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2011 SEASON FAMILY RODEOS

The Mandan Horse & Saddle Club board of directors for 2011 has met three times since the annual meeting to make plans for the upcoming season. Dates of family rodeos are:

- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 17 - Wild West Rodeo

The slate of events has changed based on input received from members through a questionnaire distributed at the annual meeting and at board meetings. Tie-down roping has been added for juniors and seniors, the open sack racing has been eliminated, and a senior team roping was added to allow points to be earned toward all-around. Accordingly, contestants will now only be able to enter once in the open team roping (for cash prizes only, no all-around points).

The event order has also been adjusted. Beginner events will be held before the junior and senior versions of the same or equivalent event so that beginners can be done competing earlier in the day.

Fees remain the same with the exception of the open team roping, which was increased to \$25 to allow for a larger cash payout.

See enclosed flyer for more info. Details about each rodeo will be made available as sponsorships and prizes are confirmed. If you haven't provided us with your e-mail address, please do so.

Buckles will be awarded to all-around winners at all rodeos with reserve all-around through fifth overall winners receiving other wonderful prizes, too. The only exception is the Sept. 17 Wild West Rodeo in which saddles will be awarded for the second year to all-around winners in each age group and buckles to event winners.

Year-end prizes will be awarded to the all-around, reserve all-around and event winners on the basis of points earned at the four rodeos.

MCDONALD'S ENLISTS AS KEY SPONSOR

Since the Park District moved the arena to its current location in 2008, the proximity of McDonald's burgers and fries has been attracting many rodeo contestants and spectators. The board learned this year that its concessionaire would no longer be offering food at the basic family rodeos in June, July and August.

Rather than put another concessionaire in a marginal situation, the club invited McDonald's to partner. McDonald's has signed on as a major sponsor, committing \$2,000 toward the junior high school rodeo to be hosted by the club on Sept. 18.

SPONSOR UPDATE

Thank you to the following sponsors who have donated so far for the 2011 season:

Major Jr. High Rodeo Sponsor

- McDonald's

Wild West Saddle Sponsors

- Northern Coatings
- Nodak Mutual Insurance – Karen Berger Agency

Chutes

- Prairie Outpost Log Homes
- Lillis Electric
- Northern Plains Equipment
- Trucks, Trailers & More

Family Rodeo Prizes

- Chief Construction
- Dakota West Credit Union – Watford City
- Farm Credit Services
- Farmers Union Insurance - Washburn
- Great River Energy
- Pat Knoll Trucking
- Midwest Investigation & Security
- Nelson Family Dentistry
- Ryan Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Bismarck
- Turd Burglar

SPONSORS WELCOMED

About \$800 is needed for each rodeo, more for the Wild West Day and high school rodeos. A summary of sponsorship opportunities is posted on the website. For more info, call MHSC President Tammy Backhaus, phone 258-5368.

Meanwhile, Christ the King School of Mandan has excitedly volunteered to sell beverages as a fundraiser at the June, July and August family rodeos. Jane's Down Home Cooking will be at the high school and Wild West Rodeos. McDonald's is looking at making certificates available for contestants at the junior high school rodeo.

HIGH SCHOOL & JR HIGH RODEOS PLANNED FOR FALL SEASON

The questionnaire circulated at the club's annual meeting indicated considerable support for continuing to host double-header high school rodeos and interest in a junior high rodeo, too. Thus the board approved scheduling of N.D. High School Rodeo Association 2011-12 season rodeos on Aug. 27 & 28. With volunteer commitments by many parents of junior high contestants and the new sponsorship commitment, the board also voted to hold its first junior high rodeo on Sept. 18, the Sunday following the Wild West Rodeo.

More donations and volunteerism will be needed for both rodeo weekends. Planning meetings will soon be scheduled. For more info on the high school rodeo, contact Chair Ellen Huber, phone 663-2729 or 400-6249. For info on the junior high rodeo, contact President Tammy Backhaus, phone 258-5368 or 426-4578.

