space assignment. They can make arrangements for late arrivals after 5:00pm but you must discuss those arrangements with them in advance.
- Hay and shavings will be available for purchase from the facility. Kathy will coordinate your orders and the charges will be placed on your show bill.
- West World has some important rules which you must be aware of and a few are listed below. We also suggest that you go to www.westworldaz.com to review all the information available on the venue and for directions.
 - No deadly weapons, including all firearms are allowed on site.
 - No outside alcohol is allowed on site.
 - Dogs must be on leash at all times and are not allowed in the arenas.
 - **All horses 6 months of age and older must have proof of a negative Coggin’s test within the previous 12 months. (This applies to all horses, local and out of state, show horses, turn back horses, or any other horse on the property.)**
 - **All out of state horses must have a valid health certificate issued within the previous 30 days.**
 - **The facility will be checking and will enforce the two above requirements. Any horse found to be in violation must be immediately removed from the property.**

We are very much looking forward to hosting Area 2 NCHA Days and will keep you updated if there are any changes. We'll see you in Scottsdale!!

We will be updating our sponsor signage for the upcoming show, so if you want to become a sponsor or renew your sponsorship, please contact Lindsey Mills at [928-710-3834](tel:928-710-3834), so that we can get your signs completed in time for the show.

Thanks for all your support. You are the ones that make our shows great. See you soon!!

Good luck to all until we meet again,

AzCHA Board of Directors