

## Rocking N/Birch Lane Stables Ranch Show Details

**Classes:** Trail , Ranch Pleasure, Reining, Egg & Spoon, Pole Bending, Ranch Cutting, Pen to Pen Sorting

**Dates:** 11/15/09, 12/13/09, 1/10/10, 2/14/10, 3/14/10

**Cost:** \$10/Class, \$15 Cattle Charge/Cattle Classes (Sorting, Cutting)

**Payback:** Each class will be 50% payback that day, paying out 3 places in each class.

**Awards:** Riders will receive points for each placing. Points will accumulate for series end awards. Awards will be given for Champion and Reserve in each class, as well as an overall Champion and Reserve with all classes combined. Awards will be given at the final show. Riders must attend a minimum of 3 shows to be eligible for series end awards.

**Points System:** Points are accumulated on the rider. The same horse must be used for all classes that day; however a different horse can be used at each show. Points are distributed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 4 points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 points, remaining placings will each receive 1 point.

### **Class Descriptions**

*Riders are not required to enter every class. Classes will run in the order listed below. Rider clothing should be weather appropriate (cowboy hats, chaps, etc. optional). No training devices (martingales, tie downs, crops, etc.) are allowed unless otherwise stated. Protective horse gear (horse boots, polo wraps, etc.) is allowed.*

**Trail:** The trail pattern will be posted at the start of registration. Each pattern will consist of a variety of obstacles ranging from: gates, bridges, trot overs, backing, dragging obstacles, etc. Horses will be judged on each obstacle based on a 5 point system (with ½ points possible). Final score will be a composite of each obstacle score. A horse/rider will be excused from the obstacle on the third refusal. There will be no riding on the trail prior to showing. Riders, however, will be given time (as a group) to walk the course prior to the start of the class.

**Ranch Pleasure:** All horses entered will be in the arena at the same time. All horses will perform the: walk, jog, extended trot, lope, back and stop in both directions around the arena. Horses should move freely and controlled at all times.

**Reining:** The reining pattern will be posted at the start of registration. Each pattern will contain: rollbacks, circles, lead changes, stopping, backing and turn-arounds. Horses will be judged on each maneuver and scored on a 70 point system.

**Egg & Spoon:** Each rider will be asked to perform a variety of gaits (walk, trot, lope, back, stop, etc) while balancing an egg on a spoon. The last person with an egg on their spoon is the Champion. *Training devices (martingales, tie downs, crops, etc.) are allowed.*

**Pole Bending:** Rider will weave in and out of the poles, making a loop at the end and returning at the starting point. This is a timed event, with 5 seconds being added to the time for each pole that is knocked over. *Training devices (martingales, tie downs, crops, etc.) are allowed.*

**Ranch Cutting:** A group of cattle will be on one end of the arena, with a pen on the opposite end. A center line will be marked. Once a rider crosses the center line, time will begin and a number will be called. The rider must then separate the correct numbered cow out of the herd, and work it for approximately 30 seconds (similar to traditional cutting). Once the rider has shown control of the cow, they must then drive the cow to the far end and put it in the pen. A rider has 3 minutes to complete the task and will receive a warning when 1 minute remains on the clock. Each rider will be given 2 additional riders for turn back help to keep the herd in place. The horse/rider is judged on its ability to work and control the cow.

**Pen to Pen Ranch Sorting:** All riders entered in the class will ride twice. Teams will be drawn from the pool of riders entered. Cattle are to be sorted in sequential order. The team with the fastest time wins. No trash is allowed. Series end points will be distributed to both riders on each team. *Training devices (martingales, tie downs, crops, etc.) are allowed.*