

Hi Cutters,

I hope that all of you had a Great Holiday season and that you are licking your chops and ready to get after cutting some cows. Our first approved show is just around the corner at Albany. This is a co-approved show with OCHA. If you can make it this is a good venue and a great way to start the season.

Congratulations go out to WCHA members Josh Sleeman for qualifying Luana and Jim Wriglesworth's horse Patty La Cat to the Semifinals at the National Futurity. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we are all proud of you.

The Board met on January 16th at the Moses Lake Fairgrounds and had a very productive meeting. We are working on many fronts to make this the best year yet for the Washington Cutting Horse Association.

The Fairgrounds offer us many advantages to holding our shows. They currently have a large indoor arena that we will be having our first show in. This arena has room for the cutting pen, a flag area, plenty of room and I mean plenty of room for warming up your horse and attached heated restrooms. I don't know what the most exciting element was but the restrooms brought a lot of smiles. No Porta Potties! Additionally they have RV hookups with electricity, water and as an option they have sewer dumps. If you do not want to pay to be hooked up to the sewer, they have 2 on-site RV dumps. No more stopping at the rest area on the way home. The Stall situation is great and they are about to break ground on a second indoor arena.

The stall issue was a lively discussion at the meeting and it was decided to offer the stalls including one bag of shavings for 45.00 for the weekend. These are great stalls, I am sure we will have many happy horses and owners in the WCHA. The entry structure has been modified to make the club more inviting to entry cutters and we have added a Never Won a Buckle Class that will be held on Saturdays.

We are planning on having a General Membership meeting at the first Moses Lake show to approve the bylaw changes that have been in the works. Look for notification to arrive in your mailbox soon. We are also in the planning stages of having a no-host get together at our first show this year. Watch the website for details.

That wraps it up for now. Keep your eyes on the website for more news and updates and I will see you down the road.

Brad