

September 2019

What a great August show at Pete Sartin's arena. Thank you Pete for your continual support by hosting BMC shows. We'd also like to thank Loraine Varriano, Mike Legard & Janie Larson for sponsoring the show by providing awards to the class winners. Fly masks & fly spray came at just the right time of year when the flies go from annoying pests to major irritation for our horses. Thanks again.

At a time of year when we should be slowing down, BMC finds itself in a very unusual position of only being halfway thru the show season due to the cancellation of one of the spring shows. We'd like to keep enthusiasm up and have a strong finish to the 2019 season. In response to this, the BMC board has made an unprecedented decision to temporarily suspend the rule requiring a minimum of 3 entries in order to hold a class. We have some members who travel a long distance to show and it's disappointing to them if their class is canceled. Sometimes when their class is canceled on Friday morning, they make a decision to skip the show rather than show in another class in which they may feel competitive. We occasionally have extra cows on the show grounds and members want to enter late at the show thereby filling the class but we can't do that if a member isn't there because their class had been canceled on Friday. With this temporary rule suspension, if you come you can show. Over the winter we will revisit, as we do every winter, our schedule of classes to determine how we can best serve members in the upcoming season. Things are difficult in the cutting world as the sport still seems to be in a state of contraction which requires that show producers try to come up with new ideas to maintain current participation levels and hopefully create an environment which will attract new participants. The most common comment we receive from judges is praise for the quality of the BMC shows in a very friendly environment.

Please remember that in order to be on horseback on the show grounds, you must be a BMC member. We gladly open our practice pen to MEMBERS showing or not but you must be a member. Also please abide by the practice pen rules. We have the most affordable practice pen in the NW so respect that privilege accordingly.

The weekend following the September show, October 5th & 6th, is the fall practice at Paul & Heidi Wittig's Jameson Lake Quarter Horses. For those who've never been to the ranch, it's a unique place with the cutting pen right on Jameson Lake. If you'd like to attend, get a hold of Heidi by email at jlquarterhorses@yahoo.com or by phone 509-683-1030. The cattle are fresh, the views are spectacular and it's wonderful western hospitality. The fishing on Jameson Lake for Rainbows is rated as "good" in October so bring your pole. Details:

\$40/horse/day with \$5/go back to BMC.

\$5 steak dinner/potluck

Stalls \$15/night or \$25/weekend

Trail riding

Fishing season open

Must be BMC member...new memberships will carry over to next year

The upcoming show is Saturday, September 28th once again at Pete Sartin's arena in Sunnyside. We look forward to seeing everyone there.