RULES REVISED

New rulebooks are posted on the website at www.mandanhorseandsaddle.com and will be available at rodeos. Changes made for 2011:

- Tie-Down Roping — Rules added.
- Sack Racing — Event and rules eliminated.
- Team Roping — A senior division was created. Seniors participating in the Pro-Am division will no longer earn points toward the all-around awards, but can still earn points toward the year-end event prize. Contestants may only enter once in the Open Team Roping.

BYLAWS UPDATE APPROVED

A committee comprised of Tammy Backhaus, Jodi Kautzman, Cathy Schuh, Ellen Huber and Cindy Knoll presented recommendations to the board to update the bylaws to meet with current club practices. The bylaws had not been updated since roughly the 1970s.

NON-PROFIT APPLICATION IN THE WORKS

A committee consisting of Tammy Backhaus, Cathy Schuh, and Cindy Knoll is working on a 501(c)(3) application to submit to obtain non-profit, tax exempt status for the club.

MORE EVENT COORDINATORS NEEDED

Volunteers have stepped forward (with a little coaxing) for most events. Coordinators are still needed for tie-

down roping and team roping events. If you would be willing to help, please contact MHSC President Tammy Backhaus, phone 258-2963. Thank you to the following for their commitment for 2011:

- Goat Tying — Howard Family
- Dummy Roping — Hetletved Family
- Calf & Steer Riding — Clarys Family
- Breakaway Roping — Wiest, Billman and Flath families
- Barrel Racing — Vangsness, Alvarez and Thompson families
- Chute Dogging — Clarys Family
- Keyhole Race — Staton and HansOn families
- Pole Bending — Schuh, Steckler, Renfrow and Rogstad families

Coordinators will recruit additional helpers for events and assist the arena directors in making sure equipment and stock are lined up and organized at rodeos.

MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED

The Mandan Horse and Saddle Club has applied for two grants this year. The Mandan Park Board approved \$867 toward the purchase of a new roping chute and a hand switch to automatically average the times on two watches. A second application was submitted to the Mandan Progress Organization for a City of Mandan event grant. The club has not received notice of a decision on the latter application.

ROPING CHUTE SOLD

The Mandan Horse and Saddle Club sold its roping chute after seeking offers via an e-mail to club members, a notice on its website and posting on Bis-Man Online. Kenny and Mary Graner agreed to pay the asking price of \$600. The proceeds will be split 50/50 with the Mandan Park District, which provided a matching grant when the chute was purchased about six years ago.

LEAVE NO PILES BEHIND

The rodeo arena leased by the Mandan Horse and Saddle Club is part of Dacotah Centennial Park, a multi-use facility owned by Mandan Parks and Recreation. Out of respect to others, rodeo participants are asked to avoid dumping manure and wood chips from their trailers on the grounds and to clean up around their trailers. Your cooperation is appreciated. We want to keep having access to the facility.

FEE FOR ELECTRICAL HOOK-UPS

The Bismarck-Mandan Stock Car Association pays the electrical bill for all of Dacotah Centennial Park. The fee for anyone plugging trailers into the electrical outlets is \$10 per day. All outlets are locked and may be unlocked by an MHSC officer. Please be prepared to pay your electrical fee at the time the outlet is unlocked.



All-Around Winners (l to r): Beginners, All-Around Clayton Backhaus and Reserve All-Around Cayden Roshau; Juniors, All-Around Calby Hanson and Reserve All-Around Colton Roshau; Seniors, All-Around Abby Knoll and Reserve All-Around Jenna Schlosser.

