

Central BC Team Penning Newsletter



♥ FEBRUARY 2010 ♥

Central BC Team Cattle Penning

☺ Howdy ☺

The penning season is creeping up on us already. Make sure that you have your 2010 horse council membership as well as your new CBCTPA memberships. I know Leckie would love to hear from all of you as well as gladly take your money!

I am in the works of making a new membership/contact list for everyone so, if you have a new phone number or email address that you would like or rather be used can you let me know otherwise I will hunt down an old one and use whatever I find, even if it was on the bathroom wall!

Thanks!

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2010 Penning Dates

BCTCPA and CBCTPA

March 20th – 21st, 2010

Double Header BCTCPA
Armstrong, BC

April 10th – 11th, 2010

Molner's Spring Classic
BCTCPA
Heritage Park Chilliwack, BC

May 1st – 2nd, 2010

8 Mile Ranch
Co-Sanctioned with BCTCPA
Merrit, BC

May 8th, 2010

WLTCPA – CBCTPA
Williams Lake, BC

May 22nd – 23rd, 2010

Two Rivers Penning
Co-Sanctioned with BCTCPA
Quesnel, BC

June 12th, 2010

Alex Fraser Park CBCTPA
Quesnel, BC

June 19th – 20th, 2010

Deere Country Challenge
Co-Sanctioned with BCTCPA
Kamloops, BC

July 1st, 2010

Fun Sort
Chestnut's Place
134 Mile, BC

July 24th – 25th, 2010

Poker Ride Fundraiser
Kosinski's Place
Williams Lake, BC

August 14th – 15th, 2010

PG Challenge
Co-Sanctioned with BCTCPA
Prince George, BC

Sept 11th – 12th, 2010

8 Mile Ranch
Co-Sanctioned with BCTCPA
Merrit, BC

Sept 18th – 19th, 2010

CBCTPA Finals
Williams Lake, BC

Sept 25th – 26th, 2010

BCTCPA Finals
Armstrong, BC

October 9th – 11th, 2010

CTCPA Finals
Calgary, AB

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**"The good life is
inspired by love and
guided by knowledge"**

Bertrand Russell

Horse, Meet Cow

Some horses are curious and will actually want to approach the strange animal while others have an earnest desire to get as far away from them as possible. Since you may not know how your horse will react to cows, the best way to introduce them to him is in a safe manner, possibly where you can to some degree, control his reaction.

One method might be to turn your horse loose in an arena or pen with a single cow and let him become acquainted with the cow on his own. However, in this situation you have very little control on how your horse handles the introduction.

Riding in a pasture with a herd of cows is one way to introduce your horse to cows. Depending on how comfortable, or uncomfortable, your horse is when in a herd of cows will govern just how close you'll be able to ride to the cows in the beginning.

Your goal when introducing your horse to cattle is a horse that is calm and comfortable around cows. A nervous horse doesn't learn much. Giving your nervous horse something else to think about while riding in the pasture will help.

To keep up with, and eventually controlling, a wily ole cow your horse will need to be supple both laterally and horizontally, so this is a good time to work at relaxing his poll and loosening up his shoulders. Your warm up should also include executing smooth transitions between all three gaits as well as stops, turns, and leg yields.

Be cautious when working your horse in a pasture. Grazing land, unlike an arena, may have many concealed hazards, so carefully check the terrain for rodent holes, parts of old farm equipment, and old wire fences hidden in the grass, before you begin working your horse.

In the beginning, your horse may be troubled with the presence of the cows and will give less of his attention to you than he does the cattle. This is fine, for it gives you the opportunity to draw his attention back to what you want. Each time his attention wanders, bring it back by asking for a change in direction or speed.

If the horse is nervous, I often turn him around, maybe once, maybe ten times. I'll do it until the horse is relaxed and paying attention to what I'm telling him instead of what he was nervous about.

