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"Around The Pen in 2005"

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2005 Show Schedule

The board of directors have sanctioned the following shows for 2005:

April 30/May	Steinbach (Barkmans)
May 14/15	Teulon
May 28/29	Gilbert Plains
June 11/12	Kola/Virden (Naylens)
July 2/3	Dauphin (tentative)
July 30/31	Neepawa
August 6/7	Kola/Virden (Naylens)

These shows (the first 12 approved) will have \$500 added prize money. Stay tuned for more details (contacts, phone numbers, etc.) in the up coming newsletters.

Judges Clinic

There will be a Judges Clinic held on the morning of April 30 at Barkman's Arena, just prior to the team penning. If you are interested in attending this clinic and becoming a judge, please contact Wayne Klassen at 729-5145.

MTPA Finals

The 2005 Finals will be held once again in Neepawa at the Beautiful Plains Ag Complex. We are confirming the date shortly but it is expected to be held at the end of August, with the AGM and Awards Banquet scheduled for November.

New Sponsorship Program

The MTPA has launched a new sponsorship program this year, which is intended to provide the MTPA with revenue by advertising local businesses at all our shows through the purchase of cattle numbers. This program offers businesses the opportunity to buy the cattle numbers using either the Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze option. We are looking to the MTPA membership to participate in selling these cattle numbers to help fund the shows and ensure added prize money throughout the season. Please contact any of your directors for more information on this program and how you can help. We count on ALL our members to get involved and help keep this association strong!

Membership Drive

The MTPA is conducting a membership drive, whereas we are contacting former members and encouraging them to re-join our association. They will receive information about our approved shows along with membership applications, proposed events and MTPA board contacts.

Do you have any ideas on how we can attract new members? Contact any of your board members to provide some input!! New ideas are always welcomed.

MTPA Trail Ride Weekend

To commemorate our 10th Anniversary, the MTPA is planning to host a weekend trail ride on September 17/18 in the sand hills near Portage la Prairie. This beautiful area has miles and miles of great riding trails and wonderful facilities for camping, dancing and just having a good time! We would like your feedback and questions regarding this proposed weekend. Please contact Ron LeMay at 482-7339.

And Now.....A Word From Our 2005 Sponsors

We are happy to announce the following sponsors who have committed to supporting the MTPA in 2005:

Silver Sponsor

- The R.G. Mazer Group (Brandon)

Bronze Sponsors

- Naylen Land & Cattle (John/Betty Naylen)
- Farm Business Consultants (FBC, Wpg)
- Deer Country (John Deere Dealer/Steinbach)
- HYTEK (La Brocquerie)
- Lund Boats (Steinbach)
- Ste. Anne Coop (Ste. Anne)
- Southeastern Farm Equipment (Steinbach)
- Breezie Point Kennels (Adele/Bill McCaw)
- East End Tire (Launa/Henry Thiessen)
- Best Level Construction (Harv Penner)
- JMD Farms (Doug/Jason McLaren)
- Stoney Creek Transfer
- Neepawa Canvas Works (Ken/Judy Dalglish)

We look forward to spreading the word about your businesses at our shows in 2005!

Lost & Found!!

I have "found" a new appreciation for weekends now that I'm back in the working world! But one of our members has "lost" a file of valuable information and we're hoping one of our members has perhaps picked it up at one of the last shows and wasn't sure who the owner was. This file contains horse registration papers and Naeric related information related to the year's winnings. If you happened to find this file in the last part of the 2004 season, please call Mavis at 826-2439 (home) or 724-2954 (cell).

Don't Forget

Dave Fraser Team Penning Clinic April 15, 16, 17, 2005 - Neepawa

Just a reminder again about this great clinic. Registration is limited to 24 participants so call Ken Dalglish (476-3356 or 476-2803 or 476-6925) to register. Cost is \$250.00 for the weekend and includes horsemanship skills on the Friday afternoon. Don't delay, register today!

Your Next Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter coming to you directly from the MTPA. We are joining forces with a number of other horse groups (MCRA, Mb. Team Roping Association, High School Rodeo...just to name a few) to form one combined newsletter called "The Cowboy – Manitoba's Horse and Rodeo Report". This change will result in you receiving not only your MTPA news but also information about what's happening in these other associations. It will be good exposure for the MTPA and our advertisers also. This new newsletter will begin to be sent to **PAID UP MTPA** members beginning in March 2005.