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CUTTIN' CORNERS NEWSLETTER

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Hi all

Finally we're all getting a bit of rain and it is greening up our paddocks, the most worrying occurrence of a late wet, is that we may be delayed in starting off the "Cutting Show Season". For those that may have not received the last Newsletter, following are those elected for the year 2010. I would like to thank those on the committee in 2009 for their assistance and input throughout the year. If anyone has any ideas or thoughts they would like to put forward, to the new committee, please don't hesitate, the more in-put the better!!!!

President:	Jenny Miller
Vice President:	Julie Birdsall
Treasurer:	Merrilyn Hayes
Secretary:	Tiffany Power
Show Secretary:	Elaine Senini & Steph Skennar
Committee:	Peter O'Donoghue, Sasja Nash, Rick Seeds

Now for the year ahead, and looking at the attached calender, it is going to be a busy one!!!

Our 1st event planned for the year is a fund raising event for the Qld Cancer Fund. Subject to weather the date is set for the 27th of March. This will be an un-affiliated event as it is our first club get-together for the year. As spoken about at the AGM, it is important to "give" something back to our sponsors. One of our most dedicated sponsors and supporters has been Rankine Timber & Truss. Every year Rankine's Timber have a team in the Cancer fund raiser "Relay For Life", it has been decided that any monies raised will be donated back to the "Team" to boost their donation and to support their efforts.

The runs will consist of a small entry fee, cattle hire and insurance to be paid by the competitor, per run, but all monies (less any costs) will be donated. The only catch for the Competitor is that you **must dress as your favourite celebrity**!!! So yes, this is a "Mock Celebrity Cutting", there will be prizes throughout the events (prize money donated to the Cancer Fund) and we would really appreciate it, that all members and competitors take part. A number of our members have had some association and/or treatment for cancer and to be able assist in any way at all is very rewarding. More information on the event will be in the next Newsletter.

We have Richard Prew coming back in April, so for those of you who took part in his last clinic or you missed out and heard how great it was, you may want to take advantage of his private lessons and clinic to be held on April 30th and May 1st. Private lessons will be held on the Friday with the cost being \$50 per hour plus cattle hire if applicable. The clinic will be held on Saturday May 1st, the maximum number of people will be 8, but of course fence sitters are welcome at a cost of \$30 for the day. The cost of the clinic for the Saturday is yet to be confirmed but for any private lessons or interest in the clinic you MUST ring Tiffany on 0417677240 Any bookings will be regarded as "firm" and unless you have a vet certificate, payment will still be required to be paid in full. The private lessons and clinic will be held at Mark and Julie Birdsall's property in Yungaburra.

A Judges Clinic has been organized for May 2nd at the Birdsall's property. There is no cost involved and it is a great opportunity, whether as a rider or someone who wishes to become a Judge to learn all there is to know about Judging and what the Judges look for in the pen. Please

phone Tiffany on 0417677240 to confirm your place. The session takes approximately 6 hours, so we shall commence at 9am, with a short break for morning tea and lunch and continue on till around 3pm. A number of members have attended a Judges Clinic previously and it has proved very beneficial.

We have attached a calender of dates that include the BQCHA, Tully, TEWHC and NQCHA. All dates are subject to change with regards to weather etc, and you must confirm, if you have any doubts, with each respective club if they are running the event on the proposed date. The following is the proposed list of events for the NQCHA:

27 th March 2010	Club Day & Mock Cutting Fund-raiser Event
30 th April	Richard Prew – Private Hourly Lessons
1 st May	Richard Prew Clinic – max 8 riders
2 nd May	Judges School
15/16 th May	Affiliated Show
28/29 th August	Affiliated Show
25/26 September	Affiliated Show
30/31 October	Affiliated Show
20 November	Club Get To-gether
5 th December	Presentations & AGM

The Mareeba Rodeo Cutting is set for the 10th of July with a start time of 11am, I have spoken to Viktor Kazim with regards to having the show over 2 days due to the amount of competitors and even though it is yet to confirmed there is the possibility of this happening. Final arrangements and decisions will be made closer to the event.

The Tamworth Futurity dates are from the 27th of May through till the 6th of June. Again there will be a large contingent from the North competing and of course those watching to cheer our riders on. It is absolutely nerve racking to ride in the ALEC centre, but something that's worth experiencing, the assistance that you receive from the Pro Riders is exceptional and they dedicate a lot of their time in the pen helping riders. It's also a great opportunity to see how the herd help and turn back riders work in the pen, you can understand why, in a show situation, that the help can make or break a run.

Attached for everyones interest is an overview on the events held, some of the rules of cutting, hi-points and how they are awarded and general information – happy reading!!!

There will be further news, information and updates in our next Newsletter, if you have anything you wish to submit, sell etc please send it through to spinout7@bigpond.com

FOR SALE:

'Nine Carot Gold' Q-58389

By Condor (Easter Chex)

Out of Diamonds and Gold (Docs Battler)

6yr old gorgeous buckskin gelding, great beginner horse for lady or teenager. Done mustering, trail riding and basic cutting training. Would suit campdrafting, two handed cutting. Very quiet easy horse, being ridden by 5 yr old. **Contact Shannon 0408 789 042 \$8000. Going to waste in paddock!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

THE COMMITTEE