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Happy New Year !! What a great year we had in 2009, and I have a feeling that 2010 will be just as great. One of the first things that I want to talk about is, the Youth and Senior class rolling their times to the Open. Whenever we have talked about this before, I had a whole lot more not wanting to than was wanting to participate. But now, from the folks that have made their thoughts and wishes known to me, and with a lot of thought and talking with Nationals, I am going to do it. But, with that said, there could be some things that we need to talk through, first, the **Young Horse Incentive Class**. I know that it is not an official NBHA class, but I feel that it is a good thing that we have done in our district. With rolling Youth and Senior times, that will enable these young horses to be ran in the Youth and the Senior class then those times can be rolled to the Open class. You will have to pay your fee in the Youth and Senior and then pay the fee for the Open and also the \$5.00 fee for the Incentive class. Same rules will apply concerning the rider. Only 2 Incentive horses per rider and no rider substitution. Same nomination details apply. I do want to add that the Incentive class has stayed steady at 20 horses nominated each year and nearly half of those horses finishing every year. I really think that this class sets us apart from some of the other districts and I have had calls and emails as to how we do it. Yea OK05!!

One other thing that was brought up at the finals in November was the fact that the Pee Wee class is an 8 & under and once the child turns 9 he or she must move to the Youth. That is quite a jump for our younger kids to compete with the likes of our Youth... I would hate to have to compete against the little champions!! So, it was suggested that we have a Young Guns Incentive Class.. 12 & Under class running in the Youth Class, paying a nomination fee for AWARDS, marking on their entry form the **YOUNG GUN INCENTIVE** class, paying a minimal fee for those awards, (\$5.00 per entry) and being able to, at the end of the year, to take away awards that they might not otherwise been able to win. Now... they would be eligible for the regular District Awards in the Youth, AND they would be able to nominate for the Saddles in the Youth class. This is just an Incentive class to run in conjunction with the Youth... similar to the Young Horse Incentive that we have.

I know this is a lot to take in and there are probably some questions. Please feel free to call my cell - 405-570-1212 or home - 405-309-6197 or email me terrydeeleach@yahoo.com and I can answer your questions.

To save money on extra postage,
ALL NOMINATION FORMS ARE ON LINE @
www.nbhaok05.com

Please call me if you do not have internet access and I will gladly send nomination forms to you. Remember, nominations will always be accepted at our races,, I am trying to save on the extra postage it costs to send out all of the forms.

NBHA OKLAHOMA STATE FINALS APRIL 9-11, 2009

I am getting so excited about the finals. If you have qualified for the State finals, you will be receiving your entry form soon, probably late January, early February. If you do not receive an invitation and you feel that you have qualified, please let me know. The only qualification to go to the State Finals is to participate in at least 4 jackpots in your designated district.

The Friday night warm up jackpot will be a co-sanctioned race for District OK05. If you want that race to count for district and saddle points, you will need to pay \$5.00 per entry to roll your time. You will be able to pay your \$5.00 fee at the office at the state finals. Points will not count for the Pee-Wee class. We will count points for Young Guns Incentive and Young Horse Incentive class.

The Friday night warm up jackpot is "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" for Breast Cancer Awareness. I want to encourage everyone that runs at the Friday night race to wear pink. There will be raffle tickets to be purchased for some great "Pink" stuff. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

There will also be a Silent Auction and Bake Sale for a Youth Fundraiser. This is a great way to raise money for our Youth that goes to the Youth World in Jackson. There will be more information concerning this in the State Finals Invitation, but... if you are interested in helping to take our Youth to the finals in Jackson, please let me know and we can certainly use your help. I am hoping that we can get more kids to go to the Youth World this year. I have some ideas and hopefully some generous sponsorships that will help.

Just an FYI, my great friend and right hand person, Cindy Dockery is stepping down off of the board this next year. She told me in the later part of this past season that she wants to devote more time to her great passion, training young colts. She did say that she is not stepping too far away... and I am going to hold her to it. She will still be doing our points, managing the website, just not as much behind the table and computer as she always has. We are going to miss her tremendously, but I want her to be able to ride and train her horses at our shows and be able to MAKE US PROUD that she is one of OK05. I do have to brag on her, this past month at the BFA World Show, she competed in the Futurity with a beautiful mare, Cover Girl. I was so tickled for her, I know that she has put a lot of time, energy, and PRAYER, with this mare and I think Cindy did a beautiful job with her. Good Luck, Cin, I love you.

Be sure and watch our website www.nbhaok05.com for all of the updates, points, schedules, etc. Be sure and always check the website if the weather is questionable. You can always call my phones. I may not be able to answer right then, but I will get back with you and there should be a message concerning the race.

Well, I need to close now and get back to my REAL job...

See yall down the road,
Terry Leach