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"Around The Pen in 2009"

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Howdy Folks,

Once a year we send a newsletter by snail mail to keep all our members up to date. Please take time to read the important information enclosed.

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Message from the President

I would like to welcome everyone to the new season. First, thanks to our past president Ron Lemay. His dedication is second to none and his shoes will be hard to fill. Second, thanks to the board; in working with them I am amazed and humbled at their level of commitment and continued passion for the organization. Finally, welcome to the new committee members; Michael Moore and Neil Whelpton. We look forward to having them on board.

The MTPA has 16-18 shows under consideration for sanctioning this coming season. And that doesn't include shows in Saskatchewan! It looks like we will have lots of opportunity to "pen them up" once again this year. More details need to be received before these are approved, but the schedule will be available by next month.

Last year we were able to give out \$8500 in added prize money to 14 shows and the Finals Weekend, as well as approximately \$7000 worth of awards and saddles. HOWEVER, unless more people pitch in to find more advertising /sponsorship companies to help us out we will have to cut back on this added money. If every member was able to find one \$250 sponsor we would be able to continue this practice.

See Wayne's letter below for details on how you can help.

Thanks,

Harv

Advertising/Sponsorship

Following is a letter from Wayne Klassen, chair of the advertising committee for 2009

Welcome member, I have been asked to head up the advertising committee for MTPA. This year as in the past MTPA has put together an advertising package members can sell to raise money for MTPA. Advertising money as you know is vital for MTPA to carry on its operations. In the past approximately seventy-five percent of the money was paid out as added prize money. The remainder of the money approximately twenty-five percent goes to pay for Year End Prizes, Finals Prizes, Advertising, and Sponsor Commitments etc. The Computer MTPA uses to track points and put on a show was paid for out of this money. For the last few years advertising levels have been slowly dropping off and yet expenses have been rising. As you all know this trend can not continue indefinitely. We as members can not expect the MTPA board to insure the level of advertising stays where we need it to. Without this very important cash flow there would be no MTPA and hence no Sanctioned Penning in Manitoba. **This year we will continue the added incentive for members to sell numbers. Each and every time you sell a cattle number your name will be entered into a draw for \$250.00 cash. The draw will be made at the MTPA awards Banquet. The more you sell the better your chances of winning.** Last year Ken Gardiner was the lucky winner of the \$250 incentive prize.

Enclosed in this package is one sponsorship program which you may reuse or copy as needed. Additional copies are available upon request. When you do sell a number be sure to fill out the form at the back and to ensure proper recognition of your advertiser. Cheques and info should be sent to Launa Thiessen, Box 582, Macgregor, Manitoba, R0H 0R0. A receipt will be mailed directly to the advertiser if required. If you should have any questions please feel free to call me at 204-729-5145.

MTPA would like to encourage each and every MTPA member to sell at least one number. Lets all try to make 2009 a great year for Team Penning.

Advertising Chair, Wayne Klassen

Membership Renewal

Memberships are due! Please fill in the enclosed forms and return to Launa Thiessen. You must be a paid member to receive newsletters and get your rating number for 2009. You will receive your saddle tag with your rating from the CTCPA and all ratings will be listed on the website.

Horse Council membership is due by March 31st. You must renew this yourself and send your MHC number to Launa. You should receive a renewal form directly from MHC if you were a member in 2008. Currently the 2009 membership form is not available on their website, but should be posted soon. You **MUST** be a MHC member to compete. Laurie will be checking for membership when she takes entries and if you don't have a membership you will not be allowed to compete. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** This is to protect you and the Association from liability in the event of an accident.

Team Penning Clinic

May 2/3, 2009-Beautiful Plains Ag Society-Neepawa MB (Contact Ken Dalglish 476-3356 for further details.) Think of it this way: the clinic cost 275 dollars over 2 days. In a normal penning, if you entered 10 times per day, entries would be at least \$200. And with any luck, that gives you 1237.5 seconds or 20.62 minutes a day in the pen. At the clinic for \$137.50/day you can be in the pen for about 4 hours with professional instruction. This is easily money well spent with the added bonus of time spent with fellow penners. Ken does a lot of work to make this weekend a success and it is always a lot of fun.

STCPA Shows

We received the following dates from Kerrie Box for the SK shows this coming year:

April 25 & 26- Steeves Arena, Carnduff SK

June 20 & 21- Gap View Ranch, Stoughton SK

Oct. 3 & 4- Ross L-7 Arena, Estevan SK

Oct 17 & 18- King's Corner Arena, Corning SK

Dual Sanction of STCPA Shows

The MTPA dual approves SK shows if they meet the following criteria:

- The show is sanctioned by the STCPA
- The show is run under CTCPA rules

Under the MTPA rules, a team qualifies for the Finals if they compete together in 3 sanctioned shows in any given class throughout the year as long as 2 of the 3 shows are on MB soil. In order for the SK show the address is listed on the form. Any questions, please contact any MTPA Board Member for clarification s to count, teams must forward the attached form verified by the SK show secretary within 10 days of the show. NOTE: although the shows qualify for the Finals, team points are not calculated from the SK shows. Currently the systems are not compatible and it is impossible for the MB point secretary to compile and verify points from SK shows.

Numbering of Penners

Under CTCPA rules, team panners are numbered by their home association in conjunction with the CTCPA. That number is then valid in any Provincial Association in Canada that is a member of the CTCPA. We ran into a problem last year when panners were **re numbered** after Sask. Finals in July 2008. This changed the qualifications for some teams and made them ineligible for the MB Finals in September. The MTPA Board recognized this is a problem and at the Annual General Meeting in November 2008 sought to remedy the problem. A resolution was developed with input from our SK members who were present and passed at the AGM to address this issue. The following rules for eligibility for the MTPA Finals will apply for the 2009 season.

- The rating of all MTPA members as of June 30th (regardless of home association) will remain in effect for the duration of the year.
- For new members, the MTPA rating committee reserves the right to challenge and appeal a rider's number after observing him/her ride in 3 shows after the June 30th deadline.
- This exception is in place to ensure a new penner's number can be reassessed after the June 30th deadline if his/her skills have been underestimated.
- We want to ensure a level playing field for all our panners (regardless of mailing address) in all our classes.
- This new rule will ensure that members who have their rating changed after the SK Finals will not have their teams affected for the MTPA Finals Show in September.

The MTPA does not want a repeat of 2008 where some teams were eliminated from our Finals due to numbering changes. If you have any questions on the application of the above rule change, please do not hesitate to call Harvey Penner at 326-6282.

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