2010 CHAMPIONS HONORED

The annual awards celebration was held Feb. 5. Contestants were honored for their 2010 season achievements. Awards are based on points earned at four rodeos. Season champions are as follows:

Senior Division (age 15 and older)

- All-Around – Abby Knoll, Mandan
- Reserve All-Around – Jenna Schlosser, Mandan
- Barrel Racing – Michaela Kathrein, Dickinson
- Breakaway Roping – (tie) Brad Roshau, Bismarck; and Chad Staton, Hickson
- Pole Bending – Abby Knoll, Mandan
- Goat Tying – Jordan Rustad, Kindred
- Keyhole Race – Abby Knoll, Mandan



Junior Division (ages 10 to 14)

- All-Around – Calby Hanson, Jamestown
- Reserve All-Around – Colton Roshau, Bismarck
- Steer Riding – Seth Peterson, Minot
- Barrel Racing – Calby Hanson, Jamestown
- Breakaway Roping – Calby Hanson, Jamestown
- Pole Bending – Kennedi Kautzman, Mandan
- Goat Tying – Ashley Brew, Manning

- Keyhole Race – Calby Hanson, Jamestown



Beginner Division (ages 9 and under)

- All-Around – Clayton Backhaus, Bismarck
- Reserve All-Around – Cayden Roshau, Bismarck
- Calf Riding – (tie) Nate Lillis and Tyrel Clarys, both of Mandan
- Barrel Racing – Clayton Backhaus, Bismarck
- Dummy Roping – Cayden Roshau, Bismarck
- Pole Bending – (tie) Clayton Backhaus, Bismarck; and Kelly Knoll, Mandan
- Goat Tail Tying – Clayton Backhaus, Bismarck
- Keyhole Race – Clayton Backhaus, Bismarck



Open Division

- Sack Race – Brad and Colton Roshau, Bismarck
- Chute Dogging – Riley Rustad, Kindred
- Pro-Am Team Roping – Calby and Lisa Hanson, Jamestown



Cayden Roshau, Bismarck, was honored with the Buddy Kahl Memorial Traveling "Beginner Persistent Rider" Trophy. The trophy is presented to the contestant in the age 9 and under division who earns the most points during the season, yet who did not win an all-around award at a rodeo.

Clayton Backhaus, Bismarck, received the Becky Fisher Memorial Traveling Trophy as the contestant who earned the most points in timed and game events.

Keith Kautzman, Mandan, was chosen by members to receive the club's traveling Sportsmanship Award for his volunteerism which has included launching the club's website, initiating the on-line entry system, assistance with the sound system, and help with the arena.

Club members also elected directors for the 2011 season as listed on the cover page.

AUCTION RAISES FUNDS FOR CLUB

A big tip of the hat goes to those who donated items for the silent auction held at the annual celebration and to those who bid on and purchased items. A total of \$1,318 was raised to help cover expenses for the evening (awards and DJ) and upcoming season.

SAVE YOUR BOOTS FOR A MIRROR TO BE AUCTIONED FOR CLUB BENEFIT

Sara Bubel has volunteered to make a mirror surrounded by boot tops for the club's auction at the 2011 season celebration. If you have boots that you've worn out or outgrown, please consider donating them to the cause. Just drop them at the crow's nest or give them to Sara at the rodeos. You'll often find her sorting calves and steers for the roping events.

THANK YOU STOCK CONTRACTORS

The club extends mega appreciation to Bill, Jess and Callie Eckroth for providing timed event cattle for the club's family rodeos for the past 6 years. They have decided to take a year off in 2011. The Bubels of Center (Howard, Diane, J.D., Sara and Sheridan) have agreed to provide stock for 2011. They have been the timed event contractor for the high school rodeo the past three years. Vianne Taylor will continue to provide goats and Nancy Morman will be back another year providing the bucking calves and steers. Many thanks to all!

