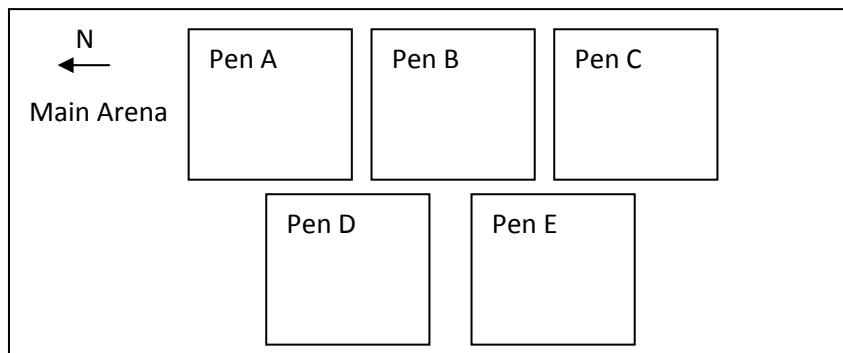


Cross Winds Ranch 7th Annual Colt Challenge

This popular program, introduced at the 2009 MHC Horse Expo, returns for a third year. For an hour each day there will be FIVE round pens set up in the Main Arena. A total of **TEN** professional trainers, FIVE at a time, will each test their skills with various colt starting philosophies over the course of the weekend. Layout of the Round Pens will be:



This exciting program lets you watch, learn and compare various training techniques, making it an exciting and educational experience all in one! The colts used in the program are unsullied two year old registered AQHA colts. (To look at these colts, visit the Cross Winds Ranch website, listed below.)

At the end of the training session, the trainers will be judged on the ability of “their” colts to perform simple maneuvers under saddle; and a panel of judges will determine which trainer’s colt demonstrates the “best training”, with a winner of the competition being declared!

Trainers participating in the competition are:

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1. Rodney Yost, Ree Heights, SD



Rodney Yost is a 4th generation South Dakota rancher who has been involved with ranching and horse customs his entire life. He started training ponies at the age of 10 and trained his first horse at the age of 13. Rodney puts on Horsemanship Clinics, Colt Starting Clinics, and Youth Horsemanship/Safety Clinics as well as working on his family’s ranch. He has become known for creating a relationship with his horses to produce extremely supple, well-mannered, and responsive horses that are capable of many disciplines. Rod Yost will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen Saturday, March 12, from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

2. Nick O’Heran Hastings, MI



Nick has been riding horses all his life. He trained his first roping horse when he was 14 years old. He has been riding colts with Marc Huver for the past 8 years. Nick shoes horses for a living and is a member of the MRA, MSRA and the IPRA. Nick O’Heran will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Sunday, March 13, from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

3. Jason Fairbanks, White River, SD



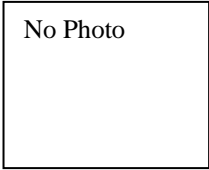
Over the past 16 years Jason has put 30 days of training on approximately 10-15 head of horses per year. He’s spent four summers working for a cutting trainer and 26 years ranching. Jason will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Saturday, March 12, from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

4. Ed Leist, Petoskey, MI

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Ed Leist will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Friday, March 11, from 1:45-2:15 p.m.

5. Jess Erler, Metamora, MI



Jess Erler participated in many of Jeff Griffiths clinics at an early age. After college he worked for Jeff Griffiths and learned all that he could. He and his wife operate a small business called Cowboy Logic LLC. They specialize in colts, lessons in horsemanship and showing, clinics, and training.

6. Dean Weaver, Temperance, MI



Dean Weaver is a third generation horse breeder, trainer, horseman, and clinician. He teaches horse owners how to work their own horses, conducts small clinics, and gives private and small group lessons on horsemanship. Dean's training program include colt starting, late starts, re-starts, and working with problem horses. He is the owner, manager, and trainer for Weaver Equine Services which operates out of his training facility, Woven Dreams Horse Farm in Ottawa Lake, Michigan.

