

MERCED HORSEMENS ASSOCIATION

OPEN VERSATILE RANCH COMPETITION

AWARDS: Buckles to top overall scoring open and limited riders

Awards thru 3rd placing in both divisions for overall

Ribbons to 5th placing in each class for each division

+ additional awards as sponsored

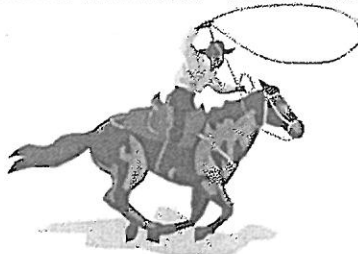
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Merced Horsemens Arena

499 Nevada Street (off J 59) Merced, CA

Compete in 4 classes:

Trail ~ Cattle Cut Work and Pen ~ Reined Working Cowhorse ~ Riding



FOOD AVAILABLE ON SITE

SEPARATE WARM UP ARENA

NEW

For open riders who don't rope: circle up instead of rope for a penalty but not a dq in that class

CONTACT: Carol Suggs 209-966-8150. PRE ENTRIES ONLY as LIMITED ENTRIES ACCEPTED. Riders meeting: 8:15am. First Class to start at: 8:30 am. Substitutions for horse or rider may be made 30 minutes prior to the start of the first class. **RULES:** Modified AQHA Versatility Ranch rules, this is an open "any breed" event. Judges and Managements decisions are final. **DIVISIONS:** Open and Limited. Limited division is reserved for those riders who have not been "down the fence" 3 or more times in prior VRH or Reined Working Cowhorse competitions. Winner of each division will be determined on the combined scoring in all 4 classes. Any ties at the end of the day will be broken by the scoring in the cut, work and pen class. Same Horse and Rider team must compete in all 4 classes. **AWARDS:** Buckles to top overall scoring Open and Limited riders. Ribbons will be given through 5th place in both divisions. Awards will be given through at least 3rd place (maybe more, depends on sponsorships) in both divisions. Special awards to top overall scoring Merced Horsemens (MHA) Member (must have been a member for at least 6 months prior to the competition) and top overall scoring youth rider.

CLASS ORDER & BASIC CLASS INFORMATION: **Ranch Trail Class:** Riding class wherein horse and rider will be judged at the walk, jog & lope as they maneuver thru a trail course with elements that may be found on the ranch. Gate, dragging log, roping a dummy cow, mount, dismount, check feet, hobble, ground tie, bridge, water, poles are all possible elements that may be found on this course. **Ranch Cow Cut, Work & Pen:** Cattle work will be performed as a cattle cut, work and pen. Participant must go into the herd, cut out an assigned cow, "work" the cow keeping cow away from the herd. Participant will have the assistance of two turn back riders. Upon participants cue the turn back riders will back off and allow participant to take cow to the end of the arena and "pen" that cow in a designated area. **Reined Working Cowhorse:** Individual riding class, wherein horse and rider will execute a posted reining pattern then are given a cow to box at the end of the arena, take down the fence in both directions (no circle up) and rope (steer stop fashion). NOTE: Limited riders will be doing a reining pattern and will box cow (not go down the fence and not rope). **Ranch Riding Class:** Riding class. Riders will be asked to demonstrate various gaits, stops, backs, reverse etc. Judge may ask for individual work. NOTE: there will not be a Ranch Conformation Class at this show.

Gear and Attire: Long sleeved button up shirt, jeans, belt, boots, cowboy hat (helmet is optional), chaps or chinks are optional. Tack should be generally good working gear, silver is discouraged. No gimmicks. If your horse is 6 years old or older it is to be shown "in the bridle" and ridden single handed. Horses under 6 may be shown in the snaffle or hackamore/bosal and ridden two handed. Horses 6 and under may also be shown single handed in the "two rein". At riders meeting the judge will check equipment as necessary. Please note that "two handing" a horse in the bridle will result in a zero score for that class.

MISC: Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at this event is forbidden and renders the offender subject to expulsion, and could permanently bar them from future participation in MHA events. Dogs must be on leash at all times and must be picked up after. Youth may not ride or handle stallions. Management reserves the right to amend these notes as necessary.

By signing and completing the form below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above and request participation in this event. I understand that this event has limited entries and that they are received on a first come, first serve basis. Any entrants and any turn back riders MUST sign a release form..

Rider Name	Horse Name	Horse Age as of 1- -
Address		
Telephone number		
Email		
Signature of Rider		
PICK YOUR DIVISION by checking one: Open Rider : <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Rider: <input type="checkbox"/> Are you under 18? if so, Date of Birth: ___/___/___		
MHA Current Member (within last 6 months?): <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
FEES: NON MHA MEMBERS \$150\$ MHA MEMBERS: \$125\$ CAL DRUG FEE PER HORSE.....\$ 5.00 CAMPING/PENS \$20 1 st spot + \$10 for each additional pen\$ LUNCHES \$8 each (will be \$10 day of the event).....\$ TOTAL.....\$		
Make Checks Payable to: Merced Horsemens Assoc. Mail with completed entry and release to: Carol Suggs PO Box 5008-202, Mariposa CA 95338		

Release of Liability

Participant: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding, activities/events involving horses and/or cattle, is a sport which carries inherent risks and damage to myself, my horse, and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding and activities/events involving horses and/or cattle.

I hereby release the Merced Horsemen's Association (hereinafter referred to as MHA), its members, directors, and/or officers, or any other organization or person responsible for sponsoring or in any way involved in any event that I may participate in from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of MHA or any of its agents. In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by MHA, I wave, release and discharge MHA, their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless MHA, their directors, officers, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceedings or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

MHA, its agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse, or property. I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____

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**MINORS DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM
PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant in consideration of my minor's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his animals, and property arising out of his participation in events. I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
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