

Happy New Year!!!

Hope the winter has been good to you so far and you enjoyed the holidays. We are having some incredible weather in which to enjoy our horses, and I hope all have gotten in a little riding time. I know I have. It seems so quiet... not having the hustle and bustle of a race to get ready for and keeping the results and points updated afterwards, but February 25, 2012 will soon be here for us to begin our new season.

Even though the 2011 season is in the books and the 2012 season is not quite underway yet, things have been busy for District 01. Banquet planning has been going on, awards have been ordered, and details are being finalized. It will be very nice to get together at the banquet, enjoy a great meal, award the year-end champions and discuss the future. Banquet details can also be found on the website!

We have lots to be thankful for over the past year. Our membership pulled together and put on some great shows, races were very competitive, and we ended up securing several nice sponsorships for our year-end awards, making them truly possible! All your hard work and support has been greatly appreciated.

The district has undergone some changes over the past year, but we are moving forward and in a positive direction for the upcoming season. 2012 is sure to be successful as we all work together to see the district grow and prosper. Lots of exciting things are coming up in the new year so be sure to plan on being at the races!

The schedule is up on the website so you can make plans early. I hope this will help with vacations and other races you want to attend. I tried the best that I could to stay off of the Jr. High and High School spring rodeo schedule, barrel bashes within a certain distance, and some of the other local runs that I thought members might want to attend and to plan around race schedules that I felt hurt us this past fall. We will be making our debut at a new arena this year, which is Lone Wolf Arena, Cleveland, MO, and I have high hopes this will increase our entries for those shows.

I have embedded a series within our regular schedule of **2012 “Cover Your Horse in Magnets” Tour** hoping to draw more entries to our races and also give members something extra to run for during the year. PHT Magnetics has made it possible for us to award a **PHT Magnetic Blanket for each of the Divisional Winners** in the Open 4D for the Tour, a \$435 value! Pretty amazing! I think and hope to spark some real interest in our races and membership. With that kind of 1st place prize and 2nd place prize being a beautiful Bronc Halter, some excitement should be generated. Prizes in the Youth 3D and PeeWee classes will also be awarded – details can be found on our website. Please pass this information along to everyone. Nomination fees are reasonable and there are no minimum shows to attend. Please plan on nominating for this Tour! Support the district and run for additional prizes along the way.

I am truly looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet and remember after the awards ceremony, we will be having a General Membership meeting to discuss the upcoming year and improvements we want to work on for our district.

Happy Trails,

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