

Rim Rock Riders

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Newsletter

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Next General Meeting is on Tuesday, January 12th at 7PM in the Rider's Café and Meeting Room. Please come join in on the discussion and find out what's going on in your club!!

President's Message...

A few days of sub-zero temperatures lets you know if you're underground plumbing is deep enough. I can tell you, 12 inches isn't deep enough.

Thanks to the members tough enough to make the Dec. 8th Christmas Potluck and General meeting. We enjoyed some good food before taking care of business. Three new members were elected to the Board of Directors, and the new board members are Lori Chatham, Shawna Elsberry and Greg Timm.

Big thanks to outbound board members Lori Durfee, Bill Edmunds and Holly Vincent. Your time, energy and talent spent on RRR is greatly appreciated.

Jon Page

From the Front Desk...

Well, by now everyone should have had a chance to review the new changes to the 2010 RRR Memberships, and be thinking about what "Plan" they will choose. We now have a plan for our more "active" members, as well as one for those who simply want to enjoy the facility. Of course, we are hoping for more active members, but it's become increasingly clear that some folks want to be members simply to use the facility. So we have accommodated those folks as well.

We have put out numerous emails trying to get the last of you in to complete your membership (volunteer) hours for the 2009 year, so anyone who hasn't done it yet, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE! You will have until the deadline renewal date of Feb. 1st, 2010 to get them done. If you don't, you will not be allowed renewal for a 2010 RRR Membership (at any time during 2010, not just for renewal) unless you pay \$100, or do the hours required. Plain and simple. If you aren't sure where you stand on hours, you can call me at 541-323-6040 or email me at rimrockriders@yahoo.com. (I promise, this will be the last time it's mentioned!!) 2010 Membership forms are now available at RRR events, and in the office, and they will be put on the website soon.

I've compiled some FAQ's that I think folks will be wondering about with the new memberships:

Q: If I didn't complete my volunteer hours for 2009, can I still compete in RR events?

A: Yes, but as a non member. You will now be allowed to compete in RRR events as a non member as many times as you like, but will be charged a \$15 per day/ per person non-member day fee, in addition to any other facility charge or entry fees. Also as a non member, you will NOT be eligible for any year end or series end awards from RR.

Q: As a non-member, can I still come use the RRR arenas during non event hours?

A: No. The privilege of using the RRR facility and arenas is for members only. **Only** if you accompany a current RRR member, and that member purchases a Guest Day Pass for you at the cost of \$10 for the day, can you come ride in the facility. This will be strongly enforced as a courtesy to our members.

Q: What if sign up for Plan A, to work membership hours, but don't get them completed during the year?

A: You will be given the option of buying out your hours (as you were this year), at the full price of \$100 for Individual Plans, or \$200 for Family Plans. No pro-rating for hours worked.

Q: As a renewing member, do I get any discount for 2010?

A: No, the board has decided not to give discounts for renewals this year. But, the advantage to renewing by Feb. 1st is that you will be allowed immediate use of the facility during non event hours, and will receive a 2010 Membership Pass within a few days. Anyone who hasn't renewed by Feb. 1st will start over by becoming "new" members, and will have to go through the process of having the board approve your application before you can become a member, and receive a 2010 Membership Pass to use the arenas. But remember, if you didn't complete your volunteer hours to the club in 2009, or buy them out, you will not be allowed to join at all for 2010.

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(FAQ's continued)

Q: The new membership form says that when I come to use the arenas, that I will need to sign in on the release at the arena gate, by printing my name, writing in my membership number, and signing and dating it. How do I know what my membership number is? And why do I have to do all of that anyway?

A: You will have a membership number written on your membership pass that will be issued to you when you either renew, or become a new member. You will need to have the pass with you in your vehicle, and are asked to memorize your number. You may be asked for your membership number or pass at anytime. This is to protect you, our members, from just anyone being able to come in and use our beautiful facility. We need you to sign in **each and every time** you come to ride for insurance purposes, even though you signed a liability release when you filled out your membership application.

Q: I understand that we will still have to pay \$5 arena fees at events. Why do we have to pay this in addition to our membership dues?

A: Arena fees generate a lot of extra money for the facility, which is very expensive to operate on a day to day basis. However, for families of 3 or more, there will be a cap of \$10 per family, per event.

That should clear up some questions, but I'm sure there will be more. If you have other questions, please email them to me at rimrockriders@yahoo.com, and I will answer them for you, (or get the board to respond) if I don't know the answer!

We are hoping that this next year will be new and exciting here at Rim Rock Riders. We are especially hoping that we get a lot of new involvement from our members. Towards the end of this year, we saw many new people getting involved and offering new ideas, suggestions and plenty of time spent helping out the club.

