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## **ICHA Newsletter February 2018**

ICHA held a NCHA Challenger Series show at Kirchner's in Clarinda on February 3. We had a nice show, with 44 entries in 10 classes. Thank you to Seth and Mandy Kirchner for hosting! Thank you also to Carlos Rivera for judging! ICHA sponsored a pizza lunch that was a welcome break.

Following the show, we held the ICHA annual general membership meeting. A unanimous ballot was cast to re-elect the existing board: President Michael Schreck, Vice President Curt Eason, Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Horton, Past President Logan Ginkens, NE Director Bill Horton, NW Director Jim Randall, SW Directors Mark Hamilton and Seth Kirchner, SE Director Ryan Noll and Director at Large Denny Benson. The committees also remained in place for 2018: Show Michael, Curt, Bill; Cattle Seth, Curt, Michael; Judges Seth, Curt.

The 2018 ICHA Futurity Extravaganza, with the Iowa Breeders Cutting Futurity, will be held August 31-September 3 at National Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. Judges will be Kenny Pugh Jr. and Mark Lavender. We are adding three weekend shows to the event, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Monday will have the finals only for the futurity, derby and classic open and non-pro. Fresh practice for futurity horses will be held Friday following the weekend show in the show arena. A practice pen will operate all weekend in the covered pen.

We will continue with The Wrangler as our newsletter source for members. The website design, maintenance and hosting will be moved to bar H Photography, so watch for the new website design coming soon.

A rule change for the year end points was approved to use dollars earned to break points ties for awards.

Thank you to Bill Horton for creating and donating the custom boot jacks and key/jewelry racks for the 2017 high point awards.

Travis and Vanette Grover will host our St. Patrick's Day NCHA Challenger Series Cutting at their place in Cresco on Saturday, March 17. Details are on our website and Facebook page. Grovers generously donate the cattle charges for the youth classes - we sincerely appreciate your support of the youth and ICHA!

THANK YOU to our 2018 sponsors: Mid-Rivers Equine Centre, Wortham Insurance, Kirchner Cutting Horses, Dusty G Arena/T&V Grover Farms, J-Bar-R Ranch, Tom & Deb Herold, Carlos Rivera, and bar H Photography.

2018 Sponsorship opportunities with ICHA are available - find details on our website.

Our sympathies to the Schreck Family on the death of Mary Jo Schreck in January.

Be sure to visit our website <u>www.iowacuttinghorseassociation.com</u> and like our Facebook page to keep current on ICHA news and information. If you have news to share please do! <u>iowacutting@gmail.com</u> or 641-869-3733.

ICHA RON MCCARTY MEMORIAL GREENHORN STANDINGS as of February 4, 2018 The Ron McCarty Memorial Greenhorn class gives beginner cutters a chance to gain experience and confidence as they progress. Once they reach 20 cumulative points, they are awarded the McCarty Buckle and graduate out of eligibility. Once you've entered the McCarty Greenhorn class you are eligible to show in it until you point out. The McCarty Greenhorn class is a \$15.00 cattle charge class only, with no entry fee/no payback. Riders earn one point each time they show (ride into the herd) in the class plus points are awarded as if NCHA payback was used. \*\*Beginning in 2017, classes held at NCHA Championship Shows will earn double points credit.

Garth Bullis	8
David Finke	3
Wayne Gunderson	6
Mark Hamilton	10
Klaire Himsel	3
Jennifer Horton	6
Jack Jaros	1
Shannon Moorman	3
Megan Mraz	1
Krista Oldham	6
Bob Peterson	1
Autumn Rohlk	4
Gary Thede	1
Tracy Thede	1
Jim Wilson	2
Joan Wilson	1