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UPCOMING SHOWS

The May, June, and July CGA District 24 Apache Raiders shows will be held in the Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center, 2900 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley. If you have any questions, give a call to our show manager, Cindy Rinehart, at (805) 498-8519.

For setups, be sure to call Cindy at least forty-eight hours before the show. There will be a second show in July at which we will be running setups only, with times going to CGA. This is a final time to ride at the Apache Raiders prior to the State show.

Event fees are \$3.00 per event for Apache Raiders members, \$3.50 per event for non-members. The Apache Raiders offer an even bigger savings to those who ride all day: \$25.00 per day for members, \$30.00 per day for non-members (setups excluded). Setup charge for each setup on July 25th is \$2.50.

All shows start at 9:00 a.m. Rider sign-ups are from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. ☺

SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16

| <u>MORNING</u> | <u>AFTERNOON</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| Ribbon Race | Keyhole |
| Quadrangle | Figure-8 Stake |
| Birangle | Figure-8 Flag |
| Poles I | Single Stake |
| Speed Barrels | Barrels |

Saturday, June 20

| <u>MORNING</u> | <u>AFTERNOON</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2-Man Poles | Speed Barrels |
| Quadrangle | Poles II |
| Figure-8 Stake | Single Stake |
| Poles I | Birangle |
| Barrels | Speed Ball |

Saturday, July 18

| <u>MORNING</u> | <u>AFTERNOON</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2-Man SBL | Hurry Scurry |
| Quadrangle | Poles I |
| Single Stake | Birangle |
| Speed Ball | Speed Barrels |
| Barrels | Poles II |

Saturday, July 25

AN "ALL-SETUPS" SHOW

Get your times in before State

All setups: \$2.50 No Ribbons

AWARDS COMMITTEE

At the Apache Raiders board meeting on April 25th, the board appointed JC Cleveland, Wendy Wallace, and Joanne Davidson to an ad hoc Awards Committee. This committee was formed to make recommendations for changes to our Awards Policy. Specifically, the committee was charged with determining a method of eliminating the "sandbagging" that is going on at Apache Raiders shows.

The committee met on April 29th. Three possible changes were discussed:

Possibility 1 - As riders completed an event, their time would place them into the class from which awards

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APACHE RAIDERS SHOWS

By Wendy Wallace

April 4, 1992

WOW! After two months of rained-out shows, the District 24 Apache Raiders FINALLY had the opportunity to put on a show. This "mark-the-calendar event" occurred on April 4th.

After so much rain, we were very surprised to have 7 new arena records set, 5 in the horse division and 2 in the pony division. Brandi Martin on Gunslinger set 4 of the horse records with her times in Figure-8 Stake, Figure-8 Flag, Speed Barrels, and Quadrangle, while Amanda LaValle on Parker's Denim Girl smoked the Birangle course. Kelley Murray on her pony Sugar set new records in Poles I and Quadrangle.

In AAA+ Horse, Brandi Martin on Gunslinger took first in Figure-8 Stake, Figure-8 Flag, Speed Barrels, and Quadrangle.

In AAA Horse, Kitty McClanahan on Zippy took a 3rd in Speed Barrels. Suzie Allard on Joey took 1st in Figure-8 Stake, Speed Barrels, Poles I, Quadrangle, Birangle, and Barrels. And Rachel Bush on Billy Boy took 1st in Figure-8 Flag, with 2nds in Speed Barrels, Quadrangle, and Birangle.