WELCOME 2011 MEMBERS

We have 36 family/individual members so far this year:

New

Sheridan Bubel

Jeff & Tammy Inglis Family

Hayley Rangen

Sydney Twogood

Returning

Troy & Tammy Backhaus Family

Pat & Jessica Balvitsch Family

Jim & Dee Bauer Family
Jay & Karen Berger Family
Miranda Billman
Gary & Rhonda Bowers Family
Marshall & Mary Jo Clarys Family
Braidy Dahl
Kenny & Mary Graner Family
Lee & Penny Hetletved Family
Blaine & Tammy Hopfauf Family
Toby & Ellen Huber Family
Keith & Jodi Kautzman Family
Pat & Synthia Knoll Family
Bob & Danita Lillis Family
Jerry & Shelly Peterson Family
Brad & Shannon Pfliger Family
Brad & Roxann Roshau Family
Travis & Deb Sailer Family
Nathan & Melanie Schlosser Family
Eldon (Jr) & Val Schock Family
Rick & Cathy Schuh Family
Jared & Keely Spilde
Chad & Joy Staton Family
Myron Steckler Family
Nathan Strecker Family
Marc and Dee Taylor Family
Lee and Pam Thomas Family
Brad & Nita Tokach Family
Gerald & Diana Vangsness Family
Troy & Sara Vollmer Family
Cordell and Dorinda Wiest Family

MEMBERSHIP DUES WELCOME NOW

Avoid paperwork and time in the office at rodeos this season by taking care of your membership dues and liability waivers now. Dues are \$50 per family or \$30 per individual member. Use the form with this newsletter or download from the website, www.mandanhorseandsaddle.com and send with a check payable to the MHSC to Treasurer Cindy Knoll, 2481 Mustang Dr S, Mandan, ND 58554.

RODEO TO BE HELD AT ARENA IN JULY

The arena has been leased for a Basin Buckaroo rodeo scheduled July 23 beginning at 10 a.m. Watch for info on the MHSC website as it becomes available.

ARENA AVAILABLE FOR SUBLEASE

The cost is \$100 per day for horseshows, timed event competitions or horsemanship seminars or \$200 for rodeos or any event involving rough stock (bareback, saddle bronc, or bull riding). Equal amounts are required as a deposit. Subleasing of the arena for any rodeo or rough stock event requires advance approval of the MHSC board of directors. Proof of insurance is also required. For more info, call MHSC President Tammy Backhaus at 258-5368.

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Membership Form — 2011
MANDAN HORSE & SADDLE CLUB

Annual Dues:

_____ Individual \$30.00

_____ Family \$50.00

Membership Benefits:

- Eligibility for overall awards (all-around through 5th overall) at all rodeos
 - Eligibility for year-end awards in each event
 - A vote in the club's direction and activities offered
 - Newsletters and updates mailed or e-mailed before and after activities including info on upcoming competitions, results, etc.
 - The knowledge that you are helping to offset expenses for a family- and youth-oriented horse organization. NO GATE ADMISSION FEES
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Please mail to:

*Mandan Horse & Saddle Club
c/o Cindy Knoll, Treasurer
2481 Mustang Dr S
Mandan, ND 58554*

Please list entire family and print clearly

Name _____

Birth Date _____

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Name _____

Birth Date _____

Complete Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail (used for notice of schedule, results):

Today's Date _____

Paid w/ Check _____ Cash _____

Mandan Horse & Saddle Club
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY,
AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT 2011

I/WE (print individual/family name here) _____
(hereinafter referred to as ~~%~~Participant, which term includes all family members or individual or the parent or legally-appointed guardian of the Participant if he or she is a minor), is freely and voluntarily seeking to participate in Mandan Horse and Saddle Club horse-related activities (hereinafter referred to as ~~%~~Event). The Event may be produced and/or sponsored in whole or in part by the Mandan Horse & Saddle Club (hereinafter, together with its sponsors, officers, directors, volunteers, collectively referred to as ~~%~~the Event Sponsor). Participant acknowledges that he or she has no property or other right to participate in the Event and that Participant can participate in the Event only with the consent of the Event Sponsor.

