

## September President's letter

Our final Show is just around the corner! This year has gone very quickly. I've thoroughly enjoyed this year as president. There have been some hiccups and challenges but we have a great organization. While other associations are complaining about lack of members and entries, I'm proud that we have had some great participation! Thank you all for supporting Cascade Cow Cutters!

We are very fortunate to have a new member who believes in promoting the beef industry! **Keith Pearce & Joy Le Tourneau** and *Don Blakemore* from *Merial Equine Feeds* will be hosting the Tri Tip and beans for our awards banquet! Plus Keith is cooking it after he finishes showing in the \$2,000. Please be sure to tell him thank you! Our Youth will be acting as servers! (I know our youth will gladly accept tips!)

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**Tenaway Hall**

After the **Futurity Classes** Saturday night

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*This will be a fun night!*

*Sydney Sylvester & Mary Waller have been gathering items for the silent and live auctions. Please bring your donation items to Tenaway Hall Saturday morning so these hard working ladies can get them arranged.*

*There will be some wonderful items to bid on!*

*Please bring your checkbooks (or credit cards) and your glasses, as there are clues you'll need to read!*

*There will be a quick general meeting Saturday night as well. It's election time... CCC needs your energy and help. Please put your name on the ballot.*

**Tanner** and **Carson** approached me about raising money for the Wounded Warriors Equine Therapy program. They will be selling apples at the show, with the money they raise going towards this special program. Brojje Orchard has donated some wonderful apples for them to sell. I'm very

impressed and proud that our kids came up with the idea of supporting our veterans and are willing to raise money for their cause! Single apples and baskets of apples will be available for your eating pleasure.

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to thank our board for all their work and knowledge!

**Sue Kitt...** tho not on the "board" she is the backbone, brains, heart and soul of this association! She is one of the kindest people I know and we are so very fortunate to have her!

**Nina Lundgren...** she may be my sister, but she is a HUGE advocate of CCC! She has given countless hours of her time and advice. She always has the best interest of the cutter at heart and how to promote this sport. She has kept me on the right track more than once. Every board should be so lucky as to have someone like her on it.

**Brent Stewart...** What a great VP you are! He's been a perfect show manager! Brent provides the amusement, support and the muscles we so often need. He's also been a great water boy... keeping our arena good for all of us.

**Jane Roundtree...** Couldn't ask for a nicer Treasurer! Each time I ask for something, it's always given with a smile and a word of kindness.

**Tiffany Scott...** Knows the history of this organization! Questions about what we've done or why, Tiffany has the answer! She has managed our Facebook and website accounts from afar. I admire her dedication, when she has had so many family issues to deal with and hasn't even been able to enjoy a cutting.

**Sydney Sylvester...** Syd's another one who hasn't been able to enjoy cutting this year, due to her horse's lameness issues. Sydney has worked hard to organize the banquet, prizes and donations. It's hard to be involved when you can't participate, but she does it with her beautiful smile always present.

**Dan Wagner...** Our wonderful cattle man! Dan has the "I'll get it done" attitude with sage advice. He arrives to the shows early to set up and stays late to tear down.

**Jack Kitt...** Another that knows where this association has been. Jack gives tirelessly at shows with each herd settling. As our area director also, he is a great source for NCHA questions.

**Danny Ziebell...** Smiling Danny! Helps to keep this association grounded. Often plays the devil's advocate, which is helpful to make sure we are headed in the correct direction.

**Russanne Wagner...** Not on the "board" but works as tho she is. Also arrives early, stays late. If I need some research done, she's the one I call. Always good to her word and always willing to help!

**Michelle Carson**... Again not a “board” member but she has directed our youth this year. She is an excellent organizer and gets things done! She, her son in law and daughter sponsored and cooked the lunch for us in July with proceeds going to the youth funds!

In my last letter I mentioned the Montana LAE. I neglected to mention **Shari Gallagher**! She and her horse *Just Sophisticated* were the Non Pro Derby Champion at Big Sky! Sorry Shari!

Idaho LAE was very well attended by many great horses from Texas! Competition was extremely tough! The Mecuria was thrilling to watch in person. Many of us dream of riding that hard and having horses bury themselves like they do. It was definitely worth the trip down to watch. A few of us were successful in our classes. **Dick Levy** was the 50 Amateur Futurity Champion and a finalist in the Amateur Derby! **Don Noble** was the Amateur Derby Co-Champion. **Doug Weins** and I were finalists in the 5/6 Am Classic Challenge.

I know you are wondering about our cattle supply... so am I. At this point I have enough beef cattle for half the show. This has been the biggest challenge I've faced. There have been many different offers and sources checked. Unfortunately we have run into many dead ends; either owner's did not want to rent their cattle or they wanted way more than this association is able to pay. I will not give up on securing beef for the entire show, until the cattle trucks arrive. There are some saddle races that will be decided this final show... My advice: ride your best... but most of all *have fun!*

Thank you for your support this year!

See you in the cutting pen,

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