

September/October News

Dear Ropers,

The month of September is history and I apologize for not getting this out sooner. September was sure enough a busy month with lots of team roping as well as many other activities. New Mexico Highlands University has once again taken over the use of the Santa Fe Trail Event Center. The NMHU rodeo team has been busy practicing for the fall rodeo schedule. As a matter of fact, the women's team has won second at each of the first two rodeos. There have been several individual titles by both the men and women. We wish newly hired Rodeo Coach Jordan Taton and the NMHU Rodeo Team well this season.

On September 17-18 we produced a World Series Qualifier in Santa Fe, NM. We had a good turnout and awarded well over \$50,000 in hard cold cash! The arena conditions were excellent and the cattle were a nice even set as they were kept evenly sorted throughout the weekend. Great weather made for a great roping.

This month we want to do our best to clarify some of the press you have been reading regarding the announcements from the USTRC and World Series office. We have received numerous calls asking us what was going on. We have had questions that have covered the spectrum. Ropers wondering if World Series has sold to USTRC, can I buy my USTRC card at a World Series Qualifier, do I need a USTRC card and World Series card to rope in both organizations, when does all this go into effect...?

Here's what's happening. World Series has not sold to USTRC and each organization will continue to operate independently aside from the collaborative effort regarding classifications. If you would like to rope in both WS and USTRC qualifiers then you will need to have a USTRC card at a minimum. However, you will not be able to buy a USTRC card at a WS qualifier and vice versa. If you show up to a WS qualifier without a current USTRC card effective January 1, 2012, then you will need to purchase a WS card. You do not have to buy a USTRC card to attend WS events. However, you will be required to have a WS card. Here's the objective. Classifications are going to be streamlined to the maximum extent possible. In other words, you will more than likely have the same classification in both organizations. The only exceptions will be for those ropers that WS and USTRC just can't agree on. This should be a very small number of the roping population.

This should be a positive move for both organizations as they continue to strive to move the sport forward.

Until next month we would like to wish all ropers going to the USTRC Finals the best!

Good Luck and go get the Money!