In AA Horse, Amanda LaValle on her new horse Parker's Denim Girl took 1st in Birangle (with a AAA+ move up time), Speed Barrels, and Poles II, with 2nds in Quadrangle, Poles I, and Figure-8 Stake. Her Speed Barrels and Quadrangle times were AAA move-ups. Pam Shaw on Cowboy took first in Quadrangle and Barrels, with a 2nd in Birangle and 3rd in Speed Barrels. Her Quadrangle,

Barrels, and Speed Barrels times were all AAA move-ups. Amanda Konzelman on Fatima took 1sts in Figure-8 Stake and Poles I, with 2nds in Figure-8 Flag and Speed Barrels. She had 2 AAA move-up times in Poles I and Speed Barrels. Joni Martin on Shasta took a 1st in Figure-8 Flag, with 2nds in Poles II and Barrels, and 3rds in Figure-8 Stake, Poles I, Quadrangle, and Birangle.

In A Horse, Suzie Allard rode Tuf Enuf to a Show High-Point win in the Horse division with 1st place finishes in Figure-8 Flag, Speed Barrels, Quadrangle, Keyhole, and Barrels, and 2nd place in Figure-8 Stake, Poles II, and Birangle. Both of her barrels runs produced AA move-up times. Amy Gongora on Shadow took 1st in Figure-8 Stake, Poles II, and Birangle, with a 2nd in Quadrangle and a 3rd in Barrels. Darleen Travali on Prince Stormy III took a 2nd in Barrels and 3rd place in Poles II and Birangle.

In AA Pony, Kelley Murray on Sugar took 4 1st place finishes in Figure-8 Stake, Speed Barrels, Poles I, and Quadrangle.

In A Pony, Kate Crowe rode Dinky to 8 first place finishes (Figure-8 Stake, Figure-8 Flag, Speed Barrels, Poles I, Quadrangle, Poles II, Birangle, and Barrels), producing a AA move-up time in all 8 events. Obviously, Kate was our High-Point winner for the Pony division.

The Apache Raiders would like to wish "Good Luck" to Robyn Bush and Rhythm & Blues in their chase for the Hall of Fame; and "Good Luck" to Dina Leafdale with her new steed Rocky.



April 18, 1992

The Apache Raiders have managed to have two shows in a row without having to cancel. With any luck, we should manage to get in one more before the Classic.

Our most recent show was on April 18th, and was complete with lots of sunshine, lots of wind, and lots of dust. But despite all of that, another 8 arena record times were set. Toni Acosta on Kutie set 4 new horse records in Barrels, Birangle, Poles I, and Single Stake. Bridget Crouch rode Moon Racer Bar to an Apache Raider arena record time in Speed Ball. In the pony division, Kelley Murray on Sugar managed to break two of her own records in Poles I

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and Quadrangle, and then set a new record in Birangle. Both Toni and Kelley were the horse and pony show high-point winners.

Kitty McClanahan on Zippy pulled in 5 more AAA Horse times for her efforts in the show. (And, no Kitty, you can't heckle the judge, even when the judge IS your sister.) Rachel Bush started the show, but pulled out early as Billy Boy wasn't feeling well. (Rachel, we hope that it was just a dust cough and that Billy Boy is feeling better.)

There was quite a competition going on in AA Horse. Pam Shaw on Cowboy managed to get 5 AAA move up times for her efforts, while Pam Bushey on Shadow received 4 move up times herself. It was also obvious that Amanda LaValle is getting used to her new horse Parker's Denim Girl, as she, too, rode for 4 move up times. Becky Yeargan on Molly completed 6 events with AA times, while JC Cleveland on Black Jack received 5 AA times, putting both ladies that much closer to their year-end goals.

In the A Horse division, Jamie McColgan rode Joshua to 7 move up times, while Suzie Allard on Tuf Enuf and Katherine Barrett on Boss each had 3. Amanda Konzelman had a tough day. First, she was unable to get her new horse Fatima into the trailer, so she had to resort to the old timer, Zhivago. Then, to top it all off, she could only manage to pull in 6 move up times. Worth Crouch tried out Valentine in a couple of events, and their results were promising (or will daughter, Bridget, get to ride this one, too?)

Kate Crowe on Dinky gave Kelley Murray a run for the money in AA Pony. Kate and Dinky ran for 9 very good AA times, and ended up a mere

3 points from the pony high-point.

