

Letter from the Board of Directors

The first show in Ellensburg had a great turnout in beautiful weather. Thank you all for coming! The results and standings are now updated on the website.

Increased Added Money, Other Cash Payouts, and Trophy Saddles – Not many boards can say they had to figure out how to spend \$40,000! Thanks to the efforts of Nina Lundgren, Holly Jones, Rusanne Wagner, Janie Larson, Megan Husaker, and Tiffany Boyce-Scott we faced that issue this year. The following is a breakdown of how the money will be spent this year:

Administrative Costs:	
Stallion Owner Gifts	\$ 600
Arena Banners	\$ 540
Attract New Cutters:	
Posters	\$ 400
Increase Added Money	\$ 13,660
Saddle Series (Shootout):	
Awards Jackets	\$ 4,300
Saddles	\$ 20,300
\$1,500 Rider Shootout	\$ 200
	\$ 40,000

SADDLE SERIES: Two series opportunities – 1st and 2nd place in each class - in each series ride in a Shoot Out for a saddle at the CCC Finals Show on Sunday, September 18th!

Here's the scoop:

Total Points from Series #1 (3 shows to count) determine 1st & 2nd place.

Shows: May 6 – 8, Ellensburg
 May 21-22, Eltopia
 June 3 – 5, NCHA Days, Moses Lake

Total Points from Series #2 (4 shows to count) determine 1st & 2nd place.

Shows: July 1 – 3, Ellensburg
 July 16-17, Ukiah, Oregon
 August 5-7, Ellensburg
 September 15 – 17, Ellensburg

Top two point earners from each series ride off in the Shoot Out for the saddle.

If horse or rider wins first in Series #1 and Series #2 in a given class, that horse or rider automatically wins the saddle and does not have to ride in the Shoot Out.

If a horse or rider wins second in both series or first and second, that horse or rider has eliminated part of the competition. There will be 3 riders in the Shoot Out rather than 4.

Normal entry fees apply to ride in the Shoot Out.

INCREASED ADDED MONEY: An additional \$140 will be added to the added money classes each day in May, July, August, and September. In addition, the \$35,000 Non Pro, \$15,000 Amateur, and \$2,000 Limit Rider classes will receive a **non-NCHA-earnings** cash bonus with their payout. Some examples of how these payouts will work is included below using the results of the April show:

25NHNP - 10 ENTRIES					50 AM - 7 ENTRIES			
	April	Stallion			April	Stallion		
Place	Payout	Money	May Payout		Place	Payout	Money	May Payout
1st	\$ 509.10	\$ 65.80	\$ 574.90		1st	\$ 490.94	\$ 84.00	\$ 574.94
2nd	\$ 357.46	\$ 46.20	\$ 403.66		2nd	\$ 327.30	\$ 56.00	\$ 383.30
3rd	\$ 216.64	\$ 28.00	\$ 244.64			\$ 818.24	\$140.00	\$ 958.24
	\$1,083.20	\$140.00	\$1,223.20					
5NHNP - 5 ENTRIES					35 NON PRO 13 ENTRIES			
	April	Stallion			April	Stallion		
Place	Payout	Money	May Payout		Place	Payout	Money	May Payout
1st	\$ 384.96	\$ 84.00	\$ 468.96		1st	NCHA	*Cash	Total
2nd	\$ 256.64	\$ 56.00	\$ 312.64		2nd	Earnings	Award*	Payout
	\$ 641.60	\$140.00	\$ 781.60		3rd	\$ 411.42	\$ 56.00	\$ 467.42
					2nd	\$ 308.57	\$ 42.00	\$ 350.57
					3rd	\$ 205.71	\$ 28.00	\$ 233.71
					4th	\$ 102.86	\$ 14.00	\$ 116.86
						\$1,028.56	\$140.00	\$1,168.56
OPEN - 4 ENTRIES					**Cash Award does not count with NCHA**			
	April	Stallion						
Place	Payout	Money	May Payout					
1st	\$ 464.83	\$ 84.00	\$ 548.83					
2nd	\$ 309.89	\$ 56.00	\$ 365.89					
	\$ 774.72	\$140.00	\$ 914.72					

Shavings Update – The shavings situation has been resolved. Megan Hunsaker has volunteered her time to meet with the Old Mill Country Store employees on Thursday of each show weekend through August and on Wednesday before the September show. When you send in your entries you will need to enter how many bales of shavings you want in each stall. Megan will have the Old Mill employees put that number of shavings bales in your stall. You will be required to pay for the number of shavings that you order and you are accepting the risk that some of your shavings could disappear before you arrive. Delivered bales will cost you \$8.00

per bale. ***You may still bring your own shavings if you choose.*** Be sure to thank Megan for volunteering her time to coordinate this next time you see her!

Fairgrounds Issues – We had some issues with the fairgrounds. A list has been made and we will do our best to get the fairgrounds to resolve the issues before our next show. Some of the items on our list include:

- Garbage cans need to be put at each end of each barn. They should also be emptied on a daily basis.
- The barn aisles need to be cleaned of winter debris (ie: leaves) before we arrive.
- All stalls need to be thoroughly checked to be sure there are no nails, light bulbs, loose boards, and other miscellaneous debris.
- The entry areas and cattle alley in the arena need to be watered regularly to settle the dust.
- Parking is a constant struggle with the fairgrounds. We continue to discuss the issue with them, but can make no promises the congestion will be eased.

If there are other issues that you are aware of, please send an e-mail to cascadecowcutterssecretary@gmail.com and we will be sure to communicate them to the fairgrounds for resolution.

Sponsors – please visit the sponsor page of the website to see an updated list of sponsors. Be sure to thank them when you see them. It should be emphasized that the stallion auction fundraiser was pitched to the stallion owners that the money would be used to promote cutting in the Northwest and not used towards the club's administrative expenses. We still need sponsorship money to help with our club's regular financial obligations such as awards and added money that is not provided by the stallion auction. So please consider donating to the club or approaching businesses to obtain sponsorships.

