

CA Circuit News Column – 8/13/14

Dear Members,

We now have a link on our WPRA website for the CA Circuit Finals and the CA Divisional/Permit/Junior Finals, so check these links for updated information. We've just posted it, so all the info is current – please check it out! The link for the CA Circuit Permit Standings have just been updated, so please check your winnings and contact Marilyn Peterson asap if you believe your winnings are not correct. Permits – remember that your standings include all money won at WPRA co-approved barrel races AND at rodeos within the California Circuit.

Congratulations to those who are the current leaders in their Finals category:

Circuit Finals – Sheena Robbins

Divisional Finals – Virginia McClintock

Permit Finals – Janet Witt

Junior Finals – Caitlyn Wood

Cut-off date for the Circuit Finals is September 17<sup>th</sup>; cut-off date for the Divisional, Permit and Junior Finals is September 30. Circuit Finals will be held October 17-19 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster. Divisional Finals will be held in conjunction with the WPRA co-approved Open 4-D at Spurr Ranch in Shandon on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember: You must ENTER each Finals race in order to compete. We strongly suggest you ENTER the Finals races even if you are not in the Top 12 because it always happens that at least one qualifier cannot attend and we move down to the next qualifier who has ENTERED. Circuit Finals entries open September 29, and the Divisional Finals entries open November 1. Check the links for full information.

California Rodeo Salinas went well and I want to congratulate Henry Dill for a successful first year in his position as Track Director. I greatly appreciate the help that was given by Betty Breaux-Muzio, Patti Silva and Danielle Barbieri for keeping the barrel racing moving along smoothly. Tina Dairies and her crew were amazing as always! Tom Pettit, past Salinas President and supporter of barrel racing, received an award during the first performance. The General Membership Meeting was informative and members had some great ideas they shared. Thank you to all who attended.

I had messages from members in our Circuit who were praising the ground at Santa Barbara Rodeo this year. I know they tried their best to make it safe, fair and consistent and we appreciate their efforts!

I would like to thank the Jackson Lions Club, Doug Smallfield, Rosser Rodeos and all who helped in bringing back Plymouth Rodeo, scheduled for Sept 13 and 14th this year. Let's support this Rodeo! Be sure to enter and thank them for sanctioning with PRCA/WPRA.

I met with Johnny Zamrzla our Circuit President and the lovely Sandy Travis; Circuit Committee Member regarding the CA Circuit Finals. The Circuit Pro-Rodeo link has all the information about this great rodeo, and all information regarding the Circuit Finals is also posted on our official CA Circuit Facebook Page. If you have any questions please call me.

I was disappointed to learn that only 11 members have sold their raffle tickets to date. This money ensures Awards for all Finals in California. We are the ONLY Circuit in the Nation that holds a Finals for CCF, Divisional, Permit and Juniors. We also acknowledge Ropers and Futurity/Derby barrel racers with a Championship buckle at year-end. I count on our members to sell at least 12 raffle tickets when I

ordered awards in advance for this year – please make sure our Circuit has this money to pay for the great awards I've ordered! So, please support our awesome Circuit and get your raffle ticket money to Kaci Shaffer asap. Kaci's address is 3611 Jenkins Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93314. Contact Kaci if you need more raffle tickets to sell. Email [ksshaffer@golden-ce.com](mailto:ksshaffer@golden-ce.com). Many thanks to Casey Mathis, WPRA CA Circuit Junior member, who has sold 32 tickets for a total of \$320 for our Circuit awards – way to go Casey! As always, we will give a special award to the member who has sold the most raffle tickets by November 15.

We will again give a True Grit Cowgirl and Pioneer Cowgirl Award. If you have any nominations for next year please email me. Once nominated the names will remain on the ballot each year.

2014 WPRA CA Circuit Horse of the Year will be given during the CCF along with a Best Dressed Award.

The Cow Palace Grand National Rodeo will be held again in October. If you qualify for the CCF, you must alert Pro Com when you enter the Cow Palace. This is the ONLY Building Rodeo in California and you won't want to miss it. They are trying to come up with a Best Dressed Award to try and bring the glamour and glitz back to this historical treasure! Remember that the beauty, grace and speed of both rider and horse is what helps sell barrel racing. Let's please the crowd by looking our best during performances!

I am actively ALWAYS looking and reaching out to old and new sponsors. If you have anyone in your area that would support our Finals please let me know. I will get a sponsor letter to you or to them.

We ask for Prayers for Dude Overton for a speedy recovery. Her horse fell with her and knocked her unconscious. She went to the ER and got the immediate attention she needed, and MRIs and CAT scans which were done fortunately showed no broken bones. She's badly bruised and sore, recovering at home with Bill taking very good care of her. She said she feels certain the prayers sent her way made all the difference in her healing. She thanked all of us for praying for her, and said she is a true believer in the statement "It's the prayers of man that move the hand of God". Dude, please know we are thinking of you and hope to see you out and amongst us again soon!

Congratulations to Cindy Rosser who will serve as our Circuit Finals Secretary again this year! Cindy has been a great cornerstone in rodeo for so many years.

Blessings to each of you,

Marguerite Happy  
WPRA CA Circuit Director