Autumn Eck and Seven Eleven are going for their first CGA belt buckle this year, and this team is off to a good start with 8 A pony times.

Not to be outdone by her big sister, little Kim Crouch on Molly is no longer "a lead-liner" by anyone's standards. She completed 7 events on her own in this show. She has even added the sometimes confusing Poles I course to her repertoire of events.

Hope to see you all at our upcoming shows, and we'll see you at the Spring Classic. ©

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members Kate Crowe, Kelley Murray, George Shaw, Pam Shaw, and Stephanie Shaw.

Committee (from page 1)

would be determined. For example, if a rider received a AAA time in an event, they would be competing for a ribbon against all riders who received a AAA time. If a rider received a time that was slower than the class they signed up for, then they would receive no ribbon. Further, riders would only receive points toward the show and year-end high-point awards if they received a ribbon in the class that they signed up for. (It is believed that this is the way that many districts run their shows.)

Advantages - "Sandbaggers" would be eliminated.

Disadvantages - It penalizes riders with good rides who move up in an event. Requires at least one more person working the booth to determine ribbons and points.

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GERONIMO

Geronimo—a name that was once feared by settlers along the Mexico-Arizona border. Born among the Bedonkohe Apaches in 1829, he was Goyanthlay (One-Who-Yawns), a name suited to his easy-going nature. But after 29 years of living in peace, Mexican troops murdered his family in 1858, an act that transformed him into a man of vengeance whom the Mexicans called Geronimo, Spanish for Jerome.

Geronimo went to live among the Chiricahua Apaches and to fight alongside Cochise against the U.S. Army in the 1860s. He was captured, and confined to the San Carlos reservation for four years until he left in 1881 to raid the border anew. Captured again, it wasn't long before Geronimo escaped once more to strike terror along the border. Finally, in 1886, Lt. Charles Gatewood talked him into surrender, promising that the warriors and their families would not be separated . . . a promise that was immediately broken. The U.S. Army had employed forty-two companies of cavalry and infantry and the Mexican Army had fielded approximately four thousand troops in the campaign against Geronimo who had led approximately fifty warriors.

Eventually reunited, the families were sent to Alabama where the Apaches suffered in the damp climate, and by 1890 nearly 25 percent were dead. In 1894, the survivors were sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Eventually, the Army allowed him to sell souvenir bows and arrows and some pathetic pictures of himself at expositions and fairs. In 1905, Teddy Roosevelt brought him to Washington to ride in the inaugural parade. Geronimo's last years were spent at Fort Sill under the watchful eyes of federal troops until his death there in 1909. ©

Committee (from page 3)

Possibility 2 - This possibility would allow the Apache Raiders to keep the current awards policy, but would add one more factor: if a rider runs move up times in more than 1/3 of the events in which they participate, then that rider would receive no points toward the show or year-end high-point awards.

Advantages - Discourages "sandbaggers." Requires very little additional work at the booth, yet still rewards riders who have a good runs.

Possibility 3 - This possibility is to keep the awards policy the same as it is now with no changes.

Advantages - No additional work at the booth. Rewards riders who have good runs.

Disadvantages - Encourages "sandbagging."

The committee voted to accept "Possibility 2" as their recommendation for a new awards policy, with the additional stipulation that riders be allowed to retain any points that they have acquired in the first two shows of this year. The recommendation of the committee was accepted by a majority of the board members polled and the Awards Policy has been revised to accommodate the change as approved.

The committee discussed another change to the Awards Policy—a slight rework of the method used to break ties determining the Show and Year-End High-Point Awards. This change, if accepted, would only move the "most consistent" factor to the top of the list, and delete the "number of move-up times" method of selection completely. The committee also discussed team-event trophy awards and are recommending that a minimum of three teams should be required before the team event trophies are awarded. These latter issues will be brought up at the next Apache Raiders board meeting. ©

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