

CENTRAL ALBERTA TEAM PENNING ASSOCIATION
2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PRESIDENTS REPORT

This year including the two-day show in February in Olds we had 11 shows that counted towards qualifying for our Regional Finals Show. We had a show in August this year for the first time in a while and this show was well attended.

The shows this year were well attended with an average of 199 teams per show compared to an average of 181 entries in 2010.

The finals were held in Stettler this year and we were blessed with great weather and a wonderful show. Our entries for Regionals were up this year with 267 teams compared to 234 in 2010. Once again we had very timely results completed by Kim and posted after first goes and then the halfback.

I would like to thank our show operators for their hard work hosting our shows this years:

- Rocking H Arena, Connie & Larry Huelsman
- Clearwater Arena, Trevor Marcinek
- JVS River Ranch, Jonna & Villy Sorensen
- Stettler Show, Wally McComish and the Bolins

I look forward to working with the Bull Pen for hosting a show in the 2012 season.

Another very successful beginners clinic was held at Rockin H Arena taught by very capable members. I think that we helped to encourage some new people to five penning a try and helped other penners brush up their skills.

The board decided to try a new format for the five and seven class this year. The main idea behind this change was to help build the five class and support some of our one numbered riders by encouraging higher numbered penners to enter the class. The five class was larger this year and we were able to see some great penning in this class. Although this format did cause a few headaches for scheduling staff I think Lori did a great job ensuring the positions were filled.

CATPA organized a judges clinic again early in this year this year and this helped to create a list of judges. I encourage members to continue their interest in the clinic but also consider helping with the judging, as our pool of judges with available time to judge seems to be shrinking.

We have had a troop of unsung heroes again this year at our shows, I mean those who ran the in and out gates at shows, helped with the tear down after shows, cleaned up after their horses to help keep the facilities in good order and many other odd jobs that go unnoticed but are very much appreciated. THANK YOU

I would also like to say a big Thank You to Kim and Lisa for all their countless hours of dedication to the association. They are the keepers of the entries among other thank less tasks and I very much appreciate all their hard work. THANK YOU

Each of our directors works hard to ensure that we have a successful show season and a Regional Finals that everyone can enjoy. THANK YOU to each of you for another very successful year.

CATPA is faced with a unique situation this year five directors are stepping down. This may seem quite daunting and a more than a little scary but I look at this as an opportunity. This will give CATPA a new fresh outlook for the coming season with fresh eyes working for our members in 2012. Please give serious consideration to letting your name stand for director, I think we are a good group to work with and face it we have the best penning association in Alberta.