7. Jim Meachum, Kalamazoo, MI



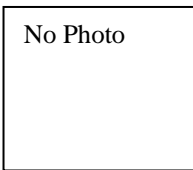
Jim Meachum is a fourth generation horseman and runs his horse training business in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I have over 30 years experience training horses from start to finish. He has worked with 35 different breeds and believes in the gentle education of horses. He enjoys teaching others to ride and train horses. He rides and trains western, English, and dressage horses. Jim Meachum will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Saturday, March 12, from 1:30-2:00 p.m.

8. Brandt Clark, Lakeview, MI



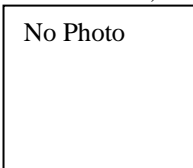
Brandt Clark is the owner/trainer of the Bar 23 Equestrian Facility. He specializes in starting and the development of young horses and improving older horses with vices. He is under the USEA trainer, Robin Walker, for show jumping and eventing. He also specializes in working cow horse and team penning horses. Brandt Clark will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Sunday, March 13, from 1:30-2:00 p.m.

9. Jamie Olson, Bloomfield, NE



Jamie Olson has been training horses for 9 years. He has trained and shown reined cow horses for the past 7 years and won over \$40,000 in NRCHA sanctioned shows. He operates a start to finish performance horse training facility. He is married to his wife, Mica, and they have 3 kids, Elliot, Tatum, and Callie. Jamie will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Saturday, March 12, from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

10. Eric Wolford, Adrian, MI



Eric will appear in the Koetter & Smith Auditorium Round Pen on Friday, March 11, from 1:15-1:45 p.m.

On Sunday, these ten AQHA two year olds will be offered for sale at public auction, right here in the Main Arena at the MHC Horse Expo. Information on this exceptional group of quality AQHA two year olds is available on the Cross Winds Ranch website, and in sale catalogs that will be available at the MHC Horse Expo.

For information on the Cross Winds Colt Challenge and Sale, contact Marc and Christy Huver, or visit their website: www.crosswindsranchllc.com. Information on these colts will also be available at their booth, #447, during the MHC Horse Expo. Sale catalogs will also be available at the Cross Winds booth.

Cross Winds 3 Year Old Futurity

In a special program Saturday afternoon, the owners of the colts from the 2009 Cross Winds Colt Challenge, have been invited to bring their colts back for a "Futurity". Each owner will demonstrate the abilities of his/her colt, performing a prescribed pattern....and this will be a judged competition. Only the ten colts that were in the 2009 Colt Challenge are eligible to participate.

Following is the scoring and the pattern for each section of the event.

Saddle Horse Pattern (50 pts.)

- Walk across a bridge. Dismount on the right side. (10 pts.)
- Pick up all four feet. (10 pts.)
- Load horse onto trailer, then back horse out. Mount horse on left side. (10 pts.)
- Drag a log @ least 10 feet, turn log, and drag it back to place of origin. (10 pts.)
- Back horse @ least 15 feet. (10 pts.)

Reining Pattern (40 pts.)

- Lope horse in a left hand circle in the left lead. Horses should move freely and show it is under control. (5 pts.)
- Stop your horse. The stop should give the appearance of stopping because he is trained to stop not because he is forced to stop. (5 pts.)
- Reverse directions. (5 pts.)
- Lope a right hand circle in the right lead. (5 pts.)
- Stop your horse. (5 pts.)
- Settle your horse for 5 seconds. (5 pts.)
- Open, go through, and close the gate. (10pts.)

Free Choice (10 pts.)

- This is open to your discretion depending upon the discipline of your horse. Cow work, barrels, roping, etc. Please let us know what you will need to do this (cattle, barrels, etc.)

*****All horses will be judged by a panel of 3 to 5 undisclosed persons, and winners will be presented at the end of the competition.***

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