

Dear Members

By the time this goes to press we all should have had a great weekend of cutting at the Top Hatt Arena in Wheatland – provided the Wyoming Weather doesn't play havoc with our plans yet again. Everyone was very disappointed that Traci had to cancel the last scheduled show due to the bad weather. Making the decision to cancel a show is never an easy one and no one was more disappointed to have to cancel than Traci herself, as always she had put in a tremendous amount of work preparing for the show. As I am writing this I am looking out on an extremely snowy landscape, having spent the greater part of this morning 'digging out'. However the forecasters are predicting a warm and sunny Spring-like weekend next weekend so I am sure the second show will have been a great success and we will get a full run down on how that went, along with all the results, next time.

I just have a few items that I want to mention this time round. Firstly, the raffle – tickets are selling well and there has been a great deal of interest in the prize which is a trip to Ireland. If you haven't done so already check out our website – www.wyomingcha.com – and look up all the details of what the prize consists of. While some members have been very busy selling the tickets we can always use more sellers, remember the proceeds of the raffle go directly to the WCHA funds which will directly benefit you the members – so please contact either me or Traci and we will get tickets to you to sell. On this note as an added incentive to our ticket sellers we have decided to present a substantial prize to the seller of the winning ticket and the sooner the tickets are sold the sooner we will hold the draw.

While the raffle will bring in substantial funds this year we must not forget our wonderful sponsors who support our organization and provide much needed funds. Without their generous support the WCHA would not be able to provide the level of awards and services to our members. So I am asking you all to support our sponsors as much as they support us. A full list of current sponsors can be found on our website.

Those of you who have checked out our website recently will have noticed we are trying to update and improve it as much as possible within the current budget. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the website please let us know.

For those of you who are making the trip to Ogden this year we are very excited to inform you that we have teamed up with Montana and together we are hosting a luncheon – for more information on this event please contact Traci.

One other item I have been asked to pass on to our members is on behalf of Kevin Meyer of the Wagonhound Land & Livestock Co. They are planning to hold two 2-day Tim Smith Clinics at the ranch and would like to get some feedback from our members as to whether or not the proposed dates of May 19th & 20th and 21st and 22nd would be suitable. Please contact Kevin directly on 307 358 7031 or let Traci know your thoughts.

Finally, just a reminder about the WCHA Jackets, please contact Kristen York if you are interested in purchasing a jacket. So that's about it from me for now. I wish you all good luck and hope for a successful show season for everyone .

Keep on Cuttin'

Jack Enright

President