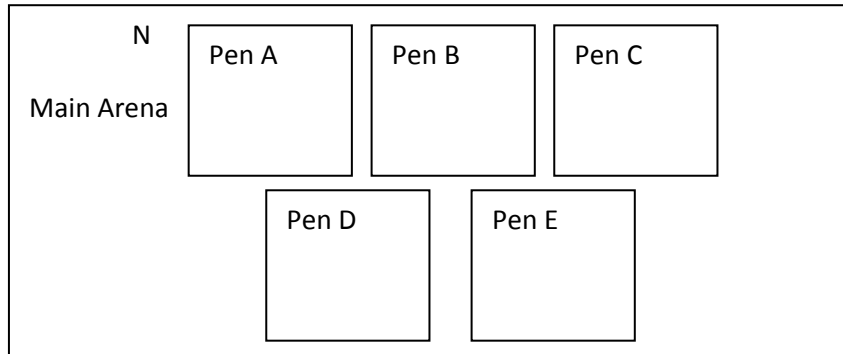


Cross Winds Ranch 6th Annual Colt Challenge

This popular program, introduced at the 2009 MHC Horse Expo, returns for a second year. For an hour each day there will be FIVE round pens set up in the Main Arena. A total of TEN professional trainers, FIVE at a time, will each test their skills with various colt starting philosophies over the course of the weekend. Layout of Round Pens will be:



This exciting program lets you watch, learn and compare various training techniques, making it an exciting and educational experience all in one! The colts used in the program are unsullied two year old registered AQHA colts. (To look at these colts, visit the Cross Winds Ranch website, listed below.)

At the end of the training session, the trainers will be judged on the ability of "their" colts to perform simple maneuvers under saddle; and a panel of judges will determine which trainer's colt demonstrates the "best training", with a winner of the competition being declared!



Trainers participating in the competition are:

(2009 Participants)

Back #

- 1 Rod Yost, Ree Heights, SD (winner of last year's colt challenge)
- 2 Nick O'Heran, Hastings, MI
- 3 Jim Meachum, Hartford, MI
- 4 Brandt Clark, Lakeview, MI
- 5 Reuben Geleynse, Moutain, Ontario
- 6 Larry Bourke, Big Rapids, MI
- 7 Jason Fairbanks, White River, SD
- 8 Dave McCartney, Cassopolis, MI
- 9 Joe Unger, Lakeview, MI
- 10 Dana Ruhnke, Miller, SD
- Alternate: Dean Weaver, Temperance, MI

On Sunday, these ten AQHA two year olds will be offered for sale at public auction, right here in the Main Arena at the MHC Horse Expo. Information on this exceptional group of quality AQHA two year olds is available on the Cross Winds Ranch website, and in sale catalogs that will be available at the MHC Horse Expo.



Photos from 2009 Colt Challenge

For information on the Cross Winds Colt Challenge and Sale, contact Marc and Christy Huver, or visit their website: www.crosswindsranchllc.com. Information on these colts will also be available at their booth, #447, during the MHC Horse Expo. Sale catalogs will also be available at the Cross Winds booth.

Cross Winds 3 Year Old Futurity

In a special program Saturday afternoon, the owners of the colts from the 2009 Cross Winds Colt Challenge, have been invited to bring their colts back for a "Futurity". Each owner will demonstrate the abilities of his/her colt, performing a prescribed pattern....and this will be a judged competition. Only the ten colts that were in the 2009 Colt Challenge are eligible to participate. The following horses will be showcased in the futurity:

- **GBH Rey Jay Jetwood** , owned by: Marvin Switzer
- **WY Frosty Treat**, owned by: Greg Flower
- **GBH Lacy's Ciderwood**, owned by: Joe Goodenow
- **WR Hollywoods Fancy**, owned by: Susan Parker

Following is the scoring and the pattern for each section of the event.

Saddle Horse Pattern (50 pts.)

- Walk across a bridge. Dismount on the right side. (10 pts.)
- Pick up all four feet. (10 pts.)
- Load horse onto trailer, then back horse out. Mount horse on left side. (10 pts.)
- Drag a log @ least 10 feet, turn log, and drag it back to place of origin. (10 pts.)
- Back horse @ least 15 feet. (10 pts.)

Reining Pattern (40 pts.)

- Lope horse in a left hand circle in the left lead. Horses should move freely and show it is under control. (5 pts.)
- Stop your horse. The stop should give the appearance of stopping because he is trained to stop not because he is forced to stop. (5 pts.)
- Reverse directions. (5 pts.)
- Lope a right hand circle in the right lead. (5 pts.)
- Stop your horse. (5 pts.)
- Settle your horse for 5 seconds. (5 pts.)
- Open, go through, and close the gate. (10pts.)

Free Choice (10 pts.)

- This is open to your discretion depending upon the discipline of your horse. Cow work, barrels, roping, etc. Please let us know what you will need to do this (cattle, barrels, etc.)

*****All horses will be judged by a panel of 3 to 5 undisclosed persons, and winners will be presented at the end of the competition.***

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