

Welcome Everyone

With all the warm temperatures and dry conditions I am sure that most of you are already riding and if not, have, at least thought about dusting off the saddles and the horses. It is now time to start, as we have a very busy year ahead of us.

We are very pleased to announce that Dodge will again be sponsoring the Maritime Barrel Racing Association. They have been a long time sponsor of our club and we encourage everyone to drop into their local dealership and let them know just how much you appreciate their continuing support.

This will probably be the last newsletter before the show season starts so I want to remind everyone to familiarize themselves with the updated rules and policies and to try and get your membership application and show entries in before the shows start. This allows the office to run a lot smoother on show day and gives all the office volunteers a chance to show their horses also. Every bit helps. If you haven't booked stalls for the jackpots, you should do so, as soon as possible, as most are filling up fast. Entry forms will be available online shortly. Again please enter early.

Exhibition dates are being finalized and they will be posted online as soon as they become available.

We will also post those exhibitions that are holding other M. B. R. A. pointed classes, such as the pony divisions.

You will, again, be asked to participate in various fund raising activities and your Directors will be making the rounds at upcoming events, passing out tickets for you to sell, and collecting items for the baskets that we will be selling the tickets on. Please do everything you can to help. If everyone does just a little bit, you will be surprised at how soon things will add up.

I would like to take this time to thank Kevin and Judy Bateman (High Meadow Quarter Horses) for donating a free breeding to their stud Rocket (Salty Hobby Boy) for us to sell tickets on. Rocket has been a solid competitor, and winner, in all M. B. R. A. events for several years and in addition to barrel racing and pole bending he has been producing babies that have gone on to be successful in various other disciplines as well. Tickets will be available for all members to purchase and sell.

A list of your directors are included in this newsletter and on the website and we encourage you to contact any of them with your concerns and suggestions throughout the year. Remember that this is your club, and you are responsible for making it a club that you can be proud of.

I wish everyone the best of luck in the upcoming season and look forward to the M. B. R. A. having another successful racing season.

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