As you continue working with your horse, you'll be able to slowly close the gap until you're able to ride near the herd without your horse feeling troubled and losing his concentration on what you want.

What if you don't have access to a pasture of cows? Another approach to introducing your horse to cows would be to use a system of pens or an arena. Because cattle tend to stop in corners, the best pens to work with cattle are round. I have used pens as small as 80 feet and as big as 180 feet, but my favourite size, if I am alone in the pen, would be 100 feet. If another rider is in the pen with me then a good size would be 120 to 150 feet.

Keep in mind that the smaller the pen the more pressure there will be on the cow, thus that same pressure will transmit to the horse. For this reason, a larger pen is better for either an inexperienced horse or an inexperienced rider.

Start out by placing a group of cows in a small enclosure at one end of a pen where your horse can easily see them, then ride your horse into the larger pen, at the opposite end from the cows, and begin by warming him up, such as was suggested when working in the pasture scenario. When your horse is able to hold his concentration on you while riding along the fence where the cows are held it's time to go, one on one with a cow.

2010 Memberships

*Please remember your memberships are due!
The new forms are available on our website.
Please contact Leckie Reynolds for more
information.*

*Also remember to renew your 2010 horse
council and have proof available.*

PGRA Jackpot Results

8 Class / Incentive Class

(Novice Riders highlighted in red)

1 st	Steve Webster	Carlene McComber	Keaton Koidl
2 nd	Steve Webster	Laura Kokesch	Tiffany MacWhinnie
3 rd	Steve Webster	Angela Pigeon	Rick Loreth
4 th	Vincent Weget	Randy Ophus	Erich Menge
5 th	Katy Kosinski	Carson Walker	Jon Herrick
6 th	Steve Webster	Christine McComber	Carlene McComber
7 th	Laurie Anderson	Kelly Anderson	Tiffany MacWhinnie
8 th	James Allen	Heather Bowing	Rick Loreth
9 th	Heather Bowing	Angela Pigeon	Katy Kosinski
10 th	Rick Baker	Lee Migvar	Rick Loreth
11 th	Katy Kosinski	Laurie Anderson	Sheila Anderson
12 th	Vincent Weget	Randy Ophus	Jon Herrick
13 th	Tammy Mead	Sue Norquay	Kari Beath
14 th	Rick Loreth	Lee Migvar	Sue Norquay
15 th	Angela Pigeon	Bernie Marchewka	Laurie Anderson
16 th	Vincent Weget	Sue Norquay	Len Gamache
17 th	James Allen	Christine McComber	Keaton Koidl
18 th	Kelly Anderson	Laura Kokesch	Pat Collicut
19 th	Katy Kosinski	Cathy Kirsh	Calvin Kirsh
20 th	Katy Kosinski	Karl Koidl	Sue Norquay
21 st	Bernie Marchewka	Cathy Kirsh	Calvin Kirsh
22 nd	Rick Baker	Steve Webster	Katy Kosinski
23 rd	Bernie Marchewka	Rick Baker	Sue Norquay
24 th	Len Gamache	Carson Walker	Sue Norquay
25 th	James Allen	Karl Koidl	Keaton Koidl
26 th	Heather Bowing	Laura Kokesch	Laurie Anderson
27 th	Steve Webster	Angela Pigeon	Hanne-Line Thomassen
28 th	Laura Kokesch	Christine McComber	Lee Migvar
29 th	Tammy Mead	Calvin Kirsh	Cathy Kirsh
30 th	Steve Webster	Laura Kokesch	Cindy Polichek
31 st	Vincent Weget	Randy Ophus	Tammy Mead
32 nd	Steve Webster	Karl Koidl	Keaton Koidl
33 rd	Katy Kosinski	Lee Migvar	Tammy Mead
34 th	Vincent Weget	Randy Ophus	Lee Migvar
35 th	Laurie Anderson	Calvin Kirsh	Cathy Kirsh
36 th	Rick Baker	Randy Ophus	Erich Menge
37 th	Len Gamache	Kari Beath	Sue Norquay
38 th	Rob Kokesch	Laura Kokesch	Kelly Anderson
39 th	Cathy Kirsh	Sue Norquay	Len Gamache
40 th	Cathy Kirsh	Calvin Kirsh	Jon Herrick
41 st	Rick Baker	Jon Herrick	Katy Kosinski
42 nd	Heather Bowing	Bernie Marchewka	Christine McComber
43 rd	Steve Webster	Rob Kokesch	Rick Loreth
44 th	Rick Baker	Karl Koidl	Keaton Koidl
45 th	Sheila Anderson	Donny Glover	Vincent Weget
46 th	Tiffany MacWhinnie	Carlene McComber	Val Friesen
47 th	Tammy Mead	Sue Norquay	Len Gamache

