

# IL05 District Winter Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter I will write as IL05 District Director. I would like to thank all of the members and the board of directors for their support over the past few years. While we are still the smallest district in Illinois, I know we are the best and will continue to be well into the future. Go IL05!!!!

And now it is official - Mary Sollberger will be taking over as IL05 District Director in 2009. Mary has enlisted the help of Andrea Hug and Brenda York to assist her in her new duties. Congrats, ladies. And good luck! I know the district is in great hands.

Mary and her crew have already been very busy rounding up sponsors for 2009, working on fund raising ideas and setting next year's show schedule. See the IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER below for the first show date. But first, one last announcement from the current board of directors and me:

## 2008 Awards Banquet

**January 17, 2009 - Dinner @ 5PM – Awards to Follow  
Monroe County Fairgrounds**

We will be awarding Pro Rider Trophy Saddles for 1<sup>st</sup> place along with fantastic awards for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Open Divisions. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each Youth Division will receive a beautiful Gist Trophy buckle. As we did last year, the awards banquet will be held in conjunction with the Missouri Central 4D. You will be receiving a formal invitation soon with dinner ticket costs and RSVP information. Also, as we did last year, there will be a silent auction to help raise funds for 2009 year-end awards; details will be sent with the invitation. We are asking each member to bring either new items or gently used items for the auction. We are also looking for volunteers to bring some "themed gift baskets". Please contact Mary if you would like to donate a gift basket. Remember - all proceeds from the auction will go to the district's 2009 award funds.

I hope to see you all at the banquet.

Jodi

Hello to all of our fellow barrel racers! We have teamed up with Jodi and the board members to make the transition into 2009 as smooth as possible. We had no idea how much work is involved in running our club UNTIL NOW. Some exciting things are starting to happen and we have been hard at work setting the new schedule, learning the ropes and getting sponsors. And this is where every member can help – THE DISTRICT NEEDS SPONSORS. Even if you cannot get someone to commit to sponsoring a saddle, any type of cash donation or new item we can use at the auction at the Awards Banquet in January will help. If anyone needs a copy of our sponsorship levels, let us know and we will get you a copy.

Mary, Andrea & Brenda

## Important Dates to Remember:

**December 13** – Membership Drive, Raffle & Fundraiser @ Rural King in Waterloo, 10AM

**January 17** – Awards Banquet @ Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5 PM

**April 4 & 5** – IL05 Sanctioned Show @ DuQuoin Fairgrounds



## Calling All Members!

### Membership Drive, Tack Set Raffle & Chili/Bake Sale Fundraiser @ Rural King in Waterloo

We have been working with our local Rural King in Waterloo and they have agreed to be a new saddle sponsor for 2009. But that is not all; they have invited us to do a membership rally on December 13, 2008, starting at 10 AM. During the rally we will be providing information on the NBHA and our district and will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful tack set that was donated to IL05 (see below). In addition, we will be selling chili and baked goods to help raise funds for 2009. And last but not least, I will have Whiskey there to show how a barrel horse should be tacked up for competition. All of this will take place INSIDE THE STORE.....so don't let the weather keep you away!!!

We need volunteers. Please try to get there as early as possible and bring some type of baked good(s) to sell.

If you have won any year-end awards in the past years from IL05, please bring them along to display. People in general seem to have a misguided perception that they are "not good enough" to belong to an association such as ours. It is our job to let them know that they are EXACTLY what we are looking for in new members.

So let's ban together and GROW OUR CLUB! We hope to see as many of as possible on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please call me or Andrea to RSVP or ask any questions.

Mary Sollberger: 314-277-2509

Andrea Hug: 618-444-0548

## Bling, Bling!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is the beautiful headstall and matching breast collar that Stacy Herman and Mary Sollberger donated to IL05. We will be selling raffle tickets for this at Rural King, the Awards Banquet and at our first few shows to help raise funds for the district. This tack set sells for \$395.

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