



Great Lakes Newsletter June 2012

The 34th annual Great Lakes Circuit Finals are set for November 8th, 9th and 10th at Freedom Hall on the Kentucky State Fair Grounds in Louisville, Ky.

NEW THIS YEAR! The Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn SW on the Dixie Highway (US 60), just off Interstate 264 (Watterson Expressway). Take exit 8B, and it's just a couple blocks north of the freeway. The main fairground exit and the Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly the Executive West) are only about 4 miles east.

The 2012 rate is \$82.00 (plus tax). We reserved a block of 70 rooms. When all the rooms in the block have been reserved, the rate will go up to the regular rate (plus tax) if there are any other rooms available. The deadline for reserving rooms in our block is October 10, 2012, but don't wait until then to reserve a room as we expect them to go quickly.

The rooms are either King or 2 Doubles. They **DO NOT** have a microwave or refrigerator. This is a full service hotel with a restaurant, bar and swimming pool. The restaurant will stay open until 12 a.m., so we will not have a pizza party.

The contract for these rooms is under "Great Lakes Pro Rodeo". To make your reservations, call: 502-448-2020 or 1-888-465-4329. See the hotel website for directions and other hotel information: <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/louisville/sdfsw/hoteldetail>.

Reminder: Get your Great Lakes Circuit Futurity fees in to Wayne Knutson (his contact information is at the end of this newsletter) as soon as possible as they increase on July 1st, and Sept 1st. Fees and deadlines are as follows:

November 2011- June 30th, 2012- \$25.00
July 1st 2012- Aug. 31st 2012 -\$ 100.00
Sept. 1st – Circuit Finals -\$150.00

Sponsor Information: Any sponsors that are obtained should be called in to Marilyn Knutson at (417) 458-1418 or emailed to her at rodeoalaska@centurytel.net. When she receives the sponsor's information we can get them on our web page as well as listed in the Finals Program, but she needs it between now and October 15th. The sooner you get them in, the more coverage they will get. Please include the sponsors Name, Town, State and web site if they have one.

We are also looking for the following sponsorships:

Event Sponsors – \$1350 – will receive 2 Circuit Jackets

½ Event Sponsors – \$675 – will receive 1 Circuit Jacket

Back Number Sponsor – \$500 – (this year sponsored by Manawa, WI.)

Please Call Wayne Knutson at (660) 261-4337 with your information for any of these Sponsorships.

Jackets: All new members should call Carol Knutson, (Wayne's wife), with your jacket size, so it can be kept on record. Current members that need to change the size of their jacket should also give her a call. Carol can be reached at (660) 261-4337.

There are still some 2011 Finals jackets available: 2 each Medium, 2 each Large and 2 each Extra Large. Contact Wayne Knutson.

Internet Ticket Pre-Sale: Buy early and get the best seats! Pre-Sale runs from 10 a.m. August 27 until 10 p.m. September 6. Two ways to purchase: 1) Simply log on to www.ticketmaster.com. Search by event – North American Championship Rodeo – and select the date of your choice. Then choose KEC Presale and type in the password. Use Password: COWBOY2. Use Ticketfast to receive tickets via e-mail. Or 2) Call Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000. Ticket prices: Nov 8 - \$25 adult, \$5 children (under 12); Nov 9 - \$30 adult, \$10 children (under 12); Nov 10 – \$32 adult, \$10 children (under 12). Group discount for 15 or more available for Nov 9 & 10. Call 1-877-306-1919 for group discount information. Tickets go on sale to the public on Sept 7.

Meeting before first performance: This year at the mandatory meeting on Thursday at 4pm, head and shoulder shots will be taken right after you pick-up your jacket. This means you will need to bring your hat with you to the meeting.

Bullfighters & Pickup Men: The voting on Bullfighters and Pickup men will again be after Labor Day. Please contact Bee Jay Scott at (641) 891-4790 for any information.

Any further announcements will be on our website glcprorodeo.com.

Any questions can be directed to Wayne Knutson at (660) 261-4337.

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