

March 2021

Welcome to the BMC 2021 season. Yes we have planned a season but with a few changes.

The schedule has been posted on the BMC home page but for those of you who have not wandered over there yet this year, here it is:

2021 SHOW SCHEDULE

April 24 - Hart Ranch, East Selah

May 22 - Hart Ranch, East Selah

June 19 - Monson Feedlot, Selah

July 24 - Hart Ranch, East Selah

Aug 28 - Hart Ranch, East Selah

Sept 25 - Hart Ranch, East Selah

Oct 23 - Monson Feedlot, Selah

The first big change is that the majority of our 2021 shows will be held at the Hart Ranch in Selah. COVID restrictions forced us to secure a new location for 2021 and we are grateful to the Hart family for making their facility available. A new facility means things could be a little different. We're going to try to sort thru some of this before the first show so that we can orient the members and reduce any chaos. We were also able to add another Monson Feedlot show to the schedule subject to cattle availability but we fully expect a fresh shipment of cattle into the feedlot in October.

So, we secured facilities and we secured a cattle supply but this comes with increased costs. Over the past 3 years or so, we have been fighting to keep the entry fees the same but in doing so we sacrificed somethings and we just can't do that any longer. In order to remain financially secure and to cover new costs, an increase in the entry fees was essential. While nobody likes an increase, we still remain one of the cheapest clubs in the northwest. Our new fees for 2021 are as follows:

2021 Entry Fees
Open - \$135 - Jack Pot
All Other Classes - \$110
Youth - \$70

These increased fees will allow us to continue forward on a sound financial basis and help fund our year-end awards as has been our tradition.

For 2021 we are also experiencing some changes in the officers and directors. Again, due to COVID, we were not able to hold our annual meetings. I am grateful for those who are retaining their positions beyond their term dates but that still left us with some openings. I'd like to announce that at 90 years young, our VP Bob Clayton is retiring. He has enjoyed being a part of BMC for a long time but feels that the time has come to vacate his position. I am grateful for Michelle Beauniaux for agreeing to replace the irreplaceable. Hopefully, we will occasionally see Bob wander in to check up on us. If you see him standing at the fence, please say hi to him and thank him for being there all those years.

Lacey Owen, who managed awards for past couple of years, has moved on in her career to assume a new job in The Dalles, Or. which created another vacancy. Janie Larson has volunteered to assume her responsibilities. She comes with a lot of experience in awards and did an outstanding job with CCC a couple of years ago. Procuring quality awards within a budget is not easy but regardless, we expect good things from her.

That brings us to a yet to be filled position. Cindy Gobler vacated her position as points keeper. She's going to have her plate full this year so when available free time becomes an issue changes are necessary. Being meticulous with numbers, the points were always timely and spot on. She'll be hard to replace but we need to move forward. I'm searching for someone who's willing to take this on. We use Excel however any compatible spreadsheet program should work. It comes with a seat on the board so please contact me if interested. Some of us are already doing more than 1 job so we could really use help.

Regarding COVID; in addition to completing a 2021 membership form, you will also be required to sign COVID Waivers. Because it appears that COVID will be with us in the foreseeable future, I plan to incorporate a COVID Waiver into our

Membership form and Hart Ranch will require their own COVID Waiver. This is not optional and I will have both forms available on the web site prior to the first show. Please print, sign and present them in the show office when you first arrive. Please, if you are a Youth, have the forms signed by a parent or legal guardian. Those who paid for memberships in 2020 will not be charged for a membership in 2021.

Entry deadline is being changed from the traditional 9 pm Thursday to 9 pm Wednesday. Because of the increased distance between the cattle and the show grounds, this will help out Horse Heaven Cattle Feeders and the hauler. In line with this, we are also changing our start time to 9 am.

So far as the Schedule of Classes, there could be some tweaking there. This is the next issue that the Board will address and we'll post any changes.

While I know that there can be some bumps in the roads with all of this newness, I'm also getting wind of new horses, new members & returning members. I think we can all look forward to 2021 with re-energized enthusiasm. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments please reach out.

Stay safe.