Novice Class

(All Novice Riders)

1 st	Rick Loreth	Sheila Anderson	Donny Glover
2 nd	Dawn Dreher	Erich Menge	Annette Sunesen
3 rd	Nora Wallach	Erich Menge	Annette Sunesen
4 th	Tiffany MacWhinnie	Pat Collicut	Dawn Dreher
5 th	Tiffany MacWhinnie	Nora Wallach	Rick Loreth
6 th	Tiffany MacWhinnie	Sheila Anderson	Donny Glover
7 th	Rick Loreth	Sheila Anderson	Erich Menge
8 th	Tiffany MacWhinnie	Rick Loreth	Hanne-Line Thomassen
9 th	Sheila Anderson	Hanne-line Thomassen	Val Friesen
10 th	Tiffany MacWhinnie	Erich Menge	Donny Glover
11 th	Nora Wallach	Pat Collicut	Val Friesen
12 th	Rochelee Curry	Nora Wallach	Annette Sunesen



PGRA Thanks
all who came out



A Cowboy walks into a bar....

A cowboy goes into a bar, has a beer, walks outside and finds his horse has been stolen. He walks back into the bar, fires his gun through the ceiling. "Which one of you mothers stole my hoss?" he yells. No one answers. "All right, I'm gonna have one more beer and if my hoss ain't outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas." He drinks another beer, walks outside, and his horse is back. So he gets on it and gets ready to ride out of town. The bartender walks out of the bar and asks, "Say pardner, what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turns to him, and says, "I had to bloody walk home."

NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

I had a near death experience that has changed me forever. The other day I went horseback riding. Everything was going fine until the horse started bouncing out of control. I tried with all my might to hang on, but was thrown off. Just when things could not possibly get worse, my foot gets caught in the stirrup. When this happened, I fell head first to the ground. My head continued to bounce harder as the horse did not stop or even slow down. Just as I was giving up hope and losing consciousness, the Wal-Mart manager came and unplugged it. Thank Goodness for heroes!

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in the newsletter?
A joke, a birthday, an
anniversary, something for sale,
a funny picture.....just let me
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Email me at
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PGRA Penning/Sorting

February 12th – Sorting 6-11pm

February 13th – 50/50 Jackpot
Penning 4-11pm

February 26th – Penning 630-11pm

Happy Birthday to:

Kiana Wilkinson

Keelan MacWhinnie

Very few February birthdays, June must be a warm and busy month ☺ (But of course not for Tiffany and Kevin!)

*“Only when you
are no longer
afraid do we
begin to live”*

Dorothy Thompson

We're on the Web!
www.cbctpa.com/cbctpa/

CBCTPA has been established by local members and as member we considered this to be a non-profit club. Our purpose is to promote and develop the sport of Team Cattle Penning in Northern British Columbia, that qualified under the rules and regulations of the Canadian Team Cattle Penning Association. We believe that team penning is a sport for young and old, male and female, families and individuals, and in this regard, seeks to promote a high standard of personal conduct and good sportsmanship.