In consideration of the Event Sponsor allowing the Participant to participate in the Event, the Participant agrees as follows:

1. **Inherent Risks of Equine Activities/Assumption of Risks.** Contestant acknowledges that there are numerous inherent risks of equine activities, whether preparing for, entering, attending, participating in, or leaving the Event. The inherent risks are those dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including *but not limited to*:
 - a. the propensity of an equine or other animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them;
 - b. the unpredictability of the equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movements and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals;
 - c. certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions;
 - d. collisions with other animals or objects;
 - e. the potential of a participant or other contestant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the Participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within his or her ability;
 - f. the breakage or failure of tack or other equipment; and
 - g. the potential that an equine or animal may suffer an injury or lose its footing or balance resulting in a fall or other movement that causes injury or harm to the rider or other persons or animals in the vicinity.Participant is not relying on Event Sponsor to list all possible inherent risks or all risks of participating in the Event.

2. **Waiver and Release of Liability.** With full knowledge and appreciation of these and other inherent risks of equine activities, Participant freely and voluntarily assumes the risks of the equine activities involved in any aspect of the Event. In this connection, Participant also voluntarily agrees to waive any and all rights to sue and hereby releases the Event Sponsor from all liability, loss, claims, or actions for injury, death, expenses, or damage to person or property resulting from the inherent risks of the Event, or resulting from any action or inaction by the Event Sponsor. This waiver and release shall be effective even if the injury, death, or damage to person or property is caused by or contributed to by actions or failure to act of the Event Sponsor which were negligent or in violation of any applicable law pertaining to equine activities. Neither Participant nor Participant's representatives shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from the Event Sponsor or others acting on their behalf for injury, loss, damage or death of the Participant or to the Participant's horse or personal property (regardless of whether the Event Sponsor was negligent or somehow violated an applicable law pertaining to equine activities).

3. **Indemnification.** Participant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Event Sponsor from any liability, claim, loss or expenses asserted against or incurred by the Event Sponsor for damages arising out of the actions or inactions of the Participant or Participants employees, agents, representatives, trainers, animals, independent contractors, or others acting on their behalf. The term ~~%~~expenses shall include, but not be limited to, attorney fees, court costs, investigation costs, and other expenses incurred in the defense of any matter asserted which may be covered by this indemnification provision.

4. **Compliance with MHSC Rules.** Participant understands and agrees that every participation in or entry in a recognized Mandan Horse & Saddle Club Event shall constitute an agreement that the Participant (including the horse owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, rider and the horse) shall be subject to the MHSC Rule Book, show rules as well as the applicable rules of competition. Unless otherwise provided for in this Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement, any disputes between the Participant and the Event Sponsor in regard to the Event shall be governed by the show rules, the MHSC rule book and Participant's sole and complete remedy for any dispute is an appeal to a proper appellate body, committee, or such entities or bodies as identified for such disputes in the MHSC rule book.

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5. **Use of Photographs or Videotapes.** Participant hereby irrevocably grants full permission for the Event Sponsor, or others affiliated with and authorized by Event Sponsor, to use and publish any photographs, videotapes, or movies taken of Participant at the Event, even if such use and publications is for commercial or promotional purposes.

6. **Miscellaneous.** Participant agrees that this Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release of Liability shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law. If any clause of this Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release of Liability conflicts with applicable law, only that clause will be null and void, but the remainder shall stay in full force and effect. Should Participant (or others on behalf of Participant) file a lawsuit in breach of this Assumption of Risk, Waiver or Release of Liability, the Participant (or others on behalf of the Participant) agree to pay all attorney fees, court costs, and other costs incurred by Event Sponsor.

I/WE HAVE READ THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I/WE UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO BE FULLY BOUND BY ITS TERMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANY MANDAN HORSE & SADDLE CLUB-SPONSORED EVENT DURING THE YEAR 2011.

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Full Address	Phone
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Signature of Participant (if 18 or older)	Date
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Signature of Participant (if 18 or older)	Date
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IF PARTICPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

Signature of Parent or Legally-Appointed Guardian	Date
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Printed Name of Parent or Legally-Appointed Guardian	Date
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Full Address of Parent or Legally-Appointed Guardian (if different than Participant's)	Phone
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FAMILY RODEOS: June 11, July 9, Aug. 13 and Sept. 18 — Enter by Tuesday before