

May 19, 2011

Dear BCHSA members-

On behalf of the BCHSA Board, I'm writing this month with a little news and several reminders about various things of interest!

NEWS

Special Awards – Please make Nominations!

In addition to the Division Awards that are given at the end of the year at the Annual BCHSA Awards Banquet, there are also a number of special awards that are given to deserving individuals for various accomplishments. These include, for example, awards for Junior and Senior Sportsmanship, Trainer of the Year, Distinguished Service, and BCHSA Hall of Fame.

BCHSA Board members will be watching all the action at the shows throughout the year with these awards in mind, and thinking about deserving individuals, but we would also welcome nominations from the broader membership. So, please think about who you think might be an appropriate recipient of one of the “Special Awards” and make a nomination. This can be done by going to the “contact” button on the BCHSA homepage. See: <http://bchsa.org/contact.php> Nominations can be anonymous, if you like, by just not including your contact info.

Restaurant Night – June 20 @ Padonia Station.

The BCHSA Junior Board is planning its annual Restaurant Night for June 20 at Padonia Station. There will be a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going toward the Catie Carnes “Equine Enthusiast” Scholarship Fund. This was a huge success last year, and we hope for a repeat this year. So, please come and bring the flyer with you to get a discount.

Bull Roast and Tack Swap – SAVE the DATE: February 25, 2012.

BCHSA will hold a Bull Roast and Tack swap next February 25 (2012) at Oregon Ridge! It's obviously a long way off on the calendar, but we wanted to let you know because we're very excited about it. It will be a fun social event that we hope will help dispense with the winter doldrums and lead us into the next show season. So, please mark your calendars, save the date, and start looking around for tack that you might want to swap...!

REMINDERS

Caves Show this weekend!

Please don't forget that there is a show this weekend at Caves!!! The Prize list can be found on our website at: http://bchsa.org/pdf/caves_prizelist.pdf

The weather looks like it will cooperate and be a beautiful day!!! And after the show, **please check out the BCHSA Facebook page for photos!!!**

Show Calendar:

The 2011 calendar of shows has been finalized and is posted on the website (<http://bchsa.org/calendar.php>). Remember- this year we will combine **ALL MEDALS FINALS on Oct 15 – Merit Medals (Short and Long Stirrup) will be held on this day instead during the Benefit Show.**

Membership

This is just a reminder that it's not too late to join for 2011! The membership form is on the website (http://bchsa.org/pdf/membership_form.pdf). We encourage you to join as soon as possible.

Your input is welcome!

As an association, we want to be open and responsive to the interests and concerns of our members. So, let us know if you have any suggestions for how things could be done better, etc. Any of us would be happy to hear from you directly, but you can also use the form on our website (under "contact us") if you prefer to submit comments and suggestions anonymously (<http://bchsa.org/contact.php>) – think of it as a "suggestion box." There is also an evaluation form that you can submit (again anonymously) about show venues (http://bchsa.org/pdf/evaluation_form.pdf). The Board will give serious attention and consideration to any and all suggestions or concerns that we receive, and the comments and suggestions about venues will be shared with the appropriate people at the respective venues. We are serious about continuing to make this a safe, fun, and competitive activity, and your views on how to do that most effectively are of great interest to us.

Junior Board.

The Junior Board is very active again this year, and junior members are encouraged to get involved by attending meetings and/or communicating via the Junior Board Facebook page. The Junior Board meets monthly and is open to younger junior members (under 12 years of age).

BCHSA Wear.

There's lots of great BCHSA stuff for sale on the website (<http://www.acesportswear.net/>). The BCHSA jackets that we gave away as prizes at the banquet last year were a huge hit! And there is a lot more where that came from....!!!

Thanks for your continued support and participation in BCHSA!

On behalf of the BCHSA Board, I wish you happy trails, and will look forward to seeing you at the shows!

Andy Pope
BCHSA President
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