

The North Dakota Cutting Horse Association holds annual banquet

Bismarck, N.D., --- The North Dakota Cutting Horse Association recently held their annual banquet at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck. Several awards were presented including the first place Open Cutting Award which was presented to Blazing Mate, ridden by Robby Hansen of Wilton and owned by Clyde Krebs of Glen Ullin. Krebs also dominated both the \$50,000 and \$10,000 amateur class. The second place open was awarded to Adobe Mate, owned and ridden by Brad Shaw of Minot.

The Non-Pro class first place honor went to Clyde Krebs with his horse Blazing Mate. Second place honors were given to Bill Retterath (Center) with his horse PCR Cancandosdun.

Red Rock One ridden by John Hovde (Epping) and owned by Dorvan Solberg, (Ray) took the top honor of \$10,000 Novice Horse class. Adobe Mate, owned and ridden by Brad Shaw of Minot, won second place.

Shez A Wild Mate, ridden by Robby Hansen and owned by Robby and Merton Hanson, received first place in the \$3,000 Novice Horse class. Second place went to Haida Dun Fooled Ya, ridden by Robby Hansen and owned by Bruce and Holly Gaugler of Mandan.

Docs Freckles Oakie, owned and ridden by Darrell Chruszch (Dickinson) won first place in the \$10,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro. Second place in the \$10,000 Non-Pro went to Monkey Zone owned and ridden by Bob Dehaven of Beulah.

SR Oak N Peppy, owned and ridden by Bill Retterath, took home first place in the \$3,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro. Colorme Olenas Dully, owned and ridden by Cindy Fraser of Miles City, MT was the second place winner.

The \$2,000 limited rider first place award was given to Russell Mather, and his horse Sheza Lena Dock. The second place \$2,000 limited rider was Audri Orwig (Ellendale) with her horse Oakies Cowboy Oakie. Orwig also took home first place in the \$500 limited rider class and the youth class.

The \$1,000 Novice horse award was presented to Our Little Richochet, owned and ridden by Rex Cook of Dickinson.

The second place \$500 limited rider award was presented to Virginia "Ginny" Eck (Bismarck) with her horse Pass Me Out.

The Two Handed Ranch Horse award was given to Our Little Richochet, owned and ridden by Rex Cook. Haida Smoothie, ridden by Robby Hansen and owned by Ron Rockwell (Canada) was the second place class winner.

The Turnback Horse of the year award was presented to The Best Advantage, ridden by Brad Shaw and owned by Dorvan Solberg.

The Most Improved Cutter of the Year award was given to Russell Mather. Darrell Parsons (Minot) won the sportsmanship award.

The 2009 Board of Directors was also elected. This year's officer team includes John Hovde (President), Jim Nesham (Vice President) Deb Dwyer (Secretary). Other directors include Dorvan Solberg, Val Bahm, Bob Bahm, Bill Retterath, Darrel Loftesnes and newly elected board member Virginia "Ginny" Eck.

The North Dakota Cutting Horse Association board members have been busy preparing for the upcoming year. The first cutting will be held April 19-20 in Miles City, MT. The North Dakota Cutting Horse Association is seeking sponsorships for their upcoming year. We want to thank Clyde Krebs for stepping up and being generous enough to provide us with our first donation to put toward the \$3,000 Novice Horse class for the entire year which will aid us in reaching our goal of adding money to our payout. We encourage each of you to consider this as well. Thank you for a great year.

For sponsorship opportunities, information about upcoming events or to become a member of the North Dakota Cutting Horse Association, please call Deb Dwyer at (701) 828-3433 or tilley53@hotmail.com or John Hovde at (701) 859-4621 or by email at jhovde@nccray.com.

2009 Upcoming Approved ND Cutting Shows

April 18-19 Miles City, MT

May 23-24 Western Edge Cutting, Dickinson, ND

Vangsness Ranch Cutting, Walcott ND –date to be determined

Bob and Val Bahm Cutting, Minot ND-date to be determined

August 1-2 ND State Fair, Minot, ND

September 19-20 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Wild West Cutting, Medora, ND