

Well, our show season started off a little shaky by having to cancel the March show, but we recovered from the cold and the wet and April was just a great show! The weather was beautiful and we had a huge turnout with all of our old friends, and several new ones!

The Thursday before our show was a little scary. Some serious straight-line winds did some major damage to the arena at Covenant Ranch. The awning was blown off where we enter the gate all the way down to the concrete where the picnic tables are. There was twisted steel and metal all over the ground Thursday morning. We are thankful that Ken Middleton, Ken Rodden, and Ron rolled up their sleeves and spent several hours helping Ron from Covenant Ranch so our show would go on! Thank you, guys!!

Please know that we are committed to not having to cancel a show unless absolutely necessary. However, if you ever have any questions concerning show cancellations, please be sure to check the web site or call one of the numbers listed!

HIGH POINT WINNERS FOR 4/12/08

8 & under Flint Morgan
9 to 13 Alyssa Thompson
14 to 18 Megan Kaufman
19 & Over Mashell Daniel

WORKERS NEEDED

Remember that you need to sign up to work at least two sessions in order to qualify for the end of year awards. We need help passing out ribbons, setting up and tearing down trail, working the gate, and working as the ring steward. A more detailed description of each job will be in your membership book. We will have a sign-up sheet at each show, or you can email Angie with the dates you'd like to work. Call Cynthia Twohig for this 940-594-8099.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Since our first show was canceled, we are only requiring that you participate in 3 shows this season in order to qualify for end-of-year awards.

SHOW BUCKS

Remember that you can turn in your ribbons to help pay for your classes. Each ribbon is worth \$1.00 off your class fees. They do not have real cash value, though. Please make sure your ribbons are not written on and clean!

CLASS FEES

Many associations are going up on office and class fees. For the time being HCHA has decided NOT to raise any of our fees! Remember, though, that we operate off of sponsorships and fees. Should it be necessary for us to raise anything, we will let you know.

SPONSORSHIPS

Since we do operate in large part to sponsorships, WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you own a business or know anyone that does please talk to Christine Weeks about sponsoring! For as little as \$25, you can sponsor. This is the money that helps pay for our awards at the end of the year! Christine's number is 903.455.5514

CLINIC

Our April clinic was lots of fun! Bob Norman did a great job teaching all of our participants some new techniques. We are hoping to have another clinic in the fall. If you've never been to one before, we encourage you to come and join us for the next one. It's a great way to learn something new and have fun at the same time! A big thank you to Kent Hoskin! He was our chief cook this time. Also, thanks to Vicky Carlson for baking some yummy treats for us!

NEW AQHA RULE

We have now been approved to have AQHA show classes this will start on July 19th , August 9th and September 13th show. We will have show bill for these shows on website soon.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Rodger Baldwin will be taking pictures again this year. He'll have his laptop available for you to view and order pictures.

*****He didn't take any pics in April...do we know anything about this*****