But we still would like to see more. We acquired 3 great new chair people, Pam Hopper with Playdays, David Townsend with Roping, and Stephanie Larsen with Princesses and Parades. Holly Vincent and her family, and Judy Robinson decided it was time to step down from these chair positions, and I would personally like to thank them all for their time and devotion to RR over the years. They were, and continue to be, true assets to the club. Sharie Forde is looking to retire her position, as well, after many years as the Team Penning/Ranch Sorting chairperson. So if anyone is interested in that position, please let us know. While it can be somewhat time consuming, more importantly, it's very fun and rewarding.

Our club was founded on the involvement of horsemen and women, striving for a fun time horseback, and to come together and enjoy each others company. Whether it was a leisurely trail ride or a fierce (or just-for-fun) competition, it was there to be had by all. And it still is.

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Reminders:

- No lessons are allowed to be given at Rim Rock Riders, under any circumstances!
- You are not allowed to bring in your own cattle for roping practice. Only events organized by event chair people and approved by the board can do events.
- A new wheelbarrow is once again provided for cleaning up after your horses at RR. It will be parked inside the arena contestant area, next to the middle entry door. Please return it to that location after use. Hopefully this third one won't be stolen!!! Please keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior when using the facility.

The Month in Review...

OK Folks,

We had our first Barrel Races of the 2009-2010 Winter Series. We had a good turnout in the co-sanctioned classes with a total of 28 riders in 4 classes. Not bad for the first race. After the co-sanctioned races, we went into the Rim Rock Riders Series classes. In our Buckaroos class, (ages 1-8) we had 8 riders, Wranglers (9-12) 6 riders, Runners (13-15) 3 riders, Racers (16-18) 4 riders, Ropers (19-39) 3 riders, but no Ranchers (age 40 and up). Rookie Horse class had 7 riders and the 5D had 8, the Poles class had a whopping 18 riders! We received 31 nominations for awards, but its still early, and you have time to nominate and ride in the last 5 races. Come join in on the fun and even take a chance on winning some day money in the 5D and Pole Bending classes. If you have a horse that's never won any money, you can enter up in the Rookie class. Any questions, you can contact Deanna at 317-1488 or email at wolkau@gmail.com. Let's make this series a good one, and have lots of fun doing it!

Roping continues to bring a decent crowd of members. David Townsend and his crew are working hard to make every practice a fun and enjoyable time. Keep up the good work! Practices are every Wednesday night from 6 to 10pm. All you can rope for \$20. What a deal! **He also holds the steers over to Thursday mornings, from 10-12**, for anyone wanting to start a green horse tracking steers, or just being around cattle. It's very low keyed, and all are welcome. Cost is the same as roping practice.

Open Ride Nights continue on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6pm and the cost is \$5 per member. **Barrels and Poles practice night** is on Thursday evenings, from 6 to 8pm and cost is \$5 per member as well.

Current and Upcoming Events.....

A Big Congratulations to our new board members! They were voted in at the December general meeting, and Greg Timm slipped in as a nominee at the last minute. So an especially big thanks for deciding to take the plunge of the commitment to RR. Please help us all welcome: Laurie Chatham, Greg Timm, and Shawna Elsberry.

The unfortunate part is that we will be losing 3 wonderfully helpful, insightful and committed board members. We will certainly miss Holly Vincent, Lori Durfee and Bill Edmunds for their undying devotion to the betterment of this club. Thanks to you all, and good luck in your future endeavors!

The Winter Playday series begins on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Pam Hopper is the new playday chairperson, but is well versed in the organizing and running of the event, as she worked closely with Holly Vincent for the past several seasons of Playdays. Welcome Pam!!

The Winter Barrels series continues with its second race of the series on December 20th. Co-sanctioned race sign ups are at 8:30-9:30, with Time Only's running during that time as well. Race starts at 10:00am. The RRR races sign up runs from 11:30-12:30 and races start at 1:00pm. RRR Time Only's will be run either before the races or after, depending on time allotment. Info contact Deanna at 317-1488.

Ropers!!! There will be a Round Robin Team Roping held on January 2nd at 10am. It will be for RRR Members only, and limited to 11 headers and heelers. Cost is \$75 per roper. Call David Townsend to sign up for pre-entry at 280-4517 or email at chaci3030@msn.com .

Update: The December 12th Playday was canceled due to bad weather, but is rescheduled for this Saturday, December 19th. Hope you all can make it!! Call Pam for info at 410-3536 or email at pam@bendcable.com.

Rim Rock Riders would like to extend a safe, fun and enjoyable Holiday Season to everyone!

Happy Holidays to All!